

THE NOTTINGHAM GREEN CALENDAR

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- Wed 5th **Notts CPRE Newark & Sherwood Group** meeting. 7.45pm, Farnsfield W.I. Hall.
☎ Heather Grover on 01636 822501. See article for details.
- Thur 6th **Nottingham Health Action Group** launch of 'Health in your Environment' strategy. 10am-11.30am at 1 Standard Court, Nottingham.
☎ Pauline Davis (Health Promotion Manager, Nottingham Health Authority) on 9123344 ext 49324. See article for details.
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- W/E 14-16 **BTCV Countryside Weekend** - hedgerow conservation, Nottingham Canal. Cost £11.
Pick up Nottingham BR 8pm. To book a place ☎ 0113 274 2335.
- Mon 17th **Pedals** meeting. 7.30pm, at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station. ☎ Hugh McClintock on 981 6206.
- Wed 19th **Wollaton Natural History Society** meeting, from 7.30pm at Wollaton Church Hall. £1 entry. All Welcome.
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IN BRIEF...

- 'Recycling' - the first major exhibition to focus on recycling from a crafts perspective - comes to Nottingham Castle Museum from 10 February - 7 April. It includes furniture, wall hangings, jewellery, fashion accessories, lighting and basketry.

- The European Union has launched a scheme to allow 18-25 year olds to do **voluntary service** abroad. The programme identifies local volunteering projects and provides funding for placements. Contact Youth Exchange Centre, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN (phone 0171 389 4030).

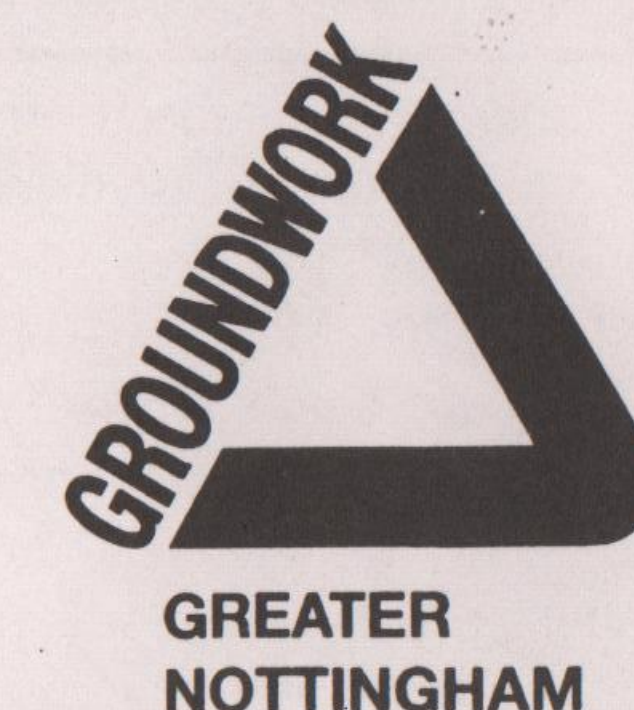
- The **WWF Education Catalogue** is now available, covering a wide range of publications and services. Contact WWF on 01753 643 104.

HOME-COMPOSTERS AVAILABLE

Home-Composters are still available at a subsidised rate to residents of Gedling Borough. The Council is inviting residents to join 'GROW' - the Gedling Recycling Organic Waste club, and receive a brand new Home Composter in return, as well as a regular newsletter. The GROW club costs just £15 to join (£5 to people in receipt of benefits).

As soon as the householder begins to put garden and kitchen waste into the composter, the waste begins to bio-degrade into rich organic compost which can be used to keep soil healthy.

For more information call 967 5419.



Green Network would like to thank Groundwork Greater Nottingham (GGN) for sponsoring this issue. GGN works in partnership with all sectors of the community, to develop & implement environmental projects.
☎ 0115 979 9227.



Members of the 'Greenie Bin Scheme - Chilwell' collection team sorting items for recycling.

'GREEN' STREETS IN CHILWELL

Three streets in Chilwell have gone 'Green' with the help of members of Christ Church Chilwell. 'Greenie Bin Scheme - Chilwell' was recently awarded *first prize* in the community groups section of the Broxtowe Borough Council Environment Week competition. This scheme aims to provide a service to householders, increase recycling and involve young people in doing something to look after our planet.

Nearly a tonne of household waste is being recycled every two weeks from about 125 houses. 'The amount people are able to recycle is quite staggering' said Keith Pentelow, one of the organisers.

