



**FAO: Town and Parish Councils** 

Climate Change Task Force

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## Dear Colleague,

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. Town or Parish Council staff may register and login for free on our portal:-

## Warp It

• Town and Parish Councils please sign up here (Please use your official workplace email to sign up)

Further info for staff: Warp-it (Re-use platform) - SC Intranet (shropshire.gov.uk)

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

- Shropshire Climate Action Resources
  - o Schools and colleges sign up here
  - o Charities sign up here
  - Further information for not-for-profits
  - o 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

Remember don't waste it, Warp It! info@getwarpit.com.













## **Climate Challenge**

We also invite you to join the *Climate Challenge* to make **5% 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)
- <u>Efficiency Checklist</u> your toolkit to achieving savings in buildings.
- WME's <u>Use Cleaner Use Less</u> initiative.

## 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 <u>West Mercia Energy</u>, 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.

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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<u>Shropshire Climate Action (public website)</u> <u>Climate action for staff - Staff Intranet (shropshire.gov.uk)</u>





