



Annual Report 2014/15



A message from David Howard, Chair

Firstly, thank you to all our members and supporters for all that you do. You make a real difference to our community.

“If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs...”

It may seem that the world around is succumbing to consumerist madness. It may seem incredible that big energy firms continue to dig for coal, oil and gas, when they admit that burning these fuels will raise global temperatures by 4°C.

But all over the world, groups like ours are working hard, with patience and imagination, to create a more sustainable future.

The divestment campaign is beginning to take off. And we were all encouraged by the Pope's call, in his encyclical, for a different way of living.

In December, we shall see the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris, which aims to achieve a binding and universal agreement on climate from all the nations of the world. It is a tough ask.

If ever there was a time when we need to write letters, send emails, sign petitions, lobby challenge – in short, campaign for the future of the world, it is NOW.



Our Mission Statement:

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

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 2014 to March 2015-Our Key Activities

- ◆ Opened, with our partners, the first and only Electric Vehicle Charge Point in a public car park in Shropshire. Our funding plus grant paid for the facility and Midlands Cooperative are supplying the electricity while the Town Council are maintaining it. In 7 months, 3000 miles of zero carbon motoring by 28 different cars recharging a total of 137 times. Visitors are especially coming to Church Stretton to use it.
- ◆ Supported proposals for a Solar Farm near Acton Scott which would provide for a high proportion of the electricity used by households in Church Stretton. This was rejected by Shropshire Council on two occasions against officer recommendations to grant permission.
- ◆ Organised our autumn lecture by Professor Rod Thompson, Director of Public Health for Shropshire on the implications and planning being carried out to address climate change..
- ◆ Arranged for Alice Hooker-Stroud, formerly Communications Officer for the Centre for Alternative Technology, to provide our Spring Lecture on Zero Carbon Britain.
- ◆ Published and widely distributed our newsletter on 2 occasions, and maintained a lively website, Twitter feed and frequent articles in Stretton Focus
- ◆ One of our trustees is a member of the County Fuel Poverty Forum and has worked with Shropshire Rural Community Council helping those in fuel poverty. Activities have included training new Fuel Poverty Champions, running numerous tariff switching sessions and training for Officers who work for Housing Associations. Also provided talks to groups, made home visits and give telephone advice on energy efficiency and fuel tariffs.
- ◆ Provided advice to households on energy efficiency issues through our Household Energy Check (15 completed) and hundreds more through Stretton Focus, home visit, email & telephone and through a campaign in Watling Street South
- ◆ Awarded residents of Alison Road victory in our 3 year Battlefield Challenge project encouraging the three similar streets to compete to reduce their energy use. 679 energy saving measures were counted during the competition. A plaque has been installed beside the street sign. All the residents who took part deserve congratulations!
- ◆ Held regular Energy Advice-Tariff Switching Clinics at Mayfair where we assisted people to save money off their fuel bills. We arranged free boilers for qualifying households
- ◆ Organised our 2nd Electric Vehicle Show at Lion Meadow. Church Stretton is now a hot spot for electric cars!
- ◆ We ran, with Shropshire Council, a scheme to encourage the installation of heavily subsidised electric Vehicle Charge points. After the installation at Burway Garage, Isla Bikes near Ludlow Food Centre completed an installation . We have pressed Shropshire Council to install charge points at its car parks as occurs elsewhere in the West Midlands.
- ◆ Held the seventh annual Duck Races at Carding Mill Valley with enthusiastic participation of children and their families.



Solar farm in the Wye Valley with sheep



Rod Thompson



Alice Hooker-Stroud





Charity Name	No (if any)
Stretton Climate Care	1123211

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st April 2014		4th March 2015

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	312			312	375
Donations & Fees	446			446	441
Local Fund Raising	303			303	296
Grants	400			400	
Bank Interest	8			8	10
Referrals					400
Refund re Printer	126			126	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,595			1,595	1,522
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-				
Sub total	-				
Total receipts	1,595			1,595	
A3 Payments					
EVA Point	3,218			3,218	
Printing , Postage & Stationery	277			277	316
Accommodation & Rentals	168			168	54
Local Fund Raising					75
Goods & Equipment	553			553	385
Publicity	652			652	90
Insurance	315			315	176
Other costs & Fees	856			856	285
Sub total	6,039			6,039	1,381
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-				
Sub total	-				
Total payments	6,039			6,039	
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,444			- 4,444	141
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,648	1,850		19,497	19,356
Cash funds this year end	13,204	1,850		15,053	19,497

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	HSBC Current Account	527	-	-
	HSBC Deposit Account	14,527	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	15,054	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		-	-
			-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	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	-	-
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
	<i>C George</i>	Christopher George		07-Jul-15
	<i>MJ Hymas</i>	Michael Hymas		07-Jul-15

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)

1123211

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

20th June 2015

Name

LAURENCE DAVID NEWBROOK

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

Dip Chartered Institute of Bankers.

