



CASE STUDY: RETROFIT LOW CARBON CENTRE HUB FEASIBILITY STUDY THE HUB SHIPSTON ON STOUR



Overview:

The Hub community centre was built in 1969 by a neighbouring factory (Norgren) as Shipston Engineering Social Private Members Club. The Norgren factory closed in 2008 and the centre became totally independent as a community centre. The building requires a major retrofit to meet carbon net zero targets. It is currently owned by the council.

New Concept:

World leading market town concept net zero carbon:

- Enables the public to adapt their lifestyles and homes to carbon net zero
- Self-funded by sustainability grants & business sponsorship.
- Retrofit building stock.
- Community energy generation.
- Catalyst of change bringing a green economy.
- Provides social, natural, produced, human and financial capital.
- Sustainable design for energy saving, health and wellbeing and social benefits.

Possible New Venue Uses:

- Co working space and meeting rooms.
- Flexible venue space for societies, education workshops, weddings, parties, etc.
- Repair café.
- Community kitchen.
- In house retrofit advisor.
- Electric car hire.
- Ethical shop.
- Local emergency climate response site.

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Conclusion:

The project is supported by Warwick and Birmingham Universities Climate Innovation Platform.
Local wildlife and environment action ground are supporting the project.

Looking forward:

An action team has been assembled form supporting Universities Climate Innovation Platform and local wildlife and environmental groups.
Start public consultation at Green Week to educate and find what facilities they want for now and in the near future.
Consult the Town Council after enough evidence has been gathered.

This feasibility report is for retro fit to a community centre (commonly called The Hub) in Shipston on Stour which is falling into disrepair and not fully utilised.

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It later became Norgren Social Club but later allowed public members to join as well.

It included; tennis courts, Olympic grade bowling green, playing fields and a venue for weddings, dancing and associated sports. Despite Shipston being about half the size in the 1960's the hall was fully used by the community and it was very successful. The youth used the hall for dancing.

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PROJECT BENEFITS:

- **Visual improvement which is sympathetic to the conservation area and estate.**