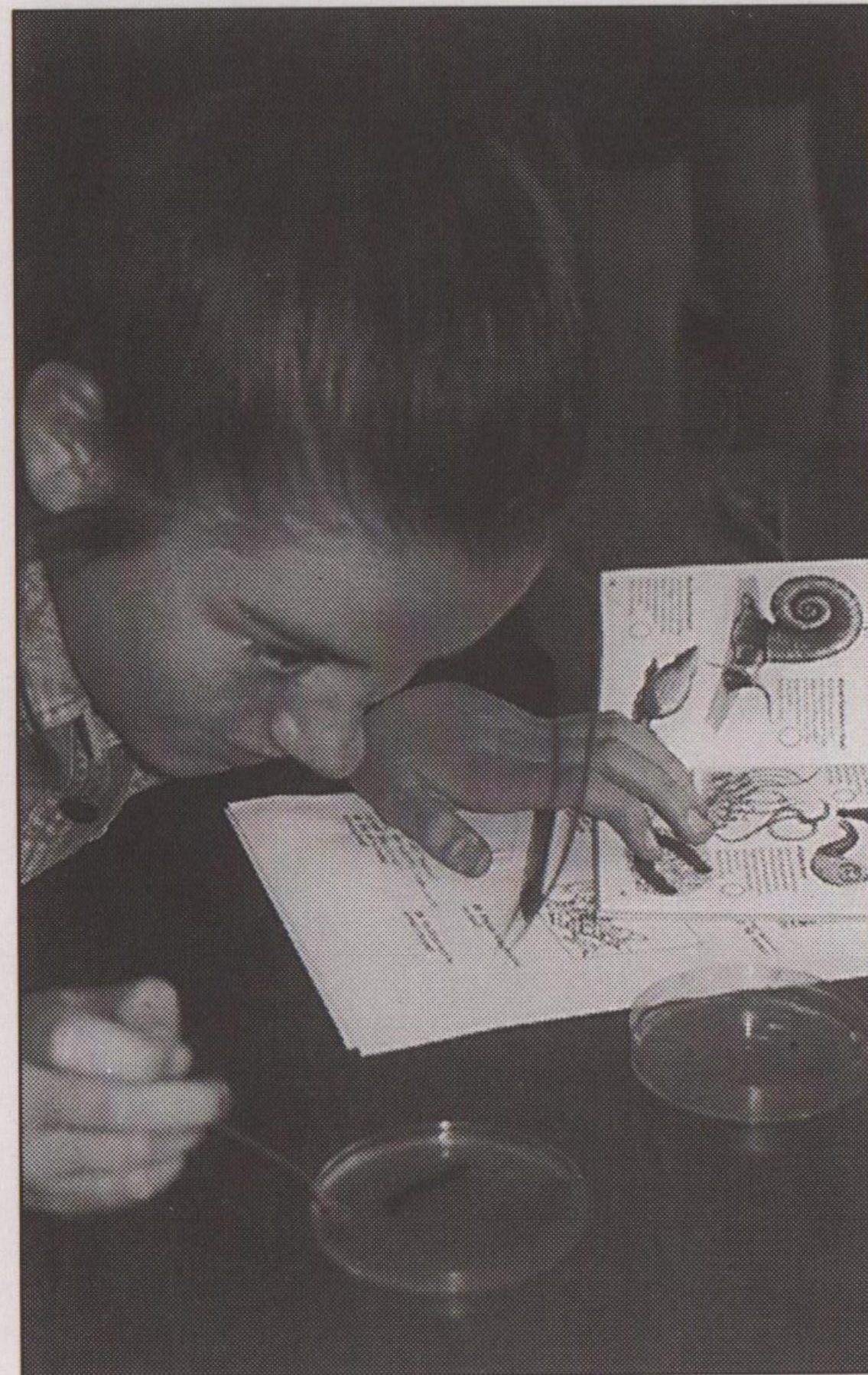


WILFORD MEADOWS FIELD STUDIES CENTRE

Wilford Meadows Field Studies Centre offers young people the chance to enjoy environmental studies and nature at close hand. Situated on the South bank of the River Trent the school's 33 acre habitat-rich site is presently undergoing a renewed level of interest.

The centre, which offers curriculum-linked environmental education to City and County schools using the school's nature trail, also has a tropical plant glass-house and a small animal farm. Recently the areas surrounding the Field Studies Centre site (including the river-side & Iremonger pond) has become the focus for a City Council site survey, and it is hoped a new survey of the school site will provide information about the flora and fauna.

People's College, who use the site for environmental studies, are hoping to develop and help manage the nature trail, as part of a proposed Environmental Science Course - using the area as their practical work base. This is a welcome surprise for the Field Studies centre, who are presently developing new teaching materials to market to schools and youth and community groups.



Using a key to identify specimens from the nature trail.

The site is easily accessible and includes fen woodland, fen meadow, deciduous woodland, a hay meadow and a pond. Adjacent land (not within the school grounds) includes a large reed bed site, a disused railway embankment and the Iremonger Pond. All of these areas are easily accessible and it is hoped will be available for further exploration.

Over the last three years & with grant aid the nature trail site has been managed and developed by pupils from Wilford Meadows School. The pond has been excavated, landscaped and planted up with wild flowers, shrubs and trees.

New pathways and improved access within the nature trail are now being undertaken.

If you or your group would like to know more about the Field Studies Centre and the nature trail, and how you could get involved then please contact -

the Field Studies Centre, Wilford Meadows Comprehensive, Coronation Avenue, Wilford, Nottingham NG11 7AD, or call the school on 981 5896.

