GSX April News

Accelerating Change

Climate conference - sat 18th May

Zero Carbon Shropshire, South Shropshire Climate Action and Save our Shropshire

are holding a conference at the Shrewsbury Football ground.

There will be panel discussions and workshops during the day.

Organisations are invited to have a stall, please contact them.

Details for this free event and how to register a place view this link

Announcing the Climate Conference for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin: Saturday May 18th (southshropshireclimateaction.org)

Community Benefit Funding

Shropshire and Telford Community Energy's Twemlows Solar Farm, near Whitchurch, produced 10,130,000 kWh of electricity during 2023! Not only that, as part of the business plan, £9,000 is available for community benefit for a wide range of projects prioritised within 15 miles of Prees. This fund is managed by Community Resource (https://community-resource.org.uk/service-funding-advice/) and has a maximum of £1,000 per project.

Additionally, £16,000 is available for carbon saving projects throughout Shropshire and Telford, with a maximum £6,000 per project.

If you're planning to carry out an energy efficiency or renewable energy project in your community, please look at the website or contact treasurer@stcenergy.org.uk for details.

Applications will close at the end of April.

Previous grants have covered PV panels at the Festival Centre, Market Drayton and new windows at Rushbury Village Hall.

Bishop Castle Heat Project Fund success

Shropshire and Telford Community Energy has been awarded a £100,000 Community Energy Fund grant by the Midlands Net Zero Hub. The Bishop's Castle wind turbine-powered Community Heat project has been awarded the funds to pursue further studies towards a planning application.

The work will include Ecology and Technical studies, and obtaining 'expressions of interest' from the town's householders, organisations and businesses - including the Community College and SpArC Leisure Centre - who wish to be connected to the heat network.

Shropshire and Telford Community Energy is working with its partners Light Foot Enterprises and Sharenergy.

For more details go to <u>BC Heat Network - Lightfoot Enterprises</u> and <u>Projects – Shropshire and Telford</u> <u>Community Energy (stcenergy.org.uk)</u>

Events

Sustainable Sunday - Belmont hall, Wellington 21st April

Growing Local Food - stalls and presentations

Home - Climate Action Hub Telford

Ludlow Green Festival – July

Wellington Green Festival – July

Bridgnorth Green Festival – September

Whitchurch Blackberry Fair – October

Rob Saunders (chair GSX)