



As part of our pledge to take an active role in reducing Newent's carbon footprint and in avoiding waste and pollution, we are producing a series of A-Z posters. Here is 'Q to R'.

• **Quilts** - Stuffed bedding and soft furnishing items should not be put into waste or recycling bins. If re-usable, Dunelm has a take-back scheme: 'Contributions are re-used, donated or recycled. Accepted items include duvets, pillows, bed linen and bedding protection, towels, bath mats, shower curtains, fabric table cloths and runners, tea towels, fabric aprons, blankets, curtains, cushions and covers.

The Recycling Shop and charity shops will also take items in good condition, Animal charities can also use some items.

If beyond re-use, take to a Household Recyling Centre.

- **Quality Street wrappers** (we couldn't resist another entry under 'Q' !) other brands are available and these can be recycled along with soft plastic at most large supermarkets including our large Co-op in Newent.
- **Radios** recycle through charity shops or The Recycling Shop, or repair. See below for details.
- **Razor Blades** Disposable razors will need to be placed in your refuse bin. Please ensure they have the safety cap left on and secured (with a piece of tape or similar) if possible to prevent the bin bag being split open.

The easiest and safest way to recycle razor blades (from a safety razor or something similar) is to use a blade bank which is a small sealed metal box with a slit to place used blades. Once it is full the whole box can be placed into the metal skip at a Household Recycling Centre. Please do not put razor blades in your recycling at home as it presents a risk for the collection crew.

- **Rubble & hardcore** take to a Household Waste & Recycling Centre (HRC).
- **Rugs** donate if in good condition. Otherwise take to an HRC centre.
- **Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair -** we've run out of 'R' items but it would be good to remember the principles of recycling at this point. And before buying anything new, think about the carbon footprint and try to make your purchase thoughtfully.

Mend & Repair Cafe - Newent Memorial Hall, third Saturday of the month, 10am - 1pm.

The Recycling Shop - Sheppard Way, Newent, GL18 1TL Mon-Sat 10am - 4pm

Forest of Dean District Council recycling and waste services - https:// www.fdean.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/

GCC Household Waste and Recycling Centre - https:// www.gloucestershirerecycles.com/household-recycling-centres-hrcs