

2010 YOUTH CONFERENCE

(June '93 Issue) The Notts 2010 Youth Conference was a great success, helping young people from all parts of the County to put forward their views about environmental issues. The Conference was held on Saturday 8th May at Centre Parcs.

The day was introduced by Terry Nutkins (from BBC TV's 'Really Wild Show'). Delegates (aged 14-18) then took part in workshops on a range of different issues, organised by local environmental groups. The young people also participated in discussion groups on 5 key issues, including Recycling, Energy and Transport - considering what action is needed by the year 2010.

The conference concluded with a short speech from Lisa McManus (of Ollerton Youth Action), who stated 'We don't want to fear for the future, we want to be proud of what lies ahead'.

The main conclusions reached by the conference were put to the Nottingham Joint Conference on the Urban Environment, held on May 21st.

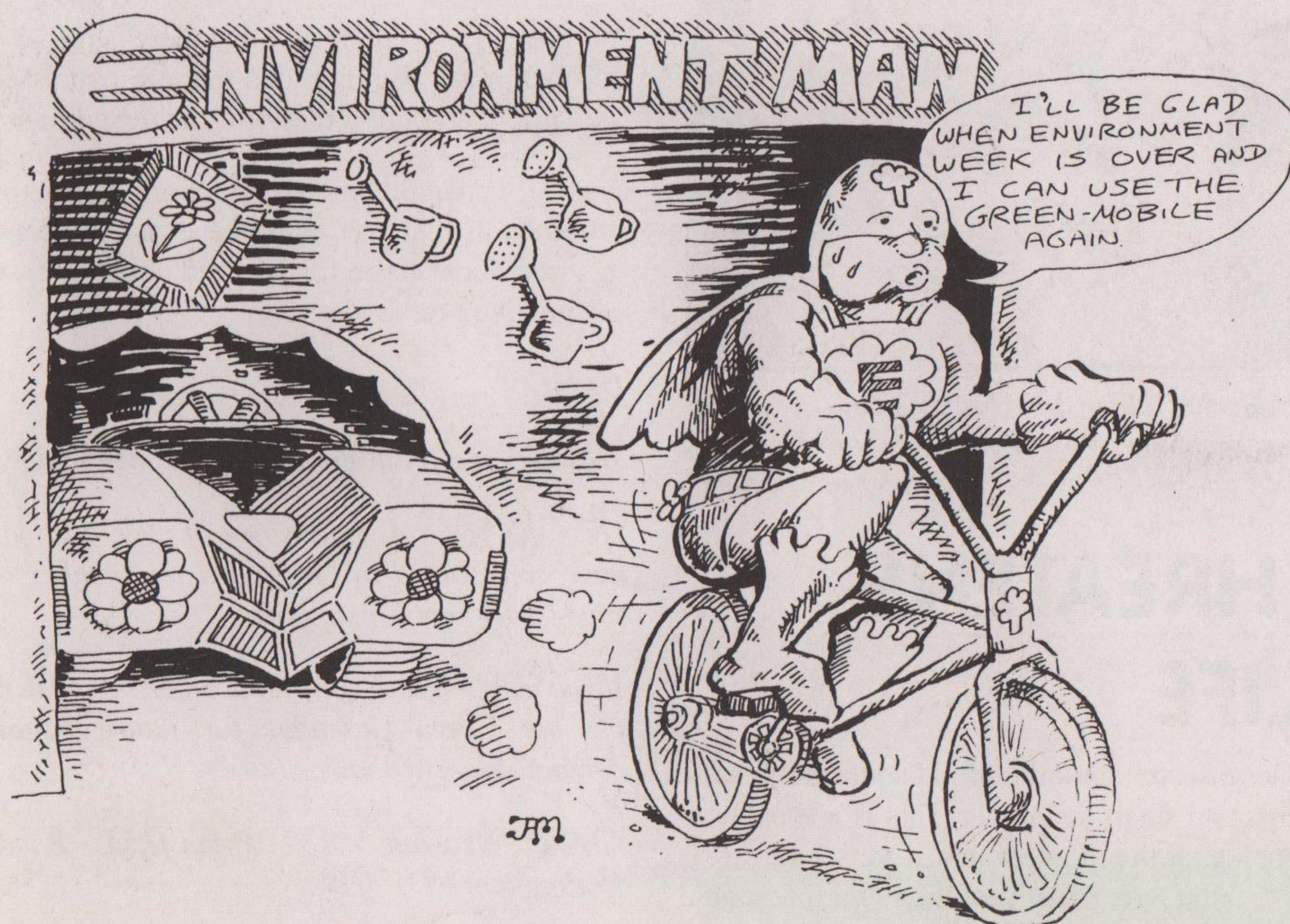
Update - A second youth conference was held in May 1994, which resulted in a Youth Environment Action Plan called 'Planet', providing a user-friendly package of ideas for young people to take action to live more sustainably. Ruth Eyre was appointed as Environmental Education Officer in the Notts County Council Youth Service early this year. Ruth can help youth groups to develop ideas and apply for grants. One example of a current



