



Environment Matters – 23rd May 2008

Welcome to Aardvark's fortnightly environmental news briefing,

- **£72 Million Extra For The Natural Environment** Natural England has announced that over £70 million additional funds will be spent on the natural environment this year. Following a meeting of its Board, Natural England will allocate an extra £72 million for the 2008/09 funding round. ([j4b Community 12/05/08](#))
- **UK needs more big wind farms, SSE chief says** Britain needs to build four major wind farms a year, each as big as Scottish & Southern Energy's (SSE) landmark Greater Gabbard project, to meet European renewable energy targets by 2020 ([Reuters 21/05/08](#))
- **EU Farming Policy: More Green Feathers Needed In The CAP** The European Union is going to have to do a lot more to make the CAP fit for the 21st century if it is to be capable of delivering real benefits for the countryside. ([ePoltix.com 20/05/08](#))
- **Eco-boat on target to beat world record** A team of sailors are attempting to break the powerboat round-the-world record in an environmentally friendly boat powered by biofuels. Earthrace, which runs on sustainably-produced biodiesel and was made partly from recycled materials and hemp composite, set sail from Spain on April 27 in a bid to smash the current record of 74 days, 23 hours and 53 minutes. ([EDIE 15/05/08](#))
- **Eco-friendly claims for 'hybrid' cars dismissed as gimmickry** Cars promoted as eco-friendly were criticised yesterday for pumping out up to 56 per cent more carbon dioxide than the manufacturers claim. ([Times Online 19/05/08](#))
- **Most schools 'not turning green'** Most schools are not teaching children about green issues in anything but a piecemeal way, schools inspectors say. The government wants schools in England to be "sustainable" - that is not impacting on the environment - by 2020. ([BBC News 21/05/08](#))
- **Google Earth: new vision of climate change** Millions of Google Earth users around the world will be able to see how climate change could affect the planet and its people over the next century, along with viewing the loss of Antarctic ice shelves over the last 50 years. ([DEFRA19/05/08](#))

Latest News from the Aardvark Team

- **Andy Olie has joined the Aardvark Board as a Non-Executive Director.** Before setting up his own waste consultancy business, Monksleigh Group, Andy was Managing Director of Wyvern Waste Services Limited and has considerable experience in the waste sector, in operations, management as well as in business development and planning.
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And finally,

- **Wind Weekend 2008** Wind farms up and down the country are opening their gates to welcome you. Wind Weekend (June 14th and 15th) is organised by BWEA (British Wind Energy Association). ([Embrace Wind](#))