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 ☎ David Eminson at the Oxfam Campaigns office on 942 3892.
 Wed 2nd **CPRE Mansfield & Ashfield Districts** group - launch and public meeting.
 'Mansfield's future - does economic regeneration mean environmental degeneration?' ☎ 01636 822501.
 Thur 3rd **'Stimulating Neighbourhood Initiatives for Sustainable Development in East Germany'** public meeting, held by Nottingham Advocacy Group & Ecoworks Ltd. The Restaurant, The Mechanics Institute, Birkbeck House, Trinity Square, Nottingham, 7.30pm.
 Fri 4th **Greenpeace Youth Group**. 7.30pm. Trent University library, Shakespeare St. ☎ Megan MacFarlane, 921 2246 to confirm venue.
 Sat 5th **'The Role of Railways in the East Midlands'** with guest speaker Colin Robey of Central Trains Limited. 10am at Nottingham County Library, Angel Row. Followed by **Notts Transport 2000 AGM** and social event. All welcome. ☎ Ron Gillott on 920 1238.
 Sat 5th **Notts Cyclists Touring Club Beginners' Section** ride to Kinoulton. Meet 10.30am at Rushcliffe Borough Council Offices, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford. ☎ Graham Lansdell on 986 0299.
 Sun 6th **Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers** meeting. 10.30am at Rise Park Community Centre. ☎ 975 5169 for details.
 Mon 7th **Greenpeace Support Group** meeting at the Peacock, Mansfield Road. ☎ David Meatcher on 925 7186.
 Tue 8th **Nottingham Women's Environmental Network** meeting. 1.15pm at 5 Meynall Grove, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. ☎ 960 5843.
 Tue 8th **NOGS (Nottingham Organic Gardeners)** meeting. ☎ Rob Williams on 922 8617.
 Tue 8th **Friends of the Earth** meeting. 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street. ☎ Tim Gray on 922 3439.
 W/E 12-13 **BTCV Training Event - Tree Felling**. Free. ☎ 931 3316 for details.
 Mon 14th **Nottingham Permaculture Association** meeting. ☎ Phil Corbett on 947 4977 for details.
 Wed 16th **Wollaton Natural History Society AGM**, from 7.30pm at Wollaton Church Hall. £1 entry. All Welcome.
 Thur 17th **Notts Transport 2000** meeting. 7.30pm at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station. ☎ Ron Gillott on 920 1238.
 Mon 21st **Pedals** meeting. 7.30pm, at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station. ☎ Hugh McClintock on 981 6206.
 Tue 22nd **Nottingham Women's Environmental Network** meeting. 8pm at 5 Meynall Grove, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. ☎ 960 5843.
 Fri 25th **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.
 Sat 26th **'One World Week' 'All Age Day'**, with Drama, Discussions, Arts, Crafts and Music. 10am-4pm, The Becket School, Nottingham.
 ☎ Wendy Pearce on 958 5517.
 W/E 26-27 **BTCV Training Event - Hurdle Making**. £40. ☎ 931 3316 for details.
 Tue 29th **Friends of the Earth** meeting. 7.30pm at Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street. ☎ Tim Gray on 922 3439.
 Wed 30th **Real World Coalition** meeting. 7.30pm, International Community Centre, 61B Mansfield Road. See article for details. ☎ 978 8059.

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 Sat 2nd **Youth Work Week Launch Event**, at Hucknall Youth House. 10am-12.30pm Environmental **Conference** for Young People (limited places). 1pm-9pm **Celebration**, with performances, displays, cheap food, and music. ☎ Ruth Eyre on 988 1490.
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 Sat 9th **'Kultural Karma & Enviro-Antics'**, at Portland Park, Kirkby in Ashfield, with **free train travel & free food!** Includes participation in World Music, Conservation Work, Natural Sculptures and other Enviro-Antics! 10am-4pm ☎ Ruth Eyre on 988 1490.
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 Tue 19th **CPRE Nottinghamshire Branch Members evening**. 7.30pm, Lowdham WI Hall. ☎ 01636 822501.
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IN BRIEF ...

- The Youth Football for Wilford Campaign is organising a petition which aims to prevent development plans on the former T.Bailey-Forman Social Ground (also known as the Wilford House Sports Field) from going ahead, to enable the use of the ground for the development of football for local children. To find our more contact Scott Taylor on 969 2007.

