

BULWELL ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Bulwell Environmental Group (B.E.G.) was formed in 1990 when Green Belt land was threatened by plans for a Business Park. Members of Bulwell Women's Institute decided to form B.E.G. to campaign against the proposals, and also work on other environmental issues.

Although we are only a small group we have worked alongside the Groundwork Trust, BTCV and Notts Wildlife Trust, and we have had speakers on very varied subjects of environmental importance.

We have very close links with local schools, who are always willing to help when we do litter picks, tree planting, and other projects. Last Autumn children from Cantrell Road School helped to plant around 3,000 daffodil bulbs on grass verges next to the River Leen in Bulwell.

Recently we have become involved with CSV, again through the Notts Federation of Womens Institutes, to act as Environmental Wardens. This is a pilot scheme being operated in several cities around the country. It's main objectives are to map your local area, identifying environmental problems. These can cover a wide range of issues - such as litter, dog mess, or lack of pavements being dropped for disabled people.

Our members do not just include WI members - we have quite a few men who work in a variety of occupations, and also some who are retired. If anyone is interested in the group they will be made very welcome.



*Pupils from Springfield Junior doing a litter-pick in Bulwell Hall Park in April.
Photo courtesy of Bulwell Environmental Group.*

Please contact myself (Diana Langley) on 273813, or Mr Frank Wheatley (our new chairperson) on 274597.

COMMUNITY CONTACTS

THE NOTTINGHAM CHURCHES ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

This network aims to develop links between Environmental and Christian groups.

Contact Kevin Scott at Nottingham City Council Recycling office on 483500.

ECOWORKS

A local project assisting people who have (or have had) mental health problems, through environmental tasks.

Contact Brian Davey on 484111.

NOTTINGHAM GREENPEACE YOUTH GROUP

Contact Alex Penn on 255196.

GROUNDWORK GREATER NOTTINGHAM

Phone 799227.

TOP VALLEY ACTION

1994 has seen some exciting environmental action at Top Valley community Centre (TVCC) and the surrounding areas. At the beginning of the year the team at TVCC had a general idea of doing something to raise environmental awareness in Top Valley, focusing on issues most relevant to the local area.

A Community Development approach has been adopted, which included talking to people on the streets, public meetings, and liaison sessions with local schools, libraries, clinics, churches, pubs and shops.

Local groups of people then created positive initiatives, which encouraged direct action by the community. One example was a playscheme set up over Easter.

Through a process of groupwork and training initiatives, awareness was raised about 'green' issues, and this became the theme for the scheme - to which 60 children came and had lots of fun learning.

Our relationship with Top Valley Comprehensive has developed very positively through their surveys on environmental and conservation needs

in Top Valley. The school displayed all their findings at our Festival, held in June.

Environment Week focused on local initiatives such as street based scrap projects with young people, art from scrap for children, local groups looking at recycling, and school workshops.

The week climaxed with a free one day Community Pavements Festival where work generated during the week was displayed in the area.