MAKING WASTE THINGS PLAYTHINGS

Nottinghamshire's Play Resource Centres

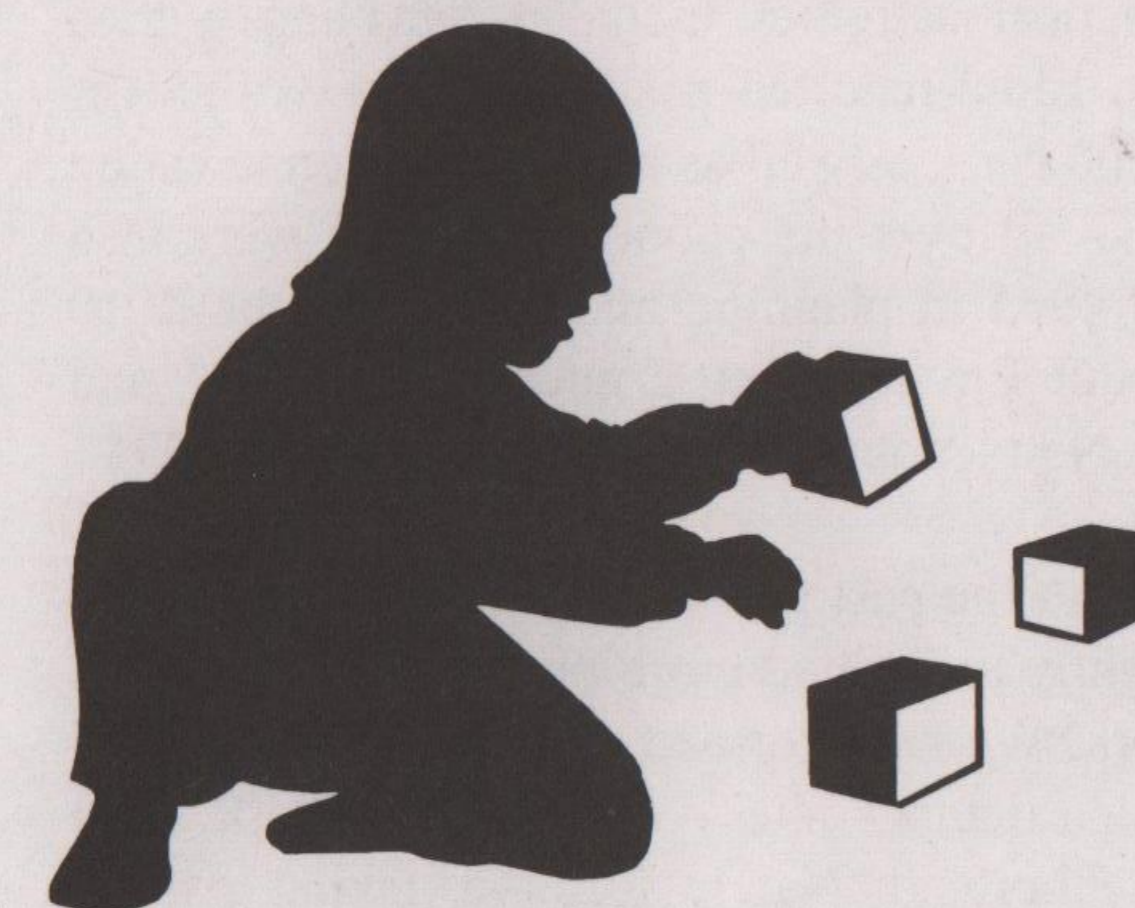
If you can remember playing with empty washing up bottles or cereal packets, making models from boxes or music with milk bottles, then you're already familiar with the twilight zone of the play resource centre. But where as children we were used to dabbling with household waste, the play resource centre taps into the constantly flowing river of waste materials from commerce and industry, diverting them into a reservoir of the imagination, which is drawn on by children's groups for use in a wide range of stimulating play activities.

There are now over 60 play resource centres across the country providing a source of suitable waste materials from industry for use in children's play. Nottinghamshire is unique in having a resource centre in every district except Gedling (which is served by Playworks in the city). Working closely as a network, these seven centres serve over 1,000 children's groups in the county, with the number steadily growing. In turn the county resource centres work closely to support other centres around the country, exchanging materials that are abundant in one area for those that are scarce in another.

We work in partnership with local businesses to identify materials which are being thrown away

as waste which may be suitable for use in children's play activities - usually through a site visit. We then arrange collection of materials free of charge, and remove them to our centres where they are sorted and checked for safety. They are then passed on through the scrap-stores to adults working with children's groups in play: after school clubs, playgroups, holiday play-schemes, scouts, guides, toddler groups, etc.

These partnerships with local businesses have grown over the years, of particular note being the support given to Playworks by Boots - a regular supplier of waste which is shared with resource centres across the country. Giving waste materials to play is beneficial to all



concerned, often saving money for small businesses as well as providing good publicity. It also encourages groups to avoid using expensive new materials for their activities.

