

STRETTON CLIMATE CARE

England & Wales · Charity number 1159816

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-01-06

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (THE OBJECTS) ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CHURCH STRETTON AREA IN SHROPSHIRE: A) THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT B) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION ABOUT ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCLUDING THE PROVISION AND USE OF ENERGY IN WAYS WHICH REDUCE OR ELIMINATE EMISSIONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE AND HARMFUL EMISSIONS; AND C) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY BY PROMOTING THE EFFICIENT USE OF ENERGY AMONG PERSONS WHO ARE IN NECESSITOUS CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING PEOPLE IN LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Activities: AREA OF OPERATION IS CHURCH STRETTON AND SURROUNDING AREA PROVIDING ADVICE TO HOUSEHOLDS AND OTHERS ON ENERGY USEAGE, EFFICIENCY AND CARBON FOOTPRINT PUBLICISING AND ADVOCATING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE PROVIDING ADVICE TO PEOPLE IN FUEL POVERTY ENCOURAGING REDUCTION, RE-USE & RECYCLING OF MATERIALS

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£19,285	£18,479	-	-
2024-03-31	£3,107	£4,189	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,986	£2,975	-	-
2022-03-31	£3,203	£4,043	-	-
2021-03-31	£1,050	£2,833	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Christopher Matthews	Chair	2021-03-17
Christine Shipman		2023-11-15
Dr Roger Nigel Thorpe		2023-11-15
JANE WRENCH RGN HV		2015-10-12
Jane Edwards		2023-11-15
Lorna Elizabeth Taylor		2020-02-19
MIKE HYMAS		2015-10-12
Marcus Tudor Cash		2019-12-18
Philip Malzard Walker		2022-11-16

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A Message from David Matthews, Chair



Climate change is here and we're now starting to see the implications in the Strettons. Increasingly unpredictable weather has led to more intense rainfall, flooding incidents, and periods of hot dry weather. It seems new temperature records are being set almost every year in the UK.

At the same time, we are all witnessing the loss of nature, whether it be fewer insects, loss of bird species locally, or the worrying deterioration of our local rivers.

Scientific predictions made over the last 30 years or so are coming to fruition, and many of the changes we now see are "baked in" to our climate for many years to come. We urgently need to take action now for future generations, and it's essential that we meet our international commitments to reduce carbon emissions if we are to encourage other countries to follow suit. So, it is particularly disappointing to see how some of our politicians are being taken in by the web of disinformation spread by the fossil fuel lobby which promotes its short-term commercial interests at the expense of the planet.

Sometimes the challenges seem overwhelming, and I greatly admire the persistence and determination of our members who founded Stretton Climate Care locally and have continued to stay involved in our work.

We often underestimate how much we can do as individuals to make a difference. In the West we have a disproportionate impact, much greater than a citizen of China or India for example. We already have the solutions we need to address climate change and save nature. We need public and private organisations to act, but in the UK around a third of the changes needed will come from the actions of individuals.

We have choices every day. Are we happy to buy petrol and diesel from companies that put their profits before our health and well-being? Do we want our money invested in new fossil fuel projects or could we switch to more ethical banking and investments? Do we want to continue burning gas or oil to heat our homes? Do we really need a new outfit, or could we repair what we have, or buy second hand? Do we speak up for action on climate change?

I am immensely proud to be involved in Stretton Climate Care, and our annual report describes the wide range of activities we've taken over the last year. All our work is community focussed, encouraging and advising local people to make a difference. If you're already a member, thank you for your support. If you're thinking of joining, please come along to one of our advice centres, repair cafes or events to find out more about how you can help us and your local community.



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Review: April 2024 to March 2025 - Our Key Activities

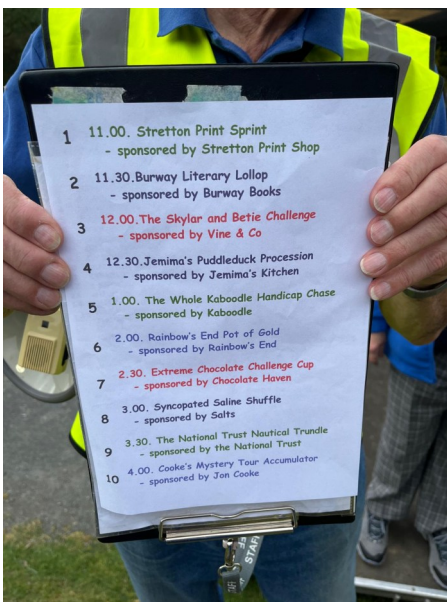


We ran 10 Repair Café sessions during the year, processing 220 items with a repair success rate of 84%. Based on a calculator from Farnham Repair Café, we estimate this saved over 6.1 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions. We also incorporated a Seed Swap and Energy Advice at several sessions.

We continued to assist households and others to implement recommendations on energy saving measures and renewable energy, by giving them suitable and impartial advice and introducing them to appropriate agencies and suppliers and promote Government and other support.

We provided advice through our website, by email, telephone and face to face and at weekly Energy Advice sessions at the Health & Wellbeing Centre, which included 25 drop in visits.

The Duck Race was held on the 18th May 2024. The event was very successful, with all but the first race sold out. Jon Cooke handed out cards at the event, which asked where the 20mph signs are in Church Stretton. Most people did know about the limit but didn't know where the signs are, so it was a useful exercise.



Thank you to our Duck Race sponsors

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In September 2024 a street campaign was carried out in Longhills Road and Burway Road in Church Stretton. Leaflets were delivered to 60 homes offering a free Home Energy Survey and general advice. 15 Home Energy Surveys were requested, providing opportunities for in-depth discussions with householders about insulation, heating systems and other ways of reducing carbon emission.

The five volunteers who carried out these surveys were trained to test the new data collection form drafted by Shropshire Climate Action and the Marches Energy Agency for use by voluntary groups across the county. The forms were then amended in the light of the street campaign experience.

During the winter months nine requests were received for thermal camera imaging, and these were carried out early on cold mornings before the sun rose. The images enable householders, in discussion with our volunteers, to see the places where heat is escaping from the building, and to identify those where simple remedies are available, and those where professional advice is needed.



Thermal image of a local home. The yellow shows the warmer areas which may be sources of heat loss.



We pressed Shropshire Council to complete the installation of the EV chargers at Lion Meadow and Essex Road to include signing, lining and Traffic Orders to prevent other vehicles blocking the chargers. So far, no Traffic Orders have been made, and the Essex Road chargers are often unusable as a result.

We held a successful event on plastics recycling at the Coop, encouraging local residents (and visitors) to avoid plastic packaging, and making them aware of the local recycling facilities now available.

Review: April 2024 to March 2025 - Our Key Activities



Stretton Climate Care members played leading roles in the 2024 Shropshire Climate Conference, and Sally Farrell designed the conference banner

Stretton Climate Care successfully secured a grant via Crowdfund Shropshire to install two mobile-app controlled cycle storage hangars at the railway station. Funded from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Community and Place and Rural Fund), SCC had to raise 30% of the total cost of the project. With 40 backers including Church Stretton Town Council and Stretton Focus, a total of £15,650 (less crowdfunding costs) was raised by 25 March 2025.

In consultation with the station Pride of Place team, the Town Council and the supplier, SCC will work with Transport for Wales Active Travel Manager and the Station Manager, who initiate the request to Network Rail for Landlords Consent.



Secure cycle storage hangar



The Marches Energy Agency (MEA) supplied us with free low-cost energy saving measures, which we have been passing on to users at advice sessions and other events.

Items include draught proofing tape, letter box draft excluders, low energy lamps (BNC, ES and G10 fittings), radiator heat reflectors, portable room thermometers and pipe insulation.

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We held our AGM in November, followed by a talk by Colin Preston, MBE, chair of the Marches Nature Partnership. His talk was entitled “Restoring Our Natural Environment: Combating Biodiversity Loss and Climate Change”.

We responded to the Garden Waste Charging and Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) Consultation, which covered the consequences of closing two out of five HRCs and the implementation of charging.



David Matthews & Colin Preston



Photo courtesy of "The People's Supermarket, a co-op, Lamb's Conduit St London" by mermaid99 is licensed under CC BY-NC-ND 2.0.

Arthur Potts Dawson

In February we had a talk by Arthur Potts Dawson, who has set up several sustainable restaurants in London, has presented the “People’s Supermarket” on Channel 4, and is the UN World Food Programme chef advocate. In his role for the UN he has been exploring how food worldwide can be more sustainable.

He talked about the need to focus on health, technology and nutrition, how we need to buy ingredients grown with respect, that improve bio-diversity, and buy food from local producers.

We published two Newsletters, which are printed locally, in the Spring and Autumn, which volunteers delivered to most households in the Church Stretton area.

