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THE GROWING HEAP

The Quarterly Newsletter of the
COMMUNITY COMPOSTING NETWORK

Welcome to your first edition of The Growing Heap. Along with the Network we expect further editions to grow in size as we feature

The CCN is a new and fast growing network comprising existing community composting projects and some national voluntary organisations involved in composting and waste management. These include: Devon Community Composting Network, Community Compost, Wycycle, Community Recycling Network, the National Federation of City Farms and Waste Watch.

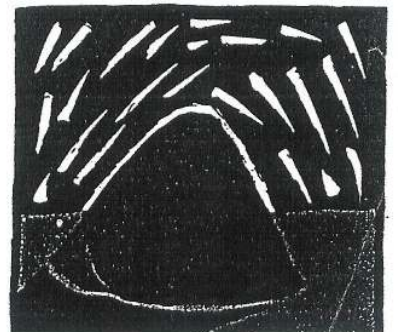
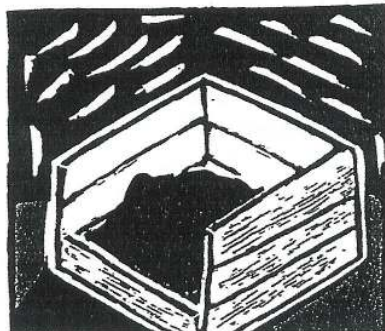
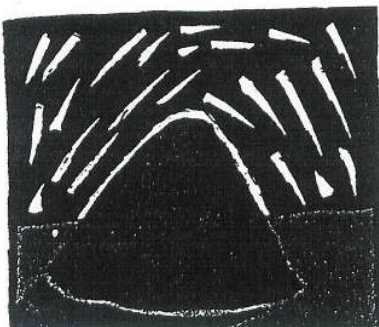
Until recently the CCN was run on a completely voluntary basis. We now have a part-time Co-ordinator, usually in the office Monday and Tuesdays (answerphone/FAX at all other times) based at the NCF GreenHouse in Bristol who provide a telephone and FAX link. We also have a part-time volunteer who is gathering information and resources to service the network.

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The Community Composting Network is managed by a steering committee. A membership scheme is being introduced and a constitution adopted.

What does the Community Composting Network do?

- Provides advice, support and encouragement to people wanting to start a community composting scheme
- Links beginners groups with established community composters
- Circulates information on legislation, new techniques and problem solving
- Develops links with Local Agenda 21 groups around the country to encourage community composting
- Offers an information service on how to use or market compost
- Presents talks and demonstrations on community composting
- Edits a quarterly newsletter for network members
- Carries a library of publications on all aspects of composting and community composting



Community Compost in the Forest of Dean are planning to expand and collect green waste from a neighbouring village. They are looking for a volunteer to work one day per week. If you are interested contact Beki Hoyland, Tel:01594516063

City Farm Byker in Newcastle upon Tyne are about to appoint a Compost Education worker, so we look forward to exciting developments in the North east.

Community Recycling Network held its summer training camp in Gloucestershire on 20/21 July. CCN were strongly represented and participants were able to enjoy a lively discussion, and visit a local community composting project and see the problems of composting disposable nappies and how to co-exist with badgers!

Compost is better than peat - its official
In a growing trial held in Kent preliminary research has shown that compost is a better growing medium for young plants than peat. The compost used was from Wyecycles Community Composting Scheme.

The Community Composting Network will be featured with a talk and a visit to a community composting site at Sustainable Solutions to Kents Waste Crisis, 5th October, Wye College, Wye, Kent. A one-day conference to put the case for community-based answers to Kents ever growing waste problem. To book a place call Wyecycle on 01233 813298

Design competition

We are offering one years free membership to the person who can design a suitable logo for the CCN. Entries by 1st November please.

Computers where for art though? We are looking for a computer to service the Network. Anyone wishing to donate a machine that is IBM compatible and can run Windows, please contact us.

New projects are springing up all over the country. We would like to build up a directory and profiles on each one so let us know where you are and what you are doing, and make a contribution to the next Newsletter.

A library and bibliography is being collected on community composting as a resource for members. If you have any research papers, leaflets, articles or books that may be useful then please let us know and we can add them to the list (or, if possible, send a copy). Contact Gary Morter at the CCN office.

The CCN would like to acknowledge the funding provided by the Department of the Environment's Environmental Action Fund towards the Network. We are in the process of matching this and welcome fundraising sources and ideas.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP of the Community Composting Network

I/we (project name) wish to become a member of the Community Composting Network for one year, and attach a cheque/postal order for £10, made payable to: *NFCF (CCN account)*.

Contact name: Date:

Contact address:

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