# Carbon reduction & Village assistance

## Aim

To help the village reduce its carbon footprint and maximise the take-up of government/council assistance grants for insulation and windows in the village.

## There are two drivers here:

1. With the rising costs of utilities, anything that can be done to help people cut their bills (at all income levels) should be looked at
2. Anything we can do to help people reduce their carbon footprint and so the villages, needs to be looked at

## Couple of requirements

1. List of focuses (I.e., Insulation, heating & windows)
2. List of funds, grants available
3. List of companies that can do the installations within our area
4. Anything else?

## Idea

Once we have the information on grants, funds, possible suppliers we go to the entire village and ask who is interested in what product (i.e. new windows, insulation.) And the level of their interest (this might range from, interested in finding out more to Will buy with help.) From here we can set about looking for a core partner who will do the following:

1. Offer reduced rates to do the work as we are bringing a range of customers to them
2. Will do the grant applications on behalf (or do we do it as part of the PCC?) of the people in the village
3. Liaise directly with the villagers concerned to arrange and carry out the installation

To make this really work we would need to:

1. Sift and find all the grants, loans available
2. Put them together so we can help the villagers choose the best solution for them
3. Find a proactive and experienced partner to do the installs
4. Show that by being part of a village buying group that people are seeing additional cost savings in having the work done.
5. Work with Teignbridge council. For instance, there are houses in the conservation area who might not be allowed to use uPVC windows. Yet to help the environment they really should, so if we can have a number who want this, then we can hopefully take them all at once to Teignbridge and work something out.

This could happen on an annual or biannual basis, so that we have a rolling project and ensure that people do not miss out as their finances change.