Autumn 24 Newsletter—our Jargon Buster explained what a carbon footprint means with a link on our website to measure our own. A summary of how the street survey works and One Small Step was about the carbon costs of imported food and how we could encourage buying more local produce.

Spring 25 Newsletter—our Jargon Buster explained what carbon offsetting means but suggested just to reduce our own carbon footprint is better and offsetting should be a last resort. One small step was about encouraging a wild patch in the garden to grow as it creates a beneficial habitat for many small creatures.



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We responded to the Government's call for ideas on a National Integrated Transport Strategy.

We participated in the Hustings for the general election candidates and asked a question on climate change issues.

In August, Andy Munro joined our General Management Committee meetings as the representative of the Town Council. His participation has contributed to enhanced communication and collaboration between Stretton Climate Care and the Town Council.

In December, we participated in the town Advent Calendar, creating a display for Rural Charity Furniture shop window. Carols were also sung!



We launched a survey to map improvements in the state of biodiversity and carbon reduction measures in the Strettons. The results are displayed on a number of maps, showing whether individual households have a garden pond, a wild area, a bird feeder, a bee/bug hotel, bird boxes, solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, air or ground source heating or an all-electric car. We continued to add new data to the maps and added 128 households this year.

We provided a stall at the Family Fun Day in July, where we displayed the Biodiversity Maps project, and signed up more local households.



Biodiversity Maps Project at the Family Fun Day

We had a display at the Church Environmental Conference and conducted two workshops. We talked about the Home Energy Surveys, the Repair Café and the Lifestyle Challenge paper.

We held a very well attended meeting in Little Stretton where Derrick Tapscott talked about the retrofit of his house. Jon and Ann Cooke's film about the retrofit of their home was also shown.



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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

STRETTON CLIMATE CARE (CIO)

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1159816

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

G Vince

Date:

4/7/25

Name:

GRAHAM ERIC VINCE

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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CHURCH STRETTON

SHROPSHIRE, SY6 7AT



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Stretton Climate Care (CIO)

No (if any)
1159816

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	524	-	-	524	671
Donations	1,794	15,737	-	17,531	1,869
Local fund raising	395	-	-	395	268
Grants	-	700	-	700	300
Bank interest	135	-	-	135	49
Referrals	-	-	-	-	250
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,848	16,437	-	19,285	3,407
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,848	16,437	-	19,285	3,407
A3 Payments					
Website	914	-	-	914	1,224
Printing, postage, stationery & misc.	903	-	-	903	510
Room hire & rentals	180	-	-	180	414
Goods & equipment	-	15,737	-	15,737	299
Repair café	48	-	-	48	529
School books	-	-	-	-	47
Insurance	506	-	-	506	472
Other costs & fees	191	-	-	191	894
Donations	-	-	-	-	100
Sub total	2,742	15,737	-	18,479	4,489
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,742	15,737	-	18,479	4,489
Net of receipts/(payments)	106	700	-	806	- 1,082
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,723	-	-	8,723	9,806
Cash funds this year end	8,829	700	-	9,529	8,723

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Coop Bank Current Account	514	700	
	Coop Bank Savings Account	8,315	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds <small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	8,829	700	-

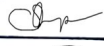
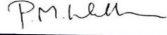
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computer equipment	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Display boards	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Exhibition equipment	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Energy meters	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Thermal camera	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Electrical test equipment	Gen capital fund	-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C.A. Shipman	31/07/2025
	P.M. Walker	31/07/2025

Stretton Climate Care: Organisation and other Facts

Charity Name and Number and address

Stretton Climate Care is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Registered charity number 1159816. It was established in 2015, replacing a charity of the same name which was established in 2008.

Address: Mayfair Community Centre, Easthope Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6BL
email: info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk Website www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk Tel 07528 493181

Finance

We have adequate funds although these have been depleting over successive years and the Trustees have taken action to reduce our annual losses by raising more funds in a variety of ways. It is the policy of Stretton Climate Care to operate with a financial reserve equivalent to at least 9 months of our annual expenditure, and we exceed that. The Committee receives a Report analysing expenditure and income at each of its meetings and controls expenditure accordingly. We do not undertake any significant fund raising and we are compliant with Charity Commission Fund Raising Guidelines and do not need to register with Fund Raising Regulator. We comply with Charity Commission guidelines for our financial controls.

We extend our thanks to Graham Vince, the Independent Examiner of the 2024-25 Stretton Climate Care accounts.

Summary of Charitable Objects

for the benefit of the public in the Church Stretton area:

- a) the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment
- b) education about use of energy to reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions
- c) the relief of fuel poverty by promoting the efficient use of energy

Public Benefit

The Trustees of Stretton Climate Care have had regard to providing public benefit in delivering our services in accordance with advice from the Charity Commission. In particular our main service is to assess and advise on the carbon footprint and energy use of households and provide advice where appropriate on reducing this. This includes information on the choice of transport modes and vehicles and diet. And we have also supported the development of renewable energy in our area. We encourage reuse and recycling and the Repair Café continues to be successful. Our services are provided free of charge to any household in the community and we do our best to give priority to households in fuel poverty. We provide subsidiary activities and services, such as lectures and talks that are either free or subject to a small charge to cover costs. Other activities such as the duck race are intended to attract additional households to our service although there is small charge for entry to the duck race. Our activities also generate opportunities to advance education about conserving, protecting and improving the environment.

Trustees

The new Constitution provides for the election or appointment of up to 12 trustees. The current 9 Trustees are Jane Edwards, Mike Hymas, David Matthews (Chair), Christine Shipman (Secretary), Lorna Taylor, Roger Thorpe, Phil Walker (Treasurer) and Jane Wrench. Our Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Other Information

We are dependent upon our dedicated and enthusiastic Volunteers who undertake all the functions of the organisation. There are no employees. We continue to review our data security arrangements in the light of the General Data Protection Regulation. Our Privacy Policy is on our website and we have registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.

We have reviewed our Organisation against the Charity Commission's Governance Code and are addressing a number of issues raised. In particular some Trustees have served for more than 9 years and our Board is not as diverse as it should be.

Structure of Stretton Climate Care

Our Board of Trustees makes the key decisions for the organisation and comprises all our Trustees. It has delegated many of its responsibilities to the General Management Committee which comprises all of our 9 Trustees and Mike Bourke, Becca Cartwright, Jon Cooke, Sally Farrell and David Howard.

Our Volunteers are an essential element of our organisation.

Without them we could not deliver our services. So here we list the names of those who are not Trustees who made Stretton Climate Care effective during the last two years :

Anne Alderson, Liz Bourke, Mike Bourke, Brian Bradley, Richard Briggs, Isabel Carter, Becca Cartwright, Marcus Cash, Ann Cooke, Jon Cooke, Sally Farrell, Chris George, Barry Gwynne, Chris Head, David Howard, Trish Howard, Rob Humpherson, Victoria Hurn, Moira Matthews, Andrew Middleton, Valerie Morris, Sandy Ogden, Sue Pinsent, John Ramage, Helen Sansom, Roger Seal, Liesa Shigan, Graham Shuttleworth, Derrick Tapscott, Julie Tapscott, Vivienne Thorpe, Claire Tocknell, Mark Tocknell, Sue Walker, Richard Walker, Ken White & Jamie Wrench, plus many other occasional volunteers who make our services happen.

We are very grateful for their actions, support and dedication.

Our Supporters and Funders

We also received funds and/or support from a number of companies and organisations, including Agilent Technologies, Ambercouch, Burway Books, Chocolate Haven, Energy Zone, Go Green Systems, Kaboodle, Jemima's Kitchen, The King's Arms, Marches Energy Agency, Marshbrook Print, Mid-Counties Cooperative, The National Trust, Rainbow's End, Salts, Shropshire Green Energy Centre, Stretton Print & Vine & Co.

We are very grateful to the numerous individuals and bodies who helped achieve our work, especially our volunteers, funders and donors.

OUR VISION

A sustainable and equitable local community, where people and nature thrive, resilient to the impacts of climate change. Our environmental footprint is in balance.

OUR MISSION

To advance environmental protection and improvement through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, reduction of pollution and restoration of the natural environment.

OUR AIMS

- 1. To raise awareness of issues concerning climate change and the need for action**
- 2. To promote a culture of climate care through reducing energy consumption, encouraging the generation of local energy, and advancing a more sustainable lifestyle**
- 3. To support local people in reducing emissions, and eliminating fuel poverty**



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Every week seems to bring alarming news of further global heating and environmental catastrophe. Scientists warn that we are rapidly approaching tipping points beyond which our ability to constrain the effects of the climate crisis will be lost. Tipping points include the collapse of major ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica, changes to ocean currents, melting permafrost in the Arctic, and the death of coral reefs.

