

# Shropshire and Telford Community Energy

## Newsletter Jan 2026



### Our 2025 Share Offer raised £344,035!

**Thank you to all who invested in our 2025 share offer and welcome to our new members.**

We surpassed our minimum target and our overall share equity is now close to two-thirds of a million pounds! We had 106 investors in total with an average of £3,246/investor. Of these, 87 were new, though some of these are partners of existing investors. This money has already been used to repay some of our short-term loans which helps to secure our ownership of the Twemlows solar farm. Power to Change and Better Society Capital will now be able to use this money for other worthwhile schemes, a real win-win situation.

### Twemlows 2 2025 Community Benefit Fund Round £23,730 Allocated

STCE have awarded £23,730 to five excellent community projects across the area. This money includes £600 of 'waived' members interest from earlier in 2025. The awards went to:

**All Saints Church Hall** – Gobowen, £6,000 (Cavity Wall insulation, Loft Insulation, solar PV)

**Ellerdine Village Hall** - £3,750 (replace fire doors)

**English Bridge Workshop** £6,000 (replace 6 windows)

**Marton Village Hall** – £4,200 (LED lighting, replace external doors)

**Whitchurch Scout & Guides Church House** - £3,780 (replace windows).

Unfortunately, we couldn't support all the projects that applied as the total applied was over £40k.

STCE also gave another £5,000 to the Twemlows 1 grant scheme (managed for us by Community Resource) earlier in the year, taking our total donated for the year to £28,730.

### Twemlows Work Parties Sat Jan 31<sup>th</sup> & Sat Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-12.30pm (we can continue after lunch if people are keen)

At our next work parties at our Twemlows solar farm we will be picking litter and removing tree guards, as well as giving the site a quick check over. We have over a mile of hedge to look after so there's plenty to be done. The November work party was very successful, thanks to all who attended especially the camper van owners!



We made significant progress on the eastern hedge. If you're planning to come please let Heather know as we may have to postpone due to poor weather.

Heather's email is [heather@stcenergy.org.uk](mailto:heather@stcenergy.org.uk).

## Twemlows Output 10% Above Forecast for 2025

The sunny 2025 weather may be a worrying sign of climate change but it was great for our solar electricity production with over 10 million kilowatt hours of electricity generated, despite a wetter end to the year.



## Bishop's Castle Wind Project Nominated for Green Energy Award

Our wind project in Bishop's Castle has been nominated for a Green Energy award, Dave Green will be attending the ceremony in Bristol on March 26<sup>th</sup> on our behalf. Work on the project is continuing slowly, we are awaiting confirmation of further funding to get the project shovel ready.

## Big Solar Co-op Win Community Energy Excellence Award

Our Partners the Big Solar Co-op were well deserved winners of the Community Energy Excellence award from Community Energy England, see <https://bigsolar.coop/2025/11/20/community-energy-awards-2025/>. They have also just finished a solar array on the Discovery Centre in Craven Arms and the Co-op in Church Stretton so they now have five sites in Shropshire. The Big Solar Co-op has an ongoing share offer so if you missed out on buying STCE shares, or fancy expanding your portfolio have a look at <https://bigsolar.coop/buy-shares/> (P.S. our sister society Yealm Community Energy may also have a share offer open at Easter)



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