

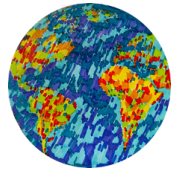
## Autumn Newsletter 2025

Stretton Climate Care



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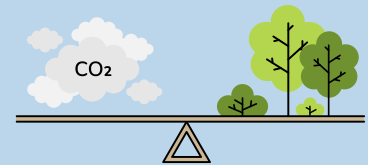


### What have we been doing recently?

- Our **Repair Cafe** processed 220 items last year with a fix rate of 84%
- Our **'Action for the Future'** event at the Mayfair brought visitors in who engaged with a range of stall holders from wildlife, ways to make compost, and energy efficient homes
- Sadly, we were forced to cancel our annual **Duck Race** in Cardingmill Valley in May due to lack of water but we hope to be back on **27<sup>th</sup> September** if the stream is in full flow!
- Our stall at the **Family Fun Day** in July was challenged by very gusty unseasonal winds!
- The directors of the **Shropshire Good Food Partnership** presented lots of 'food for thought' for us all at one of their *'fireside chat'* evenings in the Methodist Hall in August

### Jargon Buster no.4

### What is 'net zero'?



- We know that the emission of **Green House Gases (GHGs)** from our use of fossil fuels is driving changes to our climate.
- Recognising the threat to our future existence, governments worldwide have together made binding commitments to reduce **GHG** emissions.
- The term **'net zero'** describes the point at which the emission of **GHGs** to the atmosphere is balanced out by their removal (through absorption by oceans, woodlands, wetlands, etc). While achieving **net zero** will not fix the climate crisis, it is an essential first step on the road to doing so.

*The UK government is legally committed to achieving **net zero** by 2050.*

*'Take the Jump' is a movement of everyday people and communities that are working to protect the planet and their well being through simple changes. There are six suggested changes, and we'll be covering them in more depth in future newsletters.*

*Don't wait, you can find out more, and join in at:*

<https://takethejump.org>



# One Small Step.....

The 3 R's? No, not Reading, Writing and 'Rithmetic... but now the 4 R's – **Refuse, Reduce, Re-use and Re-cycle**. This is one small step towards generating less waste, saving our pennies and the planet all at the same time.

We can reduce the amount of waste generated if we consciously choose to NOT buy something new in the first place. – so maybe **Refuse?**

Could you borrow it or buy second-hand? Maybe you already have the right item, but it just needs a little fix at the *Church Stretton Repair Café* **Reduce?**

Maybe there's an item you no longer use? Donate to a charity shop or use *Facebook* groups for swapping or giving things away on *Freecycle*, or sell it and make a bit of cash, or turn your hand to something creative and up-cycle the item to give it a new lease of life. There are tonnes of ideas and instructions on the internet - t-shirt, tote bag, anyone? **Re-use?**

Finally, if you've bought the item, it's had its use, you've turned every glass jar in the house into a candle holder and you really can't use it any longer, now is the time to recycle! If it doesn't go into the usual glass, tin and cardboard bin – the local tips offer various other recycling options from electricals to Tetrapaks. Old make-up and beauty products and empty pill packs can be recycled and dropped off at the *Repair Café* where they will be sent for recycling too. **Re-cycle**

This autumn, take **One Small Step** to minimise waste:

**Refuse Reduce Re-use or Re-cycle!**

To book in for the *Repair Café* email [repaircafe@strettonclimatecare.org.uk](mailto:repaircafe@strettonclimatecare.org.uk)

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## What's coming up...

- Next **Repair Cafe** is at the **Scout Hut** on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** and **11th October**
- Talk on the **National Grid** by **John Swanson** on **19<sup>th</sup> September** at the **United Reform Church** at **7:30pm**
- Our **AGM** is at the **Silvester Horne** on **14th October** at **7pm** with guest speaker **Sascha Robinson** (from *Living Streets*) will talk about '**active travel**' at **7-30pm** - everyone is welcome.
- With energy costs due to rise again in the Autumn why not drop in to one of our **Energy Advice** sessions, **every Thursday 10.00 – 12.00** at the **Wellbeing Centre** for the latest energy saving advice.
- **From 22<sup>nd</sup> September**, all 150 homes in **All Stretton** will be visited to offer our free **Home Energy Check** and **Carbon Footprint Measurement**

We invite any new **TRUSTEES** and **VOLUNTEERS** to join us, please enquire.

