



Hello! Welcome to the Autumn issue of the Climate Change newsletter.

This season we will look at Warmer Worcestershire Week and the Worcestershire Partnership Climate Change Strategy and

We really hope you enjoy this issue.

Warmer Worcestershire week- 19-23 September

The Warmer Worcestershire Network are launching their winter warmth campaign with a week long focus on keeping warm and well this winter.

There will be five different themes throughout the campaign week to help residents with the information they need on aspects of saving money on their heating bills and making sure they protect their health during the cold weather. The campaign will begin on Monday 19 September with a focus on saving money through energy efficiency and be followed by; home maintenance (including insulation, getting the chimney swept or the boiler serviced), keeping warm and keeping safe (including avoiding falls), winter health and finishing on Friday 23 September with Switch it Off.

Switch it off is an opportunity for everyone in Worcestershire to make an effort to switch off electrical equipment that does not need to be left between 4.30pm and 6.30pm on to see how much energy the combined effort can save.

The Network will be offering a free Warmer Worcestershire advice line for local residents who need guidance on any of the winter warmth topics.

For further information visit www.warmerworcestershire.com



Review of the climate change strategy

2011 marks the end of the existing Worcestershire Partnership Climate Change Strategy. The review process has just begun with an assessment of what was effective and not so effective previously.

The climate change strategy was divided in to three sections; communications, reducing CO₂ emissions and adapting to the impacts of climate change. The strategy included a target of 9% reduction in CO₂ emissions from 2005 by 2011 through a combination of local and national measures. The latest results available indicate a reduction of 4.2% by 2008. If emissions have continued to reduce at the same rate for Worcestershire up to 2011, we can expect to fall just short of the target.

Aspects of the strategy that are thought to have been effective are recycling campaigns, the Warmer Worcestershire Home Energy Efficiency Campaign and schools taking an interest in sustainability through the curriculum to name a few. There are a number of opportunities opening up for further progression in the development of the new strategy. These include the Green Deal as the chance to offer home energy efficiency improvements at no up front cost to residents and the start of the National climate change adaptation programme in 2012 as an opportunity to push forward work on addressing the impacts of a changing climate.

The existing strategy can be found on the Worcestershire Partnership web page.



Upcoming events...

Switch it Off
Friday 23rd

September
4.30pm-6.30pm

Opportunity to 'switch off' those electrical items that do not need to be on to see how much energy can be saved in Worcestershire

Earth Fest at the Fold
Sunday 2nd October
10am-4pm

'Food, Music, Forgotten arts and Health'

www.thefold.org.uk



Powering the Future

With rising energy prices in everyone's thoughts at the moment, the Powering the Future conference can provide valuable information for everyone looking to reduce their energy spend.

'Powering the Future, towards sustainable energy' is a conference organised by a selection of

Worcestershire Transition groups all aiming to support their local communities. The event will bring together a number of local experts in this field to cover a wide range of topics such as the role Local Authorities and Landlords can play in a move towards more sustainable energy in the home.

The event will take place at the Guild Hall in Worcester on Saturday 17 September between 9.30am-4pm and is free to attend. A number of local organisations are attending to support the transition ideas of moving away from a society dependant on fossil fuels and towards a cleaner form of energy.

For further information visit www.worcs-energy.org.uk

The Big Switch Off is back for 2011!

This year [Switch it Off](#) will take place as part of [Warmer Worcestershire week](#).

The Switch off will be held on Friday 23rd September between 4.30pm and 6.30pm

and be monitored by Western Power Distribution to see how much electricity can

be saved by everyone making a combined effort to Switch Off. In previous years there has been a 2.8% reduction in electricity consumption during the two hour switch off.

How can you get involved?

- Switch off electrical equipment that does not need to be on. Saving energy will also save you money.
- Display Switch it Off posters and tell your friends, family and work colleagues about Switch it Off.

Switching off not only reduces energy consumption and CO₂ emission but can also save you money! Visit the [energy saving house](#) to see how much money you could save.

For further information or to request free posters please email warmers@worcestershire.gov.uk



Renewable Energy installations in Worcestershire

Feed in Tariffs (FIT) have offered an attractive financial incentive towards increasing the use of renewable energy, and ultimately the reduction of CO₂.

A significant number of Worcestershire residents and some businesses

have been actively involved in the scheme. From the launch of the FIT

scheme, (April 2010), to June 2011, the installation of renewable energy technology has been steadily increasing. According to Ofgem's report on FIT installations, of all the districts within Worcestershire,

Wychavon has installed the largest capacity of 1875.048KWh and all the districts have all achieved more than double the figure from first survey in Dec 2010 to the latest in June 2011.



The majority (>99%) of the technologies are Solar PV, with most for domestic use. The total capacity for Worcestershire's renewable energy installations claiming FITs is 3978.343 KWh. According to the [Energy Saving Trust](#) energy calculator, the total annual capacity for these could be over 3,454,125.23KW; that is potentially more than 1,500 tonnes of CO₂ reduced!

For more information please visit [Ofgem](#) webpage.