

# Annual Report 2019/20



**Stretton Climate Care**

Think Global Act Local

## A message from David Howard, Chair



The challenge posed by the coronavirus pandemic offers us a choice: Do we try to return to what was like before? Or do we accept that things will not be the same and try to build something better?

In the confusion of the response to Covid-19, it is all too easy to forget the existential threat of the climate emergency. That is a mistake. As we deal with the biggest economic downturn for decades, there is an opportunity to adopt a different economic model, based not on consumerism and endless growth but on living within our means and within the capacity of the planet to sustain us. We can tackle inequalities and economic injustice.

By implementing a Green New Deal, we can create thousands of new jobs in renewables and cutting waste. We can promote good local agriculture, cut emissions, breathe cleaner air, practise healthier lifestyles. We can learn from the value that we place on a shared enterprise like the NHS to place a new emphasis on a cooperative ethos, both in business and in society at large.

Since 2007 Stretton Climate Care has been campaigning on this agenda, as well as offering practical help in the community. This report is a tribute to the work of our small organisation, and members can take pride in what has been achieved.

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our organisation, and the wider community, going in these difficult times.

Ours is a message of hope. Change is possible, if there are enough of us committed to pushing it through. Now is the time to renew that commitment

## Review: April 2019 to March 2020-Our Key Activities

- ◆ Received a talk from Rachel Hudson of Practical Action an organisation initiated by Fritz Schumacher (author of Small is Beautiful) whose daughter Nicola Craddock who lives in Shropshire also spoke. Practical Action promote sustainable projects in developing countries which focus on supporting local communities to take ownership of the solutions to the problems they face
- ◆ Held our Annual Duck Race in Carding Mill Valley with fun for children and families.
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Welcomed the declaration by Church Stretton Town Council of a Climate Change Emergency with an associated programme



Nicola Craddock & Rachel Hudson of Practical Action with David Howard



Fun at the Duck Race

## Review: April 2019 to March 2020-Our Key Activities- (cont)

- ◆ Published and widely distributed our newsletter together with publication of regular articles in Stretton Focus providing advice on a wide range of energy issues.
- ◆ Met Philip Dunne MP expressing concern about lack of action on climate change
- ◆ Held our 7th successful electric car show which showed the significant progress made in the range and capability of the cars exemplified by the Audi e-Tron, the Kia e-Niro and Tesla 3
- ◆ Held jointly with The National Trust another Apple Pressing Day in Carding Mill Valley to make better use of the apple crop we enjoy locally
- ◆ Offered support to the Youth Council and Church Stretton School on recycling and other initiatives
- ◆ Learnt about air source and ground source heat pumps from Andy Perkins of Energy Zone
- ◆ Responded on the issue of climate change to the AONB Partnership consultation on their joint National study on the management of commons which includes the Longmynd.
- ◆ Received a well attended address from Richard Millar of the statutory Committee on Climate Change on proposals for achieving net zero emissions by 2050
- ◆ Continued to grow our social media followers although we had some problems with our website which have now been resolved.
- ◆ Bid a fond farewell to some Trustees and welcomed some new appointments of Trustees and membership of our General Management Committee
- ◆ Supported South Shropshire Climate Action Group who held a public meeting and commenced preparation for a Conference to make an Action Plan
- ◆ We welcomed Shropshire Council's appointment of a Climate Change Task force Leader and attended a subsequent Climate Change workshop
- ◆ Continued our work campaigning for a massive reduction in single use plastic and aiming for all plastic and other packaging to be recycled
- ◆ Visited Veolia's plant at Wolverhampton where Shropshire's collected plastic, glass and aluminium is separated and processed for recycling
- ◆ Celebrated, after a long campaign, the installation of rapid chargers in Easthope road car park, Church Stretton and in Galdeford car park, Ludlow funded by Highways England and installed by Shropshire Council



Apple pressing and juicing at Cardingmill Valley



Inspecting The Kia e-Niro at the electric car show



Richard Millar, from the Committee on Climate Change at Church Stretton School



Discussions at our plastic free picnic



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	STRETTON CLIMATE CARE (CIO)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	Charity no (if any)	1159816
Set out on pages	1 & 2 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.03.2020 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:  Date: 24 June 2020

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Longhills Road Church Stretton  
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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 2019	To	Period end date 31st March 2020
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership Fees	417			417	357
Donations & Fees	430			430	727
Local Fund Raising	756			756	558
Grants					
Bank Interest	121			121	48
Referrals	100			100	100
Eco - Tricity Fares collected					
Gift Aid Refund	63			63	
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,887</b>			<b>1,887</b>	<b>1,790</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,887</b>			<b>1,887</b>	<b>1,790</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,887</b>			<b>1,887</b>	<b>1,790</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Printing , Postage & Stationery	539			539	643
Accommodation & Rentals	276			276	257
Eco - Tricity Visit Coach Hire					
Goods & Equipment	128			128	
Publicity	317			317	110
Other Costs & Fees	529			529	1,263
Sustainable Strettons					106
School Projects & Youth Council	40			40	70
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,829</b>			<b>1,829</b>	<b>2,449</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,829</b>			<b>1,829</b>	<b>2,449</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,829</b>			<b>1,829</b>	<b>2,449</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>58</b>			<b>58</b>	<b>- 659</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>12,359</b>			<b>12,359</b>	<b>13,018</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>12,417</b>			<b>12,417</b>	<b>12,359</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	TSB Current Account	145	-	
	TSB Deposit Account	12,272	-	
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>12,417</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>
			to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details		-	-
			-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	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	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	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>M J Hymas</i>	Michael Hymas	21 July 2020
		<i>CD7 George</i>	Christopher George	21 July 2020

# 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  
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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 significantly reduced 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 (Vice Chair), Marcus Cash, David Howard (Chair), Chris George (Treasurer), Jon Cooke (Publicity Officer) Mike Hymas (Secretary), Lorna Taylor and Jane Wrench. Sam Jones served as a Trustee and resigned on 23 July 2019. Steve Jones served as a Trustee and resigned on 16th October 2019. Jamie Wrench did not stand for re-election as a Trustee at our Annual General Meeting on 8th November 2019. Our Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting which is held in Autumn each year or can be appointed subsequently by the Board of Trustees.

## 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 all of our 8 Trustees 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 year:

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, 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

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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