In attempting to address the causes of the climate crisis, most of the focus of governments has been on transitioning away from the use of fossil fuels. But despite the positive progress made on replacing fossil fuels in energy generation with renewable solutions such as wind and solar, overall emissions continue to rise. This is a symptom of our increasing demand for resources (energy, goods, food, etc) beyond the capacity of the planet to replenish these resources. Measures to reduce our unsustainable demand are essential. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates that changing how we use and consume resources could reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions by 40-80%.

While we need further action from Government and businesses, we won't succeed in addressing the environmental crises we face without making significant changes to our own lifestyles. And, since we lead the world in exporting our emissions to other countries through our voracious consumption of imported goods, what we do in the UK really matters. But, while the majority of the population is either alarmed or concerned, very few people are actually taking meaningful action. So, how do we change that? How do we get people to move beyond putting out the recycling?

Members of Stretton Climate Care already take a lead within the community by taking practical actions (running an advice centre, supporting our repair café, opening their homes to demonstrate low carbon technologies, etc). This report gives many examples of our volunteering activities. Setting an example to others is important in encouraging change by giving others the inspiration, opportunity, knowledge and confidence to act.

We also need to engage a wider audience, listening to their concerns and perspectives. We need to understand what the barriers are that prevent people from taking meaningful action. Unless we meet people where they are, we are unlikely to influence their thinking on what steps they can take to protect future generations. We can start with discussions within our own families, often the toughest assignment! We can talk to friends and work colleagues. The climate conversations approach used at one of our recent AGMs is a useful tool for initiating a discussion with small groups. Climate Fresk and Carbon Literacy Training help build a real understanding of the environmental crises, why we need to act now, and what steps to take. Why not sign up for a workshop and persuade others to join too?

Our AGM meeting was one of this year's highlights giving us the opportunity to hear from young people (aged from 15-25). They discussed their perspectives of the environmental crises, and what we should be doing. It was inspiring to hear fresh ideas, and to see their enthusiasm for making changes. You can watch a video of the panel session at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p0lc4xh3Fe_08N8jyuf92yKb_ZHrqeEy/view?usp=drive_link

While the younger generation will face greater environmental challenges in the future, they should not bear the burden alone. There is so much that we can and should do to empower them. We can change our diet, avoid flying on holiday, take the train or bus, remove our money from banks and financial institutions that support the fossil fuel industry, invest in renewable energy from sustainable sources, buy only what we really need, and avoid pesticides in our gardens and in the production of our food. No one is "too old" to make a difference.

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We ran 10 Repair Café sessions during the year, processing 239 items with a repair success rate of 70%. Based on a calculator from Farnham Repair Café, we estimate this saved over 5.3 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions (equivalent to driving over 22,000 miles). We also incorporated a Seed Swap and Energy Advice at several sessions.

We continued to assist households and others to implement recommendations on energy saving measures and renewable energy, by giving them suitable and impartial advice and introducing them to appropriate agencies and suppliers and promote Government and other support.

We provided advice through our website, by email, telephone and face to face and at weekly Energy Advice sessions at the Health & Wellbeing Centre. We also held sessions at the Repair Café and the Library.

We had a successful stand at the Family Fun Day in Sandford Park with lots of eco demonstration gadgets and eco games for children.

We provided a stall at the next Generation Fair in Craven Arms where we had some useful discussions with adults and children through the games and the renewable energy display items.

We published two Newsletters, in the Spring and Autumn, which volunteers delivered to most households in the Church Stretton area.

We held our Annual Duck Race in April, which was a great success thanks to the excellent support from the public and the hard work of our volunteers.

We donated three books, "We Have a Dream," by Dr Mia-Rose Craig, "It's Our Business To Make a Better World" by Rebecca Hui, and "Sparky" by My Energi, to St Lawrence's Primary and Church Stretton Schools.

We had a presentation by Jon Cooke and Derrick Tapscott, talking about the retrofit of their respective houses, which generated a lot of interest from the audience.



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We held a successful event on plastics recycling at the Coop, encouraging local residents (and visitors) to avoid plastic packaging, and making them aware of the local recycling facilities now available.



We participated in the Big Plastic Count which demonstrated that the UK urgently needs to increase its plastic recycling capacity to cope with demand. The estimate is that the UK can only process 13% of its plastics, leaving the majority to be exported or incinerated.

We participated in Plastic Free July, promoting this campaign on our stall at the Family Fun Day and through social media.



We provided information on local recycling facilities to the town council, and this information is now available on the Town Council website. We held an initial discussion with the council about registering Church Stretton as a plastic free town, but further work is required to justify this.

We provided a stand at Strettfest which was mainly aimed at children and their parents and worked with Kidical on promoting bike riding for children.



We were successful in gaining a grant from Stretton Focus to enable the purchase of a PAT electrical safety tester.

We gave a talk on recycling at Church Stretton School & we also set-aside a Repair Cafe session for school pupils and parents. This was promoted by one of the school governors, but there was very little take up unfortunately. We have now obtained a repair cafe toolkit for schools which can be delivered within the school if we have the opportunity to do so in the future.

We prepared a Christmas Tree & Display at St Laurence's Church. The Christmas tree was made from wood and decorated with tinsel and the little houses were made from scrap wool samples from Scrappies highlighting the use of warm materials for insulation and depicted solar panels with a big sun on top of the tree. We chose the carol 'Oh Little Town of Bethlehem' to illustrate our point. Jon Cooke wrote a message about the power of the sun that we can use for our own energy.



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We re-visited all local shops to discuss what actions they are taking to reduce the use of single-use plastics and made them aware of the Cool Shropshire and Telford platform. Those retailers that are taking action are displaying one of our Stretton Climate Care stickers.

We built links with the Rural Furniture Shop by conducting PAT testing and repairing items such as a small table and clocks. Where we were unable to take in a repair, we publicised the repair services provided by the Men's Shed (and other local repair cafes).

We provided support and advice to the Eco-Church initiatives within the local parish (St Laurence, All Saints' Little Stretton). We helped Church Stretton Rotary Club members calculate, reduce and offset residual carbon emissions through tree planting at High Leasowes and support for three international projects certified by Gold Standard. One of our members set-up and ran a series of Climate Conversations for U3a, and this received national attention.

We held a Climate Fresk Workshop and a Carbon Literacy course.

We continued to be active on Facebook, Twitter (now X) and Instagram.

We collaborated with 18 Shropshire-based climate groups to draft a letter to the Prime Minister ahead of COP 28. This received local media coverage and elicited responses from Graham Stuart who represented the UK government at the talks, and our local MPs.

We responded to the Consultation by Shropshire Council on closing Household Recycling Centres, charging for Green waste and stopping food waste recycling by explaining the damage that this would do to recycling and creation of additional greenhouse gas emissions.

We carried out 13 surveys over the winter months, using our thermal imaging camera which highlights areas in the home that are unnecessarily losing heat.



Review: April 2023 to March 2024 - Our Key Activities

We signed up to parliamentary campaigns organised by Zero Hour, the Climate Coalition, and a campaign for on-shore wind fronted by Possible and Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall. This on-shore wind campaign was featured in the national media, and we had more signatories from Shropshire than any other county. Subsequently, members of Stretton Climate Care were invited to a public meeting in Bishops Castle in support of the proposed wind turbine and community heat network, and this meeting was attended by Hugh and filmed by Channel 4 for a documentary broadcast in the run up to COP 28.



Members of Stretton Climate Care have taken on leading roles in both South Shropshire Climate Action and Zero Carbon Shropshire. This has enabled us to share Stretton Climate Care's experience and expertise with numerous other environmental groups across Shropshire while benefiting from ideas and best practice elsewhere. For example, we have started to include additional activities alongside our repair cafe based on ideas from Telford Community Action Hub, and created a guide to retrofit now used by Marches Energy Agency. We have also worked with the Town council to create a focussed climate action plan.



Electric Vehicle Charge Point at Lion Meadow car park-An Obituary . Unfortunately, the electric Vehicle Charge Point in the lion Meadow Car Park which had been promoted by Stretton Climate Care and installed in partnership with Church Stretton Town Council and Mid Counties Cooperative and Shropshire Council was declared to be beyond repair by BP Pulse and it ceased to function. It was originally funded 50% by a government agency and Stretton Climate Care. This was the first publicly available EV charge point in Shropshire. Since its commission in May 2014, it was used over 4,800 times by over 650 separate users from all over the country and the Co-op has contributed some 67,500kWh of green electricity, saving 56.5 tonnes of CO2. It is understood that mid Counties Cooperative are -considering whether to replace it.



Review: April 2023 to March 2024 - Our Key Activities

We issued several press releases including information about our meeting on 20's Plenty Campaign, the Cycling and Walking Plan and Going Backwards on Net Zero.

