



# Annual Report 2012/13



*A Woolaways bungalow after solid wall insulation as part of our Project with British Gas New Energy and Marches Energy Agency. Owner Arthur Wells said :  
" There is an altogether cosier environment and a 16.5% reduction in energy use. I am grateful to Stretton Climate Care for their help."*

## A message from Jon Cooke, Chair

This report draws together the end of our 5<sup>th</sup> full year of operation and publicly it's been a somewhat quieter year. We have continued our Free Home Energy Audit service and increasingly been asked to make one off energy advice visits to home owners before they make alterations to their home. In the background we put a lot of effort into working with British Gas on their solid wall insulation project - what is it they say about never working with animals and children? – vast energy companies are also difficult to work with! We eventually achieved



some well insulated homes, more than any of the other groups they worked with, and we learnt a lot!! Stretton Climate Care has continued to grow its reputation as a trusted adviser and partner.

We continue to assist households in fuel poverty. For those that qualify, we call in agencies who will help reduce fuel bills and increase home comfort levels without any cost to the householder.

We again had a very successful and enjoyable Duck Racing day. We have become angry about the slow progress of the Green Deal and the Energy Company Obligation (ECO). We have written to our MP and the Minister on two occasions as the new system is not delivering the outcomes that are needed. We have also put many hours into meetings with three local authorities and the Marches Area Partnership to explore how the Green Deal and ECO can best be set up for the benefit of Shropshire residents. By next year we hope to be able to report progress!

We greatly value our volunteers, (whom we sometimes work too hard, as we need more of them) and appreciate the loyal support of all our members and friends.

### **Our Mission Statement:**

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

### **Revised Aims and Objectives**

- To raise awareness of issues concerning climate change and the need for action
- To promote a culture of climate care through reducing energy consumption, encouraging the generation of local renewable energy, and advancing a more sustainable lifestyle;
- To support local people in reducing emissions, and eliminating fuel poverty
- To provide a free home energy survey service
- To assist households and others to implement any recommendations on energy saving measures by giving them suitable and impartial advice and introducing them to appropriate agencies and suppliers
- To train a team of volunteers in surveying techniques, and energy saving and reduction technologies
- To run an education and training programme to promote a local culture of climate care
- To inform the community of national and local policy, and to influence debate
- To work with other agencies and local groups: a) to bring about a reduction in carbon emissions b) to address fuel poverty c) to promote a sustainable life style;
- To campaign on issues in support of the above aims and objectives.

# Review: April 2012 to March 2013-Our Key Achievements

- ◆ Until the end of the CERT (Carbon Emission Reduction Target) programme in January 2013 we enabled the fitting of loft & cavity wall insulation to over 40 properties
- ◆ Carried out **18** Household Energy Checks providing advice on energy efficiency which has led to an estimated average of **13%** reduction in carbon emissions for our previously assessed households. Held drop-in advice service at Jemima's Kitchen at Victoria House
- ◆ Progressed our special project in the Battlefield area encouraging the three similar streets to compete to reduce their energy use.
- ◆ Held the fifth annual duck races at Carding Mill Valley showing that low carbon recreation can be fun!
- ◆ Published and widely distributed our newsletter on 2 occasions keeping our membership & community informed about climate change issues, and maintained a lively website, twitter feed and frequent coverage in the press
- ◆ Promoted a pilot solid wall insulation project with British Gas which led to 4 local properties having virtually free wall insulation installed
- ◆ Made representations on energy infrastructure policies in the SAMDev Local plan and on the Energy Bill and fuel poverty to government
- ◆ Promoted the development of hydro electric power in Carding Mill Valley with Share Energy and the National Trust which will be progressed by the National Trust
- ◆ Supported initiatives to assist households in fuel poverty
- ◆ Promoted the launch of the Green Deal with some initial free Assessments funded by the government through the Marches Energy Agency
- ◆ Promoted Climate Week, the Big Energy Day and an impressive talk on the conversion of an ordinary house to virtual Passive House standards: "Homes Behaving Badly"
- ◆ Developed a new welcome leaflet for newcomers to Church Stretton explaining our services which is being distributed by Estate Agents.
- ◆ Produced a new leaflet and energy saving check list & participated in a local UNA conference
- ◆ Continued to encourage the installation of solar photo-voltaics
- ◆ Kept our carbon footprint and running costs low by reducing our travel and using electronic communications.



*Installing solid wall insulation*



*Sorting the ducks*



*Discussing Hydro energy*



*At the UNA Conference*



*Exhibition in The Square*



# Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts



## Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name  
STRETTON CLIMATE CARE

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~).

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, 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

30<sup>th</sup> April 2013

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Charity Name <b>Stretton Climate Care</b>	No (if any) 1123211
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2012	To	Period end date 31st March 2013
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	335			335	373
Donations & Fees	2,610			2,610	674
Local Fund Raising (gross)	369			369	514
Grants	465			465	2,840
Bank Interest	9			9	
Referrals	840			840	3,244
Sale of Books	40			40	354
					-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,668</b>			<b>4,668</b>	<b>8,006</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Electric Bike sale		250		250	800
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>250</b>		<b>250</b>	<b>800</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>250</b>		<b>4,918</b>	<b>8,806</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Project Worker					600
Printing , Postage & Stationery	544			544	660
Accomodation & Rentals	56			56	154
Local Fund Raising					232
Goods & Equipment	106			106	1,290
Publicity	720			720	1,327
Insurance	174			174	174
Other costs & Fees	546			546	428
					-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,146</b>			<b>2,146</b>	<b>4,865</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>4,865</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,522</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,772</b>	<b>3,941</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>14,949</b>	<b>1,600</b>	-	<b>16,549</b>	<b>12,608</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>17,471</b>	<b>1,850</b>	-	<b>19,321</b>	<b>16,549</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestrict- ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC Current Account	1,312	-	-
	HSBC Deposit Account	18,009	-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>19,321</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and pay- ments account(s))		Agreement Er- ror	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>		to nearest £	to nearest £
			-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Computer Equipment ,Screen etc	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Display Boards	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Exhibition Equipment	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
	Energy Meters	Gen Capital Fund	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liabil-	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of ap- proval
		<i>C George</i>	Christopher George	09-Jul-13
		<i>M J Hymas</i>	Michael Hymas	09-Jul-13