- Freewheelers is a national lift-share club, enabling people to share car travel, cutting down on costs and pollution. Passengers pay drivers 3.5p per mile for each journey, and a photo-based ID system is used to protect people using the scheme. Call 0191 222 0090.

RIVER LEEN LEAFLET

A new 'Exploring the River Leen Greenway' leaflet has been produced by Groundwork Greater Nottingham, Nottingham City Council and the Countryside Commission. The leaflet takes you on a journey from Bulwell Marketplace to Whitemoor Nature Reserve, along part of a network of routes developed by Nottingham City Council for pedestrians and cyclists. The trail explores the rich history of the area, as well as the diverse wildlife of the river valley.

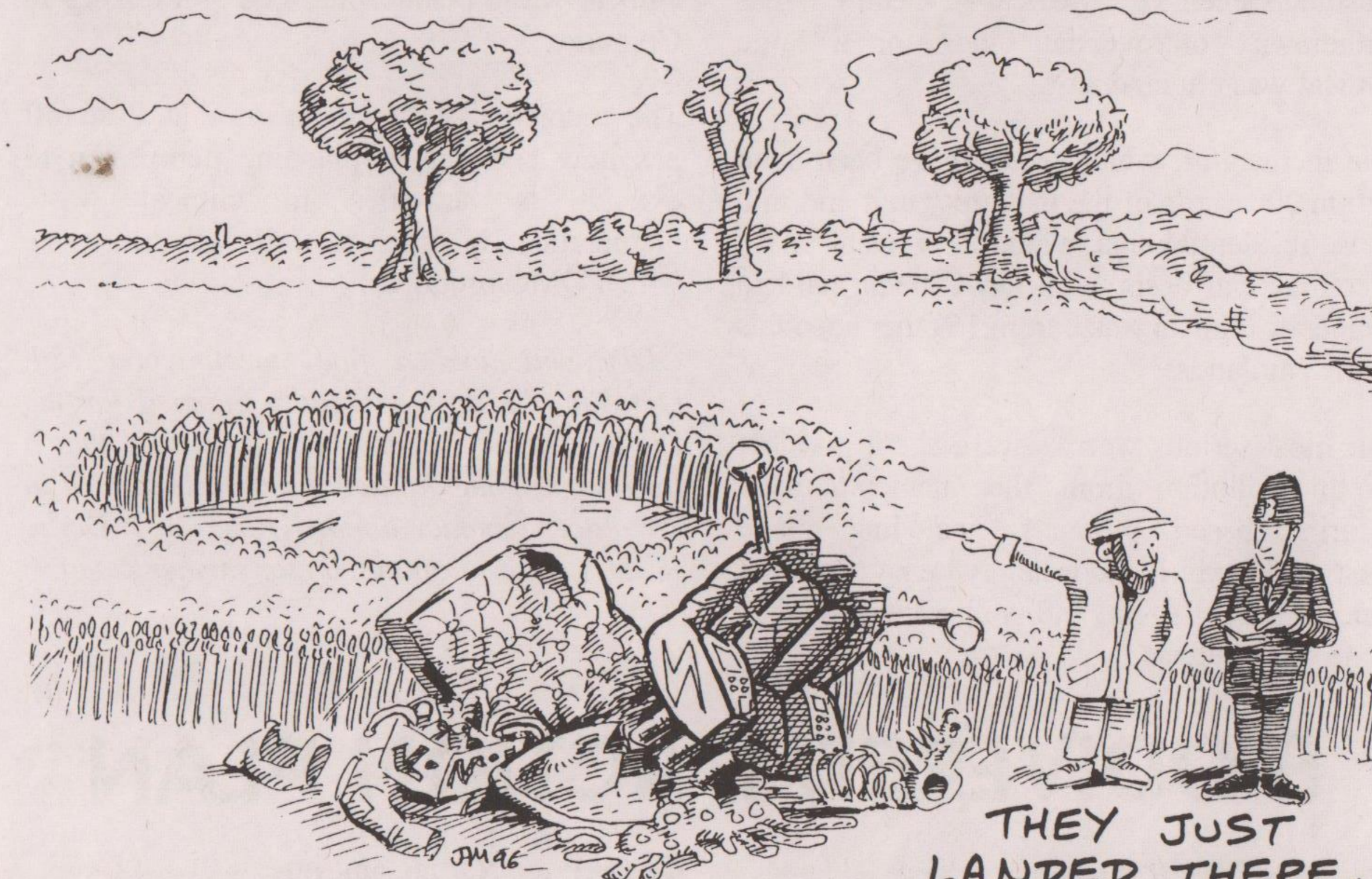
The leaflet will be available from local libraries and information centres, or by contacting Jenny Southwell at Nottingham City Council on 969 1666 ext 3120, or Sarah Weightman at Groundwork Greater Nottingham on 979 9227.

