

Welcome to Wyre Forest

- ◆ Kidderminster, Stourport on Severn, Bewdley
- ◆ 98,600 people
- ◆ 75 square miles



Wyre Forest



- ◆ 6500 acres ancient semi-natural woodland.
 - ◆ Very important for biodiversity.
 - ◆ Designation (NNR, SSI).
- ◆ e.g. half of Britain's butterfly & moth species

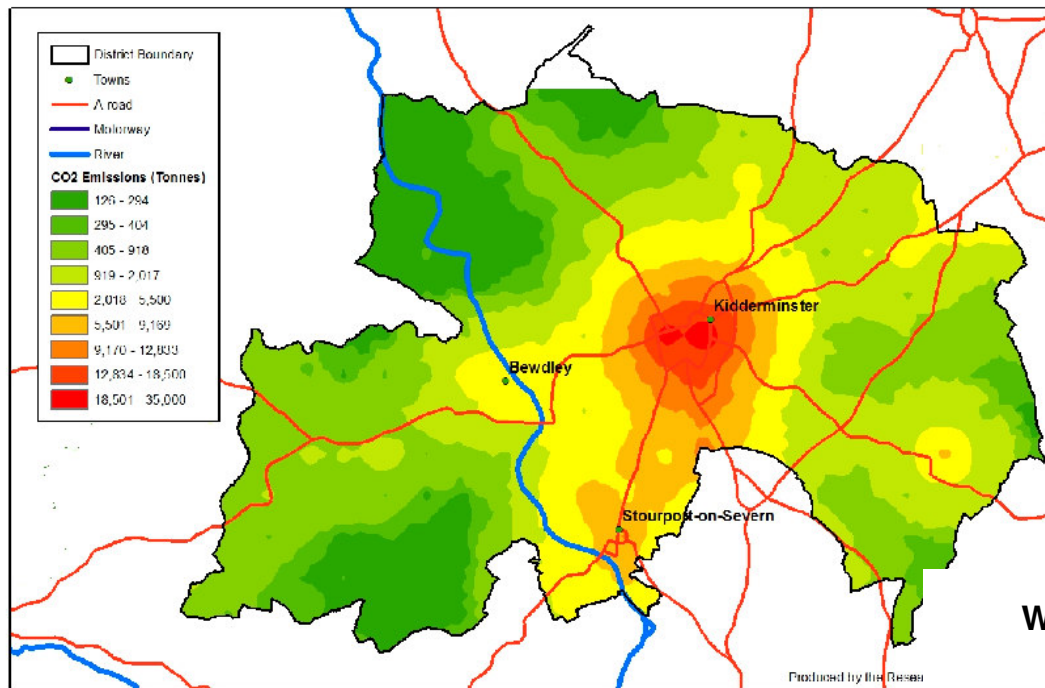
A few challenges...



- ◆ 2 of Worcestershire's 4 Air Quality Management Zones
- ◆ Top 10% deprived areas
- ◆ Fuel poverty – up to 27%

Wyre Forest Climate Change Strategy

Raise awareness
Reduce emissions
Adapt to the impacts

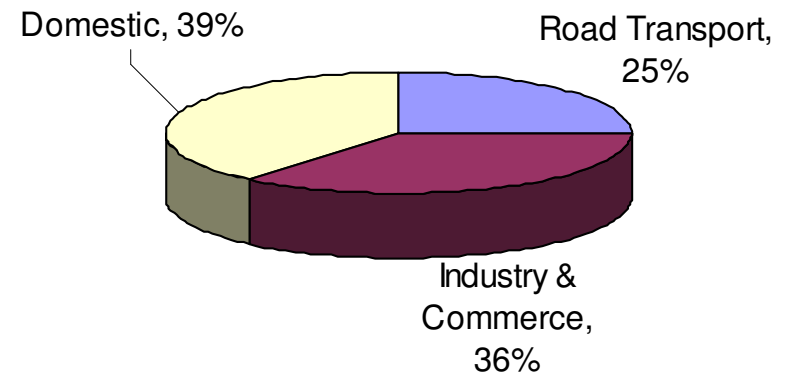


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2004 Wyre Forest Carbon Dioxide Emissions

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Wyre Forest CO2 emissions by sector (2005)



Sustainable Energy



What's on offer?

