Summary of Chapter 3

- Globally individuals are estimated to be responsible for 64 per cent of all carbon emissions.
- The richest countries and the richest people, not always in the richest countries, cause the most carbon emissions. The top ten per cent of emitters live on all continents, with as many as one third of them from emerging countries.
- There is potential for individuals or groups to contribute significantly to cutting global emissions.
- In the UK it has been estimated that households are responsible for 61 per cent of all emissions.
- A relatively small number of individuals contribute disproportionately to the UK's emissions by flying long distances.
- A simple calculation suggests that feasible energy savings by households could reduce the UK's emissions by around 12 per cent.
- In UK households the main emissions are, in decreasing order, from the use of gas, cars, electricity and international non-business flights.