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Longhills Road
Church Stretton
Shropshire SY6 6DS



Charity Name Stretton Climate Care (CIO)		No (if any) 1159816
Receipts and payments accounts		
For the period from	Period start date 5th March 2015	To Period end date 31st March 2015

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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	10				
Donations & Fees	10				
Local Fund Raising	90				
Grants					
Bank Interest	1				
Referrals	400				
Refund re Printer					
Transfer of Cash Balances from Stretton Climate Care Charity No. 1123211 (Now closed)	15,054				
	15,565				
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	15,565				
A3 Payments					
EVA Point					
Printing , Postage & Stationery					
Accommodation & Rentals	24				
Local Fund Raising					
Goods & Equipment					
Publicity					
Insurance					
Other costs & Fees	390				
Sub total	414				
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	414				
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,151				
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end					
Cash funds this year end	15,151				

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

Categories					
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account		623		
	HSBC Deposit Account		14,528		
			15,151		

Total funds		Restricted funds	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-		-
			-		-
			-		-
			-		-
			-		-
			-		-
			-		-

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B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Charity Name
STRETTON CLIMATE CARE CIO

On accounts for the year ended

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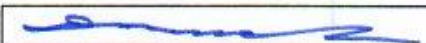
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Stretton Climate Care: Organisation and other Facts

Charity Name and Number and address

On 4th March 2015, a Special General Meeting of Stretton Climate Care approved a new Constitution and formed a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1159816, still called Stretton Climate Care. At the same time, the dissolution of the unincorporated association (registered charity No 1123211) was approved with transfer of its assets to the new CIO. This Report therefore reports mainly on the activities and operation of the unincorporated Association which is now dissolved although the operations and organisational arrangements seamlessly transferred to the new CIO.

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Finance

We have adequate funds, although our reserves have declined following expenditure on the installation of the Electric Vehicle Charge Point. Public funding through grants has generally not been available and potential for commission through installation of energy efficiency measures has almost dried up as a result of government cut backs in support of such measures. We were grateful to receive a grant from Stretton Focus to replace our laptop and this is used for our tariff switching sessions and presentations in particular. 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 Committee receives a Report analysing expenditure and income at each of its meetings and controls expenditure accordingly.

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. 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 8 Trustees are Michael Bourke, David Howard (Chair), Chris George (Treasurer), Jon Cooke (Publicity Officer and Acting Membership Secretary), 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. We were very sorry that Alison Bradley resigned as a Trustee during the year as a result of ill health and we are pleased that she is making steady progress.

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.

Structure of Stretton Climate Care

The Executive Committee is made up of Trustees and makes the key decisions for the organisation. It has delegated many of its responsibilities to the General Management Committee. All Trustees are members of both Committees. In practice, not all Trustees attend every meeting of the General Management Committee.

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:

Noel & Suzanne Beatty Wally Blake, Alison & Brian Bradley, Isabel Carter, Rob Chapman, Richard Clements, Ann Cooke, , Pat Gregory, Mike Haigh, Trish Howard, David Jandrell, Wendy Lee, John Lloyd, Valerie Morris, Ken Smith, Bob Welch, 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.
- ◆ Some funds arose from commission received from referrals to carefully selected companies, in respect of solar PV
- ◆ We also received funds and/or support from a number of companies and organisations, including Agilent Technologies, Ambercouch, Burway Books, Chocolate Haven, Church Stretton Council, Church Stretton School, Ginger & Green, Midcounties Co-operative, Entertaining Elephants, Jemima's Kitchen at Victoria House, Kaboodle, Kate Johnson, Rainbow's End, Salop Energy, Salts, Stretton Focus and The National Trust. We also received donations from a large number of individuals.

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

Why not Join in with our Action?

We have lots of ideas for extra activities and campaigns but we need some additional support from our community. You will be able to choose how you can contribute to our activities and decide how and when you can help.



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Forthcoming events

7pm Monday 12th October 2015

**Methodist Church, Watling St South, Church Stretton
Annual General Meeting and Annual Lecture**

**Mathew Williams, Professor of Global Change Ecology at Edinburgh University:
Key steps in De-Carbonising**

We are very fortunate that Mat Williams has local connections to this area and has agreed to address us on this pressing and important topic. He is an engaging speaker who will identify some key steps that will be necessary for our planet. In the context of the Paris Climate Conference in December, this is a topical and vital issue for us all.



10am-4pm Saturday 17th October 2015

**URC Hall, High Street, Church Stretton and various locations
Green Open Homes Day and Renewable Contractors Exhibition**



Today 8 home owners in our area will be showcasing their home which include examples of green technologies. Find out more from them by seeing their installations. Details of all properties will be available at the hall on the day. There is a lot to see so don't be late!

We have carefully selected 3 renewable energy and heat contractors who will be displaying and explaining their technologies in the Church Hall. These will include solar PV, Solar hot water, ground air source heat pumps and biomass technologies including pellet and log boilers. Come and find out how these technologies can reduce your energy bills and reduce your impact on climate change!

Free Refreshments will be available.

Attitudes to Climate Change will be tested at the United Nations Conference in Paris this December

Following the scrapping of long standing proposals for zero carbon homes from 2016 and the abandonment of support for land based wind turbines together with development of gas and oil from UK sources, there are inevitably concerns that the government is not wholly committed to ensuring that our climate remains viable for human beings and bio-diversity after 2050.



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