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Dear Member of Stretton Climate Care

### **Annual report, Programme for 2021/21, Subscription Increase, Standing Orders**

Most Members will receive this letter electronically, which produces a considerable saving for us and the environment -Thank you. Thank you also for supporting Stretton Climate Care through your membership subscription.

You will receive also the **Annual Report** which lists all our activities and achievements in the last Financial year, which you will see were extensive despite the Pandemic lockdown. In particular we continued to provide frequent advice on installing renewable heat and energy and improving energy efficiency in local homes. There have been a growing number of heat pump installations supported by government incentive schemes.

Our trustees also made a very significant contribution to the work of Shropshire Climate Action Partnership and South Shropshire Climate Action.

We have been unable to run our normal pattern of **events** and this contributed to our financial loss of some £1,800 which has impacted on our balances. This impact continued during 2021 to date although we have a large programme of events planned starting in September with the resumption of our **Advice Clinic** at the Health and Well Being Centre on Thursday mornings. We are launching a quarterly **Repair Café** at 10.00am on 4<sup>th</sup> September in The Scout Hut on Church Road which aims to reduce the number of things our community has to throw away and replace.

At 7.00pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September we have an evening meeting at The Silvester Horne Institute, "**Food for a Healthy Planet**" with 5 speakers setting out ways to reduce our impact on carbon emissions with our food choices and enjoy a healthy diet. We are also launching a new Cook Book.

On Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am - 4.00pm, we have rented the large car park opposite the Co-op and will hold a **Low Carbon Day**. This will include at least 16 electric vehicles, electric bikes, scooters, motor bikes and displays from Energy Zone and Go Green Systems on renewable power and energy. We will have further displays from: the Shropshire Hills AONB; South Shropshire Climate Action; Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project; Shropshire Climate Action Partnership; and

the Marches Energy Agency.

A **Climate Conversation** is planned in November to coincide with United Nations COP26 to engage with our community on climate change issues.

As you have probably heard, we have concluded that we need to raise our **subscriptions and meeting charges**. These have not changed since we started this organisation in 2006, some 15 years ago. This will not be enough on its own to balance our Budget and we are planning other measures to increase our income. Our new subscriptions will be: Single Member - £8; Household Membership £12 and Corporate Membership £16.

Meetings will continue to be normally free to members.

The charge for guests will be £5.

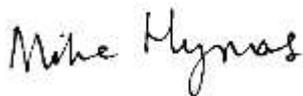
We would also hope that more of our Members will be able to pay by Standing Order and where eligible commit to Gift Aid. This will provide our organisation with a more certain future. If you have an existing standing Order this will need to be replaced.

Our Subscription Year commences on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Please take action now to make new **Standing Order** using the Form or amend your existing Standing Order. You can do this online or return The Standing Order to your Bank.

We have produced a separate **Gift Aid Form** and we would like every member who pays income tax and/or capital gains tax to return this revised Gift Aid Form to our Mayfair post box as the current mandate requires updating. This is a requirement of HRMC so that we can recoup Gift Aid. If you are in a position to make a top up donation that would be most welcome. We will continue to accept cheques and at our meetings, cash and we have also acquired a contactless card payment machine. This is because many of us are not carrying much cash nor cheque books.

I think you will see from this letter that Stretton Climate Care continues to develop its range of activities to address climate change, which is unfortunately already adversely affecting our world.

We look forward to your support and seeing you at our events.



Best wishes  
Mike Hymas  
Secretary