

FAO: Town and Parish Councils

**Climate Change Task Force**

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**Dear Colleague,**

Happy New Year. We would like to bring your attention to Warp It, an online tool to assist with re-using items and avoid good stuff being skipped. The portal allows you to claim and exchange items with other public sector; 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and business partners. As a valued Town or Parish Council, your staff may register and login for free on our portal:-

**Warp It**

- [Town and Parish Councils please sign up here](#)

We are also encouraging schools, charities and business partners to sign up:-

- [Shropshire Climate Action - Resources](#)
  - [Schools and colleges sign up here](#)
  - [Charities sign up here](#)
  - [Further information for not-for-profits](#)
  - [Business partners sign up here](#)

Information and how to use the Warp It platform:-

- [Recycling and reuse for staff](#)
- [Short videos on how to list and claim items](#)
- [Warp It resources – templates and downloads](#)

**Don't waste it, Warp It!** [info@getwarpit.com](mailto:info@getwarpit.com) .

**Climate Challenge**

In addition, we invite you to join the **Climate Challenge** to make **10% savings** in energy and your carbon footprint annually up to 2030 and beyond. Managing the energy plays a vital role in contributing towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions whilst reducing costs.

Online guidance and toolkits available to make the easy wins;

- [Climate action for staff - SC Intranet \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Building efficiency information - SC Intranet \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Staff energy and water consumption - SC Intranet \(shropshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Efficiency Checklist](#) – your toolkit to achieving savings in buildings.
- WME's [Use Cleaner Use Less initiative and guidance](#).



### Top 5 things to address :-

1. Heating controls (thermostats and TRVs) – default to 18°C.
2. Heating and hot water schedule (match operational hours).
3. External windows and doors (keep closed with draft exclusion).
4. Lighting (use energy efficient LEDs and switch off after use).
5. ICT and other electrical equipment (switch off after use).

If you are not already with [West Mercia Energy](#), we recommend you consider switching. Your local utilities provider demonstrates proven long-term value for money for the public sector and provides a free carbon reporting service, along with several other benefits.

For more information you may contact [customerservices@westmerciaenergy.co.uk](mailto:customerservices@westmerciaenergy.co.uk).

Given the ongoing energy and climate crisis, we have updated our [Climate Action site](#):-

- [Business efficiency](#)
- [Carbon reporting tools](#)
- [Climate dashboard](#)
- [Climate directory](#)
- [Climate pack for communities](#)
- [Energy and heating advice](#)
- [Sector based guidance](#)
- [Resources](#) : [recycling](#) , [reuse](#) and [water efficiency](#)

These measures help sustain healthy, resilient communities, economy, and environment long-term by helping to meet net zero targets, mitigate and adapt to climate change.

**Yours sincerely, *Shropshire Council Climate Change Task Force***

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[Shropshire Climate Action \(public website\)](#)

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