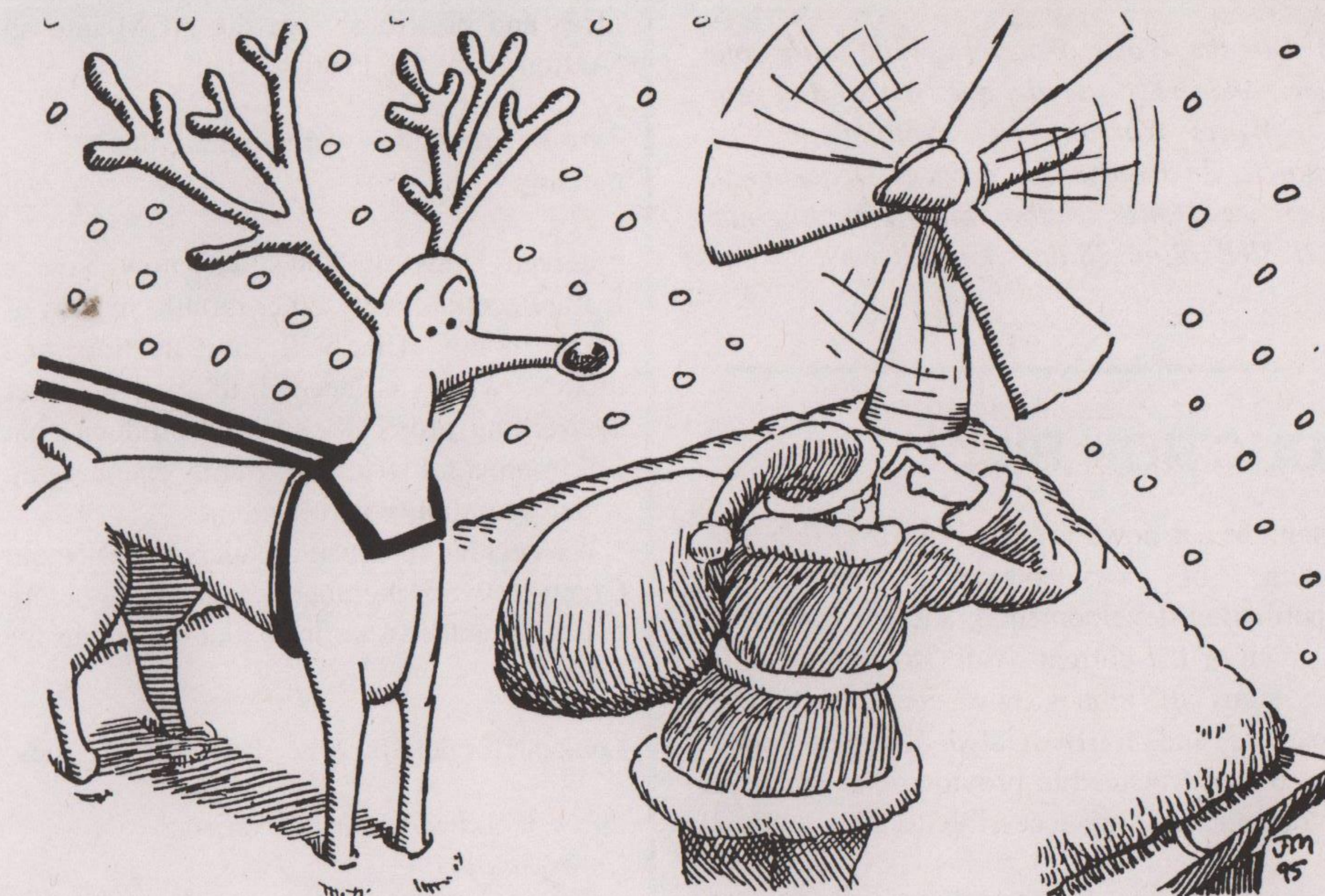
All centres provide information, training and advice on using waste materials safely in children's play activities - so that when they are taken back to their groups they are able to offer more exciting creative play, arts and crafts activities.

Most of the groups that we support receive little or no funding, so they depend on us for the materials they need to provide creative and stimulating play activities. Our service also raises the environmental awareness of children, highlighting the benefits of recycling, conservation and limiting waste.

These centres are run by voluntary management groups and with few paid workers rely on volunteers to keep them going - if you are interested in giving time on a regular basis, or would like to find out more about donating materials to play, contact -

Rhodri Green at Ashfield Play Forum Resource Centre on 01623 441168, for details of your local play resource centre.

GREEN NETWORK NEWS



COUNTY-WIDE WILDLIFE SURVEY

A major new wildlife initiative is now underway, thanks to a partnership of voluntary groups and local authorities. The aim of the project is to re-survey the entire county over the next 3 years, recording species and habitat types. The data collected will form the basis of nature conservation planning in the county well into the 21st century.

A survey steering group has been formed with representatives of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, the Nottinghamshire Biological and Geological Records Centre (NBGRC) and Notts County Council. The steering group partners are also gaining support from local authorities within the county.

The surveying work is being co-ordinated by the Notts Wildlife Trust's environmental consultancy (EMEC), in conjunction with the NBGRC. The team will carry out detailed studies of 1,100 sites and a general land use survey of all other areas.

Although only a small proportion of sites have been studied in detail so far, it is clear that

several sites have already been lost to development since previous surveys, and many others have lost much of their interest through a lack of sensitive management.

However, at least two species of plant previously thought to be extinct in the county have so far been found (Fiddle Dock and Maiden Pink). Several other plants which are rare in the county have also been recorded.

Notts Wildlife Trust Director Peter Stone commented -

'The study is vital to the protection of the wildlife of Nottinghamshire. Based upon existing records, we estimate that in the last 100 years, over 100 plant species have become extinct in the County. This level of habitat loss cannot be allowed to continue. Having up to date information on wildlife sites enables us to work effectively for their protection.'