GREEN GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS

'Our World - Our Responsibility' provides 120 pages of practical advice, examples and case studies. This includes the use of school grounds, energy saving and water conservation measures, green codes of practice for travel to and from school, recycling and litter control.

The guide was produced by a consortium of 11 organisations, led by the RSPB and the Council for Environmental Education (CEE). It is priced at £15 (including p&p), and is available on 28 days free approval.

Contact the RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL, or call Tim Osborn Jones (CEE Director) on 01734 7560621.



THEY JUST LANDED THERE, DUMPED THAT STUFF, AND FLEW OFF!

NOTTINGHAM 'REAL WORLD'

Earlier this year 32 campaigning organisations came together nationally around a common list of social and environmental demands, which will be used to lobby the main political parties during the next General Election.

The 'Real World' action programme covers international development, democratic renewal, social justice, better nutrition & controlling the arms trade - as well as environmental issues like reducing traffic, reducing CO2 emissions, and protecting wildlife sites.

Now a local version of the national coalition is to be set up. Supporting organisations include

Charter 88, Christian Aid, Friends of the Earth, Oxfam, Transport 2000, United Nations Association, World Development Movement, World Wide Fund for Nature, and Women's Environmental Network.

A meeting to set up a Nottingham branch of the Real World Coalition will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th October, at the International Community Centre, 61B Mansfield Road.

For further details write to Real World, c/o 51 Braidwood Court, Nottingham NG7 6EW (phone 978 8059). Nigel Lee.

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

In June 1992, over 150 Heads of Government attended the 'Earth Summit' in Rio, and signed the Convention on Biological Diversity. This committed them to produce 'strategies, plans or programmes for the sustainable use of biological diversity'. For the first time, the UK government made a public commitment to address the problem of integrating sustainable development with the maintenance of biodiversity in Britain. 'Biodiversity' refers to

the diversity of life on earth, covering the whole range of variation found in nature. As such, it refers not only to the rare and exotic, but gives equal importance to the everyday and commonplace. By the end of 1996, a Biodiversity Action Plan for Nottinghamshire will have been produced by Notts Wildlife Trust, the RSPB, Notts County Council, English Nature and the Biological Records Centre. Continued inside.

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.

BURNING BSE CATTLE

Friends of the Earth (FoE) is threatening legal action to prevent incineration of cattle culled as a result of the BSE crisis, at Ratcliffe Power Station and three other sites around the country.

The Environment Agency has given the go-ahead for 'test burns'. But FoE says that this is illegal because any 'major variations' from 'Integrated Pollution Control' authorisations require public consultation. This case has been treated by the Environment Agency as only a 'minor variation' from its existing authorisations for the power stations.

One problem with the infective agents of BSE - which make little holes in the brain and are known as prions - is that they are difficult to destroy, and can survive high temperatures.

The Environment Agency has refused to say whether they are testing for prions in the exhaust gases or in the ash of the furnaces which are being used.

If further burns of this type are announced, Friends of the Earth plan to take out an injunction to stop the tests, and have the Environment Agency's decision to treat the case as a 'minor variation' from its authorisations reviewed by the courts.

Based on an article in the Nottingham FoE newsletter.

GNN UPDATE

There will not be a November issue of GNN as I will be on holiday in October, but I will be sending out a calendar sheet to people on our mailing list in November. If you are not on our mailing list, but would like a copy of the November-December calendar sheet, just let me know. The next feature section will be in December, focusing on Business and the Environment.

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 welcome stories about any current events or issues each month, as well as information about events to go in the Green Calendar; please write or phone if you would like to contribute.

Contact me on 941 7849, or write to me at -

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Adam Woodward.

QMC INCINERATOR VICTORY

Following a concerted campaign by QUIT (Queen's Incinerator Toxins action group), in which members of Friends of the Earth and Nottingham Women's Environmental Network played an active part, Nottingham's University Hospital/Queen's Medical Centre has withdrawn controversial plans for a large clinical waste incinerator.

The incinerator, which would have been sited within 200 yards of the maternity unit and in a dense residential area, would have been run on a commercial basis, with QMC being paid to incinerate clinical waste from 16 other hospitals in the Midlands.

