

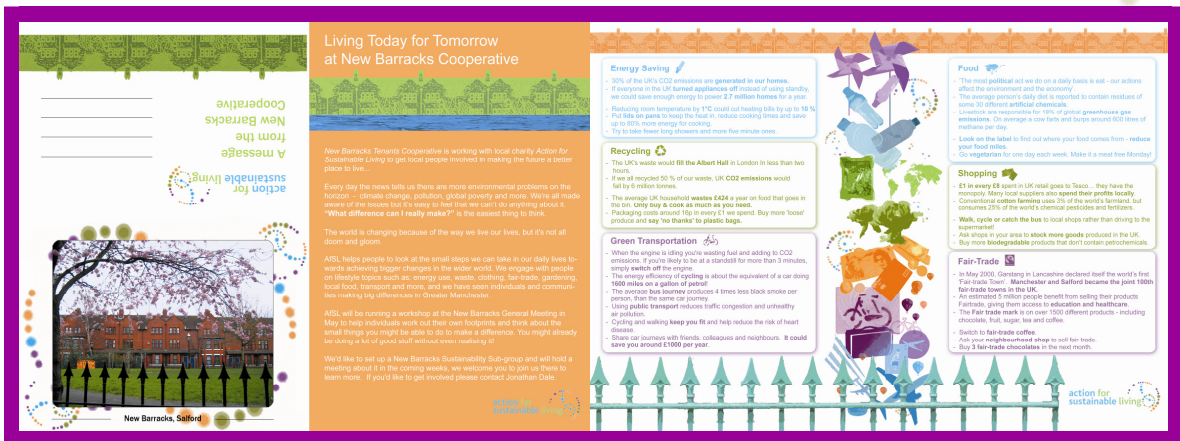
Case Study

New Barracks Co-operative Housing Scheme

Working together to improve environmental awareness at the New Barracks Estate

Since the start of 2008, Action for Sustainable Living has been working with the Co-operative tenants of the New Barracks Estate in Salford to:

- Increase awareness amongst Co-operative tenants of the importance of environmental consciousness and to take appropriate action
- Audit the Co-operatives activities and suggest ways in which they could be made more responsive to environmental imperatives
- Suggest ways in which the Co-operative managed properties could be adapted so as to consume less energy and, if possible, ways in which energy could be generated



New Barracks flyer

“The feedback from the residents has been distinctly positive. I had been prepared for more resistance, but the session really engaged everyone.”

Jonathon Dale, New Barracks Co-ordinator

Action for Sustainable Living worked with and supported the tenants through the following activities:

- Held two consultations with the Co-operative members
- Created an awareness raising flyer and circulated this amongst the tenants (see above)
- Established a sustainability working group
- Gave a presentation on sustainability at the General Meeting
- Involved over seven tenants in the delivery of a workshop at the General Meeting to 60 tenants
- Provided ongoing support to enable the Co-operative to develop the project

Feedback from the residents has reflected the high quality of support provided by AfSL. After assistance from AfSL, tenants have gone on to create an action plan, which includes a variety of local initiatives such as swap shops, cooking days and a battery recycling and re-charging scheme.

Currently, AfSL is providing ongoing support to the tenants through assistance with funding bids to enable the Co-operative to both build on the achievements to date and continue the project to Phase Two, which concentrates on measuring resident’s eco-footprints.