We held a public meeting about 20's Plenty to explain this concept and proposal.

Shropshire Council launched a Consultation on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan in April 2023. We held a public meeting to publicise and encourage local community to participate in this process. We submitted extensive comments on the draft Local Cycling and Walking Plan.

We made an extensive input to the first stage of the Strettons Neighbourhood Plan.

We promoted the Open Homes project run across Shropshire and Herefordshire by the Marches Energy Agency (MEA).

We worked with the MEA and other groups to draw up list of suitably skilled consultants and contractors. This work was continuing at the end of the financial period.

We used the MEA retrofit display vehicle at local events such as Strettfest.

We gained additional volunteers and members through participating in The Big Help Out.

We developed a Digital Strategy intended to make us more efficient and effective with our IT system.

Jon Cooke, a founder Chair of Stretton Climate Care, stepped down as a Trustee & Mike Hymas stepped down as Secretary, both after 15 years of dedicated service.

We promoted a Trustee Recruitment Pack which resulted in the recruitment of 3 new Trustees, Jane Edwards, Chris Shipman and Roger Thorpe. Chris Shipman was elected as the new Secretary.



David Currant & Mike Hymas at the 20's Plenty meeting



Q & A session after the AGM "Giving Young People a Voice"



Jon Cooke at the plastics recycling event



New Trustees Roger Thorpe, Chris Shipman & Jane Edwards



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Stretton Climate Care		
On accounts for the year ended	31/03/2024	Charity no (if any)	1159816
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.</p> <p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>		
Independent exam- iner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records</p> <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>		
Signed:		Date:	19/8/24
Name:	GRAHAM ERIC VINCE		
Relevant professional quali- fication(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	4 ALISON ROAD		
	CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE		
	SY6 7AT		



Charity Name	No (if any)
Stretton Climate Care (CIO)	1159816

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2023		31st March 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	671	-	-	671	736
Donations	1,569	300	-	1,869	1,477
Local fund raising	268	-	-	268	542
Book sales	-	-	-	-	30
Bank interest	49	-	-	49	51
Referrals	250	-	-	250	150
Grants	300	-	-	300	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,107	300	-	3,407	2,986
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,107	300	-	3,407	2,986
A3 Payments					
Website	1,224	-	-	1,224	831
Printing, postage, stationery & misc.	510	-	-	510	468
Accommodation & rentals	414	-	-	414	357
Goods & equipment		299	-	299	101
Repair café	528	1	-	529	42
School books	47	-	-	47	93
Insurance	472	-	-	472	630
Other costs & fees	894	-	-	894	453
Donations	100	-	-	100	-
Sub total	4,189	300	-	4,489	2,975
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,189	300	-	4,489	2,975
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,082	-	-	- 1,082	11
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,805	-	-	9,805	9,794
Cash funds this year end	8,723	-	-	8,723	9,805

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Coop Bank Current Account	409	-	
	Coop Bank Savings Account	8,314	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,723	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Computer equipment	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Display boards	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Exhibition equipment	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Energy meters	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Thermal camera	Gen capital fund	-	-
	Electrical test equipment	Gen capital fund	-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			C.A. Shipman	01/08/2024
			P.M. Walker	01/08/2024

Stretton Climate Care: Organisation and other Facts

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email: info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk Website www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk Tel 07528 493181

Finance

We have adequate funds although these have been depleting over successive years and the Trustees have taken action to reduce our annual losses by raising more funds in a variety of ways. It is the policy of Stretton Climate Care to operate with a financial reserve equivalent to at least 9 months of our annual expenditure, and we exceed that. The Committee receives a Report analysing expenditure and income at each of its meetings and controls expenditure accordingly. We do not undertake any significant fund raising and we are compliant with Charity Commission Fund Raising Guidelines and do not need to register with Fund Raising Regulator. We comply with Charity Commission guidelines for our financial controls.

We extend our thanks to Graham Vince, the Independent Examiner of the 2023-24 Stretton Climate Care accounts.

Summary of Charitable Objects

for the benefit of the public in the Church Stretton area:

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- c) the relief of fuel poverty by promoting the efficient use of energy

Public Benefit

The Trustees of Stretton Climate Care have had regard to providing public benefit in delivering our services in accordance with advice from the Charity Commission. In particular our main service is to assess and advise on the carbon footprint and energy use of households and provide advice where appropriate on reducing this. This includes information on the choice of transport modes and vehicles and diet. And we have also supported the development of renewable energy in our area. We encourage reuse and recycling and the Repair Café continues to be successful. Our services are provided free of charge to any household in the community and we do our best to give priority to households in fuel poverty. We provide subsidiary activities and services, such as lectures and talks that are either free or subject to a small charge to cover costs. Other activities such as the duck race are intended to attract additional households to our service although there is small charge for entry to the duck race. Our activities also generate opportunities to advance education about conserving, protecting and improving the environment.

Trustees

The new Constitution provides for the election or appointment of up to 12 trustees. The current 9 Trustees are Marcus Cash, Jane Edwards, Mike Hymas, David Matthews (Chair), Christine Shipman (Secretary), Lorna Taylor, Roger Thorpe, Phil Walker (Treasurer) and Jane Wrench. Our Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Other Information

We are dependent upon our dedicated and enthusiastic Volunteers who undertake all the functions of the organisation. There are no employees. We continue to review our data security arrangements in the light of the General Data Protection Regulation. Our Privacy Policy is on our website and we have registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.

We have reviewed our Organisation against the Charity Commission's Governance Code and are addressing a number of issues raised. In particular some Trustees have served for more than 9 years and our Board is not as diverse as it should be.

Structure of Stretton Climate Care

Our Board of Trustees makes the key decisions for the organisation and comprises all our Trustees. It has delegated many of its responsibilities to the General Management Committee which comprises all of our 9 Trustees and Mike Bourke, Becca Cartwright, Jon Cooke, Sally Farrell and David Howard.

Our Volunteers

are an essential element of our organisation.

Without them we could not deliver our services. So here we list the names of those who are not Trustees who made Stretton Climate Care effective during the last two years :

Anne Alderson, John Bennett, Liz Bourke, Mike Bourke, Brian Bradley, Richard Briggs, Isabel Carter, Becca Cartwright, Ann Cooke, Jon Cooke, Sally Farrell, John Garnett, Barry Gwynne, Jackie and James Harrison, Chris Head, David Howard, Trish Howard, Rob Humpherson, Victoria Hurn, Moira Matthews, Andrew Middleton, Valerie Morris, Sandy Ogden, Sue Pinsent, John Ramage, Helen Sansom, Roger Seal, Liesa Shigan, Graham Shuttleworth, Derrick & Julie Tapscott, Vivienne Thorpe, Claire Tocknell, Mark Tocknell, Richard Walker, Ken White & Jamie Wrench, plus many other occasional volunteers who make our services happen.

We are very grateful for their actions, support and dedication.

Our Supporters and Funders

We also received funds and/or support from a number of companies and organisations, including Agilent Technologies, Ambercouch, Burway Books, Chocolate Haven, Energy Zone, Go Green Systems, Kaboodle, Jemima's Kitchen, Marshbrook Print, Mid-Counties Cooperative, Rainbow's End, Salts, Shropshire Green Energy Centre, Stretton Print, The National Trust & Vine & Co.

We are very grateful to the numerous individuals and bodies who helped achieve our work, especially our volunteers, funders and donors.

Our Vision :

A sustainable and equitable local community, where people and nature thrive, resilient to the impacts of climate change. Our environmental footprint is in balance.

Our Mission Statement:

To advance environmental protection and improvement through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, reduction of pollution and restoration of the natural environment.

Aims

- 1. To raise awareness of issues concerning climate change and the need for action**
- 2. To promote a culture of climate care through reducing energy consumption, encouraging the generation of local energy, and advancing a more sustainable lifestyle**
- 3. To support local people in reducing emissions, and eliminating fuel poverty**

STRETTON CLIMATE CARE

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StrettonClimateCare
Solutions for a Sustainable Future

A Message from David Matthews, Chair



The United Nations Environment Programme recognises three existential threats to life on earth; the Climate crisis, the Biodiversity crisis, and Pollution. These are inextricably linked, and all are driven by our actions as human beings.

With respect to the Climate Crisis, scientists tell us that we are rapidly running out of time to address the issues, and the decisions we take during the next seven years are critical. Despite the dire warnings, the UK is not making the progress needed to secure a healthy future. Locally, our councils have declared climate emergencies but are not acting accordingly. What's stopping us?

Most of our problems stem from the continued use of fossil fuels and overconsumption of resources. On fossil fuels, we already have the technologies in place to make the transition to a clean-energy future, and this would create positive economic opportunities too. Reducing our use of fossil fuels would lead to a better quality of life as we reduce the associated pollution and negative impacts on nature and health.