Our most serious worries were about possible dioxin pollution from the incineration of chlorine based products, including many plastics. Dioxin is increasingly being seen as a cancer-causing agent, and is also implicated in some birth defects.

One of QUIT's arguments against the proposed development was that the government's own most recent advice to hospitals is to work hard towards *reducing* waste - for example, we currently generate 50 times the amount of clinical waste per hospital bed as Freiburg in Germany.

The municipal waste incinerator at Eastcroft has now been given planning permission to extend its activities to clinical waste incineration, in order to deal with the waste which QMC produces.

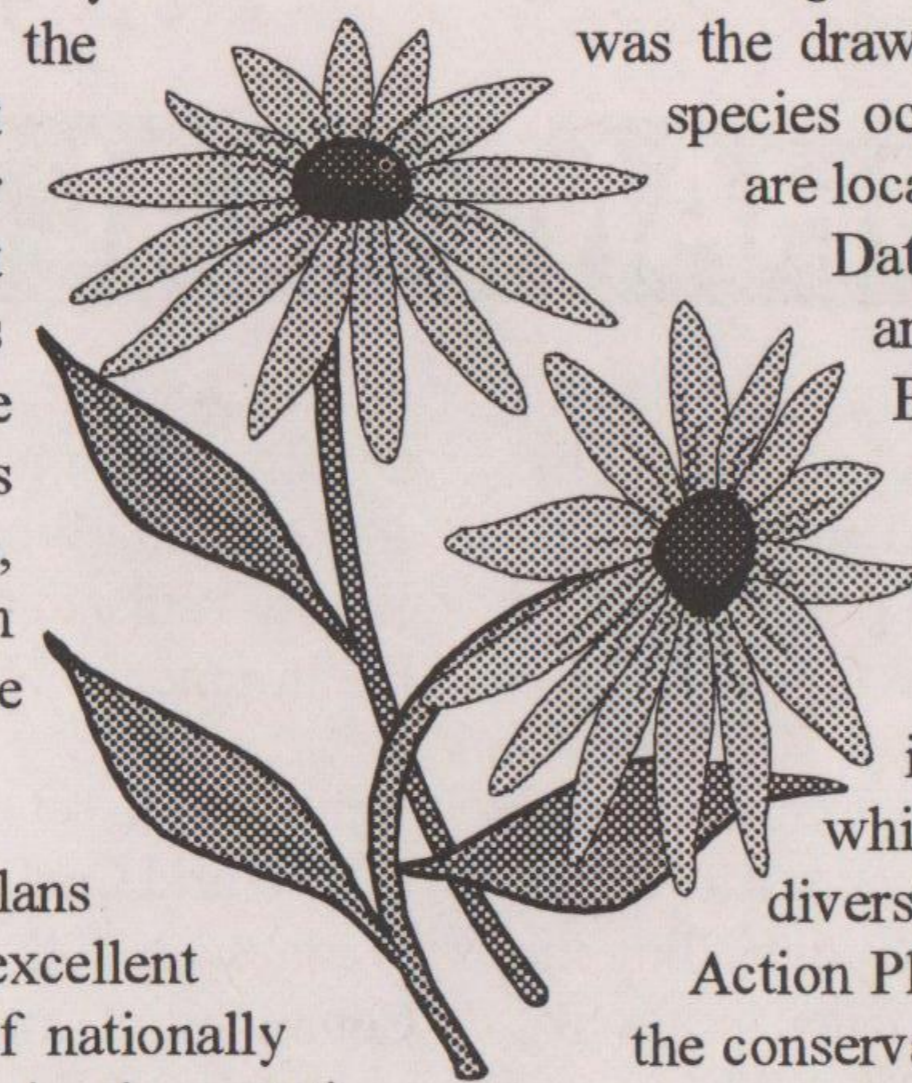
QUIT will hold a final meeting on 15th October, the date originally planned for the Public Enquiry. It has been suggested that a local environmental action group is formed in its place. Contact Sandra Rose, 377 Derby Road, Lenton, Nottingham for further details.

BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Continued from front page.

This follows the production by the government of 'Biodiversity: the UK Action Plan', a document which sets out mechanisms for the conservation of the most important species and habitats found in Britain. The conservation movement has also produced its own version, 'Biodiversity Challenge: an Agenda for Conservation in the UK'.

