

## Diary Dates

**September: start booking Green Fair stalls.**

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**Tues 1 Sept**

7.30 upstairs Pier Luigi Princes Ave. HFOE meeting. **Next meeting will be at new venue (see below).**

**Sat 5 Sept**

Maritime Festival, Hull Marina, MARINET stall.

**Sat 13 & Sun 14 Sept**

National FoE Conference.

**Sun 20 Sept 2-4 pm**

Barbeque: Hull FoE Wildlife allotment, Newland Allotments (off Manvers St). Bring food + drink to share.

**Thurs 24 Sept**

Visit to organic farm at Hatfield, nr Hornsea. Details: ring Sue Dack on 864215.

**Sat 26 Sept 2.30 pm**

'Age of Stupid' film at Boulevard Village Hall.

**Sat 3 Oct 11am-2pm**

Planting at Sculcoates Cemetery (see page 6).

**Tues 6 Oct 7.30**

7.30 HFOE meeting. **NEW VENUE: Recycling Unlimited Café**, 151 Newland Avenue.

**Tues 3 Nov 7.30**

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**Sat 21 Nov**

**Green Fair**, Spring Bank Community Centre. Stalls set up 10am. Open 11am.

**Sun 29 Nov 1-2 pm**

Tree planting: Barmston Drain/Stepney Lane (see page 6).

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**Transition Towns**

Meet 2nd Monday of each month at The Eagle, Coltman St, 7.30. Contact 07816 141169, email: [lausannet@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lausannet@yahoo.co.uk)

**Beverley FoE**

3rd Thursday each month at White Horse (Nellies) Beverley, 7.30. Email: [shan@voice-international.net](mailto:shan@voice-international.net)

## All the best, Stephen!

*Few people can have contributed more to a Friends of the Earth Local Group than Stephen Noreiko*

Steve joined Hull FoE in the early 1970s, shortly after they formed, and has been actively involved with the group ever since. From collecting aluminium and newspapers for recycling to giving evidence at Public Inquiries, from taking part in direct actions to writing carefully considered responses to council documents, from chairing meetings to organising bike rides, from delivering newsletters to planting trees, from issuing press releases and giving TV interviews to setting up tables at the Green Fairs, playing the guitar and buttering the bread, Steve's done it all!

So to say we shall miss him, now that he is moving to Bristol, is a great understatement.

But our sadness at losing him is tempered by knowing that he has found happiness with Judith. Steve tells me he has a big garden on a steeply sloping site at his new home, where he has already started a vegetable garden, though at present the slugs appear to be winning. It will certainly be a



*Steve with other FoE members lobbying Diana Johnson MP on Climate Change*

shock to the system riding a bike around the hills of Bristol after the streets of Hull.

Anyway, Steve, we wish you every happiness, and hope you will keep in touch. And, of course, we shall be very glad to see you whenever you can get back to Hull.

Hilary

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# ECO CHIT CHAT

## Quite a foody Hull Eco this time!

First, we all need to get our Food Chain Campaign postcards signed (should be enclosed with this ECO). If you get it back to Sue or Hilary (details on back page) we will make sure it gets handed over to the MP with a flourish of publicity. Or if you prefer, you can send it direct to your MP.

Just to remind ourselves what it's all about:

Most UK livestock is fed on protein-rich soya, largely GM, grown on vast plantations in South America which are cleared rainforest. This production destroys biodiversity, contributes massively to climate change and drives local people into poverty. Not only that, but billions of pounds of our money is spent on subsidies to keep it all going.

What can we do? We can make the government

- ▶ Shift subsidies away from intensive livestock farming
- ▶ Support small-scale farming and help UK farmers to develop home-grown feeds
- ▶ Change the menu in schools and hospitals to provide less but better quality meat and dairy products.
- ▶ By getting our MPs to sign Early Day Motion 845 we can lay the path to transforming the system.

### The farmers' views:

I thought it would be interesting to ask two of our Hull FoE contacts who raise livestock about their first hand knowledge of obtaining animal feed.