Residents of Cator Lane, Clumber Avenue and Harris Road were approached back in September to ask if they would like to take part in the scheme. The response to the questionnaire was so encouraging that by November collections had started, with the support of Broxtowe Borough Council, a

County Council Green Grant and various businesses - including Boots, GPT, Surfacecare and Domino Pizza.

The scheme modelled the collections on a similar scheme run by a church in Carrington. Each householder is given a box and a leaflet about what to put in it, and once a fortnight the group arrange to collect the contents of the boxes, and take the material to various recycling depots.

The group hope that this project will be used as a pilot scheme for the expansion of kerbside recycling in the future. This would help people in Broxtowe to get more of what they want; recent *Agenda 21* meetings showed that recycling was one of local residents' top two priorities.

For more information about Greenie Bin Scheme - Chilwell contact Keith Pentelow on 925 1020.

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.

HEALTH ACTION GROUP

'Health in Your Environment' - a local Agenda 21 Health Strategy for Broxtowe, Gedling, Nottingham City, Rushcliffe and Hucknall has been drawn together by the Nottingham Health Action Group. The membership of this group consists of senior officers from the local City, Borough and County Councils, the Health Authority and the Voluntary Sector.

The remit of this group is to encourage healthy alliances and collaboration by working to pull together the 'health of the Nation' targets, local health promotion priorities and the health component of Local Agenda 21. 'Health in your Environment' is our local response to this.

A launch of this strategy is taking place on 6th February at Standard Court (in Nottingham) between 10am - 11.30am. The launch aims to inform local people about the document and identify ways that we can move forward with this initiative.

If you would like a copy of the strategy or more information about N.H.A.G. please contact me on 912 3344 ext 49324. Pauline Davis, Health Promotion Manager, Nottingham Health Authority.

GNN UPDATE

We have had a very positive response to the new membership and subscription charges - thank you for your support. Our AGM also took place on 23 January - a full report will be included next month.

Articles for GNN are always welcome, as well as information about events to go in the Green Calendar.

Contact Adam Woodward at Green Network, c/o Groundwork Greater Nottingham, 35-37 St Mary's Gate, Nottingham NG1 1PU (phone 941 7849).

CRITICAL MASS

As the volume of motorised traffic in Nottingham continues to increase there is more and more unmet need for alternatives to be promoted and provided. Monthly Critical Mass cycle rides aim to highlight the problems caused by the volume of cars and lorries - such as increasing levels of Asthma, dangers to pedestrians and cyclists, and noise pollution. Given the present and (according to projections) future inadequacy of provision for cyclists and pedestrians active campaigning such as Critical Mass is urgently required.

Critical Mass meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 5.20pm in Nottingham's Market Square. Contact Box CTM, Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW. Article by Nottingham Critical Mass.

1,000 SAVE ENERGY

Nottingham couple Gerald and Barbara Devlin have become the 1,000th clients to have their home made warmer and cheaper to heat through a partnership project which is improving the energy efficiency of low-income homes in the city. The Nottingham Energy Awareness Project is a partnership between national charity NEA, East Midlands Electricity (EME) and Nottingham City Council - bringing the benefits of energy efficiency to vulnerable households and community groups in Nottingham.