Neil Shearstone of Padstow Youth Group shows recycled pig to Terry Nutkins (at the 2010 Youth Conference).

project is a music project for young people producing songs with a 'green' theme, with the winners able to produce a pop video and appear at the 'Showcase' event in November.

Contact Ruth Eyre (Environmental Education Officer) on 942 4266.



This cartoon appeared in the May 1994 issue.

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The lack of rain will also affect most trees. A Trust spokesperson commented 'If we get a fair amount of rain in the near future, most trees will not suffer any long term damage, but if the drought continues for much longer many trees may begin to die. This will obviously result in a loss of habitat for wildlife'.

If these conditions continue in future years, then the implications for our native wildlife are great. Some wetland habitats may begin to dry up, and certain species of plant and animal may no longer find conditions here suitable from them.

This is a reduced version of the article produced by Notts Wildlife Trust. Green Network News will continue to report on the impact of droughts in the future.

ORGANIC DELIVERY SUCCESS!

(July '95 Issue) The organic delivery scheme run by Eden Farms has now started operating in Nottingham - the response from people reading about the scheme has been terrific, and the number of customers is growing rapidly. Green Network news has had an important role in this publicity - more than half of our initial customers first read about the scheme in these very pages

The aim of the scheme is to provide a convenient service, and enable customers to support an environmentally friendly form of farming. If you can afford to buy the odd organic pack from a supermarket, it may have been grown on our 70 acre farm in Lincolnshire - but to reach Nottinghamshire, we estimate our lettuce have travelled a total of 600 miles! The box scheme cuts out the middleman, and provides fresh vegetables straight to you.

We provide a selection of in-season vegetables in two box sizes - a £6.50 family box, and a smaller £4.50 box. The boxes are delivered to local distribution points, where customers can collect them and make payment. We would be very interested to hear of more people prepared to act as distribution points - you receive 10% of vegetable sales from your address in return.

Update - The box delivery scheme has continued to grow, and now has a network of 22 local distribution points - but more are still needed! Contact Marjorie Stein, Eden Farms, Old Bolnbrooke, Spilsby, Lincolnshire, PE23 4EY (phone/fax 01790 763582).

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BROXTOWE GRANTS

Broxtowe Borough Council are offering small awards to organisations based in Broxtowe who are operating 'green' projects during environment week (17-27 May). A total of £3,000 is available, with additional prizes of Boots gift vouchers going to three schools and three community groups. Applications should be made as soon as possible. Contact Rachel Tassel on 925 4891 ext 4496.

IN BRIEF

- Hot Stuff! is being organised this month by the Young Ornithologists Club (YOC), to offer young people a way to collect evidence about Global Warming, through observations of nettles, caterpillars and temperature! Phoenix is the new section of YOC for 13 to 18 year olds, with local groups, expeditions and activities. Call 01767 680551 for more information.

- Alexander & Alexander Ltd provide a special insurance scheme for Voluntary and Charitable Organisations, and have supplied Green Network with several copies of their Environmental Policy. Contact Alexander & Alexander on 01737 774177 or Green Network on 941 7849 (for a copy of the Environmental Policy).

- Help with gardening is available for City Council tenants who are elderly or have a disability, and have no relatives living within 6 miles of their home. Contact the Housing Services manager on 948 3500 ext 14054.