For more information contact Notts Wildlife Trust at -

310 Sneinton Dale, Nottingham NG3 7DN (phone 958 8242).

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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- Young People Focus
- New Car Park
- Questions & Answers

POLLUTER MAPS ON THE INTERNET

Friends of the Earth (FoE) recently launched interactive maps showing the location of the region's major polluters, as part of the new 'Right to Know' campaign. FoE has placed information from the government pollution inspectorate's Chemical Release Inventory onto their head office computer. Anyone with a connection to the Internet can access the information.

Nigel Lee, pollution campaigner with Nottingham FoE said 'By tapping in your postcode, anyone can get a map showing 20 miles radius around your home, with all of the major polluters in the area shown as red dots. By clicking on a dot you can find out how many tons of pollution they produce each year, and which are exceeding their pollution limits.'

Contact FoE on 0171 490 1555.

THERMAL SURVEY

Would you like to know how much heat is being lost from your home or business? The results of the City Council's thermal imaging survey are now available, enabling people to use the information to cut down on energy wastage. The survey used an aircraft with thermal cameras to record the amount of heat lost from commercial and domestic buildings in the City area. Information about the results from specific buildings are available, as well as photographic prints (provided at a small charge).

Contact Anna-Marie Marshall on 935 0927.

COMPOST FROM CHRISTMAS TREES!

Did you know that your Christmas Tree can be made into compost for use in your garden? Groundwork Greater Nottingham will be offering this as a free service in Nottingham (during the first weekend after 12th night).

For more information about the date and location of the service look for details in the local press, or call Groundwork Greater Nottingham on 979 9227.

WASTE WARRIORS

The Waste Warriors children's group has recently been set up by the recycling team at Nottingham City Council, as an exciting way for children to get involved in the three Rs - Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling. By reducing the amount consumed or thrown away, reusing when possible, and recycling waste, children can help to save resources and energy, and cut down on pollution.

The group was launched in May at the Global Future event, and already has more than 700

members. Children joining the group receive a members pack full of goodies, and information about a variety of competitions (with valuable prizes) and other activities.

To join the Waste Warriors write with your name, address, postcode, age, school and year to - Waste Warriors HQ, Nottingham City Council, Environmental Services Department, Lawrence House, Talbot Street, Nottingham NG1 5NT (allow 28 days for delivery).

ROAD TRAFFIC REDUCTION BILL

The Road Traffic Reduction Bill is an all-party initiative being co-sponsored by Friends of the Earth. The aim of the current campaign is to build up a broad community of support for the bill among local and national environmental organisations, as well as other groups such as parish and community councils, tenants' associations, mothers and toddlers groups and pensioners' groups.

The bill would require the Secretary of State to draw up a National Road Traffic Reduction Plan, which will show the policies needed to achieve a 10% reduction of road traffic miles by 2010. Local Councils will have to draw up Local Road Traffic Reduction Plans based on local needs.

Reductions in traffic can be achieved by traffic calming, the promotion of public transport, cycling and walking, changes in the planning

system to cut down the need to travel (e.g. the ending of car-dependant, out-of-town supermarket developments), and the scrapping of much of the current roads programme. The vast sums of money now spent on roads, accidents and traffic-related illnesses could then be used instead to provide other methods of transport that are accessible to all.

If you would like to support the Bill, contact your MP and Local Authority asking them to support the Bill. Your MP could sign Early Day Motion 21 in support of the bill, which is already gaining cross-party backing.

For more information contact Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ (phone 0171 490 1555). Based on a publicity leaflet co-published by Friends of the Earth.

TRANSPORT AND WILDLIFE

A consortium of six wildlife conservation and environmental organisations have published 'Transport and Wildlife', a new leaflet highlighting the damaging impact that transport can have on the environment, and how the government and individuals can help. The Biodiversity Challenge Group comprises - Butterfly Conservation, Friends of the Earth, Plantlife, The Royal Society of the Protection of Birds, The Wildlife Trusts and the World Wide Fund for Nature.