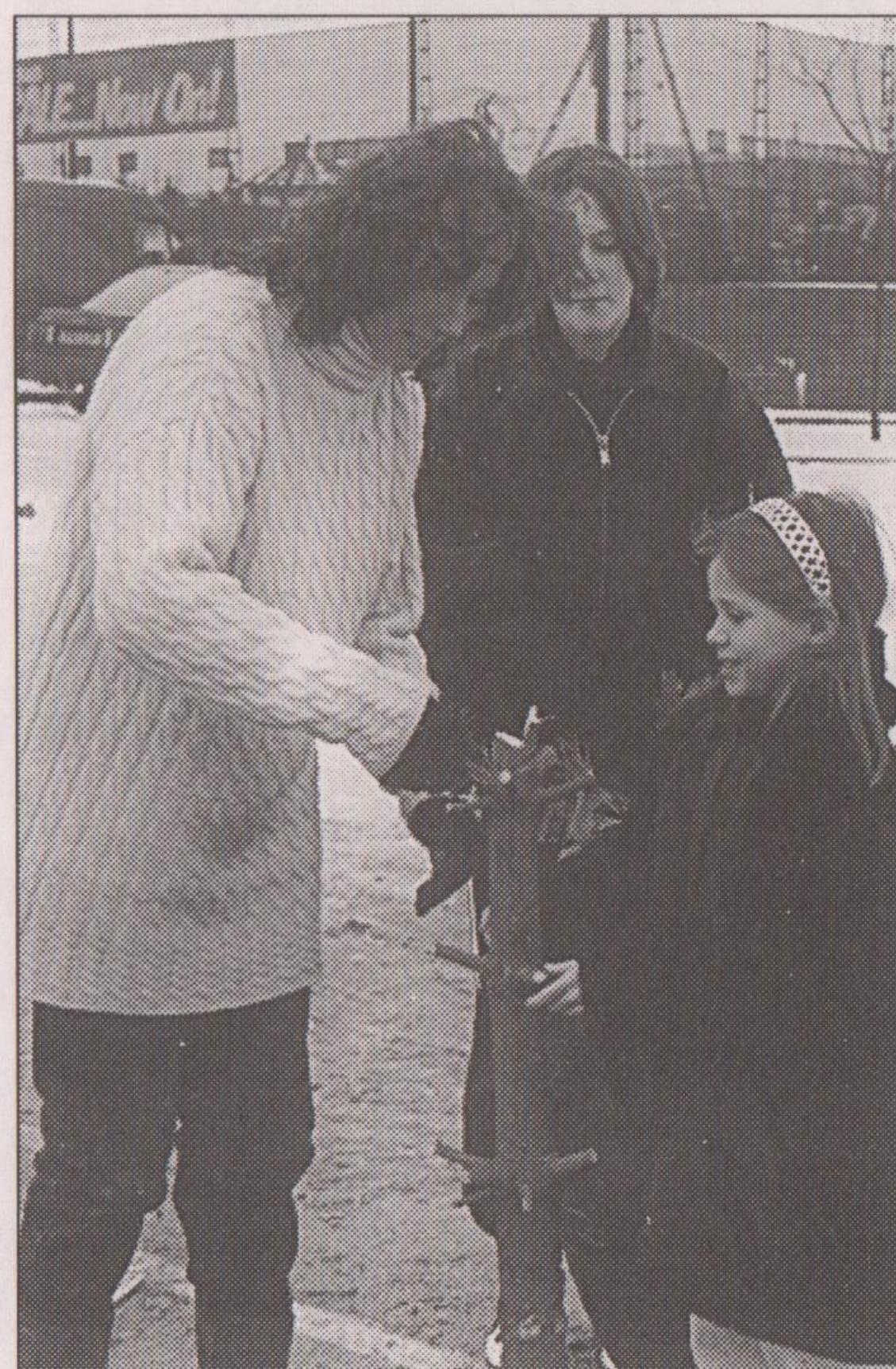
Following a visit from Project Assistant Fiona Swan, Mr and Mrs Devlin's semi-detached home has benefited from the following measures - loft insulation, draught-proofing and the fitting of a hot water jacket under the

Government's Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (HEES), cavity wall insulation, low energy light bulbs and energy advice.

As well as assisting 1,000 clients, the project has promoted energy awareness by working with local community projects and providing training for local authority staff, voluntary organisations and community groups who work with low-income households. The scheme is also working with Nottingham City Council on the integration of energy efficiency improvements into maintenance and renovation programmes for their housing stock.

For more information contact the Nottingham Energy Awareness Project on 920 9528.

CHRISTMAS RECYCLING



Nearly 400 Christmas Trees were recycled during the two events organised by Groundwork Greater Nottingham last month, with the trees being chipped and returned to the public to be used on gardens. A sack of Christmas Cards was also collected for the Greenwood Community Forest's scheme.

Groundwork Greater Nottingham would like to thank the following organisations for their support with this year's campaign; Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council, Broxtowe Borough Council, Biffa Waste Services, Access Now, B&Q, Sainsbury's Homebase and Action Earth.

Sarah Weightman, Groundwork Greater Nottingham.

Photo caption: A young recycler handing over her Christmas Tree to Deborah Porter-Walker (Biffa Waste Services), in return for a bag of mulch at the B&Q recycling event held on 4th January - organised by Groundwork Greater Nottingham.

CYCLE FRIENDLY EMPLOYERS

Eight employers in the Nottingham area have joined together to form the Nottingham Cycle Friendly Employers group, which was successful in getting a grant of £225,920 from the Department of Transport's Cycle Challenge grant scheme. The group are also developing other ways of encouraging their employees to use non-car forms of transport and putting these together in a 'Green Commuter Plan'.