Sue Thompson, an organic farmer, says: 'for our beef and sheep enterprises we don't buy in any protein and rely on home grown grass/clover silage and home grown beans. For pigs, poultry and dairy cattle higher levels of protein are needed in the feed so it is harder to produce your own. Obviously any protein crops grown in the UK will replace other food crops that could be grown on that land. Also there aren't many protein crops suitable for our climate—maybe there should be more research into this?'

Dr Gwen Egginton grows mainly salad crops for veg boxes, but also keeps chickens. She says: 'Soya is an ingredient in almost all animal feeds, mostly because it has a very good mix of proteins. And as you know, soya at the moment won't grow in this country. So yes, my chickens are fed on layers' pellets, one ingredient of which is organic soya. I think, but I can't be certain, that the soya grown after clearance of tropical forest is GM soya. There are a lot of issues here. Soya is a very useful crop. Is it OK if it is non GM or organic? Ideally of course a mixed farm, as most organic farms are, will grow a lot of the food for its animals themselves, and just supplement with concentrates in limited amounts. At the level that we import animal feed at the moment, we are really robbing the resources of other countries and contributing to the intensification and monoculture of those countries. I don't have any figures to hand but I rather fear that if we stopped this import of feed for animals and relied on home produced feeds, then it would only be possible if we ate A LOT less meat; not necessarily a very popular message. The current system enables us to keep huge numbers of animals in very small spaces and make the resulting meat very cheap.'

Plenty of food for thought here. Is the answer to be vegetarian? Diana Sandy, a nutritionist, tells us in this Hull ECO why she thinks not.

**Would it help if we made better use of land in this country for growing food?** They certainly think so in Todmorden, and Sue Dack tells us about Beverley FoE's community efforts. And working as communities with nature to make our efforts more productive underlies much of the Transition Towns Initiatives (and Permaculture) are all about.

**Are we simply wasting far too much food?** A recent government strategy is highly critical of the 'buy one get one free' offers in supermarkets that encourage over-buying and waste. However, the government also seems to be moving more towards seeing GM crops as part of the answer.

And it will be interesting to find out what our local councils intend to do with the waste food when they start to collect it from households very shortly.

*As ever, we welcome your thoughts on these and other issues.*

- ▶ Why not join us on a visit to an **organic farm** at Hatfield on Thursday 24 September? Ring Sue Dack on 864215 for details. This farm is close to the Hull to Hornsea cycle track.
- ▶ And bring food to share at the **barbecue** on the Hull FoE wildlife allotment, off Manvers St, Newland Avenue at 2pm on Sunday 20th September.
- ▶ Look out for the film '**End of the Line**' about the effects of the fishing industry. We hope it will be coming to Hull Screen (Reel Cinemas within St Stephens) shortly. And support Transition Hull's showing of '**Age of Stupid**' about what we are doing to the earth's resources, at Boulevard Village Hall on Saturday 26 September at 2.30pm. If they are well supported we may be able to attract more thought-provoking films of this sort.
- ▶ Finally, note **our new venue** for meetings at Recycling Unlimited's Café at 151 Newland Avenue, **from the 6 October meeting**. The ground floor room should make access easier.

### Hilary

## More Events for your diary

### Thurs 10 - Sun 13 Sept

Heritage Open Days and Freedom Festival

### Wed 23 Sept

Fairtrade Forum on Zimbabwe. Endsleigh Centre. Details: [www.oneworldhull.co.uk](http://www.oneworldhull.co.uk)

### Wed 7 Oct Noon

Hull Bus Forum at Guildhall. Chance to question Bus Companies.

### Wed 7 Oct Evening

One World Annual Meeting. One World Shop faces turbulent future. [www.oneworldhull.co.uk](http://www.oneworldhull.co.uk)

### Sat 24 Oct

Hull United Nations Assoc: 'UN and Climate Change'. Guildhall.