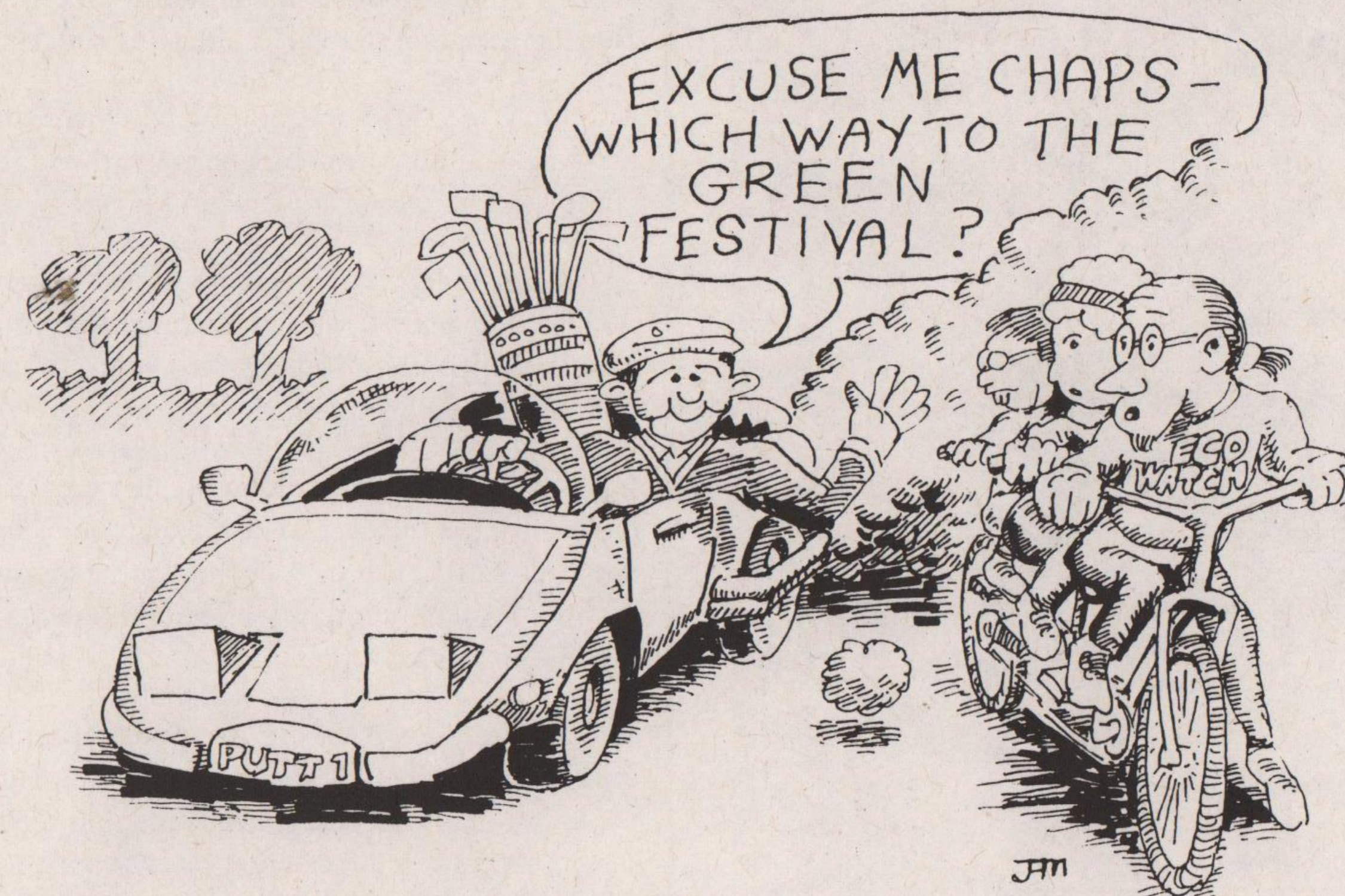
On the pavements in Top Valley local bands and street entertainers performed whilst children were entertained and information distributed. The day was a great success in raising awareness of issues and creating unity amongst local people.

In the future TVCC hopes to further strengthen the links between the centre and all sections of the community, to enable more projects to develop.

If you wish to find out more, contact Lesley on 794625.

Lesley Walker (with thanks to Adam Walker).

GREEN NETWORK NEWS



The Nottingham Green Festival takes place on Sunday 4th September, from 11am until 6pm at Victoria Embankment.

RURAL CELEBRATION

Every rural community is unique - a subtle blend of location, history and personalities. Rural Action has organised a one day conference to recognise some of the features which make Nottinghamshire rural communities 'special'. Celebrating Local Distinctiveness is on Saturday 24th September, at Farndon Memorial Hall, Farndon, near Newark from 9.30am-3pm.

