

LOCALS FIND OUT THEIR CARBON FOOTPRINTS

IN THE past week, residents who took part in the community carbon footprinting project last winter in Knighton, the Teme Valley and Presteigne have started to receive their reports.

These reports detail how each household contributes to their own carbon footprint through their use of fossil fuels and electricity in their homes and how they travel.

Individual and community carbon footprints are also affected by how waste is disposed of and how food is chosen.

The report also gives some basic advice about how to reduce your carbon footprint.

The average carbon footprint for the UK is 4.5 tonnes of carbon per person or 10.2 tonnes of carbon per household.

In Knighton and the Teme Valley the average carbon footprint 6.2 tonnes of carbon per person or 13.2 tonnes per household, while in Presteigne the figures were 5.4 and 10.7 respectively.

Knighton

The reason why the figures are so much higher than the national average is mainly due to a combination of so many properties not being on mains gas and that so many properties are old and draughty.

Insulating

There is a lot that people can do to reduce their carbon footprint from not using their car for short journeys to only boiling what they need for a hot drink to insulating their house.

For more information about how you can reduce your carbon footprint, whether or not you took part in the footprinting last winter, please either visit the Teme Valley

Environment Group stand at Knighton Farmers market or call your local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512 012.

For your opportunity to have a say on what energy supplies in the Teme Valley might look like in years to come please come to the final film of the Teme Valley FREE film festival called *What Are We Waiting For* in the Knighton Hotel, Thursday, September 6 at 7.30pm.

Teme Valleys Environmental Group (also known as Wasteless Knighton) is a group that has been set up in order to support environmental projects in the Teme Valley area.

To date this has consisted of a Carbon Footprinting project and affordable warmth events.

The group is entirely made up by environmentally conscious volunteers in the Teme Valley area.

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