While there are important solutions to the use of resources such as the development of a circular economy, over-consumption is positively encouraged by our current economic model. This promotes "growth" (Gross Domestic Product (GDP)) failing to consider the value of nature, well-being, and resource limits. We need to consider alternative models and ways of thinking such as Doughnut Economics and the Human Capital Index (HCI).

Resolving our problems requires all of us to change behaviour. Sadly, there's little to inspire us from a government that states it wants see fossil fuels phased out, but then approves a new coalmine. Nor can we take a lead from a County Council that declares a climate emergency but seeks to plough ahead with an environmentally damaging road scheme. And we can hardly take a lead from large corporates that advocate "carbon neutrality" by offsetting all their carbon emissions.

The truth is we can't afford to wait for others to set the right example and act. We all need to take action, however inconsequential that may seem. A recent House of Lords report suggested that over a third of the changes required to address the climate crisis require individual action. We can start by calculating our own carbon footprint.

We can use the power of our own voices and consumer choices too. We can lobby our politicians to act; switch to a bank that doesn't lend to polluters; review where our savings and pensions are invested; consider the impact of our diet on carbon emissions and nature. We can also review the way we travel and heat our homes. We can discuss our findings with friends, family and work colleagues, who will listen to those they trust rather than outsiders.

Stretton Climate Care believes that we can all take a lead through action. That's well illustrated through our regular advice drop-in sessions, our thermal imaging surveys for local householders and our repair café. What can you do to help?

Review: April 2022 to March 2023 - Our Key Activities

We provided extensive advice on retrofit of houses. Solar PV was much sought after mainly as a response to the rise in energy costs but also recognizing the environmental benefit of renewable energy. Many installations included a battery pack. Contacts were made through our website, on our phone and through our weekly attendance at the Health and Wellbeing Centre.



We elected a new Treasurer, Phil Walker, to replace Chris George who served us excellently for 15 years.



We held a Green Homes event when 9 houses were opened to visits from the public. 120 visitors gained an insight into a range of retrofit measures.

We supported South Shropshire Climate Action Group with membership of the Steering Group, the Retrofit Group and the Communities and Education Group.

We helped develop in particular the Future Ready Homes Project managed by Marches Energy Agency which will support training for retrofit.

We have welcomed the initiatives promoted by Zero Carbon Shropshire.



James Smith with David Howard & Jon Cooke

We held a talk on Retrofit with James Smith explaining key principles that should be followed.

We also held a meeting in which Simon Ayres of Lime Green explained the benefits of lime plaster and wood fibre wall insulation products



Simon Ayres at Lime Green's premises

We supported Church Stretton Town Council in drawing up actions to achieve net zero emissions and with the recycling page on their website. We were disappointed the Town Council decided not to adopt the Community Led Plan which had involved a huge effort from many local organisations.

Review: April 2022 to March 2023 - Our Key Activities

We held 10 Repair Cafes during the year and we successfully repaired 171 items (83%) of the 206 presented to us. We had 15 volunteer Repairers who demonstrated their wide ranging versatility and expertise. We featured in local media.

We submitted articles and press releases on many topics to Stretton Focus and the Shropshire media

We carried out a further 17 surveys with our thermal imaging camera which illustrates where heat loss is occurring. It involves a significant commitment as pictures have to be taken very early on a cold morning. We have established links with an experienced insulation company for our community to use with confidence.

We held a plastic recycling awareness event at The Mid-counties Coop store to encourage recycling of soft plastics in particular.

We visited St Lawrences School who had particularly requested the attendance of “cardboard box man” who gave a talk on recycling arrangements. We also donated multiple copies of our Cookbook for pupils.

We visited local businesses to discuss reduction of single use plastics and carbon footprint evaluation

We donated 3 copies of Greta Thunberg’s The Climate Book to Church Stretton School.

Our website continued to attract attention. We were active on Twitter and our facebook and Instagram sites continued to grow .

We held our Annual Duck Race in May, with just sufficient water in the stream to make it viable. We had very good support and involvement from the public.

We met Philip Dunne MP to explain our concern about the lack of action to reduce carbon emissions

We expected to provide evidence at the Examination into Shropshire’s Local Plan but the strategic stage, with which we are not involved, has still not been completed.



Review: April 2022 to March 2023 - Our Key Activities

We participated in Strettfest, parading through the streets of Church Stretton promoting reuse, waste reduction and recycling. We created a mini-beast trail around the town’s shops and children were invited to spot them with prizes for most completed sheets.



We also participated in the Next Generation Fair at Craven Arms promoting action to address climate change.

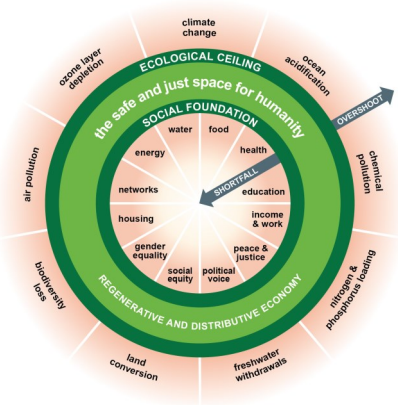


We held a meeting examining the benefits of Doughnut Economics which challenges conventional accounting which ignores the limits of natural resources.

Our Trustees adopted a Code of Conduct and Register of Interests as recommended by the Charity Commission.

We published 3 editions of our Newsletter delivered to all Church Stretton households and many of the houses in the surrounding area. These publicised our activities and reported on climate change issues.

We decided not to hold a Low Carbon Day which includes renewable energy, electric bikes and other eco-activities as electric cars were in such short supply because of shortage of microchips.



We originally hoped to progress a Project to support low income households but concluded that we did not have adequate resources to carry out such a Project. We continue to signpost people in fuel poverty to appropriate organisations and make other organisations aware of the support that is available to improve the energy efficiency of properties and other resources.

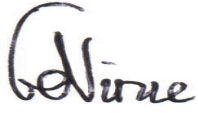
Our final meeting of the year was a presentation about onshore wind power by Gerry Jewson, Chairman of Wind 2, based in Mold. He drew on his extensive experience and knowledge of the development of wind power, currently mostly taking place in Scotland.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
Report to the trustees/ members of	STRETTON CLIMATE CARE		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st MARCH 2023	Charity no (if any)	1159816
Set out on pages	7 & 8		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.</p> <p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records</p> <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>		
Signed:		Date:	9 th September 2023
Name:	Graham Eric Vince		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
Address:	4 Alison Road		
	Church Stretton		
	Shropshire, SY6 7AT		



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start 1st April 2022	To	Period end date 31st March 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership fees	736	-	-	736	676
Donations	1,477	-	-	1,477	558
Local fund raising	542	-	-	542	1,532
Book sales	30	-	-		341
Bank interest	51	-	-		31
Referrals	150	-	-	150	100
Gift Aid refund	-	-	-	-	45
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,986	-	-	2,986	3,283
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-		-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,986	-	-	2,986	3,283
A3 Payments					
Website	831	-	-	831	529
Printing, postage, stationery & misc.	468	-	-	468	1,135
Accommodation & rentals	357	-	-	357	173
Goods & equipment	101	-	-	101	446
Repair café	42	-	-		113
School books	93	-	-		
Insurance	630	-	-	630	685
Other costs & fees	453	-	-	453	1,042
Sub total	2,975	-	-	2,975	4,123
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-		-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,975	-	-	2,975	4,123
Net of receipts/(payments)	11	-	-	11	- 840
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,794	-	-	9,794	10,634
Cash funds this year end	9,805	-	-	9,805	9,794

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	TSB Current Account	750	-	
	TSB Savings Account	9,055	-	
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,805	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>M J Hymas</i>	M.J. Hymas	11 Oct 2023	
	<i>P M Walker</i>	P.M. Walker	11 Oct 2023	

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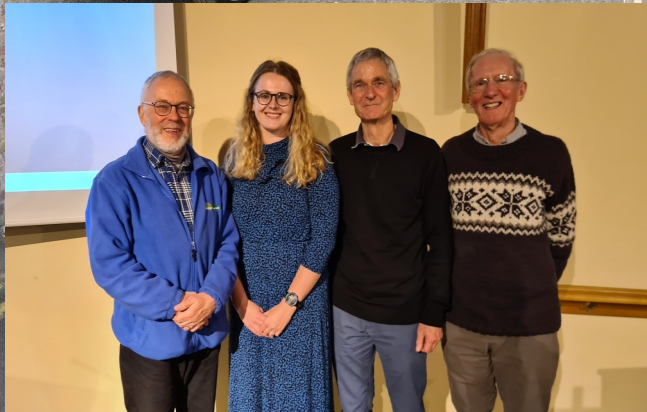


Rickshaw rides at the Low Carbon Day

Provided by Shrewsbury Cycle Hub



Moira and David Matthews



D Howard, Georgina Morris, Phil Walker & Mike Bourke



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Solutions for a Sustainable Future

A Message from David Howard, Chair



WE NEED A NEW MODEL

If ever there was a time to change our thinking, it is surely now. The fragile state of the world – political, economic, and ecological – is clear to see. Global tensions and restlessness are mirrored in crises at home, where short-term thinking undermines the possibility of positive strategies. Retreat into the comforting visions of a past which never really existed is no answer either.

