

Annual Report 2018/19



StrettonClimateCare
Think Global Act Local

A message from David Howard, Chair



Urgent action, or snail's pace? That is now the key question, as we seek to tackle global warming. The expert scientists of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change give us eleven years to make the necessary changes. Regrettably and sadly, the government believes we can wait until 2050, and shows little sign of adopting quickly the measures recommended by its own Committee on Climate Change.

On the positive side, we can take heart from the way in which local councils across the country are declaring a climate emergency, and from the

engagement and commitment of so many young people. They know that it is their future which is at risk.

Human society is facing an existential threat. What is to be done? Firstly, challenge our politicians (most of them) to buck their ideas up – there is no time to prevaricate. Secondly, think about our own lives and what we can do, whether it is re-considering our travel plans, for example, or making our next car an electric one, or cutting out single-use plastic or reducing our meat and dairy consumption. We can all make a difference.

Review: April 2018 to March 2019-Our Key Activities

- ◆ We commenced our 'What to do about Plastic' Campaign with a survey of businesses and were pleased to get the support of traders in the Town
- ◆ Hosted a Talk by Alison Thomas of Zero Waste and encouraged everyone to bring some plastic that was difficult to recycle
- ◆ Following a survey of Members, we revised our Aims and Objectives and linked our work programme to them (see back page)
- ◆ We worked with Church Stretton school to hold an after School Club in which 16 pupils built all-terrain vehicles
- ◆ We held two meetings with Philip Dunne MP to discuss topical issues of concern to us
- ◆ Held regular energy advice sessions at the Health & Wellbeing Centre to assist householders to switch tariffs, save money and improve their energy, heating and lighting systems
- ◆ Heard a talk from Peter Carty of The National Trust explain their proposals for Rebalancing the Land in the light of environmental and other issues



Plastic Action at the Coop



Alison Thomas from Zero Waste

Review: April 2018 to March 2019-Our Key Activities- (cont)

- ◆ Continued to support Rushbury School with their weather monitoring project
- ◆ Published and widely distributed our newsletter on 2 occasions together with publication of regular articles in Stretton Focus providing advice on a wide range of energy issues
- ◆ Held our Annual Duck Race in Carding Mill Valley with fun for children and families.
- ◆ Held our 6th successful electric car show using owners' cars on this occasion Owners brought their new cars from as far away as Nottingham and Slough
- ◆ Held jointly with The National Trust an Apple Pressing Day in Carding Mill Valley to make better use of the apple crop we enjoy locally
- ◆ We purchased blue logo'd polo shirts for use in attending events and identifying our team
- ◆ Attended the Community Games with an Energy Bike
- ◆ We held a series of Sustainable Strettons meetings on a range of topics and published a Report on the key conclusions and recommendations which will form an input to the Community Led Plan
- ◆ Were concerned about the demise of the local Fuel Poverty Forum as a result of budget cuts imposed on Shropshire Rural Community Council
- ◆ Supported the Youth Council who have conducted a questionnaire and set up a Green Team which is tackling single use plastics and improved recycling
- ◆ Made a further submissions to Shropshire Council in response to the Local Plan review
- ◆ Objected to the proposed savage Public Transport cuts which have now been largely withdrawn
- ◆ Expressed concern and gave advice in response to the government's consultation on Smart Energy Export Guarantee which is for payments on export of electricity from renewable energy installations
- ◆ Provided talks on smart meters to other groups in our community
- ◆ Visited homes in Hazler Road and area and offered advice on energy issues to households
- ◆ Heard, after a long campaign, that Highways England are funding Shropshire Council to install Rapid Chargers in Church Stretton and Ludlow.
- ◆ Continued to grow our social media followers and maintain an interesting website



Fun at the Annual Duck Races in Cardingmill valley



At the Community Games, Church Stretton School



The new Hyundai Kona at the Electric Car Show-driven from Nottingham by an enthusiastic owner



Peter Carty from the National Trust with David Howard



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 2019

Charity no (if any)

1159816

Set out on pages

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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: 27th April 2019

Name: LAURENCE DAVID NEWBROOK

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

Dip Institute of Bankers

Address:

The Bank House, Longhills Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY4 6DS



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

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2018	To	Period end date 31st March 2019
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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	357			357	317
Donations & Fees	727			727	227
Local Fund Raising	558			558	940
Grants					
Bank Interest	48			48	6
Referrals	100			100	
Eco -Tricity Fares collected					233
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,790			1,790	1,723
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	1,790			1,790	1,723
A3 Payments					
Printing , Postage & Stationery	643			643	362
Accomodation & Rentals	257			257	269
Eco - Tricity Visit Coach Hire					375
Goods & Equipment					106
Publicity	110			110	60
Other Costs & Fees	1,263			1,263	773
Sustainable Strettons	106			106	
School Projects & Youth Council	70			70	
Sub total	2,449			2,449	1,945
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	2,449			2,449	1,945
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 659			- 659	- 222
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,018			13,018	13,240
Cash funds this year end	12,359			12,359	13,018

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	393	-	
	TSB Deposit Account	11,966	-	
			-	-
	Total cash funds	12,359	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and pay- ments account(s))			

Categories	Details	Unrestrict- ed funds to nearest £	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- lates	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>Mj Hymas</i>	M.Hymas	13-May-19
	<i>C George</i>	C.George	13-May-19

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.

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Also on facebook and Twitter

Finance

We have adequate funds. Public funding through grants has generally not been available and the potential for commission through the installation of energy efficiency measures has almost dried up as a result of government cut backs in support of such measures. 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 comfortably exceeded 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. 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 8 Trustees are Michael Bourke, David Howard (Chair), Chris George (Treasurer), Jon Cooke (Publicity Officer) Mike Hymas (Secretary), Jamie Wrench (Vice Chair and Web Manager) and Jane Wrench. Sam Jones served as a Trustee during 2018-19 and resigned on 23 July 2019. Steve Jones served as a Trustee during 2018-19 and resigned on 16th October 2019. 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 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.

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 8 of our 9 Trustees.

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:

John Annetts, Wally Blake, Liz Bourke, Brian Bradley, Isabel Carter, Richard Clements, Ann Cooke, David Edwards, Mark Eastwood, Trish Howard, Victoria Hurn, Andrew Middleton, Dan Morncilovic, Valerie Morris, David Newbrook, 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, Burway Books, Chocolate Haven, Church Stretton Town Council, Church Stretton School, Energy Zone, ESP Energy, Green Shropshire Xchange, Mid-Counties Co-operative, Entertaining Elephants, Jemima's Kitchen at Victoria House, Kaboodle, Kate Johnson, 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 (Updated)

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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