



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOWN FORUM

Royal Tunbridge Wells Town Forum Environment Workshop Preparation

Working towards more sustainable and resilient communities

We are all aware of rising energy, fuel and food prices in recent months. Our understanding of some of the environmental and resource problems that are influencing these developments suggests that these are long term trends. Therefore, we will need to make some significant changes of our own in response to these challenges - as individuals, communities, regions and countries.

There are many ways in which we can all work together to build sustainable, resilient and abundant communities. All over the UK, and worldwide, communities are beginning to work together to find, develop and build practical local solutions to the food, energy and waste challenges that are appearing.

In preparation for the Town Forum Environment Workshop **on 19 June 2008**, we would like you to gather your community groups feedback on the following 'menu' of ideas of the kind of future initiatives that could be useful in your area. During the workshop we will ask you to discuss these ideas - and any new ones that you can think of - in groups, and decide which are the most useful:

FOOD:

Locally sourced, processed and sold - more local food markets, shops, a bakery? a dairy?
Wider provision of allotments and market gardens?
New housing to include allotment spaces?

ENERGY:

Micro generation of renewable energy: wind and solar?
Renewable energy installation and home insulation: grants and practical help?
Easier planning permission for renewable energy installations?

TRANSPORT:

Car sharing schemes - hire by the hour?
Improved Public Transport

WASTE:

Re-use of re-usable resources - facilities to exchange items, a 'Freecycle' depot?
Doorstep recycling collections - individual household or street?