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# Chris takes action thin end of the wed

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AN irate environmental campaigner claims he was driven to crime after a shop ignored his pleas to allegedly save energy by shutting the door.

Chris Bradbury swiped the doorstep of charity shop Cancer Research UK in Trinity Street, calling the deed an example of 'non violent direct action.'

He even said: "I'll go to prison for this one if I have to."

But manager Carol Askew, said: "We could do with that doorstep back if he wouldn't mind returning it."

"Without it, wheelchair users are unable to get into the shop."

Chris, 37, from Binley Woods, reasoned that leaving the doors open let a lot of heat out, thereby wasting energy and contributing to global warming.

He said: "I know this may seem silly, but we should all do what we can and be more responsible."

"I asked them politely to remove the doorstep, and explained they were throwing money away by letting the heat out."

"But they said it was good for business to keep the door open and they needed to keep it."

"So I waited until no one was looking and I took it."

He added: "I looked behind me when I got onto the street to see

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Chris Bradbury, environmental campaigner

if anyone was chasing me, but they weren't."

Carol explained: "We have a curtain of air that keeps the heat in, through a heater above the door."

"I'm afraid I don't know too much about global warming or how we might be contributing to it."

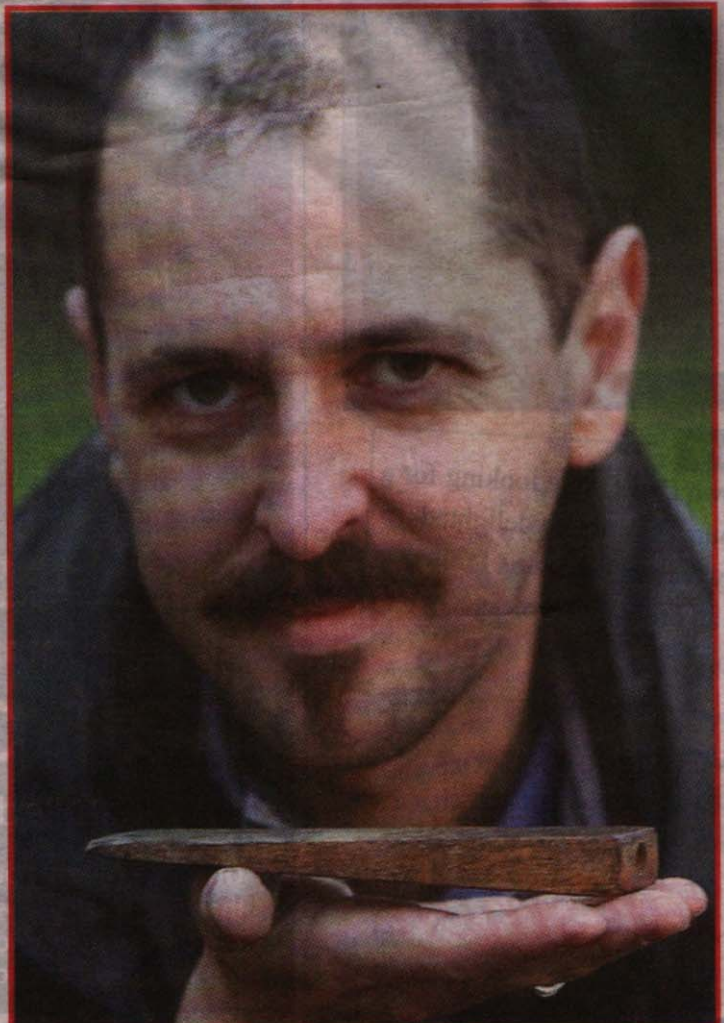
"But we would like the doorstep back."

Chris insisted: "I don't want to incite anyone to do the same, but everyone has a personal responsibility to do what they can to fight climate change."

Told access to disabled users could be restricted, Chris said: "I have thought about that."

"I am totally in favour of access to all, but to keep the door open all year round for some users is not acceptable."

"The shop has a glass front and staff can see when a wheelchair user wants to enter, and can open the door for them."



■ CAMPAIGNER: Chris Bradbury, who has taken non-violent direct action against Cancer Research in Trinity Street C4486\_5

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