The main speaker will be Sue Clifford from Common Ground, a charity probably best known for their work on Parish Maps and encouraging awareness of English apples. Sue Clifford's talk and slides will recognise the distinctive character of familiar surroundings, and help you ensure that future generations will enjoy the richness of your locality.

The conference has seven further sessions, of which people can choose to take part in two. These include:

- Ideas for the design and making of Parish Maps
- How to carry out a Village Appraisal, to take stock of what is happening in your village

- How your village can recycle 'rubbish'
- How to get the most from your camera
- A look at the County of Nottinghamshire
- A demonstration of pole lathe turning

At the end of the day there will be songs and poems from the duo From Trad to Verse. The cost of the conference will be £5.00, which includes lunch, tea and coffee.

For more information, or to book a place, contact Jane Zdanowski, Rural Action, Minster Chambers, Church Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0HD, or phone 0636 815267.

Green Network News is a monthly publication aiming to share information and build links between all individuals and organisations in the Nottingham and South Notts area with an interest in the environment.

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- New Business Club

IN BRIEF..

- A Guide to Nottingham's **Parks and Green Spaces** for people with disabilities has been produced by BTCV. Call 313316 to order a copy.
- The **Business Recycling Scheme** has moved to the Nottingham Furniture Service (Alfred Street, Nottingham). The scheme welcomes donations of business furniture or equipment, which is distributed to voluntary groups. Contact Pat Gunn or Terry Campbell on 570295.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE ARMS TRADE

The Arms Trade clearly contributes to environmental damage - for example during the Gulf War. The Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) is calling for the huge sums currently spent on arms to be invested in environmental and social programmes - both at home and abroad.

The CAAT week of action takes place from 3rd-11th of September. If you would like to help with activities please contact Rob Preston, c/o the Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW, or phone 585666.

For more information contact CAAT, 11 Goodwin Street, London, N4 3HQ.

Rob Preston, Nottingham CAAT contact.

PETROL STATION PROTEST

Kimberley Against the Petrol Station (KAPS) was formed last December to oppose the building of a petrol station next to a primary school - at Sainsbury's in Kimberley.

The group decided to promote a boycott of Sainsbury's, as well as lobbying Broxtowe District Council and picketing outside the store. The District council has given planning permission, but our case is now with the local Ombudsman.

You can help by boycotting Sainsbury's, writing to their head office, and writing to the local and national press.

Contact Iris Radford on 385508, or Marice Carter on 459895.

IT'S OUR ENVIRONMENT TOO

It's Our Environment Too (IOET) aims to support the Environmental objectives of Nottingham's Black and ethnic minority communities, and has now been running for around eighteen months.

Groundwork Greater Nottingham are managing IOET in partnership with Notts County Council - although the initiative is constantly being shaped by all partners, including the Black community.