Working to avert the consequences of the climate emergency is demanding; it requires dedication and stickability. As we pay tribute in this report to all those in our community who are committed to make a difference, who channel their energies into campaigning for and modelling a safer future, I

believe that we need to accept now that just working on the environment alone is not going to be enough. The challenges we face require both a wider social and political context, and the engagement of the majority, not just the minority who have the time, money and energy to make a commitment. The stark inequalities in our society – and across the world – where some of us can buy expensive electric cars, while many others are reduced to seeking handouts to keep themselves and their family together, illustrate why what is needed to address climate change does not seem to gain much traction in the wider population. If your priority is survival, then “doing the right thing” by spending on insulation, let alone installing an air source heat pump, is off the radar.

The idea – beloved by politicians - that problems can be solved by yet more growth is economically and ecologically illiterate. The biggest gains go to those already wealthy. And there is no Planet B. If we are to avoid climate catastrophe, we must accept limits. But if we are also to avoid social and political breakdown, we must ensure equity and fairness.

To this end I commend the transformative concept of “Doughnut Economics”, initiated by Kate Raworth. It presents the idea of a “safe space for humanity”, where we can meet the basic needs of all citizens, while ensuring that we avoid overshooting planetary boundaries.

All across the world Doughnut groups are now working, and networking, to explore how this concept can be put into practice in their own communities. Those active in environmental issues are broadening their thinking; climate and social justice belong together. It is time to work with a new model.

Review: April 2021 to March 2022 - Our Key Activities

We resumed our meetings in the Autumn following relaxation of the Covid restrictions. Our Committee and Board meetings continued with use of Zoom conferencing.

Our first event in September after the initial Repair Café (report page 4) was a new departure and entitled “**Food for a Healthy Planet**”. Our speakers explained the impact our food choices can have on climate change and extolled the virtues of vegan and vegetarian food, organic, local and seasonal, and growing your own food. We launched a Cook book at the same time.

We produced a leaflet highlighting easy ways of saving energy. This was widely distributed, including copies to the Food Bank. We have also pointed clients to Keep Shropshire Warm, run by Marches Energy Agency, which can fund free energy efficiency improvements..

We successfully encouraged the Mid Counties Cooperative and Vine and Co (Sandford Hardware) to withdraw the sale of disposable barbecues because of the fire risk posed on our local hills.

With our encouragement, pupils of St Lawrence’s School prepared individual postcards as messages to Alok Sharma, President of COP 26 and these were passed on by Philip Dunne MP.

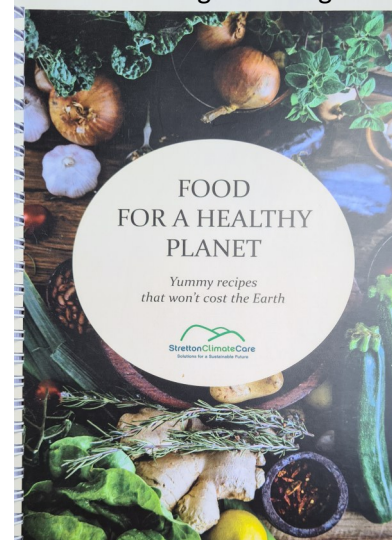
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We purchased a thermal imaging camera which produces two images: a normal one showing the relevant part of the exterior of the building, and an infra-red one which reveals the warmest (whitest) and the coldest (darkest) areas. The camera works most efficiently when the outside temperature is low and the indoor temperature is high. This means taking the images early on cold winter mornings before the sun has warmed the roof and walls, and with the heating on two hours beforehand. Surveys were carried out in 29 homes and the images were sent to the residents with an interpretation and recommendations many of which have been acted upon.



Infra red image showing heat leakage

In October we held a Zero Carbon Day which included electric bikes, electric motor bikes and scooters, electric cars, free trips in a rickshaw, courtesy of Shrewsbury Cycle Hub, a renewable energy installer and conservation organisations. Local electric car owners provided free trips in their cars.



Our Cookbook with climate friendly recipes

In November we invited our local community to a "Climate Conversation" where we split into topic groups and decided what actions were needed to tackle the climate crisis.

Several of our Trustees contributed to South Shropshire Climate Action's Report and Conference in May 2021 setting out the steps needed to reach net zero emissions in the Ludlow Constituency. One of our Trustees is a member of the Steering Group.



Low Carbon Day

One of our Trustees has a key role with Zero Carbon Shropshire and we are pleased to work collaboratively with these wider organisations.

We continued to offer advice to many people who were able to install new heating systems, other energy efficiency measures and seek grant aid. We resumed our weekly advice sessions at the Health and Wellbeing Centre. We expressed our serious concerns about the government's premature withdrawal of the Green Homes Grant and its maladministration.



Keeping the Lights on -David Howard, Georgina Morris, Phil Walker, Mike Bourke

In March we held a well attended meeting entitled "Keeping the Lights On" with a speaker on the strategy for large scale grid storage of electricity and a speaker on nuclear power.

We submitted articles and press releases on many topics to Stretton Focus and the Shropshire media

We used our Social Media to communicate the external world of climate change. It enabled us to comment on proposed legislation and other documents, kept our knowledge base up to date, and stimulated our thinking ! We used it to communicate widely and locally. Website developments continue.

Review: April 2021 to March 2022 - Our Key Activities

Our Repair Café - A Success Story

It is hard to believe that in only a few months the Repair Café has embedded itself as a regular resource in the community, a valued place to have both everyday domestic items and much loved older decorative goods repaired to be enjoyed for longer. As a result, we have saved items from being sent for recycling or waste disposal, reduced carbon emissions by reducing further manufacturing and brought joy to many owners.

The first Repair Café was held in September 2021 following a suggestion by Church Stretton Town Council and several months of planning and preparation. We used a toolkit written by Zero Carbon Shropshire based on the experience of the Ludlow Repair Café. A remarkable number of local repair experts replied to adverts on Facebook and Community Messaging and others responded to requests made by existing members of Stretton Climate Care. Moira Matthews has very ably coordinated our activities supported by David Matthews.



After visiting various local meeting rooms, and impressed by all of them, we chose the Scout Hut as the venue for our events. It lent itself to 'craftwork', had been beautifully renovated, provided a good kitchen and toilet facilities, and offered both easy access and a central location. Terry Davis, the Scout leader, has helped us set up for our events. One bonus of hiring the Scout Hut has been its proximity to Rectory Field. At the initial meeting in September 2021, still under Covid restrictions, with the kind permission of the Church Stretton

Town Council, we were able to serve refreshments in the field behind the Scout Hut, and have continued to do so since during good weather. It is lovely to see happy customers enjoying a chance to socialise whilst waiting for their repairs.

Since September 2021 we have experimented with the frequency of the Repair Café. We had envisaged quarterly events, but the demand suggested we met more often. After a second meeting in October, our planning was interrupted by a Covid surge, and we did not reconvene until January 2022. From March onwards we have met on a regular basis, on the second Saturday of the month. There was clearly a pent-up demand during the first few months which has now tailed off, but each meeting we have at least 20 items.

Our Repair Café - A Success Story

Since September 2021, the Repair Café team have carefully considered some 100 items and have repaired most of them. We make no charge for the work but welcome any donations. Highlights have included the successful repair of a musical box, complete with pirouetting ballerina, an aged gramophone with trumpet, a clockwork train, and 'Horsie' the ride-upon stuffed toy. The Hacker radio and the massage table were noteworthy examples.

Generally, however, we are presented with small electrical goods, such as lamps, vacuum cleaners and kettles, the last two often difficult to repair owing to manufacturers' attempts to ensure that purchasers cannot repair items themselves. Right to Repair legislation is currently going through to stop this frustrating practice. We meet the need for a significant number of sewing machine adjustments and replacement zips. We are now promoting the adornment of visible repairs to clothes to play to the skills of our textile experts! Shropshire Cycle Hub has kindly attended on several occasions to service bicycles.