# Transition Hull

**The Transition Movement is a community-based attempt to respond to the challenges of climate change and peak oil by developing sustainable and self-sufficient local communities.**

**Transition Hull** is a nucleus of people who have been working over the last year or so to make contact with others who are interested in pursuing the Transition goals. We have arranged showings of relevant films, such as Cuba's response to the oil shortages of the 90's, and the BBC programme *A Farm for the Future*, about possible responses to the impact of diminishing oil supplies on western agriculture. We have had stands at local street fairs displaying information and talking to people. We were at Ella Street Festival in June and the Boulevard Fountain Festival in July, where we ran a 'plant a seed' activity. We also took a stand at the Cottingham Day Show and would be happy to consider similar events.

We have recently obtained a small grant from HCC Community-based initiatives (St Andrews Ward) and this will be useful in helping us to continue these and other activities. We would like to thank Beverley FoE for the loan they provided to us in our early days and which we are now able to pay back.

**The vital task is to raise awareness of the current challenges that face us all.** We have developed a

presentation about the group which we have delivered to other local groups to stimulate debate and attract members. If your community or church or special interest group would like to invite a couple of us to attend a future meeting—or specially arranged get-together—please get in touch using the contact details below.

We're also keen to continue establishing links with groups already active in the environmental area. Some of our members are FoE members, some are in the Green Party, and we would welcome others who are interested in joining us. We made contact recently with the Leeds Permaculture and Transition initiatives at a 'Food Dilemmas' event at Zoo Café sponsored by the Co-operative Society. We maintain links with Scarborough Transition Initiative.

We meet regularly in the side room at The Eagle on Anlaby Road, the second Monday of each month, 7.30 onwards, so please come along if you want to find out more or get involved. Currently some members come from outside the local area, from Cottingham, Beverley and East Hull, and we would eventually like to see local groups set themselves up in these areas once a critical mass of membership is reached.

Please feel free to ring the following members for a preliminary chat or to check when the next event or meeting is taking place:

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## Hull Development Forum

I have been attending the Hull Development Forum for many months now, representing, among other organizations, Friends of the Earth.

The actual meetings were preceded by the publication of a Core Strategy, a central part of the Hull Development Framework. This document was available for people to comment on and I sent in 4 pages of personal comments.

The Framework itself, which we are working on in the forum replaces the Local Plan. A final version of the Core Strategy is due to be delivered to Government Office in 2010 and will go out to public examination after that. So there are many opportunities to have one's say.

Lately we have working on a profile of the city which has been divided into areas. In attempting the profile of each area it seemed to me that the best way to do so, was not by sitting in a meeting and workshops, but should be devolved to the people who actually live in those areas. So I volunteered to do one for the Avenues.

In a brainstorming session with members of the Avenues and Pearson Park Residents Association (APPRA) we developed a document answering, for the Avenues, the profile questions of the forum:

- ▶ How does the area function ?
- ▶ What does the area look like?

- ▶ How could it be improved?

Another thing we've been working on is the vision statement for the city. Last March we looked at this one:

*"By 2026 Hull will become a thriving and sustainable regional city and one of the most important in Northern Europe having successfully addressed key challenges through applying a plan-led, stepped growth and collaborative approach to change..."*

Some of this was deemed to be too ambitious, although it's good to aim high. I suggested changing "one of the most important in Northern Europe" (lots of competition here) to "an important city in Northern Europe."

We've also discussed such things as "What is Hullness?" (ie what makes Hull distinctive). I said that we were re-inventing the wheel as the Hull Community Network ran a meeting which explored the same question and to which all voluntary and community groups contributed. That document has been published.

The form of the forum consists of speeches on certain topics followed by workshop activities with feedback. I'm sure everyone is familiar with this kind of set-up.

