

Shrinking the Footprint

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN



THE RESULTS!

Last year, many of you filled in the review about 'Shrinking the Footprint' – trying to find ways in which you can reduce your carbon footprint. We have summarized all the responses (see opposite) and these are some of the interesting (and sometimes surprising!) conclusions.

- 1 At least some of you are already using a green energy provider and plenty will consider it, but a significant number will not even consider it – presumably you think it is too expensive?
- 2 Not everyone has yet switched to low energy light bulbs and a significant number will not – on environmental grounds because of disposal issues, or don't you like the light output?
- 3 A substantial number will not consider photovoltaic panels (although encouragingly some are going down that route) – either the cost is prohibitive or your roofs are not suitable, and if you live in a flat, you may have no control or option.
- 4 Most of you are law-abiding drivers, but some are honest enough to admit you do need to keep to the speed limits! Some, however, refuse – perhaps you are non-drivers?!
- 5 Public transport is clearly difficult for many of you, but plenty would like to use it more.
- 6 An interesting and significant resistance to rechargeable batteries?

Thanks to everyone who responded – **keep up the good (green) work!**

If you missed the survey – and would like a copy – please speak to Bill Sanderson (265963).

If you'd like to look further into this whole issue, please log on to the following website: www.shrinkingthefootprint.org

"For the Church of the 21st century, good ecology is not an optional extra but a matter of justice. It is therefore central to what it means to be a Christian."

Dr Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

Action	No of replies	% of total number received = 60			Notes (see opposite)
		Already do this (or have done)	Will do - soon	Can't / won't	
Use a green electricity provider	38	10%	28%	25%	1
Turn central heating down a degree or two	54	73%	8%	8%	
Wash clothes at 30°C; or do half of washes at lower temperature	59	78%	12%	8%	
Use washing line rather than tumble drier	57	87%	2%	7%	
Defrost fridge & freezer regularly	56	77%	13%	3%	
Fill kettle with only just enough water	60	92%	8%		
Turn PC & TV off at night (not just on standby)	59	85%	10%	3%	
Switch to low energy light bulbs	59	82%	7%	10%	2
Unplug chargers once charged	55	75%	17%		
Invest in solar photovoltaic panels	43	3%	7%	62%	3
Ensure loft insulation is up to standard	52	58%	23%	5%	
Check your tyre pressure regularly	52	62%	25%		
Walk to church (instead of driving)	53	53%	13%	22%	
Keep to the speed limits to reduce fuel consumption	54	78%	5%	7%	4
Use public transport (more than the car)	52	50%	5%	32%	5
Shop locally for local food	50	67%	10%	7%	
Recycle your domestic waste	60	97%	3%		
Recycle your useable items	59	93%	5%		
Reduce junk mail with Mail Preference Service	52	47%	33%	7%	
Replace disposable batteries with rechargeable	48	23%	27%	30%	6