NEW LOOK AT 50

This is the 50th issue of Green Network News, first produced as a small A5 sheet in November 1991, with the aim of bringing together a wide variety of news, features and events - making them accessible to the whole community. This month's feature (on the back two pages) looks back at some of the articles included over the years, with updates on what has happened since they were published. We have also used this opportunity to launch the new-look Green Network News, designed to make the publication more attractive and easier to read.

As well as publishing GNN, the Green Network

has recently produced a environmental directory for Nottingham and South Notts, available for £3 postage and packing. We also have a free networking service - if you are looking for organisations working on particular issues (such as recycling or energy) with resources available in your area (such as speakers or displays), we can help to put you in touch.

For more information contact Adam Woodward, Green Network, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW (phone 941 7849).

GREEN INDICATORS

The government Department of the Environment (DoE) has published a report showing trends over the last 25 years for 118 indicators - covering a wide range of issues, including transport, energy, fish resources, wildlife and air quality.

indicators showed a decline in standards (such as increasing public transport costs), with another third bringing good news (such as a slow rise in recycling), and the remainder being indifferent or open to interpretation.

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According to the DoE, at least a third of the

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Severn Trent Water



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VILLAGE WILDLIFE COMPETITION

Is your village thinking about planting a spare corner with native trees and shrubs? Are you involved in cleaning out a choked village pond or establishing a new one? If so, you may be interested in the 1996 Notts Village Wildlife Competition.

The Notts Wildlife Trust is to take over the judging of entries in this popular annual event, which is run by the Notts Branch of the Council for the Protection of Rural England alongside its Best Kept Village Competition.

The County Council will be funding the competition for this year, and the winning project will receive a cash prize of £200. A prize of £50 will also go to the best managed existing project. The closing date for entries is 31 May 1996. Entry forms have been sent to all parish councils and include suggestions for obtaining help with funding from such sources as Rural Action. Additional forms can be obtained from -

Mrs Lynne Harper, Nottinghamshire CPRE, c/o Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council, Minster Chambers, Church Street, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0HD (phone 01636 815267).

GREEN FUEL TRIALS

In recent weeks Nottingham City Transport buses operating out of the Trent Bridge depot have been running on a new, cleaner diesel fuel. Early indications suggest a major reduction in pollution levels has been achieved.

Nottingham Transport 2000 welcomes this initiative, and through the Nottingham Green Partnership Transport Sub-Group will be meeting with Nottingham City Transport to encourage them to run all of their buses on 'green' fuel during Green Transport Week (8-16 June).

However, the fuel does not come cheap. For the initial trial the cost was 1p a litre higher than for standard diesel, and if they want more the premium will rise to 3.5p a litre. This would almost certainly result in significant fares increases, giving companies running 'dirty' buses an unfair competitive edge.