Renewable energy

GRANTS of up to £1,000 are available for residents wishing to install renewable energy systems, such as solar panels, ground source heat pumps or wood fuelled heating. Call the Health & Sustainability team on 01592 732448

Free insulation for the over 65s

If you are aged 65 and over, and are or privately rent a property in the Wyre Forest district, you can claim FREE loft and cavity wall insulation through the council's Wyre 60 scheme. Call our energy expert at Act On Energy on 0800 22 22 22 to apply. This is a limited offer and it is on a first come, first served basis.

Cut-price insulation for all

All areas - council and private tenants can benefit from reduced price insulation, saving up to 20% off the usual cost. This scheme is funded by energy suppliers, as required by the government. Call Act On Energy on 0800 22 22 22 to find out more.

Winter cheer for residents

HELP is on hand to combat rising energy bills. ... days but we expect to save around 50% on our water heating

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plus:
Competition:
WIN a hamper of
Fairtrade festive
goodies page 16

Renewable Energy
Grant Scheme

Wyre 60 free
insulation

Wyre Forest Wood
Fuel Pathfinder

Reduce, reuse, recycle



28% recycling rate (8% in 2003)

Spokes- bicycle reuse organisation

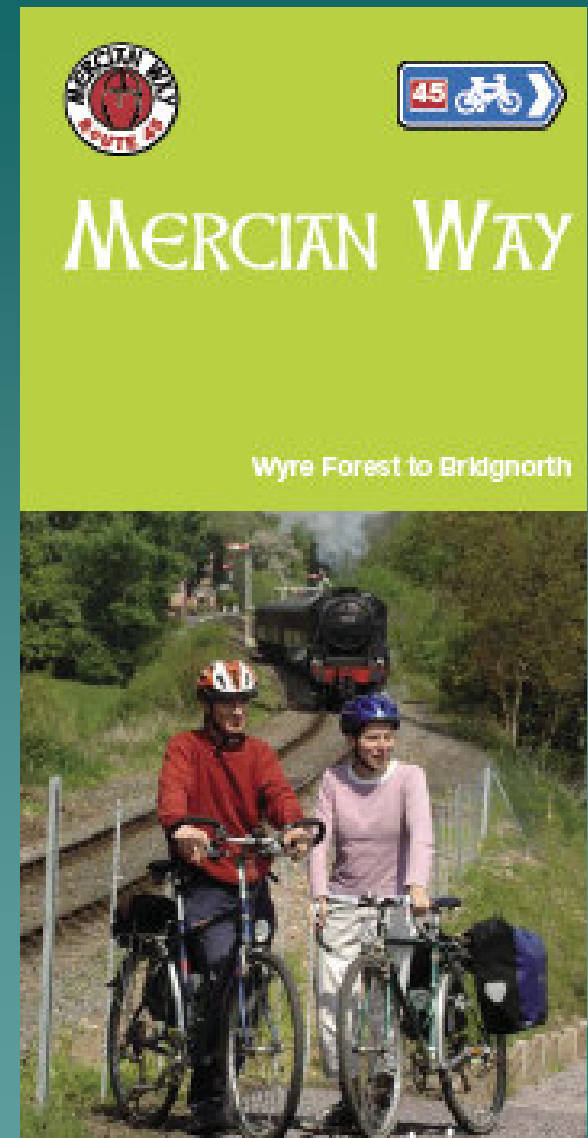


The Network – furniture recycling

Wyre Forest Freecycle >5,000 members

Transport

- ◆ Route 45:
Bewdley to Bridgenorth
- ◆ Core Strategy:
Location of development
Transport infrastructure
e.g Park & Ride options
Rural public transport



Flooding

- ◆ Bewdley
- ◆ Severn Valley Railway 2007
- ◆ Puxton Marsh flood alleviation scheme



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