

Save money and help planet earth!

It is felt that Chaddesley Corbett Parish area should seek to make a contribution towards saving Planet Earth. To this end a small working group has been formed to come up with ideas as to how this might be done. The philosophy is simple. If enough effort is made, even on a small scale, and is well publicised, then others will want to join in and eventually the big battalions will have to do something too.

Every month we shall publish a few facts and tips in the magazine, that we are sure you will find useful. Many of you may already be applying your own "green" ideas. If so, we would love to hear what works for you and we will publish the most interesting each month.

Meanwhile here are a couple of startling facts:

- The UK produces 434 million tons of rubbish each year; enough to fill the Royal Albert Hall every two hours!
- Tesco sell 10 million ordinary light bulbs a year. If they refused to do so (and sold only low energy bulbs) it could save 400,000 tons of CO₂ a year for the next 10 years. Potentially that would save 4 million tonnes of carbon which is the equivalent to the emissions per year from 660,000 homes.

And a couple of tips:

- Turning off your computer will save money, as well as saving energy. If that is very inconvenient, then at least set your power save options to switch off the monitor regularly.
- Switching to energy saving bulbs (an 11w energy saver bulb will produce 60w of light), will also save money and energy over the life of the bulb, as will turning off any unnecessary lighting.

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