

## Recycle at school



Derby residents have been extremely successful in recent years with their recycling; some suburbs have recycled an amazing 60% plus of their waste this year in blue and brown bins. If the Council could replicate and extend this level of recycling into Derby schools, it would dramatically increase our recycling rate.

WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme) is a Government agency set up to increase recycling and reduce waste. They have put together an online pack for schools and other education establishments to help them increase recycling. The Council is promoting this online service to 10 of our schools as a pilot before making it mainstream.

WRAP has worked very hard at developing practical projects for pupils and staff, as well as identifying ways in which recycling can be put into the curriculum.

A number of staff can help schools if they wish to take forward the ideas in the guide:

- **for input into lessons:** Jennifer Hartland, Waste Policy and Projects Officer, 71 6351 or Richard Winter, Promotions and Campaigns Officer, 71 5108
- **for prices and arranging trade refuse and recycling services:** Ashley Lewis, Trade Waste Officer, 71 6500 or email: [tradewaste@derby.gov.uk](mailto:tradewaste@derby.gov.uk)



The Council is running the pilot scheme to offer recycling services to schools this year. The pilot has been running in 10 schools since November 2007 and has increased recycling from an average of 3% to a staggering 24%.

The pilot makes use of our blue and brown bin recycling service that most people have at home and uses designated bins for glass, cans, plastics, newspaper and magazines and cardboard. The plan is to role the scheme out to all schools in the next academic year.

The benefits will be that schools can reduce their impact on the environment through replicating the recycling we do incredibly successfully at home, and at the same time support a new generation of 'recyclers'.