# Stretton Climate Care: Organisation and other Facts

## Finance

We were successful in gaining income from a variety of sources including commission on solar PV installations. We managed our expenditure accordingly so that we continued to grow our balance during the year. It is the policy of Stretton Climate Care to operate as far as possible with a financial reserve equivalent to at least 9 months of our annual expenditure, and we comfortably exceeded that. The Executive Committee receives a Report analysing expenditure and income at each of its meetings and controls expenditure accordingly.

## Charity Name and Number and address

Stretton Climate Care registered charity number 1123211 is an unincorporated association governed by a Constitution adopted by the Steering Group on 21 August 2007 and amended at Special General Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2008 and at the Annual General Meeting on 15th October 2008.

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## 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 service is provided free of charge to any household in the community and we do our best to give priority to households in fuel poverty. This is in line with our Charitable objects which provide public benefit. We provide subsidiary activities and services, such as environmental films 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, our household advice service is free. We have also provided fee paid advice to other bodies establishing similar services to other communities. Our activities also generate opportunities to advance education about conserving, protecting and improving the environment.

## Trustees

The current Trustees are Michael Bourke, Alison Bradley (Membership Secretary), Jon Cooke (Chair), Chris George (Treasurer), David Howard (Publicity Officer), Mike Hymas (Secretary), Jamie Wrench (Vice Chair and Web Manager) Jane Wrench and Margaret Wright . Our Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting which is held in Autumn each year.

## Other Information

We are dependent upon our dedicated and enthusiastic Volunteers who undertake all the functions of the organisation. There are no employees. We have joined the national Low Carbon Communities Network and the Green Shropshire Exchange Network of environmental groups in Shropshire. We have carried out a comprehensive audit of risks and taken steps to minimise any significant identified risks.

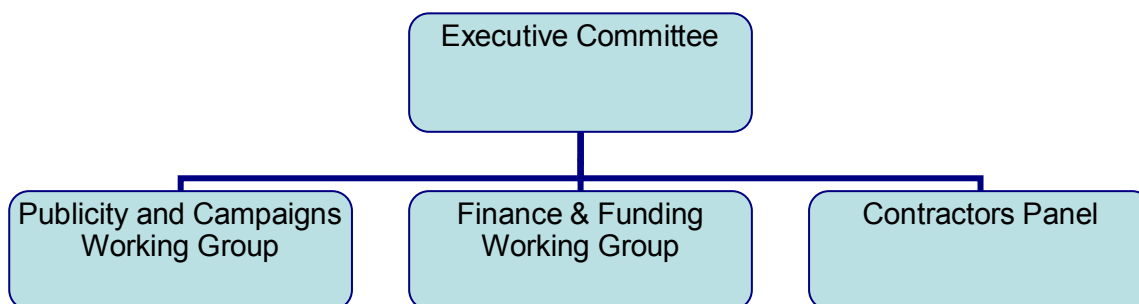
**Our Volunteers** are an essential element of our organisation. Without them we could not deliver our services. So here we list the names of those who are not Trustees who made Stretton Climate Care effective during the year:

Brian Bradley, Anne Cooke, Steve Keeling, John Lloyd, David Jandrell, Terence McCann, Julie Mellors, Valerie Morris, Bob Welch, plus many other occasional volunteers who make our services happen

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

# Structure of Stretton Climate Care

The Executive Committee is made up of Trustees and makes the key decisions for the organisation. It has delegated some of its responsibilities and is also advised by three Working Groups as described below.



Main Role	Main Role	Main Role
To devise, deliver and publicise projects and oversee media and member relations	Prepare and control budget, seek finance, monitor and maintain relations with funders	Advise Executive committee on contractual arrangements with companies
Membership	Membership	Membership
Mike Bourke, Jon Cooke, David Howard (Chair), Jamie Wrench, Jane Wrench and Margaret Wright	Brian Bradley, Chris George (Chair), Mike Hymas, John Lloyd, Jane Wrench	Brian Bradley, Jon Cooke (Chair), Chris George, Mike Hymas, Margaret Wright

## 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.
- ◆ Our main income came from a solid wall insulation project working with British Gas and Marches Energy Agency. We are grateful for their support. Other funds arose from commission received from referrals to carefully selected companies, in respect of insulation and solar PV
- ◆ We also received funds and/or support from a number of companies and organisations, including Acorn Café, Acton Scott Historic Farm Museum, Agilent Technologies, Amber Couch, The Bucks Head Hotel, Chocolate Haven, Church Stretton School, Coop, Entertaining Elephants, Jemima’s Kitchen at Victoria House, Kaboodle, Kate Johnson, The National Trust, Stretton Outdoors & Camping Supplies. We also received donations from a large number of individuals.

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



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