

# Shropshire and Telford Community Energy

## Newsletter May 2025



### Our Second Share Offer is Coming Soon!

We are very nearly ready to launch our second share offer. This will enable us to carry out the next phase of securing the Twemlows solar farm, to pay out more from our Community Benefit Fund and increase our membership. If you missed out last time, here's your chance! If you invested last time, then you could always invest some more. We are targeting a 6% return on investment and we are just about to pay out 6% to our existing investor members for 2024.

We hope to raise around **£500,000** this time and more would be useful, so please help by investing and/or spreading the word, thank you.

### Share Offer Launch Event Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June, Festival Drayton Centre, 10-1pm

We would love to see you there.

For more details and the share offer document see [www.stcenergy.org.uk](http://www.stcenergy.org.uk) (coming soon).

We will also be running some Share Offer webinars, on Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> June and Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July. To find out more contact our secretary Howard via [secretary@stcenergy.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stcenergy.org.uk) or check out our website..

We will also be holding a similar event at the Orbit in Wellington in July

and we will be at several events over the Summer, including Wellington Mid Summer Fayre on June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Shrewsbury URC Green Day on June 28<sup>th</sup> and the Ludlow Green Fair on Sun July 13<sup>th</sup>.

### AGM Thurs June 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm by Zoom

Please put the date in your diary. We would welcome more people on the STCE board, we have much to do and many hands make light work. If you would consider joining the board, please contact Howard as above. The AGM papers & zoom link will be sent out nearer the time.

### Bank Details Required for First Interest Payment

We are now all set to pay out our first interest payment to our investor members who should all have had an email from our registrars, Sharenergy, requesting bank details. Many thanks to all those who've responded already. If you haven't done so yet please respond by Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May to be included in the first payment run. If you haven't seen the email please check your spam folder, if it isn't there contact Sharenergy on [admin@sharenergy.coop](mailto:admin@sharenergy.coop).



### Record Output from Twemlows

After a slightly disappointing year in 2024 we generated 40% more electricity in March than forecast, over **780,000 kWh!** April looks to be just as good.

We have also been busy removing more tree guards and litter.

Meanwhile new tenants have moved in to help keep the grass down..

## Available Now, a New STCE video,

which tells our story in only 2 minutes. It's available here, <https://stcenergy.org.uk/about-us/> and will also be shown at several cinemas across the area over the summer.

## Community Benefit Grants

There is still some money left in the Twemlows 1 pot run for us by Community Resource. The limit is now £2k per application and the criteria has been widened.

<https://community-resource.org.uk/grants-for-community-groups>

We have recently given Ditton Priors Community Hall over £4,000 from the Twemlows 2 grant for energy efficiency work. There will be another tranche of the Twemlows 2 fund for such projects across the area in the autumn.

## Coming Soon - Our Bishop's Castle Wind Turbine Planning Decision

There were very few objections lodged on Shropshire Council's planning portal, and we received unanimous support from Bishop's Castle Town Council, so we are reasonably confident we will be granted permission. We have been asked to provide some more detail around the effect on nearby heritage assets and the general landscape.

The report on the heat network, being prepared by Sharenergy and Carbon Alternatives, should be available soon. See <https://lightfootenterprises.org/heat-network/> for more details of the scheme.

## Big Solar Co-op Delivers in Shropshire

Our partners the Big Solar Co-op have recently fitted 105 kW of rooftop solar panels to Hornsey steel in Bucknell and more Mid Counties Co-op sites will come forward soon. Well done to the Big Solar team. See [www.bigsolar.coop](http://www.bigsolar.coop)



*Hornsey Steel Rooftop Solar Panels*

## You Can Join STCE Without Investing

Most of our members have come from investing in our Twemlows solar farm share offer. However, if you're not an investor member you can join STCE for just £10. For a membership form please email [info@stcenergy.org.uk](mailto:info@stcenergy.org.uk).

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