

**Shropshire Climate Action Partnership announces publication of the Zero Carbon Shropshire Plan.**

A team of over 100 volunteers from across Shropshire, including businesses, councils, and community groups, have responded to the climate emergency by producing a plan for Shropshire. The Plan calls for an immediate response to the climate and ecological emergency. The Plan identifies a series of recommended actions suitable for everyone from individuals and households, to business and local government.

Across Shropshire both Councils have declared climate emergencies and have set a 2030 target for becoming carbon neutral.

This year, the UK hosts the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow. This bold plan intends to help Shropshire contribute to national and international climate action, by delivering a net-zero Shropshire by 2030.

Allan Wilson, Chair of Shropshire Climate Action Partnership (SCAP) says: *“We know the scale of the challenge, but also that we have the ability to meet it, working together”*.

Shropshire has a carbon footprint close to 6 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> (MtCO<sub>2</sub>e) per year (about 12 tonnes per person). SCAP have highlighted in their report the dire consequences of not reducing this to zero by 2030.

We are optimistic about Shropshire if all sectors work together, on an emergency footing. Whilst the Plan identifies about 70% of the changes needed to be successful, work will continue in 2021 to create a more comprehensive plan.

Mr Wilson emphasises the urgency of action: *“Immediate actions are recommended from January 2021 that will achieve significant reductions if acted upon by households, businesses and councils across Shropshire. Time is pressing, and the biggest risk is failure to mobilise on the necessary scale for immediate implementation”*.

But he also highlights the positive opportunity: *“The zero-carbon journey for Shropshire represents the biggest commercial opportunity of our time, and offers an excellent opportunity for employment and sustainable economic growth”*.

*“Shropshire has tremendous renewable energy resources which can be developed. There is great potential for improving our energy efficiency, delivering a network of electric vehicle charging points and other positive investments in our future”*.

*“We welcome people’s comments to our first plan, while working with us to develop it further. We need everyone in Shropshire to be involved in this now”*.

*“We are asking people to initially measure their own individual and their family’s carbon footprint, and then adopt the simple achievable steps in our plan to work towards a zero carbon future.”*

Join the partnership on the website and pledge your support: <https://zerocarbonschropshire.org/sign-up/>

**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

Shropshire Climate Action Partnership (SCAP) is a partnership of, by and for Shropshire, established in August 2020. It was set up with an initial objective to create a practical Zero Carbon Shropshire Plan (ZCSP), working to achieve net zero carbon Shropshire by the end of 2030.

Further information can be found at: [www.ZeroCarbonShropshire.org](http://www.ZeroCarbonShropshire.org)

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Attached: Infographic of key points in the Zero Carbon Shropshire Plan.

# Shropshire Climate Action Partnership

## Our Ambition for Shropshire

Each year starting right away

Shropshire will need to achieve the following:



**20,000 homes**  
insulated to high standards  
suitable for switchover and  
switch from gas or oil heating to  
using heat pumps



Investment of **£200M**  
in Shropshire renewables



**500 acres of solar farms**  
(or wind farm equivalent) installed and  
**powering the grid and  
private wire demand**

**2,000**  
electric car charge points  
for community car share  
and car club vehicles



**8,000 acres**  
of Shropshire  
marginal land  
re-wilded  
or planted with  
woodland

**10% reduction**  
of car use  
by shifting to  
**active travel**  
**public transport**  
and reduced commuting



Recovery, renewal and protection  
of **10% of Shropshire**  
peatlands and wetlands

**10% reduction in waste**  
collection volumes by reducing  
**short life purchases**  
**and single use packaging**  
and promoting re-use of materials



**10% of highways budgets**  
dedicated to shifting from car  
to prioritise active travel

**500 miles**  
of new hedgerow