Whilst the biodiversity plans produced nationally provide excellent advice on the conservation of nationally important species and habitats, implementation will always be on a local level, and species of local significance must not be ignored. Therefore the next step is to produce local Biodiversity Action Plans (BAPs), including



the BAP for Nottinghamshire.

The first stage in the production of the BAP was the drawing up of Red Data lists of species occurring in the county. These are local versions of the national Red Data Books, which list the rarest and most threatened species in Britain. Each species is assigned to the particular habitat with which it is most strongly associated. This will enable the identification of habitats which support the highest diversity of priority species. Habitat Action Plans can then be drawn up for the conservation of those key habitats.

For more information contact Steve Alton at Notts Wildlife Trust on 958 8242. Based on an article in the Notts Wildlife Trust magazine.

CPRE IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The Nottinghamshire branch of CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) has long been an effective force 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.

CPRE is proud of its campaigning achievements but could do more. For this reason Heather Grover has been appointed as Branch Development Officer, with a view to

setting up District Groups in each Council District in the County. Members with local knowledge can then act effectively on issues within their District. Heather is currently setting up a joint Mansfield and Ashfield group, and is also working to set up a group in Newark and Sherwood.

To find out more please contact Heather Grover, Branch Development Officer, 7 Palmer Road, Sutton on Trent, Newark, NG23 6PP (phone 01636 822501).

'MAKING SENSE' CONFERENCE

Everyone is invited to Newark and Sherwood's Agenda 21 Action Planning Conference. The event will be held at Kelham Hall near Newark on Saturday, November 2nd. Richard Donoyou, Director of Peterborough Environment City Trust, will make a short presentation about how they have achieved so much for sustainability and how we can learn from their experience. This will be followed by a 'visioning' session.

Visioning encourages people to be bold and imaginative about the kind of future we are aiming for. It is vital that you contribute to forming the vision, because once we have established where we want to go (and had some lunch!) we will explore practical ways of getting there. People with the power to turn

vision into reality will be at the conference, and the benefits of forming working groups to tackle common problems will be discussed.

The conference is only one part of the Making SENSE (Sustainable Enterprise for Newark and Sherwood's Environment) initiative, but will play a key role in getting everyone together to shape the sustainable future of the District. The event is free, and a free lunch will be provided, but spaces are limited. To book a place, or if you are interested in helping out on the day or bringing along a display, please call Robert Benington.

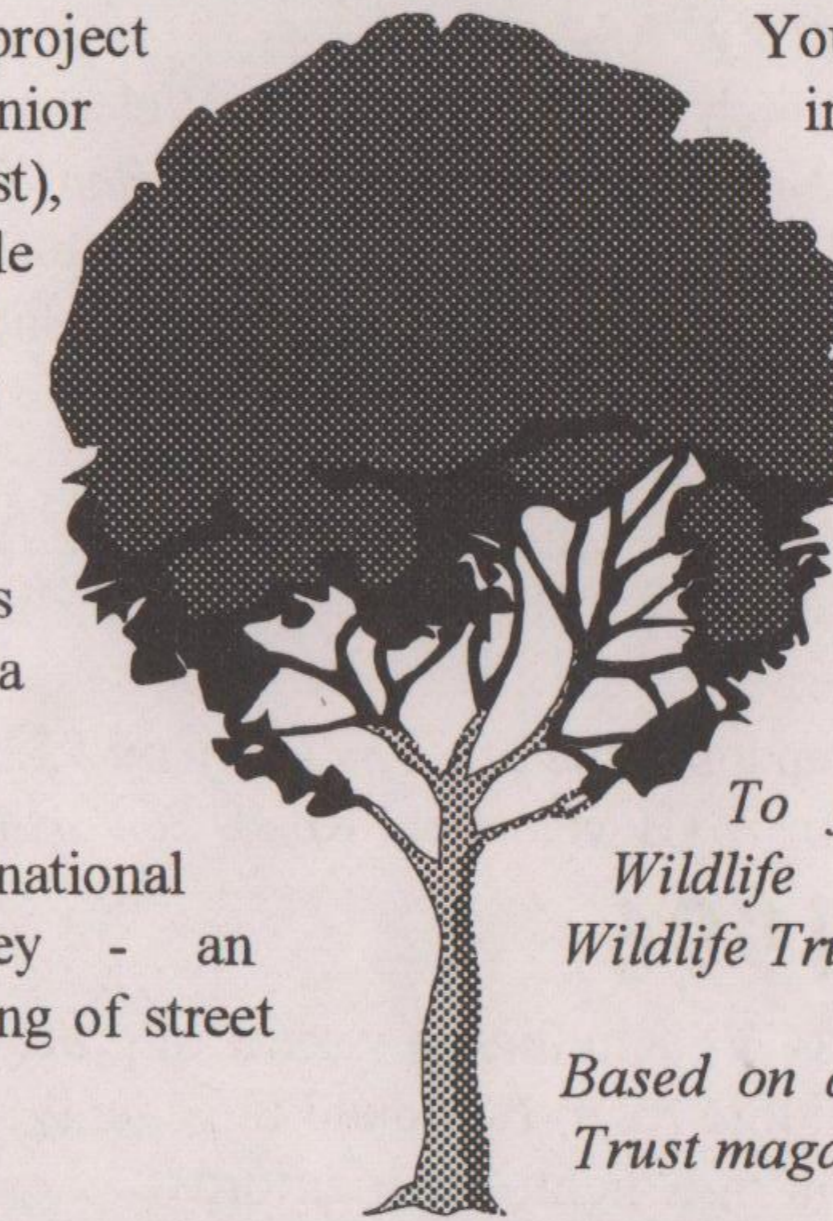
Contact Robert Benington, Environmental Co-ordinator on 01636 605111 ext 562.