The key to the success of the Repair Café is, of course, the very real expertise of our trusted repair team upon whom we rely and trust. Many of them have taken home items to spend more time on repairs and have even returned them to owners' homes. We have been extremely fortunate to have the very generous help of the following repairers: Barry Gwynne, John Bennett, Sandy Ogden, Chris Head, John Ramage, John Garnett, Derrick Tapscott, Jamie Wrench, Sally Farrell, Liesa Shigan, Rob Humperson and Richard Briggs. Our support team has been fantastic with refreshments provided by Valerie Morris and Ann Cooke, money counted by Chris George and queue control and paper work by Jane Wrench. We were also lucky to have the help and cheerful company of Peter Marsh at the first meeting before his untimely death in October. We are grateful for the donation we received



We aim to develop the education aspect of the Repair Café, demonstrating to customers how they can repair items themselves and advertising ways to reuse, repair and recycle. We embark on the next twelve months armed with enthusiasm and a dream team of repairers!



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name STRETTON CLIMATE CARE (C10)

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2022 Charity no (if any) 1159816

Set out on pages

1+2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 28th May 2022

Name: LAURENCE DAVID NEWBROOK

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Dip Institute of Bankers

Address:

The Bank House
Longhills Road, Church Stretton
Shrop Shrop SY6 6AS



Charity Name Stretton Climate Care (CIO)		No (if any) 1159816		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2021	To	Period end date 31st March 2022	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	676			676	328
Donations & Fees	518			518	484
Local Fund Raising	1,532			1,532	
Book Sales	341			341	
Bank Interest	31			31	74
Referrals	100			100	100
Gift Aid Refund	45			45	64
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,203			3,203	1,050
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	3,203			3,203	1,050
Total receipts	3,203			3,203	1,050
A3 Payments					
Website	529			529	529
Printing , Postage & Stationery & Misc Costs	1,135			1,135	555
Accommodation & Rentals	173			173	
Support for SSCAG Conference					500
Goods & Equipment	366			366	444
Repair Cafe	113			113	
Other Costs & Fees	1,727			1,727	591
School Projects & Youth Council					
Computer Software					214
Sub total	4,043			4,043	2,833
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Sub total	4,043			4,043	2,833
Total payments	4,043			4,043	2,833
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 840			- 840	- 1,783
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,634			10,634	12,417
Cash funds this year end	9,794			9,794	10,634

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	TSB Current Account	334	-	
	TSB Deposit Account	9,460	-	
			-	-
	Total cash funds	9,794	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

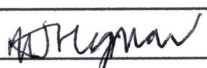
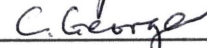
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B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computer Equipment ,Screen etc	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Display Boards	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Exhibition Equipment	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Energy Meters	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	M.Hymas	2 June 2022
	C.George	2 June 2022

Stretton Climate Care: Organisation and other Facts

Charity Name and Number and address

Stretton Climate Care is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Registered charity number 1159816. It was established in 2015, replacing a charity of the same name which was established in 2008.

Address: Mayfair Community Centre, Easthope Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6BL
email: info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk Website www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk Tel 07528 493181

Finance

We have adequate funds although these have been depleting over successive years and the Trustees have taken action to reduce our annual losses by raising more funds in a variety of ways. It is the policy of Stretton Climate Care to operate with a financial reserve equivalent to at least 9 months of our annual expenditure, and we exceed that. The Committee receives a Report analysing expenditure and income at each of its meetings and controls expenditure accordingly. We do not undertake any significant fund raising and we are compliant with Charity Commission Fund Raising Guidelines and do not need to register with Fund Raising Regulator. We comply with Charity Commission guidelines for our financial controls.

Summary of Charitable Objects

for the benefit of the public in the Church Stretton area:

- a) the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment
- b) education about use of energy to reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions
- c) the relief of fuel poverty by promoting the efficient use of energy

Public Benefit

The Trustees of Stretton Climate Care have had regard to providing public benefit in delivering our services in accordance with advice from the Charity Commission. In particular our main service is to assess and advise on the carbon footprint and energy use of households and provide advice where appropriate on reducing this. This includes information on the choice of transport modes and vehicles. And we have also supported the development of renewable energy in our area. We encourage reuse and recycling and the introduction of A Repair Café has been a success. Our services are provided free of charge to any household in the community and we do our best to give priority to households in fuel poverty. We provide subsidiary activities and services, such as lectures and talks that are either free or subject to a small charge to cover costs. Other activities such as the duck race are intended to attract additional households to our service and although there is small charge for entry to the duck race. Our activities also generate opportunities to advance education about conserving, protecting and improving the environment.

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 - 1.2 Continue "what to do about Plastic" campaign
 - 1.3 Improve engagement with children and young adults
 - 1.4 Provide updates on technology, policy and issues
 - 1.5 Develop effective communication of SCC agenda
2. **To promote a culture of climate care through reducing energy consumption, encouraging the generation of local energy, and advancing a more sustainable lifestyle**
 - 2.1 To provide a free home energy service
 - 2.2 Pursue a Sustainable Strettons agenda
 - 2.3 Organise an electric car day
 - 2.4 Organise Talk on renewable energy and heat
 - 2.5 Organise a Talk on vegetarian & vegan cooking
3. **To support local people in reducing emissions, and eliminating fuel poverty**
 - 3.1 Provide tangible support to fuel poor following Home Energy Check
 - 3.2 Provide regular advice sessions at the Health & Wellbeing Centre
 - 3.3 Develop practical relationships with other support agencies
 - 3.4 Provide Talks to Community Groups



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As a result of the Covid Pandemic we had to cancel our events in 2020/21.

Here are some highlights from the last 5 years:



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Think Global Act Local

A Message from David Howard, Chair



One of the consequences of the pandemic has been to nudge us into thinking rather more about life and death issues which, previously, we have preferred to avoid. We have been pushed out of the comfort of our regular routines. Our hopes for the future, either of continuity or of improvement, are now shot through with uncertainty.

The immediacy of virus testing, of over-crowded hospitals, and, now, of vaccination programmes could easily lead a worried population to ignore, or at least put to one side, any concerns about an even bigger crisis: the looming threat of irreversible climate change.

We are one year closer to the deadline year of 2030 – the date by which the world has to change course if we are not to face the horrific consequences of global heating: extreme weather, droughts and floods, hunger, war and mass migrations. These are not the products of a febrile imagination.

Just as Science has enabled us to find vaccines against Covid, so Science gives us the forecast for a future world.

As narrow nationalism and blind populism increasingly dominate world politics, the chances of reaching a global agreement to meet our greatest challenge are 50/50 at best. The stumbling and disjointed approach of our own government, which is chairing the important COP26 conference in November this year, does not augur well for a successful outcome. Our ability to live in hope is being tested to destruction. Nor should we expect salvation from rich men such as Bill Gates, riding in on a white charger of new technology. Human ingenuity can do a lot, and we must use it - wisely - but it will not be enough.

As has been said many times before: Business as usual is not an option. While our minds have been focused on the pandemic, temperatures have continued to climb, with record levels of CO₂ recorded in March (despite the lockdowns); sea levels rise, forests burn and ice-sheets melt. We need a new normal. Locally, initiatives such as South Shropshire Climate Action and Zero Carbon Shropshire are mapping out alternatives.

Much will be required of politicians in the coming months, but it is we who elect them.

Much will be required of groups such as ours, as we continue the fight for a sustainable world.

But what is required of individuals is for each of us to look at ourselves, and how we live our lives. It is our reckless consumption that is driving climate change, and our politicians are either unwilling or afraid to challenge our bad habits. The hard message is that the future of our world depends on us learning to live more modestly – and sharing the resources of our planet more equitably amongst its peoples. These are the stark choices – both personal and political – that we must make. Are we brave enough to live with our eyes on the future of our children and grandchildren?

Review: April 2020 to March 2021- Our Key Activities-

We were not able to hold any of our planned events during the year as a result of the Pandemic. We considered holding Zoom talks but a survey of our members indicated that many would not be able to access them. All our Committee Meetings and Board meetings were held through Zoom video conferencing.

We actively promoted the Green Homes Grant introduced by the Government which was prematurely withdrawn at the end of March 2021. We provided extensive advice to Philip Dunne MP, as Chairman of the Environmental Audit Committee, on the problems with administration of the grant which affected both householders and installers. We also met with Philip Dunne MP to discuss climate change and energy efficiency issues. *Continued*

Review: April 2020 to March 2021- Our Key Activities-Cont.

We were, nevertheless, able to offer advice to many people who were able to install new heating systems and other energy efficiency measures. We issued advice on our website about carefully selecting renewable energy companies to avoid future problems.

We continued to offer general advice by telephone to many callers and those who contacted us through our website. We expanded our online advice notes.

We contributed policies and proposals on climate change for the Community Led Plan.