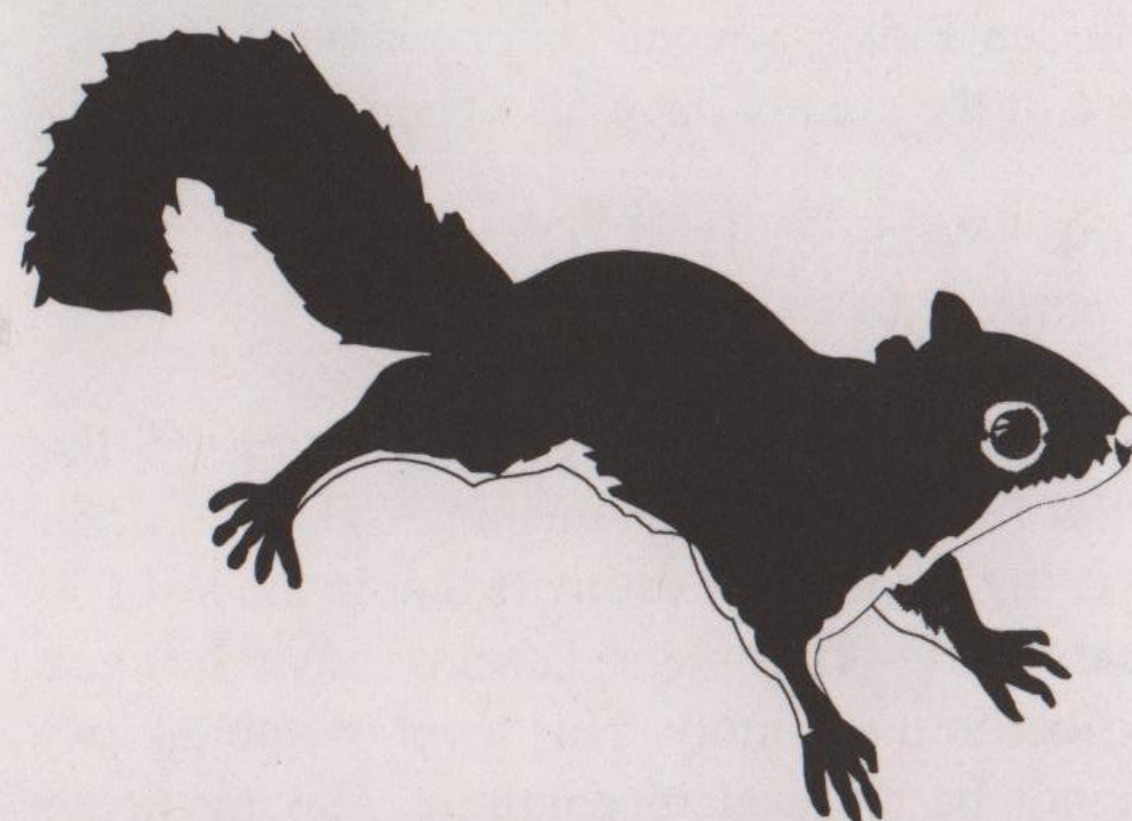
Many immensely damaging schemes are still proposed and 62 Sites of Special Scientific Interest in England have been identified by the Highways Agency as at risk from planned road construction. The consortium is urging government policy changes to -

- prevent transport developments destroying key wildlife habitats,
- develop a transport policy which protects wildlife and habitats,
- develop transport and land use policies which minimise the need to travel and encourage non-motorised transport.

The leaflet also suggests ways in which everyone can help by changing their transport habits, including -

- driving more smoothly without unnecessary braking or accelerating,
- driving at more fuel-efficient speeds,
- walking and cycling on shorter journeys.

Free copies of 'Transport and Wildlife' can be obtained from Barnaby Briggs, Transport Policy Officer, RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL (phone 01767 680551). Based on information provided by the Biodiversity Challenge Group.



GREEN NETWORK IN 1996

A Green Network 'strategy' meeting was held last month, to look at ways of putting peoples ideas and priorities from the AGM into an 'Action Plan' for 1996.

Two key decisions were made at the meeting -

- * Green Network News will now have a feature section every other month, instead of every month. This will save us time and money, which is needed to expand other networking projects - such as producing an Environmental Directory and encouraging wider community involvement.
- * We decided to consult readers of GNN and Green Network member organisations before putting together a definite plan of action for 1996.

Look out for details of the plan in future issues.

Adam Woodward (Green Network Co-ordinator).

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Do you have any environmental questions you would like answered? If so, this new section in the newsletter is for you - questions sent in to GNN will be published, and replies will be included in the following issue. You may be able to help with the first question received -

QUESTION: Is there any way of recycling hard-hats that are no longer safe to use? (from Rachel Tassell at Broxtowe Borough Council).

Please send your Questions or Answers to Green Network, c/o Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW, or call 941 7849.

INSTANT INFORMATION

Do you need information about Transport Campaigns or Energy Conservation, or are you looking for a 'green' speaker? Green Network has a variety of free and up to date information about organisations involved in the environment in Greater Nottingham and South Notts. The database (of nearly 160 organisations) can also be purchased on Computer Disc for £5.

Contact Adam Woodward on 941 7849.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

This is your last chance to book space for an advert in the Environmental Directory being produced by Green Network.

The directory presents an ideal opportunity for your organisation to advertise throughout 1996, and reach a wide range of individuals and organisations with an interest in the environment. Reduced rates are available for voluntary organisations and small businesses.

Adverts must be sent in by December 15th to be included in the directory.

Contact Adam Woodward on 941 7849.

MAJOR EVENTS CALENDAR

One idea from the Green Network AGM was the keeping of a calendar of major environmental events planned for the year ahead, to avoid clashes.

If you would like to have an event added to such a calendar, contact me on 941 7849.

Adam Woodward (GN Co-ordinator)

GNN UPDATE

As explained in the 'Green Network in 1996' article, Green Network News will now alternate between 6 and 4 pages each month. The feature section on 'Being Green on a Low Income' has therefore been put back to February.

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

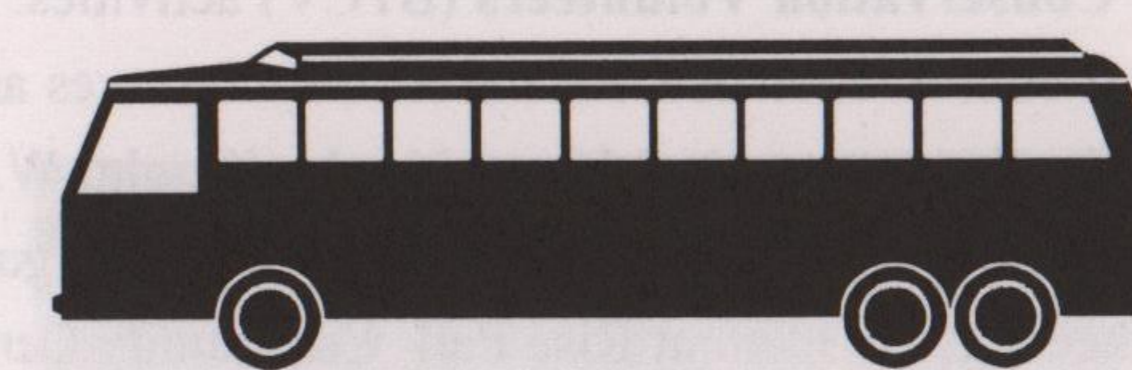
If you would like to write a feature article, or you have a photo that could be used, please let me know. Articles are usually needed around one month in advance of publication, and can be sent on paper or 3.5 inch disk (pc format).