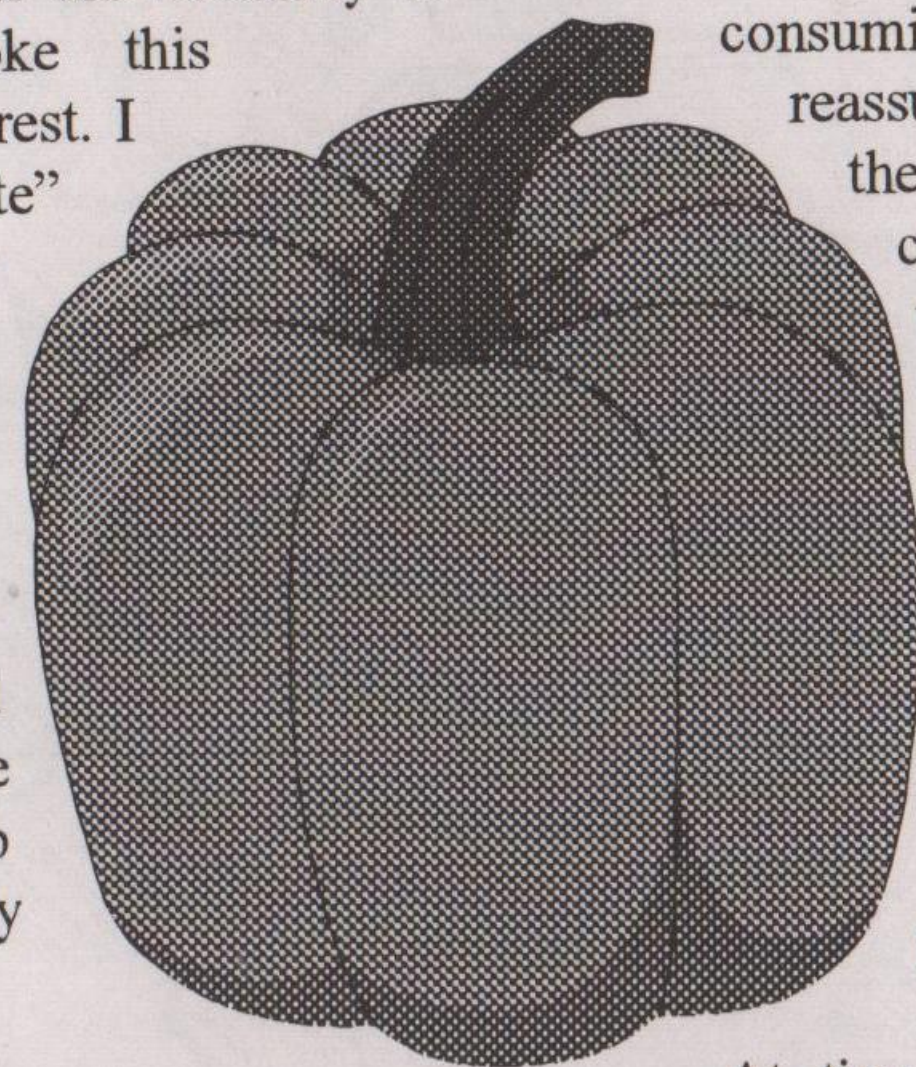
Tax incentives already exist to encourage motorists to use 'green' petrol. Please write to the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, and your local MP, calling for similar measures for diesel.

Based on an article in the Notts Transport 2000 newsletter.

ORGANIC VEGETABLES

The demand for organic vegetables has gone wild over the past few weeks. Despite the relatively limited range at this time of year, our phone never stops ringing, and our existing customers have gamely stuck with their diet of carrots and parsnips.

I am not naive enough to believe that the contents of our boxes alone are suddenly so irresistible as to provoke this unprecedented level of interest. I also see it as a "protest vote" against modern farming methods and food manufacturing practices which leave us, as consumers, lacking in confidence not only in the wholesomeness of the food we buy, but also in the authority of those whose job it is to regulate this vastly important industry.



Despite scientists and government officials assuring us that carrots with chemical residues, and beef from possibly diseased cattle, is safe to eat, there now seems to be a prevailing anxiety that, rather than rock the boat, those at the top are not prepared to fully research and publicise information about some farming methods which would fuel public disquiet.

This is now rebounding on the government, as people ignore the advice of 'experts', no longer believing their assurances, and go out in search

of food in which they can trust.

While at a personal level, this is good for business, what we desperately need is proper research into long term consequences of current farming and food manufacturing techniques.

At present, agrochemicals are rated by their RD50; the rate at which 50% of rats consuming them die! Not a very reassuring statistic when considering the time span, cumulative and cocktail effect of these products, which by their very nature are biocidal.

Meanwhile, with our annual Soil Association inspection due in two weeks, there will be no opportunities for prohibited substances, dodgy practices, or 'ignorance', to be found on our farm.

At times infuriating, time consuming and expensive, at the end of the day as inspector and farmer part (frequently with a bad headache!), consumers can be reassured that everything possible has been done to produce your food in a safe, responsible way, and that what you eat is exactly what you see!

Marjorie Stein,

Eden Farms, Old Bolingbroke, Spilsby, Lincs.

Tel & Fax 01790 763582.

EASTCROFT ASH HAZARD

WasteNotts, the company which runs the city's municipal waste incinerator at Eastcroft and the county's landfill sites, has been sold to Yorkshire Environmental, a subsidiary of Yorkshire Water.

The County's Waste Regulation Authority (WRA) has recently had to instruct WasteNotts to stop dumping fly ash from Eastcroft in landfill sites which haven't been properly lined. Fly ash is highly toxic, and more deadly than asbestos because it contains very fine particles which can get deep into the lungs if breathed. This also means that it is very easy for rainwater to leach out toxins into groundwater under the landfill - some of which is used for our drinking water.