TREEWATCH

Esso Treewatch is a new project from Wildlife Watch (the junior branch of the Wildlife Trust), aiming to involve young people aged 7-14 years in tree-based activities and events over the next three years.

Local Wildlife Watch groups around the county meet once a month, usually on a Saturday.

Treewatch will include a national Street Tree Health Survey - an investigation into the well-being of street trees.



Young people can also get involved in investigating trees, tree health, tree products and tree issues in the home, garden and neighbourhood.

The initiative covers art, crafts, drama, local and global issues, and environmental education.

To find out about your nearest Wildlife Watch group, contact Notts Wildlife Trust on 958 8242.

Based on an article in the Notts Wildlife Trust magazine.

NCHA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**AUTONOMOUS HOUSE TO LET
Southwell, Notts**

Nottingham Community Housing Association has available to let a unique 4 bedroomed architect - designed autonomous house in the attractive village of Southwell;

The property benefits from many environment friendly features, including:-

- solar power
- extremely high level of thermal insulation
- independent water supply and sewerage system

The monthly rental for the house is £515 per calendar month and it will be available to let from 1 October 1996. The tenancy will be for an initial fixed term of 12 months, with an option to review at the end of the term.

NCHA invites applications for the tenancy from non-smoking applicants who have a commitment to green issues.

If you wish to find out more about the house or obtain an application form, please contact David Simmons on 0115 952 7699.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS 11 OCTOBER

'GREEN' YOUTH WORK WEEK

This years Youth Work Week has a 'green' theme, and Notts County Council are planning a variety of events to give Young People a chance to take part in environmental activities. The Week takes place between 2-10 November.

The events will include a conference and celebration in Hucknall to launch the week, an open day at the Information Shop for Young People in Nottingham, and a 'Kultural Karma and Enviro Antics' day at Kirkby in Ashfield, with free food and free train travel!

There will also be a range of local events around the county, such as an environmental quiz at a nightclub in Newark, and the opening of a sensory garden at Bilsthorpe Youth and Community Centre.

Details of the three main County events are listed in the Green Calendar.

For more information about Youth Work Week contact Ruth Eyre on 988 1490 or 0378 929 712 (mobile).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TREE STOCKS

As part of the Esso Treewatch project, Notts Wildlife Trust are working to establish a stock of true Nottinghamshire trees.

Local tree stocks play an important role in maintaining local biodiversity (explained in the 'Biodiversity Action Plan' article). Trees and other plants differ slightly from area to area. For example, oak trees growing in Sherwood Forest will have developed slight differences in biology from trees growing in another area - this is due to the trees adapting to local conditions such as soil type and climate. In turn insects which rely upon the trees adapt, and so on.

To enable the preservation of local trees, it is important to know where trees or plants come from. If we are planting a hedgerow on one of our reserves, we try to use trees grown in Nottinghamshire, or trees which have been grown as locally as possible. The Trust would like to increase the availability of locally grown trees, and is looking for people to get involved.

If you are interested in growing trees as part of the project, or you are involved in a school or youth group which might like to get involved in seed collection and planting projects, contact Erin McDaid at Notts Wildlife Trust on 958 8242.

Based on an article in the Notts Wildlife Trust