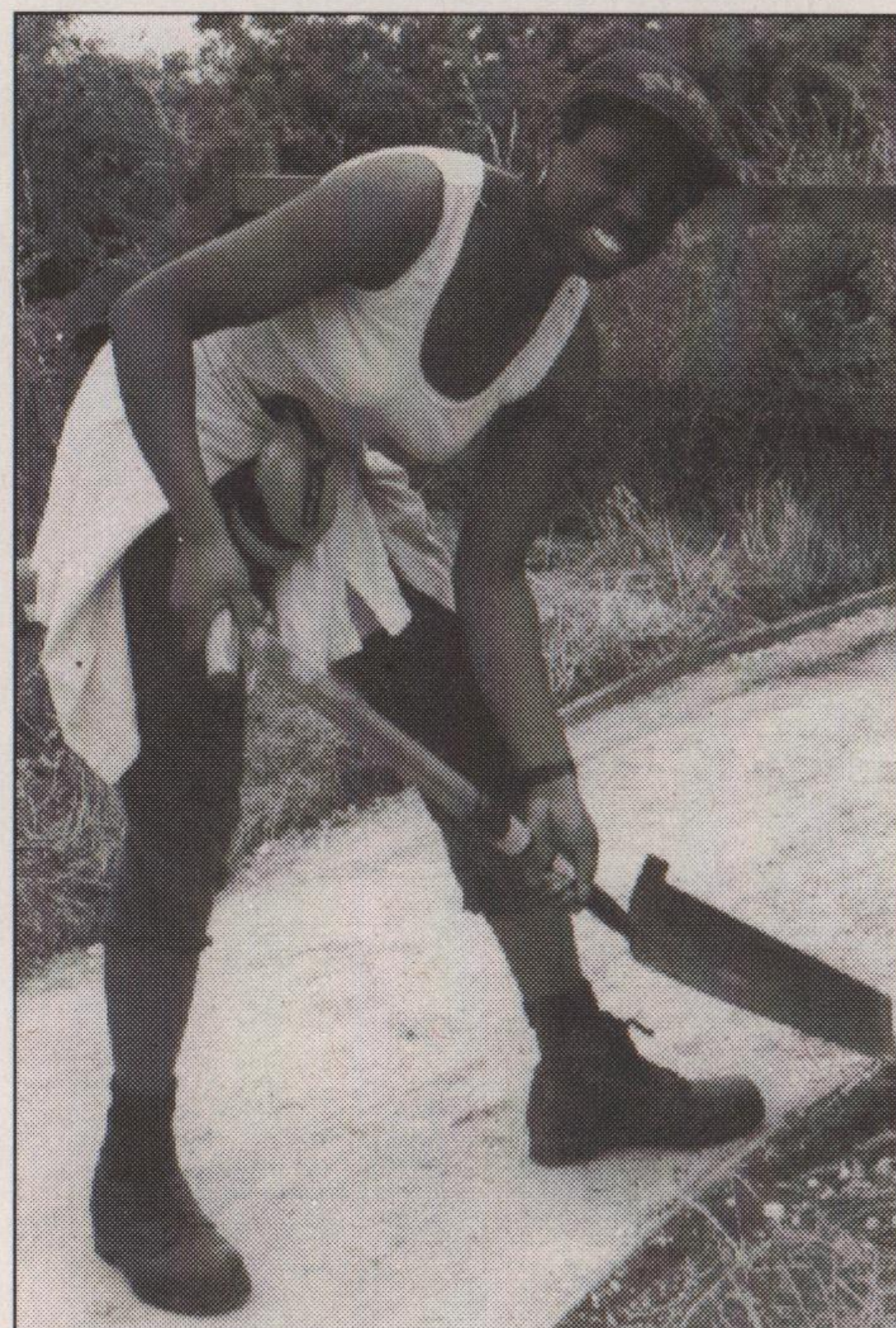
After an initial contact, groups are invited to bid for money from IOET, before being encouraged to apply for other grants with the support of a Groundwork Project Officer.

The groups are also given advice about raising money themselves, although little encouragement has been needed in getting communities to contribute money or other support.

The variety of projects involved has ranged from sculpting tree stumps around a Sikh Temple to helping to pay for a trip to a re-creation of an African village on the south coast.

We hope to build on the work completed so far, and gain the trust of those communities we seek to work with.

There is still a lot of work to do before some projects are actually on the ground, but it is as important to empower people to use the system to get help and funding, as it is to measure how many trees are planted, or how many people were involved in a project.



A BTCV volunteer working at the Southwell Trail. BTCV and Spadework are holding a series of Practical Conservation courses this Autumn - see the Nottingham Green Calendar for details. Photo courtesy of BTCV.

Contact Andy Rothery at Notts County Council on 774658, or John Watts at Greater Nottingham Groundwork Trust on 799227.

IN PARLIAMENT ...

The Energy Conservation Bill was recently 'talked out' by the government - but it has the support of nearly 400 MPs, and is being re-introduced this Autumn. The bill would require Local Authorities to draw up plans to achieve energy savings in homes of up to 30%.