The WRA is also investigating whether the 45,000 tonnes of grate ash from Eastcroft - which contains one part per thousand lead and other toxic materials - causes hazard from dust being blown around landfill sites.

Nigel Lee of Nottingham FoE stated 'Nottingham Friends of the Earth are calling on WasteNotts to stop spreading toxic grate ash on landfills. The most economically viable way to deal with waste safely is to separate and recycle, and not incineration. If this is not possible, then material recycling should be developed alongside incineration - as an alternative to the proposed expansion of incineration facilities'.

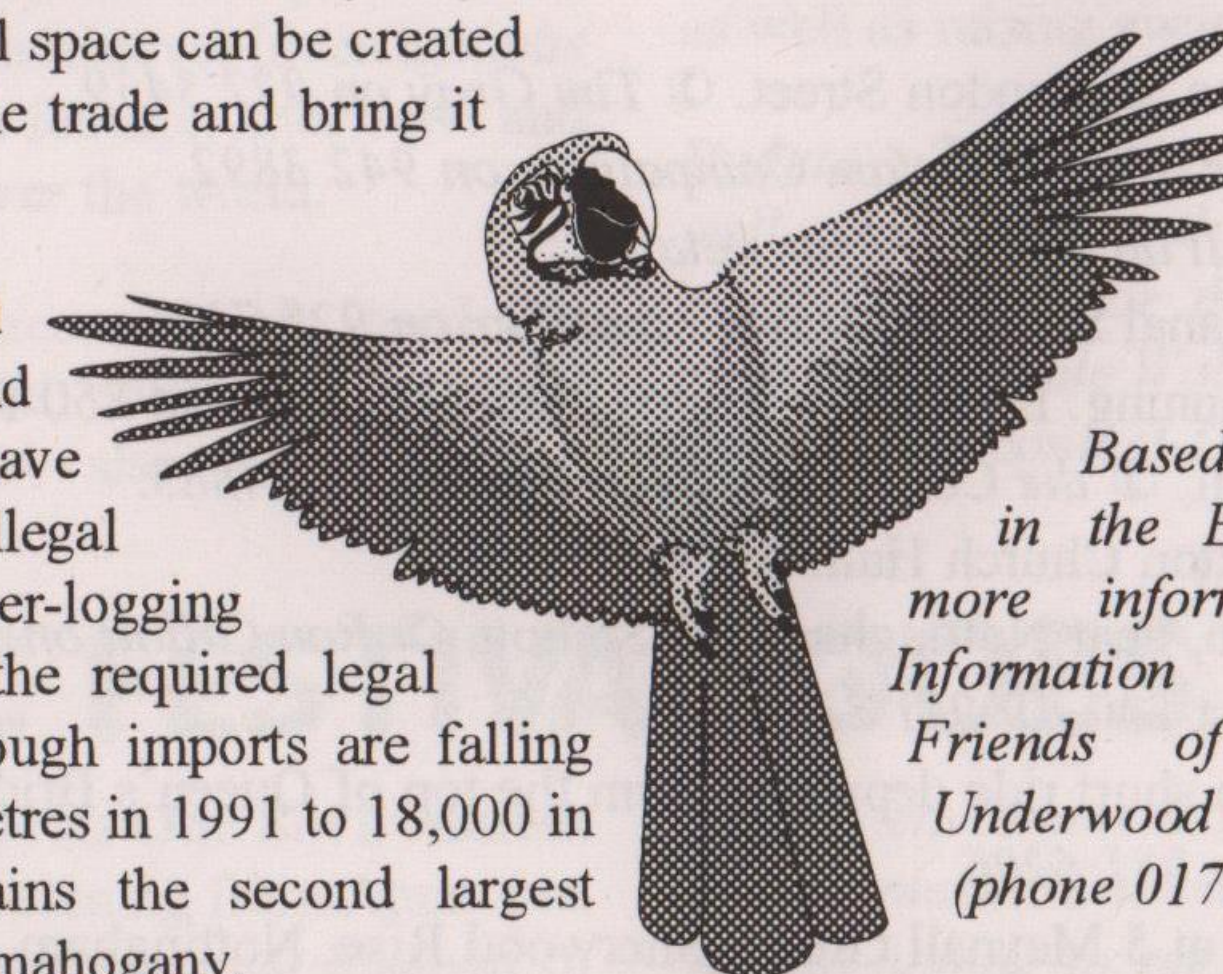
Based on an article by Nigel Lee in the Nottingham FoE newsletter.

