


THE RE-ENERGISING HEREFORDSHIRE CHARTER



WE ARE COMMITTED to pursuing the achievement of a healthy, economically vibrant, socially just and sustainable Herefordshire.

WE HAVE AGREED therefore to work together; separately in our individual organisations – and where appropriate with our members – to *Re-energise Herefordshire*, with the intention of:

- reducing the County's carbon emissions to the targets stated
- growing a resilient, localised, low carbon economy
- enhancing the wellbeing of all sections of our community
- improving our food and energy security
- reducing fuel poverty and other forms of social vulnerability
- adapting proactively to changing climatic and weather conditions.

SPECIFICALLY WE WILL:

- reduce carbon emissions in our own organisations and co-operate with countywide reduction initiatives in order to achieve the target reductions specified in the Climate Change Act
- encourage renewable energy generation, where this fits with legal and other considerations
- collaborate in programmes of training and job creation to ensure that Herefordshire residents benefit from the opportunities produced by a modern, low carbon economy
- promote ethically-produced local food and local independent companies to assist in creating a relocalised and resilient economy
- help to improve the lives of the county's most disadvantaged people by working to eliminate fuel poverty
- support a programme of sharing best practice and piloting sustainable technologies and innovation
- monitor and report annually on progress against the 'Re-energising Herefordshire' commitments.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE the progress being made already by many people and organisations across the county who are raising awareness of these issues and taking actions to address them.

We call upon communities, organisations and businesses in Herefordshire to sign this Charter and to help re-energise our County.

Cllr Roger Phillips
Cabinet member, Enterprise Culture and Environment, Herefordshire Council

Alistair Neill
Chief Executive, Herefordshire Council

Rob Garner
Chair, Herefordshire Local Nature Partnership

Richie Cotterill
on behalf of Herefordshire in Transition Alliance

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Chief Executive, Herefordshire Association of Local Councils

Cllr Graham Powell
Chair, Herefordshire Health & Wellbeing Board

Mike Ashton
Chief Executive, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce

Richard Asghar-Sandys
Chairman, Federation of Small Businesses (Herefordshire)

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Chair, Herefordshire Business Board & Chief Executive, Herefordshire Housing

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Principal & Chief Executive, Herefordshire and Ludlow College (on behalf of the Further Education Sector)

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WILL YOU JOIN US?

IN ORDER FOR HEREFORDSHIRE to contribute to global carbon reduction efforts and to meet our own targets, we will need the involvement of individuals, communities and organisations across the County.

Everyone can help, in big ways and small:

...by insulating our buildings, installing renewable energy, walking and cycling, developing community renewable energy projects, buying local, installing LED lighting, buying and using more efficient cars and boilers – and, perhaps most importantly, by changing our everyday habits.

If you agree that we should all work together to reduce our carbon emissions in a way which helps to:

- Reduce our energy bills
- Stimulate our local economy; create more high quality jobs
- Enhance wellbeing
- Bring our communities together and strengthen them
- Combat fuel poverty and its consequences
- Improve our food and energy security

...then please sign the charter!

If you sign the attached slip, we will list you as a signatory to the Charter on our website **www.herefordshirenewleaf.org.uk**, and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Thank you for your support