



Environment Matters – 8th June 2007

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **Exposed: the great recycling con trick** Paper, bottles and plastic that millions of householders are being forced to recycle are routinely being dumped in landfill sites. Recycling companies say they are receiving tens of thousands of tons of materials from councils, which are so contaminated or badly sorted that they have to be rejected or dumped. (timesonline.co.uk 03/06/07)
- **NFU: New booklet to help farmers save water and environment** Farmers can find out how to save money and the environment with an updated version of a water management guide, released in time for tomorrow's World Environment Day. (politics.co.uk 04/06/07)
- **Change one thing on World Environment Day** Climate Change and Environment Minister Ian Pearson will today ask people to mark World Environment Day by identifying the one change they can make in their everyday lives to protect the environment and fight climate change. (Defra 03/06/07)
- **Redefinition of waste should increase recycling** Classifying a host of waste products as raw materials could break down the administrative barriers that currently make them difficult to reuse. (EDIE 06/06/07)
- **Toxic pollution at its lowest for 100 years** Britain's green and pleasant land has just got that bit pleasanter, researchers have concluded after measuring pollution levels. Levels of a group of toxic chemicals polluting gardens and fields have fallen to their lowest point for more than 100 years, a nationwide survey has revealed. (The Times 08/06/07)
- **Energy white paper: meeting the energy challenge** We face two long-term energy challenges: tackling climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions both within the UK and abroad and ensuring secure, clean and affordable energy as we become increasingly dependent on imported fuel. (DTI 06/06/07)
- **Virgin trains to trial biodiesel mix** Train operator Virgin is to trial a fuel which contains 20% biodiesel in one of its engines, with the intention of upping the biofuel in the mix and rolling the scheme out across its fleet. (EDIE 08/06/07)

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- **The Aardvark team recognised World environment day on the 5th June** by leaving their cars at home and walking or cycling to the office.
- **New Aardvark Team Member** Laura Errington joined the team at Higher Ford on 4th June bringing hydrogeology, flood risk and waste skills to the team. You can contact Laura at lauraerrington@aardvarkem.co.uk or 01984 624989.
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And finally,

- **Why a wild garden's good for you, bees and the planet** While making our homes as environmentally friendly as possible has become a priority for many people, how many of us take our commitment to the environment seriously when planning our gardens? (newconsumer.com 18/05/07)