If you would like to support the bill, write to your MP, the Prime Minister, or the Environment Secretary, at the House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

The Traffic Reduction Bill was launched in July with the support of Friends of the Earth. An all party Early Day Motion will be put down in support of the bill, which would require the Secretary of State for Transport to draw up a plan to achieve a 10% reduction in traffic by 2010. This would help to tackle one of the root causes of pollution, damage to the countryside and other problems.

The traffic bill's promoters are aiming to gain the support of a wide range of environmental and community organisations.

GNN SUBSCRIPTIONS

Green Network News is available free from a range of sources, including libraries in South Notts and the City Information Centre.

If you would prefer to have your name added to the GNN mailing list, contact Adam Woodward (GNN Co-ordinator) on 417849.

BUSINESS AND ENVIRONMENT CLUB

The East Midlands Business and Environment Club has been proposed by representatives of several organisations, including Rushcliffe Borough Council and 3M Healthcare Products.

The aim is to set up a self-help club, which will provide support for businesses, through companies able to provide useful services.

The main strength of the club will be the vast numbers of contacts we already have, through relationships established between local authorities and business.

It is our vision that a low membership fee will attract a large number of companies to join, and that self financing will be achieved via visits to local companies, social events, exhibitions and seminars.

We are actively seeking support through founder members (at a special subscription of £10), nominations from local companies to form a steering group, and associates able to offer services to other members.

Contact Angela Baskeyfield (Environment Officer at Newark and Sherwood District Council) on 0636 605111 ext 562 for more information.

GNN UPDATE

These are the subjects planned for feature articles in the next 2 issues of Green Network News:

- October - Water
- November - Food

If anyone has ideas about possible subjects for GNN to cover in the future, any suggestions would be welcome.

If you would like to write a feature article, or you have a photo that could be used, please let me know. Articles are usually needed around one month in advance of publication, and can be sent on paper or 3.5 inch disk (pc format).

We will also be looking for stories about any current events or issues each month; please write or phone if you would like to contribute.

Contact me on 417849, or write to me at -

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GREEN NETWORK A.G.M.

The 1994 Greater Nottingham Green Network AGM will take place at Nottingham County Library, at 7pm on 6th October. The event will include:

- A speaker from FIELDS (campaigning against the Fourth Trent Crossing).
- A speaker from WEN (the Womens' Environment Network).
- Discussion of future plans.
- Displays from local groups.
- A raffle, with prizes including a free compost bin.

If you would like to provide a display, offer a raffle prize, or find out more, contact Adam Woodward on 417849.

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THE NOTTINGHAM GREEN CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 1994

