

# Shropshire & Telford Community Energy (STCE)

Newsletter October '23



Our Twemlows Solar Farm  
Share Offer  
Is open until Nov 10th

If you've not heard of us before, Shropshire and Telford Community Energy (STCE) are a team of volunteers who set themselves up with their first aim to bring Twemlows solar farm into community ownership. We are now inviting individuals, businesses and organisations to become shareholder members in this exciting new scheme.

Twemlows solar farm near Whitchurch has been generating green electricity since 2016. STCE have been managing the Community Benefit Fund for the last two years and have already awarded around £45,000 to local organisations, including the Blackberry Fair, Whitchurch Allotments, the Festival Drayton Centre, and Harmer Village Hall.

Our share offer opened in early August. We have raised over £235,000 so far but are still short of our target of £730,000. This target is flexible, and the deal will go ahead in November but the closer we can get to the target by Oct 27<sup>th</sup> the better. Please read on to find more about our work and ambitions, or go to [www.stcenergy.org.uk](http://www.stcenergy.org.uk)

Join Us to deliver:

- Solar power for the benefit of the whole community
- Huge carbon savings with power equivalent to 3,400 homes
- Increasing community benefit grants to some £4.5 million total over 18 yrs
- Increasing biodiversity and sustainable sheep grazing on site
- A more energy independent and resilient future



Invest in our share offer  
for a target 6% return



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## Biodiversity at Twemlows

We are studying the existing biodiversity at Twemlows with a view to making enhancements as soon as we have taken over the site. Bat detectors have been fitted, the hedgerows assessed, and bird surveys started. We are fortunate to have a professional ecologist on our board, Mark Latham. Mark is also working with the other four groups that make up Community Energy Together to develop best practice in looking after solar farms.



Howard at Keele Climate Expo

## Twemlows Share Offer Platform – Ethex

Our share offer is available on the Ethex share platform, see [www.ethex.org.uk](http://www.ethex.org.uk). In order to buy shares you will first need to register with Ethex (unless you are already registered with them). You will be asked to download and read our share offer document and to take a short test which asks questions about the structure and the risks involved in investing. If you have any issues with this test please get in touch with us.

## Other STCE Projects

STCE are keen that a substantial part of the Twemlows Community Benefit Fund is used for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects so that more carbon can be saved.

Over the last two years we've carried out a scoping study on community energy possibilities in the area and have worked extensively on the Bishop's Castle Heat and Wind project.

The wind turbine proposed as part of the Bishop's Castle project has moved a step closer with the unanimous backing from the Town Council to include the project in the local Place Plan. This gives us a route to planning and unlocked another tranche of Next Generation funding (provided by Power to Change through STCE).

The Bishop's Castle project will feature in a Channel 4 documentary with Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall in November.

For more information, please see our website:

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