The employers are the City and County Councils, Queens Medical Centre, Boots, Clarendon College, Nottingham University, Nottingham Trent University and CCN Group. Initiatives being implemented by the employers include - cycle parking stands, showers, cycle

sheds, changing areas and clothes storage lockers, cycle loans, cycle allowances for work trips, Bicycle User Groups, and advice and training for new cyclists.

All of this will be complete by March 1997, and a consultant will be assessing the effects of the project and seeing how many commuters start to use bikes. The project also includes a feasibility study for a City Centre centralised bike parking and shower facility for those people whose employers cannot provide bike facilities.

To find out more contact Sue Flack at Nottingham City Council on 915 5462.

NEW CPRE GROUPS

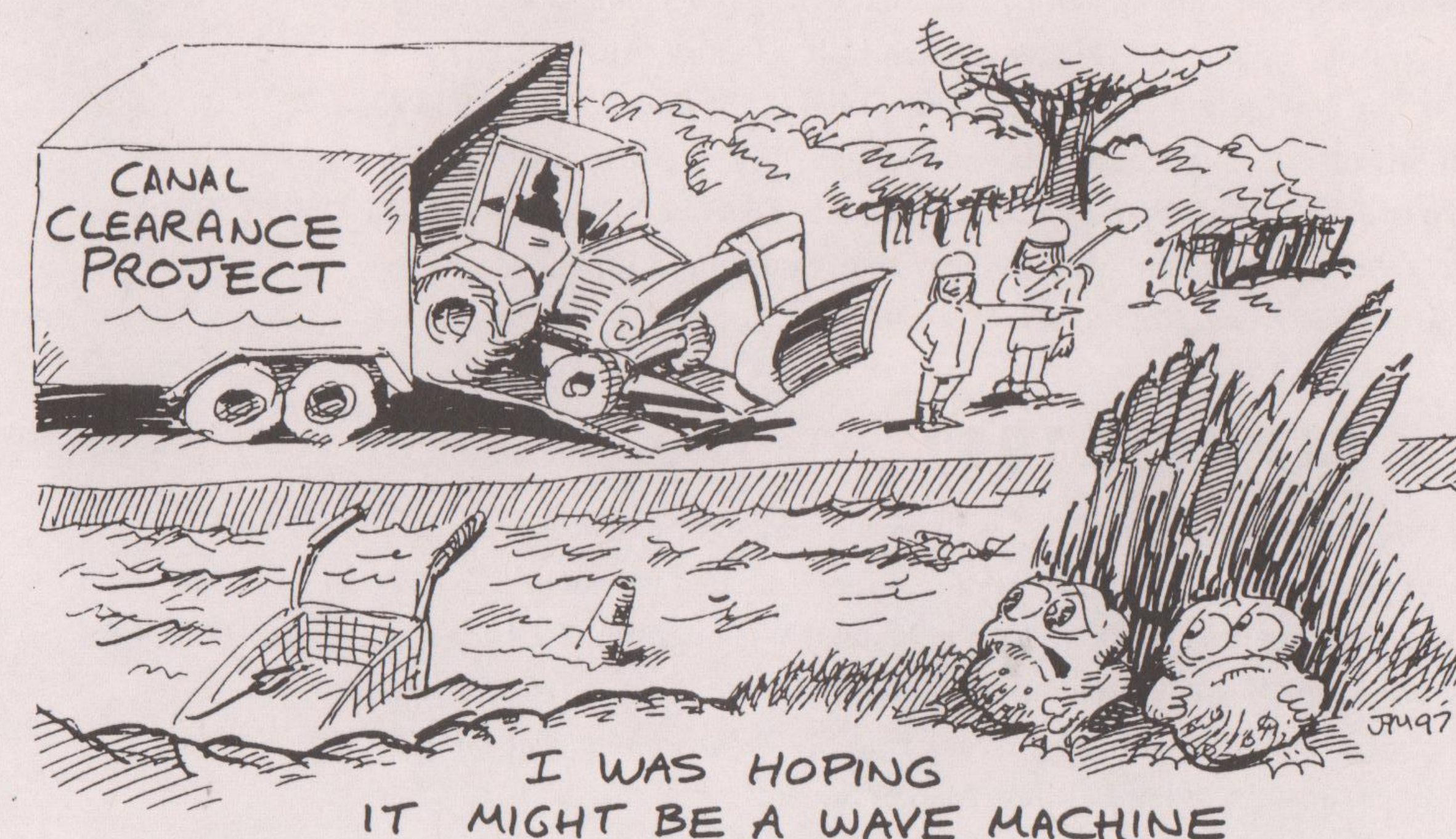
The Nottinghamshire branch of CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) is currently working to set up a number of District Groups within the Branch. CPRE has an important role in influencing local government policy - with a view to preventing unnecessary or unwanted development in the countryside, and encouraging appropriate reuse of redundant land in town and city.