Paul Wynn (Technical Director of Yorkshire Environmental) stated 'All the ash generated by the Eastcroft incinerator is sent to approved WasteNotts engineering landfill sites - which are licensed to take the ash with the full agreement of the Waste Regulation Authority, who are not requesting any changes to the procedures.'

MAHOGANY BOYCOTT

Friends of the Earth reports that its boycott of Brazilian mahogany is still on until it can be guaranteed that the trade is carried out in a legal and sustainable manner. Dozens of organisations in Brazil are now also campaigning for a boycott 'as the only way that political and ecological space can be created in order to regulate the trade and bring it under control'.

An FoE study carried out in December found that UK suppliers have been 'involved in illegal activities such as over-logging and trading without the required legal documentation'. Although imports are falling (from 48,000 cubic metres in 1991 to 18,000 in 1994), the UK remains the second largest importer of Brazilian mahogany.



Having convinced the five major UK retailers to agree to stop selling mahogany, FoE is now concentrating efforts on the Timber Trade Federation and the UK government. People can support the campaign by boycotting mahogany, or writing to their MP asking them to raise the issue with the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of the Environment.

Based on an article published in the Ethical Consumer. For more information write to the Information and Enquiries Unit, Friends of the Earth, 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ (phone 0171 490 1555).

RECYCLING UPDATE

Five years ago, local Volunteer Bureaux, Friends of the Earth and Broxtowe Borough Council worked together to produce a Recycling Directory. This aimed to inform members of the public and businesses about the use that charities and other organisations can make of various goods, as well as reducing the amount of products being thrown away.

The directory is about to be updated, and Broxtowe Borough Council would like to hear from any voluntary organisation (or school, youth club etc) which collects items for re-use,

resale or recycling. As the directory will be available for several years, short-term appeals/collections cannot be included, but a free entry in the directory is a useful way of publicising long term collections.

The deadline for entries in the directory to be sent in is 21 June.

Contact Rachel Tassel or Paul Bourgeois at Broxtowe Borough Council on 925 4891 ext 4496.

GREEN INDICATORS

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Households, movement of people and freight transport have made no gains in energy efficiency at all over the past 25 years, while manufacturing industry does use less fuel. One indicator shows that while the real cost of rail and bus fares has grown faster than the rise in incomes, the cost of motoring has fallen, explaining the huge switch from public to private transport.

The Green Gauge group of 7 environmental organisations (including the RSPB and Friends of the Earth) have criticised the indicators as providing too much information, some of it misleading. In addition, only 10% of the indicators have targets for change. The group has produced a separate report on environmental standards, focusing on six key areas - vanishing species, disappearing countryside, fresh water, transport, coastal & marine, and our impact abroad.

Jonathon Porritt, launching the report on behalf of the group, stated 'This report gives little cause for celebration. Our environment is getting worse, even the government figures say so. There must now be immediate action to stem the tide of environmental degradation in the UK'.

The DoE report 'Indicators of Sustainable Development' is available from HMSO at £25 (phone 0171 873 9090). For more information contact the DoE on 0171 276 0900.

Copies of 'Green Gauge '96 - Indicators for the UK Environment' are available at £5 (inc p&p) from Naomi Dickinson-Lacey, WWF-UK Press Office, Panda House, Weyside Park, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1XR (phone 01483 412386).

This article is based on information in 'The Independent' (13th March), and DoE and Green Gauge press releases.

GREENPEACE WALK

The Greenpeace sponsored walks will take place on Sunday 23rd June at Attenborough Nature Reserve, from 11.30am. The walks start from the Barton Lane car park (access from Chilwell Retail Park).

The five mile walk takes you around the beautiful ponds and habitat of the reserve. The ten mile walk will take you around the reserve and along the banks of the Trent to Trent Lock, where refreshments will be available in the local hostelry, along with bouncy castle, jugglers and face painting.