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 941 7849, or write to me at -

*Green Network
c/o The Rainbow Centre
182 Mansfield Road
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CAR PARK & RETAIL DEVELOPMENT



The articles below reflect two different viewpoints over the new car park and retail development now being built next to the Victoria Centre.

VICTORIA CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

Nottinghamshire Transport 2000 strongly object to the construction of a 1,100 space car park and a 10 bay bus station at the northern end of the Victoria Centre, whilst replacing the existing 30 bay bus station by retail development.

The huge increase in parking spaces will inevitably increase traffic, and hence congestion and pollution, in the area. The City Council seem quite happy to encourage more cars, at the expense of public transport, into the city in order to compete for retail trade with cities like Leicester and shopping centres like Meadowhall.

Even though National Express coach services will transfer to Broadmarsh bus station, the large reduction in Victoria's bus station capacity will cause inconvenience to some bus users. Trent and Barton services, by rejigging of timetables, will be accommodated, whilst other operators will transfer to Broadmarsh or

elsewhere, including Market Square, which is already struggling to accommodate existing services.

Trent buses are currently negotiating for the lease of the new bus station, and if successful will provide enquiry facilities. The passenger waiting area will be undercover and toilet facilities will be provided. However, refreshment facilities will not be available.

The City Council has made progress on green transport projects like their Commuter Plan, cycle locker facilities, improved and new Bulwell bus and train stations etc. However, their approval of this development, along with their overall car parking strategy, has to be viewed as a retrograde step and runs contrary to current public opinion - to reduce car use and improve public transport.

Written by Bob Harper on behalf of Nottinghamshire Transport 2000.

NEW CAR PARK AT VICTORIA CENTRE

Work has now started on a major retail development next to the Victoria Centre, which will include a new House of Fraser department store. A new multi-storey car park (with 1,100 spaces) and bus station will be built in the former railway cutting to the north of the Centre.

Planning Permission for the development was granted by the City Council in June, and work on the site started in September, with the aim of opening the department store in late 1997.

The City Council are supporting the development as part of a strategy of increasing the range of shops in the City Centre, enhancing Nottingham's role as a regional centre. In order to meet the conditions of House of Fraser for building a new store, it was necessary to allow the construction of new car parking spaces.

This development is seen by the City Council as an alternative to an 'out of town' development,

which would have led to a large increase in car traffic for shopping trips. The Light Rapid Transit (LRT) route northwards from the Victoria Centre has also been protected during the planning process.

Current proposals allow for National Express to be relocated to Broadmarsh Bus Station, and measures to accommodate this move through improvements to the capacity and passenger facilities of the station are being investigated by the City Council. Plans for the new Victoria bus station state that it will be able to cater for all of the local services by re-arranging timetables.

Options for the tour & excursion buses (a very small proportion of current services) are being investigated.

This article is based on information provided by Nottingham City Council.

THE NOTTINGHAM GREEN CALENDAR

DECEMBER 1995

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- Monthly **Nottingham EIA (Environmental Investigation Agency)**. 7.30pm. Nott'm Knight, W.Bridgford. ☎ Lesley Peasant, 01509 235885.
- Fri 1st **Greenpeace Youth Group**. 7.30pm. Trent University library, Shakespeare St. ☎ Megan MacFarlane, 921 2246 to confirm venue.
- Sun 3rd **Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers** meeting. 10.30am at Rise Park Community Centre. ☎ 975 6376 for details.
- Mon 4th **Greenpeace Support Group** meeting at the Narrowboat Pub, Canal Street. ☎ David Meatcher on 925 7186.
- Tue 5th **NOGS (Nottingham Organic Gardeners)** meeting. ☎ Mike Poyzer on 01636 814324 after 6.30pm.
- Tue 5th **Oxfam Campaigning Group** meeting. 7.30pm at Angel Row Library. ☎ David Eminson at the Oxfam Campaigns office on 942 3892.
- W/E 8-10 **'War on Willows'** by the Nottingham Canal, with BTCV. Cost £10, pickup from Nottingham BR Station at 8pm. ☎ 01132 742335.
- Mon 11th **Nottingham Permaculture Association** meeting. ☎ Phil Corbett on 947 4977 for details.
- Mon 11th **Notts Wildlife Trust (City)**. 'The Geology of Nottinghamshire' talk. 7.30pm. Browne Jacobson Solicitors, 44 Castlegate. ☎ 958 8242.
- Thur 14th **Friends of the Earth** AGM, including video & speaker (to be arranged). 7.30pm at Angel Row Library. ☎ Tim Gray on 922 3439.
- Thur 14th **East Midlands Business & Environment Club** meeting & social event. 7pm, Rushcliffe Indoor Bowls Centre. £5 Members, £15 Non-members. ☎ Tim Main 01509 881287.
- Sat 16th **Notts Cyclists' Touring Club Beginners Section** ride to Shipley Park - all welcome. 11am, Wollaton Park, car park off Wollaton Road. ☎ Graham Lansdell on 986 0299.
- Sun 17th **National Trust** Volunteer Group activity. Belton House, Lincolnshire. ☎ Patrick Clark 01778 570045.
- Mon 18th **Pedals** meeting. 7.30pm at the Trippe to Jerusalem (upstairs room), Brewhouse Yard/Castle Road. ☎ Hugh McClintock on 981 6206.
- Thur 21st **Notts Transport 2000** meeting. 7.30pm at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station. ☎ Ron Gillott on 920 1238.
- Fri 22nd **Critical Mass** Cycle Ride to protest against traffic congestion. Meet in the Market Square at 5.15pm. Contact Box CTM, Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW.
- Tue 26th **'Boxing Day Revival'**, a short walk in **Bestwood Country Park**. 10am-2pm. Meet at Winding House Car Park, Bestwood Village. ☎ 967 0042.

