

## 3Rs VISION GROUP

### – it's all about 'Rubbish'!

3Rs stands for Reduce, Re-use, Recycle – and overall raising awareness, encouraging people to think .....

- Does it (whatever it is) need to go into the bin and therefore into landfill?
- Can I re-use it? If not –
- Can I recycle it somehow?
- And ... could I have bought a 'greener' equivalent?

We've got some project ideas currently being developed ....

**Rubbish Diet** – in the Sandpits area initially. This is a 3-week programme run via the internet ([www.therubbishdiet.org.uk](http://www.therubbishdiet.org.uk)) or by 'paper' encouraging people to think about what is really rubbish and what can be re-used or recycled. There are lots of really useful tips – and by the end of the 3-weeks your 'rubbish' habits will have changed.

**Tip Share** – however careful we are, there will still be things that need to be thrown away, so rather than taking them along the A49 to Craven Arms a Tip Share encourages a 'rota' of car owners to do the run with a full car rather than individual journeys.

**Something like Streetbank** – borrowing tools/equipment/'stuff' within a street, area neighbourhood instead of buying them.

**A Toy Library** – plans for this are going well and we hope this will open later this year. It will run from the Appletree premises in Lower Galdeford one day per week – the day to be decided.

**Cycle repair/maintenance workshops** – perhaps also running courses which may lead to a offering a qualification and thus to employability or even an apprenticeship.

We are working closely with the Furniture Scheme on this particular idea, but it will require some funding and resourcing which the Furniture Scheme is unable to provide (at the moment anyway) so we are appealing to the bike community for volunteers to help take this forward.

We are also looking at two more possibilities: setting up a regular Repair Cafe which could incorporate Tools Repair workshops similar to those run successfully in Clun – and having a Jumble Trail.

### **There are a couple of actual achievements to report:**

A series of summer holiday workshops run by Jessica Jackson at Rockspring Community Centre to make a model of an endangered animal out of 'rubbish' which will then be exhibited at the Green Festival

And

A pilot scheme to 'Rent a Christmas Tree'. 50 trees will be available to rent from Rootes at the Local Produce Market, supplied by Cotswold Firs. The trees should start arriving some time in November.