Haris

# Lines on not being a vegetarian

***The concepts of vegetarianism are very appealing to many in today's indulgent world. But we should consider these concepts carefully and objectively.***

- \* Two-thirds of the world's surface does not grow vegetable products fit for human consumption. This figure will rise as the seas increase and land becomes prone to flooding. An increasing population on a decreasing land mass will take some managing.
- \* Not eating animal products at this time will not help the animals—they will be exported or used in the production of food for developing countries.
- \* Eating well grown, healthily fed animals and plants, preferably 'organic' (if one can be sure of the meaning of that word) is the best way to ensuring an intake of the required nutrients for maintaining human health. Organic farming requires manure from organically fed livestock to ensure a healthy food chain.
- \* If we don't kill the rabbits and hares, they will eat our crops. If we kill them we might as well eat them.
- \* The human animal has evolved over time to be omnivorous. It has been suggested that evolution is nutrient led. The human brain began to develop from the ape version when the primates began to experiment with non-vegetable foodstuffs.
- \* The more extreme form of vegetarian diet—the vegan regime—is very dependent on derivatives of soya (which does not grow in this country and which can produce its own problems) and synthetic products manufactured from otherwise non-edible material.
- \* For a vegan in Britain to ensure an adequate intake of essential nutrients especially for children, there will be, usually, a requirement to import food and other ingredients from countries which may need those items to feed their own populations. This type of regime could be seen as an intellectual luxury.
- \* Importing foods to maintain nutritional balance is costly both in economic terms and environmental terms (consider the air miles involved).
- \* The vegan diet is deficient in some nutrients—especially some vitamins—and so, again, becomes dependent on manufactured products.
- \* There is a social problem for children if their diet is vastly different from their friends. Children should be allowed to make up their own minds when they are old enough to understand the issues—preferably without the emotional blackmail and over-sentimentality about baby animals proffered by keen young adults.

- \* When any set of ideas becomes an -ism with an ever-hardening set of beliefs there is a real danger of extremism creeping in. Extremisms can be dangerous.
- \* Adopting the moral high ground is not likely to win friends. There is no immorality in eating good quality, properly reared animal products. The immorality lies in exploitation and that applies across the board—to crops, land, environment, people as well as animals.
- \* Thinness is not necessarily a sign of health. A lowered energy intake can give rise to problems later in life as tissues are not replaced and damage is not repaired. If energy from food is not available, the body will have to resort to increased fossil fuels for warmth and mobility.
- \* There is no evidence to suggest that an unbalanced vegetarian diet produces fewer problems than an unbalanced omnivorous diet. It may be that some vegetarians are more aware of food and nutrition than others in the community. Lack of awareness of these subjects is a fault of society, not of being omnivorous.

***'Eat less Meat' doesn't mean eat no meat. It means eat less meat.***

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## ***Local food is big success in Todmorden***



**Guerilla gardening on spare land in Hull**

Photo & article by Hilary Byers

**Incredible Edible Todmorden** aims to increase the amount of local food grown and eaten in the town. Businesses, schools, farmers and the community are all involved. Vegetables and fruit are springing up everywhere. Public flower beds are being transformed into community herb gardens and vegetable patches.

From their beginnings with herb gardens, they've taken to planting and growing veggies and trees round town. They've planted two orchards and there are more to come, and they are working with public bodies round town to use their land—like the fire station and the railway station—or to work with them on their own Incredible ideas.

Don't we all know some bits of land in Hull and East Riding that could benefit from this approach?

Info + pictures at: [www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk](http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk)

# 'The Carbon Fields'

## (How our countryside can save Britain)

by Graham Harvey

Book review by D R Callaghan

This book is really just a blown up pamphlet. It is like a series of press articles, all on a common theme, stitched together.

Graham Harvey, winner of the BP Natural World Book Prize and current Agricultural Story Editor for *The Archers*, confines his crusade to Britain. Why just Britain? Why not the world? Britain cannot isolate itself from the rest of the world and its problems, including climate change and the world food crisis, which can only be addressed on an international scale.

Mr Harvey correctly explains how the established root system of pasture land helps it resist drought and flooding and how it acts as a CO<sup>2</sup> sink by removing carbon from the air and storing it below ground. He describes how the ploughing, planting and rearing of monoculture cereal and grain crops, with regular doses of chemical fertilizers and pesticides, reverses this process by releasing the trapped CO<sup>2</sup>. This process destroys both the flood/drought resistance and the fertility of the soil, resulting in erosion through drought and flooding.

