

Village Plan 2007

good home' advertising system within the community. This could take the form of item lists on the community notice boards, pubs, church, shop and in future web-based, with description and contact details.

The Community Council should also be able to provide details of commercial reuse charities, council furniture reuse collections and other local interest groups for the more awkward or specialised items, where help could be provided. There is already a national internet-based organisation called "Freecycle" with local community pages for Monmouthshire. If we all follow these simple steps we could seriously reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

The Community also has a number of fetes each year, run by the Church and school that provide ideal opportunities for finding suitable homes for reusable and valuable items with the benefit of raising funds for the organisations concerned. The Community Council will aim to promote contacts of these events at the appropriate time.

Recycle

The questionnaire produced some very encouraging results regarding recycling rates. Over 88% of the community use the black box recycling scheme provided by MCC. In fact only 1% of the community choose not to use the facility, with a further 11% not included in the scheme or not having a box for various reasons. The Community Council would like to see a 100% take up of the scheme and will work with MCC to include the small area not already covered and provide information on how to obtain a replacement box if it has been lost or damaged. The vast majority of households put out their black box either weekly or fortnightly.

The garden waste recycling scheme is similarly well supported, although the Community Council will try to influence MCC to extend the scheme to some of the more rural areas of our community.

A community recycling centre has been established at the village school, taking paper, cardboard, textiles, glass and cans. It is open on school days and most weekdays in school holidays. Larger items and other waste can be taken to the MCC facility at Five Lanes.

What we recycle

It is not a surprise that the most commonly recycled items (>75%) are cans, paper and glass, all of which are routinely taken in the black box scheme. Green waste is slightly lower (>70%). Cardboard is also taken as part of this scheme and this is a useful way to remove this bulky object from the refuse. It can also be taken to the school recycling point. The recycling rates for plastic, metal and oil are much lower