



## **Press Release – immediate release**

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### **Decarbonising heating and travel - Udny Climate Action to host online events to hear the views of local people**

Udny Climate Action is delighted to announce its collaboration with Community Energy Scotland to spread the word on Climate Change and what can be done on a local level.

Together they will be hosting an online Climate Café to start the debate within the local area and explore changes resulting from climate change. Aimed at residents within the Udny region, including Pitmedden, Udny and Tarves, people out with the area would be very welcome to join. The Climate Café will be repeated across three different dates.

Udny Climate Action will use the Climate Cafes to connect with the local communities to listen to what residents need and explore collectively potential changes in how we all heat our homes and how we could expect to be travelling in the future.

Community Energy Scotland recently reported that in Scotland, fuels for heating accounts for approximately half of all energy use, with the remaining half split evenly between electricity and transport. While most of Scotland's homes use mains gas, Udny and other rural communities use high emission fuels such as oil and LPG or old-style electric heaters.

Victoria Mackay, Community Energy Scotland, said: "Scotland has been very successful in decarbonising electricity, with renewable sources currently supplying over 90% of our total consumption. Gone are the old coal-fired power stations. However, we still have some way to go to decarbonise heat and transport. To drive this forward, the Scottish and UK Governments have set stretching carbon emission reduction targets for these."

Udny Climate Action is hosting a Climate Café with the guest speaker from Community Energy Scotland. The online event, being repeated across three separate days in May and early June, aims to get people talking about how changes in energy efficiencies in the home, low carbon heating systems and travel will impact them and the local community.

George Allan, Udny Climate Action, said: "Our raison d'être is to support the local community in reducing its carbon footprint. We've already developed and implemented several carbon reduction initiatives, including recently planting over 400 trees along local paths. The Climate Café is another means of supporting the local community in discussing and planning alternative heating options and thinking about how climate change may alter how we all live."

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Photo: George Allan from Udney Climate Action preparing to distribute the Climate Café poster in Pitmedden, Udney Green, Tarves and surrounding local area.

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### **About Udney Climate Action**

Udney Climate Action, part of Pitmedden Udney Tarves (PUT) Community SCIO Scottish charity SC045547, was formed in 2018 to build on work already undertaken in the Parish to develop carbon reduction initiatives and to support people in reducing their carbon footprint.

For further information about the online Climate Café visit the Udney Climate Action <https://www.facebook.com/UdneyClimateAction/> or <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/udny-climate-action-33063724209>

### **Community Energy Scotland**

Empowering Communities

Community Energy Scotland's aim is to strengthen and empower local communities by helping them to own, control and benefit from local renewable energy resources, thus reducing energy costs, regenerating communities and supporting them to play their part in the low carbon transition.

Community Energy Scotland advises community groups across Scotland about the coming changes in the UK energy system and also the development of innovative renewable energy projects.

**<https://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk>**