For more information and sponsor forms phone Jane on 981 5855 or Callie on 960 7675.

QMC INCINERATOR

The QMC has appealed against decisions by both the City and County Councils last year to turn down planning permission for a proposed clinical waste incinerator. The appeal will begin on October 15th.

A resident's group - QUIT - has been re-formed to oppose the appeal, with the support of Friends of the Earth and the Women's Environmental Network.

The QMC has made it clear that their main interest is to make £200,000 a year from importing waste from other hospitals. They have refused to implement better waste management practices - which are now being recommended by the government - to reduce the amount of waste requiring incineration. Some German hospitals are now producing only a fiftieth as much clinical waste as British hospitals, while also making considerable cost savings.

Based on an article by Nigel Lee in the Nottingham Friends of the Earth newsletter. The QUIT group are actively preparing their case for the October public enquiry. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact Sandra Rose (chair) on 978 0655, or Chris Coote (vice chair) on 979 0230.

GNN UPDATE

The next feature section will be in July, looking at recycling. 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 Adam Woodward at Green Network, c/o The Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW (phone 941 7849).

THE NOTTINGHAM GREEN CALENDAR

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- Fri 3rd **Greenpeace Youth Group**. 7.30pm. Trent University library, Shakespeare St. ☎ Megan MacFarlane, 921 2246 to confirm venue.
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- Tue 7th **Oxfam Campaigning Group** meeting. 7.30pm, upstairs at the Bell Inn, Market Square.
☎ David Eminson at the Oxfam Campaigns office on 942 3892.
- Thur 9th **Friends of the Earth** meeting. 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street. ☎ Tim Gray on 922 3439.
- Sun 12th **Oxfam Walk for Basic Rights**, in Sherwood Forest. ☎ Chris or Riffit at Oxfam Campaigns, on 942 3892.
- Mon 13th **Nottingham Permaculture Association** meeting. ☎ Phil Corbett on 947 4977 for details.
- Mon 13th **Greenpeace Support Group** meeting at the Narrowboat Pub, Canal Street. ☎ David Meatcher on 925 7186.
- Tue 14th **Local Agenda 21 Conference** - Progress & Implications for Planning. Price £95 (limited places available at £50 for voluntary groups).
From 9.30am, at the Portland Building, University of Nottingham. ☎ the Conference Secretary on 951 4883.
- Wed 15th **Wollaton Natural History Society** meeting, from 7.30 at Wollaton Church Hall. All Welcome.
- Thur 16th **Notts Transport 2000** meeting. 7.30pm at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station. ☎ Ron Gillott on 920 1238.
- W/E 18-19 **BTCV 'Bowls on the Pole Lathe' Course** in Burton Joyce. Cost £40. ☎ 931 3316.
- Mon 20th **Pedals** meeting. 8.30pm at the Ferry Inn, Wilford, preceded by a short ride departing from the top of Queen's Bridge Road,
opposite Nottingham BR station at 7pm. ☎ Hugh McClintock on 981 6206.
- Wed 22nd **Nottingham Women's Environmental Network** meeting. 8pm at 5 Meynall Grove, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. ☎ 960 5843.
- Fri 24th **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.
- Day Tasks *Sat 25 & Sun 26th.* **Making a bodging lathe** (a traditional tool for making furniture legs) with Manton Youth Club and
Direct Action Creswell. All Notts **Youth Clubs and Young people** welcome (no charge).
To find out more or book a place, ☎ Rob Packer or Janet Fisher on 01909 500219.
- Sun 26th **'Woodland Wildflowers'** walk looking at the natural history of wildflowers, in Bestwood Country Park. 10am-12noon.
Meet at Bestwood Lodge Drive Car Park. ☎ 967 0042.
- Mon 27th **Nott'm World Development Movement**. 7.30pm. International Community Centre, 61B Mansfield Rd. ☎ Nick Osmond, 960 7797.

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- Thur 13th **Friends of the Earth** meeting. 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street. ☎ Tim Gray on 922 3439.
- Sat 15th **'Celebrating the Countryside'** event organised by CPRE, from 2.30pm-6pm at Thrumpton Hall near Nottingham.
Entrance £4.00 adults, £2.00 children.
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Contact Box CTM, Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW.
- Sun 30th **'Waterworld'** exploration of lake wildlife, in Bestwood Country Park. 2pm-4pm.
Meet at the Lakesite entrance, Moor Road, Bestwood Village, opposite the Spinney ☎ 967 0042.