Tues, Wed, Thur, & Sun's	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) activities - including a variety of practical tasks. <i>Contact Alan on 313316.</i>
Week 3rd-11th	Campaign Against the Arms Trade Week of Action. See article for details. <i>Contact Rob Preston, c/o the Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW, or phone 585666.</i>
Sunday 4th	Nottingham Green Festival , 11am until 6pm at Victoria Embankment. <i>See article for details</i>
Sunday 4th	Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers meeting. 10.30am at Rise Park Community Centre. <i>Phone 756376 for details.</i>
Monday 5th	Greenpeace Support Group meeting at the Narrowboat Pub, Canal Street. <i>Contact David Meatcher on 257186.</i>
Tuesday 6th	NOGS (Nottingham Organic Gardeners) meeting. <i>Contact Mike Poyzer on 587006 after 6.30pm.</i>
Wednesday 7th	Autumn Nature Photography course begins - Bestwood Country Park. Cost £10 or less for 4 sessions. <i>Phone 670042 for details.</i>
Wednesday 7th	Green Network News editorial meeting - all welcome. 2pm at Lawrence House, Clarendon Street. Meet in reception. <i>Phone 417849 for details.</i>
Wednesday 7th	Nottingham EIA (Environmental Investigation Agency) meeting. 7.30pm at the Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road. <i>Contact Rachel Jones on 359830 or 0629 534086.</i>
Thursday 8th	Friends of the Earth meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham County Library, Angel Row. <i>Contact Tim Gray on 431145.</i>
Friday 9th	Greenpeace Youth Group meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham Trent University library, Shakespeare St. <i>Contact Neil Shaw on 259417 to confirm date and venue.</i>
Sunday 11th	Conservation Training Course (organised by BTCV and Spadework) - Wetland Management. Based at Bestwood Country Park. <i>For more information, contact BTCV on 313316.</i>
Sunday 11th	'CountryTots in Autumntime' walk, in Bestwood Country Park - route suitable for pushchairs. 2pm-4pm. Meet at Bestwood Lodge Car Park. <i>Call 670042 for details.</i>
Monday 12th	Nottingham Permaculture Group meeting. <i>Contact Phil Corbett on 474977.</i>
Wednesday 14th	Oxfam Campaigning Group meeting. 7.30pm at the Oxfam Office, 47 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green. <i>Contact Nick Osmond on 607797.</i>
Thursday 15th	Notts Transport 2000 meeting. 7.30pm at the Salutation Inn, Nottingham. <i>Phone Ron Gillott on 201238.</i>
Sunday 18th	Cyclists Treasure Trail , organised by Pedals. Registration 10am-12noon at Old Park Community Centre, Morval Road, Bilborough. Cost £2 Adults, £1 children. <i>Phone 858001, 606207 or 765182 for details.</i>
Monday 19th	Pedals meeting. 7.30pm in the back room of the Britannia Inn, Huntingdon Street. <i>Contact Hugh McClintock on 816206.</i>
Saturday 24th	'Celebrating Local Distinctiveness' event, organised by Notts Rural Action - including a variety of workshops, and a talk by Sue Clifford of Common Ground. Farndon Memorial Hall, Farndon, Newark. <i>For more information, or to book a place, contact Jane Zdanowski on 0636 815267.</i>
Weekend 24th-25th	Conservation Training Course (organised by BTCV and Spadework) - Hedging (Basic). <i>For more information, contact BTCV on 313316.</i>
Tuesday 27th	Bulwell Environmental Group meeting. Crabtree Farm Estate Community Centre. <i>Contact Diana Langley on 273813.</i>
Wednesday 28th	Rainbow Centre Video Evening at 7pm. <i>Call 585666 with requests, or for details.</i>

OCTOBER 1994

Tues, Wed, Thur, & Sun's	BTCV activities - see September.
Sunday 2nd	Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers meeting. 10.30am at Rise Park Community Centre. <i>Phone 756376 for details.</i>
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Thursday 6th	Greater Nottingham Green Network AGM . 7pm at Nottingham County Library, including speakers from FIELDS and WEN, and displays from local groups. <i>Contact Adam Woodward on 417849.</i>
Weekend 7th-9th	BTCV Training Course - Tree Felling , in Notts. <i>Call 313316 for details, or to book a place.</i>
Friday 7th	Greenpeace Youth Group meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham Trent University library, Shakespeare St. <i>Contact Neil Shaw on 259417 to confirm date and venue.</i>
Saturday 8th	Notts Transport 2000 AGM . 10am in the meeting room, platforms 1-3, Nottingham BR Station. <i>Phone Ron Gillott on 201238.</i>
Sunday 9th	Conservation Social Event (organised by BTCV and Spadework) - an exploration of the woodlands of Bestwood Country Park. <i>For more information, contact BTCV on 313316.</i>
Monday 10th	Nottingham Permaculture Group meeting. <i>Phone Phil Corbett on 474977 for details.</i>
Weekend 15th-16th	Conservation Training Course (organised by BTCV and Spadework) - Tree Felling . <i>For more information, contact BTCV on 313316.</i>

Green Contact Details are also available from The Rainbow Centre on 585666.