We made representations on government consultations and that Energy Performance Certificates need updating to enable recommendations to include zero carbon heating systems rather than upgraded gas boilers. We welcomed long delayed government proposals to upgrade energy efficiency standards in the Building Regulations, although these are not yet in place. We advised government that the sale of fossil fuelled powered cars should end by 2030 but, regrettably, they have allowed these to continue until 2035.

We advised Shropshire Council that their strategy for net zero carbon emissions contained a significant inaccuracy which meant that their strategy does not achieve net zero emissions.

We have prepared a new set of events for when the Pandemic lockdown permits.

We made Representations on the Draft Shropshire Local Plan which does not include satisfactory policies to address climate change. There will be an Examination by an Inspector in 2021/22.

We encouraged Church Stretton Town Council to commission Maintenance on the EV point at Lion Meadow when it went out of service and we are pleased that this is now back in operation.

We conducted a survey of all our members, consulting about events and the establishment of new Groups to help take forward topic areas. Groups have now been set up including members on both Building Efficiency and Retrofit and Resource Management which is taking forward our work on recycling and preparing to set up a Repair Café.

We expressed our concern that new houses proposed by Connexus in Lutwyche Road will be built to current Building Regulations standards rather than the upgraded standards proposed for later in 2021 They responded that they would like to do more but are constrained by the finances available.

We purchased an infra-red camera which will identify poor areas of insulation in buildings.

We submitted articles and press releases on many topics.

We continued to improve our web site and grow the numbers of our Twitter followers. We had to make unforeseen payments as a result of including some photographs on our website without permission. We have now improved our procedures. We updated the strapline to our logo.

Many of our Trustees were involved supporting South Shropshire Climate Action with their Conference and to prepare a Report on achieving Zero Carbon emissions in the Ludlow Constituency.

Other Trustees played significant roles with Shropshire Climate Action Partnership in their Zero Carbon Plan and associated activities for the whole of Shropshire plus Telford and Wrekin.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

STRETTON CLIMATE CARE (CIO)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

1159816

Set out on pages

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**Responsibilities and
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Signed:

Date:

26th April 2021

Name:

LAURENCE DAVIS NEWBROOK

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Charity Name Stretton Climate Care (CIO)	No (if any) 1159816
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start 01-Apr-20	To	Period end 31-Mar-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	328			328	417
Donations & Fees	484			484	430
Local Fund Raising					756
Grants					
Bank Interest	74			74	121
Referrals	100			100	100
Gift Aid Refund	64			64	63
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,050			1,050	1,887
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	-			-	-
Total receipts	1,050			1,050	1,887
A3 Payments					
Website	529			529	
Printing, Postage & Stationery & Misc	555			555	539
Accommodation & Rentals					276
Support for SSCAG Conference	500			500	
Goods & Equipment	444			444	128
Publicity					317
Other Costs & Fees	591			591	529
School Projects & Youth Council					40
Computer Software	214			214	
Sub total	2,833			2,833	1,829
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	2,833			2,833	1,829
Total payments	2,833			2,833	1,829
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,783			- 1,783	58
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,417			12,417	12,359
Cash funds this year end	10,634			10,634	12,417

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestrict- ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endow- ment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	TSB Current Account	233	-	
	TSB Deposit Account	10,401	-	
			-	-
	Total cash funds	10,634	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

Categories	Details	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endow- ment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computer Equipment ,Screen etc	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Display Boards	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Exhibition Equipment	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Energy Meters	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability re-	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of ap- proval
<i>M J Hymas</i>	M..J. Hymas	20 July 2021
<i>C D George</i> 6	C.D. George	20 July 2021

Stretton Climate Care: Organisation and other Facts

Charity Name and Number and address

Stretton Climate Care is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Registered charity number 1159816. It was established in 2015, replacing a charity of the same name which was established in 2008.

Address: Mayfair Community Centre, Easthope Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire, SY6 6BL
email: info@strettonclimatecare.org.uk Website www.strettonclimatecare.org.uk Tel 07528 493181

Finance

We have adequate funds although these have been depleting over the last few years and the Trustees intend to reduce our annual losses by raising more funds in a variety of ways. It is the policy of Stretton Climate Care to operate with a financial reserve equivalent to at least 9 months of our annual expenditure, and we exceed that. The Committee receives a Report analysing expenditure and income at each of its meetings and controls expenditure accordingly. We do not undertake any significant fund raising and we are compliant with Charity Commission Fund Raising Guidelines and do not need to register with Fund Raising Regulator. We comply with Charity Commission guidelines for our financial controls.

Summary of Charitable Objects

for the benefit of the public in the Church Stretton area:

- a) the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment
- b) education about use of energy to reduce or eliminate carbon dioxide emissions
- c) the relief of fuel poverty by promoting the efficient use of energy

Public Benefit

The Trustees of Stretton Climate Care have had regard to providing public benefit in delivering our services in accordance with advice from the Charity Commission. In particular our main service is to assess and advise on the carbon footprint and energy use of households and provide advice where appropriate on reducing this. This includes information on the choice of transport modes and vehicles. And we have also supported the development of renewable energy in our area. We encourage reuse and recycling. Our services are provided free of charge to any household in the community and we do our best to give priority to households in fuel poverty. We provide subsidiary activities and services, such as lectures and talks that are either free or subject to a small charge to cover costs. Other activities such as the duck race are intended to attract additional households to our service and although there is small charge for entry to the duck race, our household advice service is free. Our activities also generate opportunities to advance education about conserving, protecting and improving the environment.

Trustees

The new Constitution provides for the election or appointment of up to 12 trustees. The current 9 Trustees are Michael Bourke (Vice Chair), Marcus Cash, Jon Cooke (Publicity Officer), Chris George (Treasurer), David Howard (Chair), Mike Hymas (Secretary), David Matthews, Lorna Taylor and Jane Wrench. Our Trustees are normally elected annually at the Annual General Meeting which is held in Autumn each year but this was deferred because of the pandemic.

Other Information

We are dependent upon our dedicated and enthusiastic Volunteers who undertake all the functions of the organisation. There are no employees. We joined Green Shropshire Exchange a Network of environmental groups in Shropshire. We continue to review our data security arrangements in the light of the General Data Protection Regulation. Our Privacy Policy is on our website and we have registered with the Information Commissioner's Office.

We have reviewed our Organisation against the Charity Commission's Governance Code and will address a number of issues raised. In particular some Trustees have served for more than 9 years and our Board is not as diverse as it should be.

Structure of Stretton Climate Care

Our Board of Trustees makes the key decisions for the organisation and comprises all our Trustees. It has delegated many of its responsibilities to the General Management Committee which comprises all of our 9 Trustees and Rachel Foster and Valerie Morris.

Our Volunteers

are an essential element of our organisation.

Without them we could not deliver our services. So here we list the names of those who are not Trustees who made Stretton Climate Care effective during the last two years :

John Annetts, Wally Blake, Liz Bourke, Brian Bradley, Isabel Carter, Richard Clements, Ann Cooke, David Edwards, Trish Howard, Victoria Hurn, Andrew Middleton, Valerie Morris, David Newbrook, Helen Sansom, Mark Tocknell, Richard Walker, Ken White, plus many other occasional volunteers who make our services happen.

We are very grateful for their actions, support and dedication.

Our Supporters and Funders

- ◆ We are very grateful to the numerous individuals and bodies who helped achieve our work, especially our volunteers, funders and donors.
- ◆ We also received funds and/or support from a number of companies and organisations, including Agilent Technologies, Ambercouch, Energy Zone, Marshbrook Print, Rainbow's End, Salts, Sandford Hardware, Stretton Print and The National Trust

We are grateful to all these bodies and people for their support

Our Mission Statement:

To advance environmental protection and improvement by reducing the carbon footprint of the local area.

Aims and Objectives

- 1. To raise awareness of issues concerning climate change and the need for action**
 - 1.1 To deliver a programme of lectures on climate change & sustainability matter
 - 1.2 Continue "what to do about Plastic" campaign
 - 1.3 Improve engagement with children and young adults
 - 1.4 Provide updates on technology, policy and issues
 - 1.5 Develop effective communication of SCC agenda
- 2. To promote a culture of climate care through reducing energy consumption, encouraging the generation of local energy, and advancing a more sustainable lifestyle**
 - 2.1 To provide a free home energy service
 - 2.2 Pursue a Sustainable Strettons agenda
 - 2.3 Organise an electric car day
 - 2.4 Organise Talk on renewable energy and heat
 - 2.5 Organise a Talk on vegetarian & vegan cooking
- 3. To support local people in reducing emissions, and eliminating fuel poverty**
 - 3.1 Provide tangible support to fuel poor following Home Energy Check
 - 3.2 Provide regular advice sessions at the Health & Wellbeing Centre
 - 3.3 Develop practical relationships with other support agencies
 - 3.4 Provide Talks to Community Groups



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