



Environment Matters –15th December 2006

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Carbon 'credit card' considered** Carbon "credit cards" could be issued as part of a nationwide carbon rationing scheme, Environment Secretary David Miliband has suggested. An annual allowance would be allocated, with the card being swiped on various items such as travel, energy or food. ([BBC News 11/12/06](#))
- **Britons 'want incentives' to make homes green** Most British householders would consider making their homes greener if they were given financial incentives to do so, a survey has found. Half of the respondents to the You Gov poll judged adding energy efficient features to their homes too expensive, but a growing number would consider it were this were to bring them financial benefits. ([EDIE 12/12/06](#))
- **Water efficiency initiatives lead to environmentally sustainable homes** The initiatives announced today by the Government will help to make sure the location and design of new developments contribute to reducing emissions, improving water efficiency and shaping new buildings that are more environmentally sustainable, the Environment Agency said. ([The Environment Agency 13/12/06](#))
- **NZ winery attains green status** New Zealand winery Grove Mill has announced details of a new environmental scheme, which includes carbon neutrality and regeneration of native forests. The eco-friendly policies enable Grove Mill to be the first winery in the world to offer 'carbon neutral' wines – certified with "CarboNZero" tags. ([Green Consumer Guide 15/12/06](#))
- **Gadget Teens Waste £100M** Teenagers waste £100million of energy by leaving their gadgets on standby, a survey has revealed. Scottish Gas polled 400 teens to gauge young people's energy use across the UK. The answers from the 13 to 19 year olds revealed their appliances drained more power a year than the annual output of a nuclear reactor. In Scotland, the youngsters used nine per cent of all wind power available in the UK and they wasted enough energy to power more than 4500 schools. ([Daily Record 08/12/06](#))
- **Biomass subsidies "put recycling at risk", papermakers warn** The paper industry has warned that a rush towards biomass energy generation in Europe is putting its investments in recycling "at risk". Speaking in Brussels last Thursday, the Confederation of European Paper Industries said that biomass subsidies were creating an "un-level playing field" in the market for wood. ([Letsrecycle.com 08/12/06](#))
- **Virgin Atlantic move to save fuel** Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic is to conduct a trial using 13 of its planes, which could cut aviation fuel use and slash carbon dioxide emissions. ([BBC News 03/12/06](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- Aardvark has just completed a contaminated land site assessment on behalf of a leading French paper distributor. The assessment of a UK warehouse development is part of the due diligence for a pan-European sale and lease back property portfolio deal. The intrusive site survey, sampling, analysis and report were all delivered to the client within 2 weeks of receiving instructions.
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And finally

- **Green teens clean mean streets** As part of a series on young environmentalists in the BBC's Generation Next season, Soutik Biswas reports from Bihar on youngsters creating an oasis in the heart of one of India's most polluted and lawless cities. ([BBC News 05/12/06](#))