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FIFTY ISSUES OF GNN

ECO-DETECTIVES

(January '94 Issue) A local branch of the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) is being launched on 27th January, at Nottingham County Library. The EIA is an independent environmental group working to protect the natural environment and the species that inhabit it. The group has established a reputation for in-depth research and undercover investigations - EIA teams gather film footage, interviews and information from all over the world.

The results of this research are used for campaigns, and to brief other environmental organisations. The EIA also works through

international conventions to develop effective solutions to environmental abuses. For example, in 1991 the EIA helped to persuade the EEC to ban the drift-nets which kill many dolphins.

Local EIA groups are involved in raising funds, as well as raising awareness.

Update - The Nottingham EIA group is now well established, with monthly meetings, and events planned for the future - including a sponsored 'Whale Walk' on 23 June. For more information contact Lesley Peasant on 01509 235885.

MUSIC FESTIVAL GOES GREEN

(September 1993 Issue) **'Its Our Environment Too'** was the message coming from Apna arts, the organisers of the 6th National Festival of Asian Arts and Music, held on the 14th and 15th August at Nottingham University Park.

With Funding from Notts County Council's Green Grants Initiative, Apna Arts created a number of huge environmental murals in community languages, which were displayed all over the festival site. Apna Arts also helped to recycle as much festival waste as possible - with the help of volunteers from the Rainbow Centre and the Greenpeace Youth Group.

Sukhy Johal from Apna Arts said, 'We wanted to raise awareness of environmental issues through the murals and the recycling project so that people realise that future generations will suffer if we don't stop damaging our environment'.

Update - It's Our Environment Too began in December 1993 as an outcome of working with groups such as APNA arts - a need was shown for a more comprehensive set of projects working with ethnic communities. The project was set up as a partnership between Notts County Council and Groundwork Greater Nottingham. Since the beginning of this year, the partnership also includes Nottingham City Council.

IOET is planning to support activities for ethnic groups this summer - such as Countryside trips,

local environmental improvements and Environmental/Cultural art work. The project is also hoping to set up a part-time post this September, to co-ordinate the projects.

For more information about IOET contact Sarah Weightman at Groundwork Greater Nottingham on 979 9227.



Nadeem Haider and David Thomas of APNA Arts, with one of the murals used at the APNA arts Music Festival.

HEAT-WAVE THREATENS WILDLIFE

(September '95 issue) The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has warned that the prolonged dry weather is having a significant impact upon the wildlife of the County. The main threat is posed by the almost daily grass and forest fires, which are destroying nesting habitats for birds and killing thousands of beetles, spiders and

other insects - important food sources for some birds and small mammals. This is a short term problem at the moment, but if very large areas of habitat are destroyed then wildlife could continue to suffer well after the hot spell ends.

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FIFTY ISSUES OF GNN

In order to celebrate reaching our 50th issue, this section aims to look back at a range of the articles, photo's and cartoons from the past four years.

Updates on what has happened since publication follow each item.

WE'VE ARRIVED!

(November '91) Up until now Nottingham has never had a newsletter quite like this one. That is because it incorporates a wide range of environmental information.

Not only will we tell you what campaigning organisations, such as Friends of the Earth, are doing for the environment, we will also tell you what local groups are up to.

The newsletter is a direct result of the Green Network which is an opportunity for local groups with an interest in the environment to actually meet one another. Again, these meetings are not just for groups directly linked to the environment.

We will keep you posted on when the next meeting is. Basically, we want to know what you are doing for the environment and we also want to tell you what other people are up to.

We are eager to emphasise that there is no party political bias. The opinions that are expressed are varied, and not a platform for the editions.

Finally, we would be grateful for any articles or information that you could send us. We want this newsletter to be for you and about you, so get involved on read on ..

Update -

This article set out the aims of the newsletter.

Over the years a wide range of organisations have contributed to GNN, and the number of readers has grown steadily.

If you would like to contribute an article or item for the Green Calendar for future issues, contact Adam Woodward at -

Green Network, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW