

COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN FOR CLIMATE CRISIS

THEME 1: Getting Around and Parking

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| 1.2 | Improve walking and cycling access between Presteigne, Norton and satellite settlements. |
| 1.3 | Campaign to restore and supplement local bus services and their links with train services at Leominster, Hereford and Knighton. Investigate the current situation and inform the public. |
| 1.4 | Extend the current transport service to support all residents to include services for the general public who do not have access to other transport, and also for residents who wish to use their cars less. This could include regular trips to supermarkets, Leominster, Hereford, and Llandrindod. Also publicise what is already available. Investigate the possibilities for a carshare scheme. |

THEME 2: The Town Centre

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| 2.3 | Provide additional bicycle parking, ideally under cover in the town centre. |
| 2.5 | Look into the possibility of making High Street Shared Use : surface one level, remove kerbs but keep pavement delineation. Pedestrians have priority. Restricted delivery times. |
| 2.6 | Look at the opportunities for opening a Community Information Hub. |
| 2.10 | Working with the existing Farmers Market organisers, investigate the possibility and viability of introducing a monthly street/carpark market, on alternate Saturdays from the Farmers' Market. |

THEME 3: Green Spaces

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| 3.1 | Promote our green spaces, especially existing walks. Update leaflets, develop a promotional strategy aimed at local people and visitors. |
| 3.2 | Investigate possibilities of improving the appearance of grassed verges and roundabouts with wildflowers and trees. Maintenance regimes need to be included in this investigation. |
| 3.4 | Research the possibilities of developing a Community Market Garden. |
| 3.5 | Recruit volunteers to research and create a plan for recording and increasing the bio-diversity of all green spaces. |

THEME 4: Waste, Recycling, Energy

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| 4.1 | Investigate the possibilities of having a Big-Items collection, and/or a 'Bring and Take' session at the Memorial Hall. Publicise the service offered by Freegle. Look at opportunities for Reusing and Upcycling and promoting it to the public. |
| 4.4 | Improve and extend the recycling site in terms of the facilities on offer, access to them and the visual impact of the site. Consider a household collection of green waste for those without a car, this could be linked to the development of a community composting site. Managed by CoT now with profits being returned to the community. |
| 4.5 | Research the benefits of a community energy scheme, through a newly established community energy group. Present these to the community for approval and go-ahead, or scrapping. Investigate opportunities for insulation schemes for residences. |

THEME 5: Public Services

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| 5.4 | Work to keep key services running through alternative means, including volunteers, if threatened with cuts/closure. |
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THEME 6: Children and Young People (CYP)

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| 6.1 | Canvas public for those who are willing to run workshops for young people sharing their skills on a wide variety of topics, incl. the arts and manual skills. Organise and publicise workshops, and encourage young people to sign up. To be undertaken in conjunction with 6.4. |
| 6.2 | Provide additional and /or improved children's play facilities at the existing town play areas. Seek to establish new children's play areas nearer to existing housing to the east of town. Investigate potential areas, set up community group to fundraise and manage the area. |

THEME 7: Housing

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| 7.1 | Recruit volunteers to investigate number of empty, and second homes, and offer support to those living in too-big houses who want to down-size. |
| 7.2 | Provide access to low cost housing for local people, this might include releasing small sites in and around the town for up to 5 self-build properties via a Community Land Trust. Consider large houses to be divided into bed-sitting flats for young people who want/need to move away from home. Investigate reed beds for waste treatment so that new building projects are not reliant on Welsh Water expanding existing treatment works. |

THEME 8: Employment

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| 8.1 | Approach employers in the area to offer work experience for young people on an ongoing basis. |
| 8.2 | Set up group of mentors to help young and unemployed people with their job applications, interviews and CVs. |
| 8.4 | Expand live-work units opportunities, with particular attention to local empty shops, the original live-work unit. |
| 8.5 | <i>"Look into making Presteigne the centre of a 'carbon-neutral valley' as in 'silicon valley' in the US. Invite R&D and light manufacturing companies in the field to move here, create diverse employment opportunities, develop expertise and train our youth for their future, our future."</i> (Comment from survey) |
| 8.6 | Research the possibilities of developing a Community Market Garden to offer jobs and training in horticulture (see also 3.4, 8.3, 10.9). |

THEME 9: Culture and Heritage

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| 9.6 | Ensure the retention of the library by supporting and expanding existing services, e.g. IT training, tourist information, town calendar, etc. |
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THEME 10: Leisure and Tourism

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| 10.3 | Encourage Green Tourism. Dark Skies and Space Walk already in progress |
| 10.6 | Develop Presteigne as a centre for Green technology (see also Theme 8: Employment). Run design competition to brand 'Green Presteigne'. Seek to involve shops and businesses that could lend themselves well to this theme. |

THEME 11: Community, Collaboration and Communication

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| 11.2 | Run Community Groups Fair to which all local groups are invited to have a 'table' to explain what they do, gather more members, collect offers of support and help where necessary. Also provide space to the community to say what's missing. |
| 11.3 | Approach the Churches for their involvement and work to make more use of churches for community events and facilities. |
| 11.4 | Develop a skills and tool share system. Research other examples of this. |
| 11.5 | Investigate the future of mobile phone and broadband services in the area, and current 'black-spots'. Campaign to put pressure on providers, using MPs and AMs. Inform public of current situation. |
| 11.7 | Develop opportunities for garden/land-share scheme, especially for elderly who need help with their gardens (see Hugh Fernley-Whittingstall's Landshare Scheme) |
| 11.8 | Investigate ways to assist people with disabilities of all sorts e.g. Dementia-Friendly Town scheme, and dropped kerbs. |
| 11.9 | Work with existing Community Support to develop and extend what they offer to the broader community. |
| 11.10 | Keep an awareness of opportunities for community mixing and widening social circles at the heart of all projects in the Community Plan. |
| 11.11 | Look at the opportunities for opening a Community Information Hub. |
| 11.12 | Develop a register of all the businesses in town and display in TIC, town website, PNCS shop? |

THEME 12: WELL-BEING AND LONG-TERM FUTURE

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| 12.1 | Researching, supporting and providing ways of reducing single-use plastic. |
| 12.2 | Encouraging the use of local food; e.g. Presteigne Plenty uses local food gluts and makes them into saleable food items for the benefit of the community |
| 12.3 | <i>SHARE</i> : Find a venue to provide, cooking, sewing, mending, and tool/equipment borrowing facilities for the benefit of the community: to demonstrate how we can mend rather than buy new; how we can share our manual skills so they don't die out; how we can support struggling, and isolated individuals and families. |
| 12.4 | <i>WORKING TOGETHER</i> : Encourage all relevant town groups to work together where they share common aims and to share resources for the benefit of the whole community. |