A very small 'fledgling' group is already beginning to take shape in the Mansfield and Ashfield area, and the first meeting was held on 27th November. However, with only a very few members the group has a huge task ahead of it and would welcome support from anyone with similar aims, interested in protecting the District's countryside and open spaces. The next meeting will be held this month - to find out more contact Helen Beckett on 01623 633001.

A second group is being set up in Newark and Sherwood District - meetings in November and December were well attended. The next meeting will take place on 5th February at Farnfield WI Hall, from 7.45pm. CPRE nationally runs a number of campaigns each year and it was agreed to discuss the 1997 campaigns at this next meeting with a view to the group perhaps becoming involved with one or more of these.

The next group to be set up will be in Rushcliffe District, probably in March or April.

If you are interested in finding out more about CPRE or your local CPRE group then please contact Branch Development Officer Heather Grover, 7 Palmer Road, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, Notts, NG23 6PP (Phone 01636 822501).



TREE PLANTING SUCCESS

Three hundred trees have already been planted in school grounds around Nottinghamshire this year as a result of a Greenwood Community Forest recycling scheme. Main post offices and schools around the country collected some of the 1.9 billion Christmas Cards in circulation, diverting them from landfills and raising funds for tree planting.

The cards were transported by Royal Mail and Parcel Force to the recyclers at Smurfit, who paid a fee for them. Local authorities also donated money for the cards in the form of recycling credits, as they did not have to collect or dispose of them themselves. Nearly 5,000 trees have been planted in Nottinghamshire since the scheme first started in 1991.

Scheme co-ordinator Janet Valenti said 'In the past the trees have been planted in one or two sites at an open community planting event. This

year we thought it would be nice to let each participating school reap the rewards of their labour and have their own commemorative tree. They will also receive a small plaque and instructions on how to plant their tree successfully.' Funds raised from the scheme will also be used to support a range of local tree-planting projects during the year.

The Greenwood Community Forest is a multi-purpose forest being created within 161 square miles of Nottinghamshire countryside (one fifth of the County). It aims to develop a better environment for local people to use, cherish and enjoy, reflecting the needs and desires of people who live and work in and around the area.

For more information contact the Greenwood Community Forest on 01623 758 231.

YOUTH NETWORK

The National Young People's Environment Network has been launched to help young people aged 13-19 plan and run their own environmental projects.

Youth workers or agencies interested in becoming regional co-ordinators for NYPEN should contact Bud Simpkin at the Council for environmental education on 01734 756061.

RURAL ACTION

Rural Action is a scheme dedicated to making it easier for community groups to undertake projects which benefit the local environment or increase awareness and understanding of it. Groups can also be put in touch with the right people to provide advice, information and help in acquiring new skills.

Rural Action can provide grants of up to £2,000 for up to 50% of environmental project costs. The other 50% can include contributions of work, materials, and services 'in kind'. Any group of people from a rural community can apply (Parish and Town Councils are also eligible). A wide variety of projects in Nottinghamshire have already been helped by Rural Action, ranging from clearing ponds and untidy areas to recycling scrap materials and making bird boxes.

Contact Rural Action on 01636 815267.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

- The rates for one year are -
- * Unwaged individuals - £3
- * Waged individuals/ Voluntary groups/ Businesses (up to 5 staff)/ Schools - £6
- * Businesses (over 5 staff)/ Local Authorities - £15

MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Green Network members receive -
- * Free subscription to GNN
- * A free copy of our Environmental Directory, with details of over 160 local organisations.
- * A £10 GNN advertising voucher.

- These are the fees for one year -
- * Voluntary groups/ Businesses (up to 5 staff)/ Schools - £10
- * Businesses with over 5 staff/ Local Authorities - £25

Please send cheques to Green Network, c/o Groundwork Greater Nottingham, 35-37 St Mary's Gate, Nottingham NG1 1PU. ☎ 941 7849.