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COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

GROUNDWORK AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The principal of working in partnership with a community is at the centre of what Groundwork is all about. The different needs and wishes of groups is reflected in the wide variety of projects undertaken - they may be interested in anything from improving local play facilities to setting up environmental arts workshops for children. The Trust aims to empower groups, drawing in the project development, fund-raising and design skills that we have to help turn ideas into action.

Getting a project running and set up in the right way is a complex process requiring different skills and resources, which many community groups do not have access to. The Trust seeks to identify the resources and skills from outside organisations needed for projects.

An example of this is a scheme recently completed at the Metrazone in St Ann's, on the Metropolitan Estate.

The Trust was approached by local residents who were keen to develop play facilities as there was no local provision. Trust staff and the resident play-workers of Metrazone drew together the ideas of school-children and drafted a proposal.

British Telecom then donated £10,000 to the project, which the Trust was able to match with funding from the Department of the Environment. Together with money from its own project fund, a total of £32,500 was raised.

The Metrazone now has play facilities in place, with raised beds for gardening and safety surfacing for all year round play.



Children planting up the Metrazone garden (see Groundwork article).

Photo courtesy of Groundwork Greater Nottingham.

With our firm belief in the values of partnership and getting the process right the Trust will continue to grow as an asset to groups in Nottingham who want to make a difference to their environment.

For more information please phone 799227, or write to Groundwork Greater Nottingham, 35-37 St Mary's Gate, Nottingham, NG1 1PU.

YOUTH GROUP SUCCESS

The Nottingham Greenpeace Youth Group was formed in November 1992, by young people who were frustrated by the lack of opportunities for under 18's in Greenpeace, and has been growing ever since.

The group was necessary because many people my age are passionately (but not often enough vocally) interested in environmental issues. As a group we are able to stand up and use our clout in a way that single, unconnected young people

- especially the younger children - cannot. As well as action our philosophy is based on education. More than anything our generation needs to know the facts and be able to make informed choices and statements. This is vital if we are to be taken seriously.

Whilst we have been in existence we have tried to carry out activities which fulfil those aims, as well as benefiting the environment directly.

However, we have discovered that a lack of faith in young people is prevalent in our society - many people before meeting us seem to believe that we are adult youth leaders!

Age-related restrictions are also placed in our way, as for many activities - such as booking rooms or obtaining licences - it is necessary to be over 18.

Despite these problems, we have managed to hold an open meeting with a speaker from BNFL, take over 2,000 cans to the Alcan depot for recycling, and help in practical conservation projects all over the country.

GREENIE BIN PROJECT

The 'Greenie Bin' project, based at the Mount Zion Community Centre in Carrington, is aiming to provide Nottingham with it's first door to door recycling collection in early 1995.

Our Mission is to provide kerbside recycling facilities for all those who want to dispose of their recyclable household items, and who are unable to do so. We also aim to promote environmental awareness, and the benefits of recycling. Another fundamental goal of the project is to provide employment and training for young people.

We are hoping to distribute 250 Greenie Bins throughout Carrington. The bins will be delivered with an information pack - explaining the types of household waste to be placed in the bin, and giving a customer help line number.

For further information, or to order your Greenie Bin, please contact Trevor Fothergill or Leroy Williams (Project Managers) on 622117, or write to Mount Zion Community Centre, 'Greenie Bin', 4 Sherbrooke Road, Carrington, Nottingham.

We have also taken an active role in both the Notts 2010 Youth Conference and the Notts '94 Youth Environment Forum, as well as other activities. We have shown that young people are prepared to fight for their future - it's time the adult world took us seriously.

For more information, contact Alex Penn on 255196.

COMMUNITY FOCUS

This month's focus is on community involvement in the environment. Examples of successful projects in different areas are described, and one article considers the role of Young People. The importance of partnership between community groups, funders and others is also covered.