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- Fri 5th **Greenpeace Youth Group**. 7.30pm. Trent University library, Shakespeare St. ☎ Megan MacFarlane, 921 2246 to confirm venue.
- Sun 7th **National Trust** Volunteer Group activity. Woodland work at Kedleston Hall. ☎ Gale Harvey 922 0219.
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- Tue 16th **Notts Wildlife Trust (Gedling)**. **Dragonflies** illustrated talk. 7.30pm. Woodthorpe Library. Cost £1, inc. refreshments. ☎ 958 8242.
- Thur 18th **Notts Transport 2000** meeting. 7.30pm at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station. ☎ Ron Gillott on 920 1238.
- Sun 21st **National Trust** Volunteer Group activity. Scrub Clearance, South Peak Estate. ☎ Brenden Hill 0121 352 1370.
- Mon 22nd **Nott'm World Development Movement**. 7.30pm. International Community Centre, 61B Mansfield Rd. ☎ Nick Osmond, 960 7797.
- Wed 24th **Nottingham Women's Environmental Network** meeting. 8pm at 5 Meynall Grove, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. ☎ 960 5843.
- Thur 25th **East Midlands Business & Environment Club** meeting - **Renewable Energy**. 2pm, Rushcliffe Indoor Bowls Centre. £5 Members, £15 Non-members. ☎ Tim Main 01509 881287.
- Fri 26th **Critical Mass** Cycle Ride to protest against traffic congestion. Meet in the Market Square at 5.15pm. Contact Box CTM, Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW.

YOUNG PEOPLE

WAKE UP TO WATCH

Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, involving young environmentalists aged 7-14 years. Watch groups are run on a voluntary basis by competent and enthusiastic leaders, and meet once a month (usually on a Saturday) for a few hours. The content of these meetings will depend on what the members wish to do and what the leader can organise. Activities include nature games, bird spotting, bug hunts, building animal boxes, undertaking simple surveys and conservation work, and maybe going on some visits. The bottom line of **all** Watch groups is learning and appreciating in a fun and exciting way.

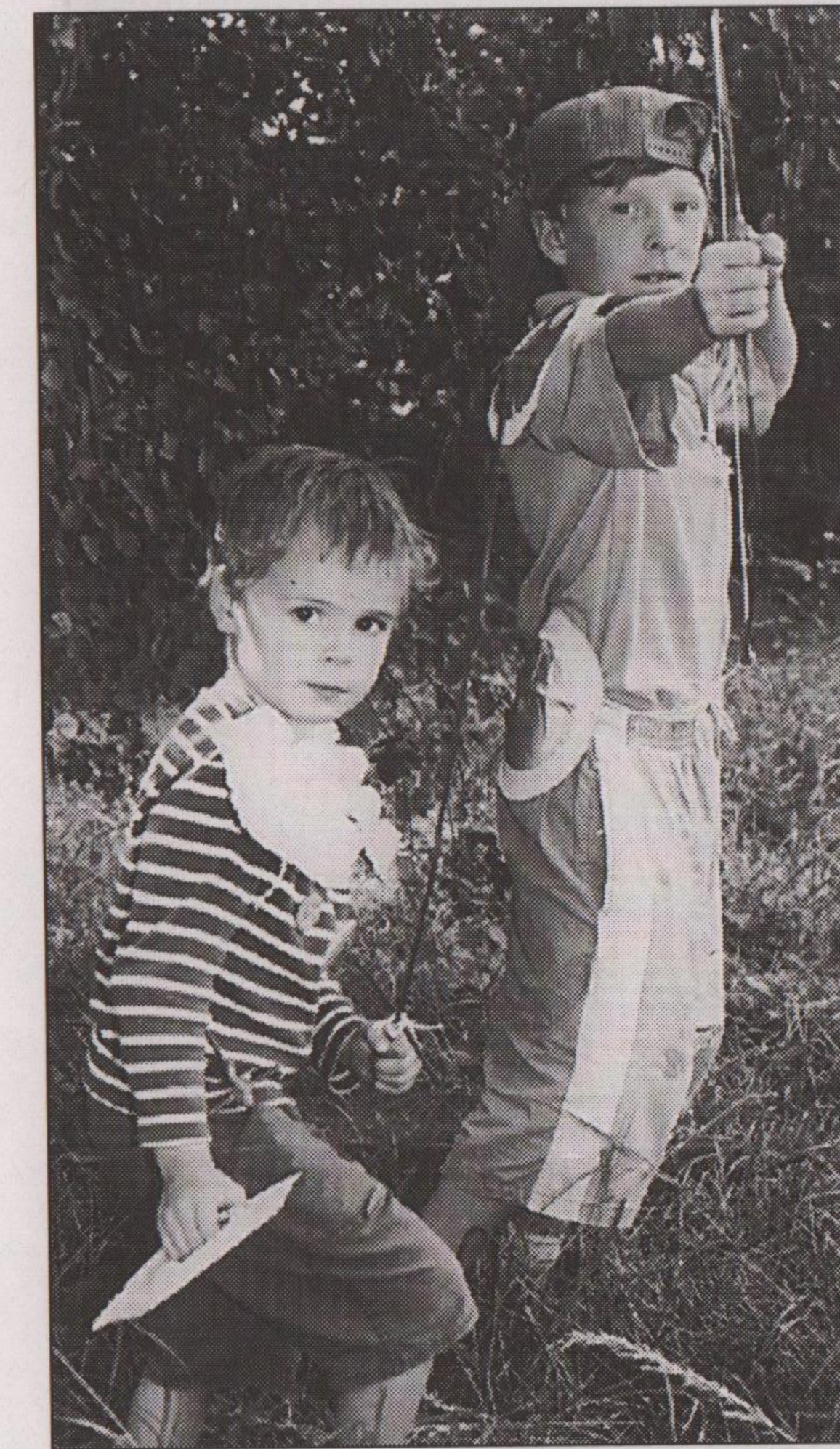
How you can get involved -

1. If you have children who enjoy nature and being outdoors go along to your nearest meeting (see details below). There is a small charge of around 75p for the meetings.

2. How about setting up a Watch group in your area? We have 6 active Watch groups in the County, so there is plenty of room for expansion. Knowledge isn't a prerequisite of being a Watch leader - **enthusiasm** is. Maybe a group of you could undertake running a Watch group?

How to enrol in Wildlife Watch -

1. Individual membership for children for one year costs £7.50. You will receive 3 National Watchword magazines plus 3 local newsletters a year, containing articles and activities, and timed to coincide with school holidays.



Youngsters taking part in a drama workshop at Portland Park this Summer.

2. Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust Family Watch Membership costs £23 per year for 1 adult and up to 4 children, and £28 per year for 2 adults and up to 4 children.

GREENPEACE YOUTH GROUP

The August '94 issue of GNN carried an article on the formation, ideals and achievements of the Nottingham Greenpeace Youth Group. This article brings an update on our progress, as well as a recap for those who missed the previous article.

The group was formed in 1992 by a number of young people (myself included), who felt that there was no real role for under 18s in Greenpeace. Amongst young people there is little tolerance for rhetoric and a real desire to initiate change themselves. However, most feel powerless, their opinions are not listened to, and society as a whole places many obstacles in the way of, and little confidence in, young people.

For these reasons we decided that education along with practical environmental work should be the focus of our activities. By giving our members the facts about environmental issues rather than prophesies of doom we enable them to determine their own opinions and work from

a position of strength when discussing the issues with adults. By being informed and reasonable we show that we are to be taken seriously.

To fulfil these aims our meetings started as a series of talks given by local government officers and environmental groups, including an open meeting with a speaker from BNFL (British Nuclear Fuels Ltd).

Practical activities included recycling with a live radio-reported visit to Alcan with over 2,000 cans, as well as a variety of conservation tasks all over the county. Members were also involved in planning and managing the 2010 Youth Environment Conference in 1993 and the Notts Youth Environment Forum in 1994.

During the past year our activities have shifted slightly to include more practical conservation work. We have formed close associations with 2 particular sites - Portland Park and Attenborough Nature Reserve, taking part in

Adults receive full benefits of Trust membership including access to 50 local nature reserves, a programme of talks, walks, slide shows etc. Members also receive the local Trust newsletter and the national magazine (Natural World) 3 times a year, as well as the opportunity to become involved in practical conservation work and many other activities. The children become full Watch members (as described above).

Local Watch Groups -

- **Newark** - 9.30am-12noon, 2nd Saturday of the month, the Interpretative Centre, Duke's Wood, Eakring. Contact Mrs M Bartley on 01636 707034.

- **Nottingham City** - 10am-12.30pm, 1st Saturday of the month, Wollaton Hall (Usually Education Room). Contact Patrick Durcan on 970 6165.

- **Rufford Park** - 10.30am-12.30pm, 1st Saturday of the month, Rufford Mill Activity Room. Contact Mike Pearson on 01623 824153.

- **Portland Park** - 10am-12.30pm, 3rd Sunday in the month, Portland Park Visitors Centre (Kirkby-in-Ashfield). Contact Bill Smith on 01623 755246.

- **Meadows** - 10am-12noon, 1st Saturday of the month, Wilwell Farm Cutting. Contact Lorna Clackson (leader) via Ruth Eyre on 958 6871.

For further details contact Ruth Eyre (County Watch Co-ordinator), Flat 4, Victoria Court, Park Street, Lenton, Nottingham, NG7 1RR

our own specially organised tasks.

Our other major project during the year involved the Youth Environment Festival at the Harvey Hadden Stadium. To raise awareness of recycling issues we worked on producing a range of recycled jewellery using materials such as newspaper, scrap metal and even orange peel - sharing these skills in the workshop we ran. The younger members also performed their own recycling rap.

Looking back, this year has been a great success. However most of the founding members are setting off to University this Autumn and a new influx of people is needed to ensure that the group continues and grows. So if you are aged between 10 and 19 and want to get involved ring the number below. The world needs you!

Alex Penn. For more information about the Greenpeace Youth Group contact Megan MacFarlane on 921 2246.

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