

## Village Plan 2007

at between 17-38%. This is probably a direct result of the Council household collection service not taking these items.

Recycling rates could be improved by adopting by three approaches;

1. The Community Council will investigate the recycling options already available within the Monmouthshire Area and inform the community of these, particularly the trickier items to recycle. Obviously, if recycling is particularly difficult for a particular object, we should all try and reduce the use of such items.
2. The Community Council will also seek to influence MCC's recycling policy to widen the types of material collected as part of household collections. We will also seek improvements in waste separation at the MCC facilities at Five Lanes in order to maximise the community's recycling rates.
3. If a gap in recycling is identified, it may be possible to centralise collection of those particular items within the community.

The questionnaire highlighted a number of items that people currently recycle at a low rate or wish to recycle. Through the initiative 1, above, the Community Council will seek to further promote or improve the recycling opportunities available. Items mentioned include plastic containers, food waste, clothes, large household items, batteries, electronic items and phone directories. Recycling facilities are either available or are being developed for all these items.

### *Carbon Neutral*

Reducing our community's carbon footprint links in with national Government's target to reduce the impacts of climate change. Obviously, we don't have the ability to influence everything in our community, but simple steps do make a difference. This section attempts to develop ideas on how to reduce our carbon emissions by altering the way we manage the environment that is under our control.

The Community Council owns or has management control over a number of pieces of land within the community. These are put to various uses at present, but opportunities to plant trees to enhance these areas may prove beneficial to wildlife as well as helping to re-balancing the carbon disparity. Many members of the community have landholdings and the Community Council would be happy to suggest local Environment Groups that might be able