I was quite taken by the lyrical names of the wild flowers, grasses, herbs and plants growing in the pastures (bird's foot trefoil, burnet saxifage, meadow vetchling and yellow rough hawkbit to name just a few) and the author appears to have an in-depth (no pun intended) knowledge of what goes on beneath the surface of the soil. He speaks of grassland root systems forming symbiotic links with a group of soil fungi called arbuscular mycorrhizae. Apparently, these soil fungi help build up the stores of soil carbon, in the process regulating atmospheric carbon, thereby counteracting climate change.

He rightly condemns the present intensive agricultural methods and the multi-national corporate entities that impose their collective will on the farming community via the national

government. He rails against the development of cereal and grain monocultures nourished by chemical fertilisers and dosed with pesticides and weed-killers. He condemns GM and its advocates, refuting the lie that it is the answer to world hunger.

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However he overlooks the fact that the firms he opposes: BASF, Monsanto, Bayer, Syngenta, Dupont et al, are all part and parcel of the worldwide economic system which is the source of their wealth and power and which affords him a comfortable life-style. If the measures which the author proposes were to have an appreciable effect in halting environmental destruction and climate change, we would need a worldwide revolution in agriculture and food production, and not just in the UK as the author suggests. I am pretty certain that such a revolution is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future.

The real object of this book appears to be to persuade us all that a diet of meat and dairy products is good for our health and the environment, as long as the animals are free range and pasture fed. Assuming that this were true, would the form of pasture farming the author

advocates feed the world? I seriously doubt that it would.

The great American grassland prairie originally supported fifty million bison and many other species. It has been converted into huge areas of intensive arable crops like wheat, corn and soya beans, all cultivated with the aid of huge amounts of chemical fertilisers, pesticides and fossil fuel. How long would it take to reverse this process? Well, it took the Cubans four to five years of intensive composting and care to replenish and rejuvenate the soil of their small island when forced to do so by the American blockade. It would undoubtedly take far, far longer than that to restore the vast American prairie. And how would the world be fed in the meantime?

No, let's face it, even if we were capable of challenging the power base of the multinational bio-tech giants there would not be enough pasture land or adequate water supplies to yield the magnitude of dairy produce necessary to feed the world. (The production of just one kilo of beef takes up to 15,500 litres of water, and 323 m<sup>2</sup> of grazing land.) The State of the World Report in 1999 predicted that for an expected population of 10 billion to eat a US-style diet would require 4 planets Earth. On a global scale, the production of meat is totally unsustainable, yet this book gives the impression that, with careful husbandry, livestock isn't a problem and people can eat meat till the cows come home.

As stated by the World Watch Institute, as environmental science has advanced, it has become apparent that the human appetite for animal flesh is a driving force behind virtually every major category of environmental damage now threatening the human future: deforestation, erosion, fresh water scarcity, air and water pollution, climate change, biodiversity loss, social injustice, the destabilization of communities, and the spread of disease.

# Wildlife Notes

## Making the best of it

July started off warm and dry so **make the hay while the sun shines**. I keep showing people how to use the scythe in the hope that somebody younger and fitter will take over; even offers of free hay only raise a temporary flicker of interest. Despite the dry weather in spring, the growth seems better than usual. Not much sign of depleted fertility yet, give it another ten years or so. Late July and the hay is thoroughly wet and heavy for stacking. At least it is good for carbon capture. I use the same explanation for the piles of branches and heaps of weeds.

**Permaculture** is another possible justification for leaving the weeds. Never mind what's permaculture, it's the little tips that make life easier that matter. So a covering of vegetation helps to retain moisture and nutrients and saves weeding. I also grow the comfrey near the compost heap. Any more?

**Champion's Allotments, Bransholme**, had an open day recently and was well worth a visit. The starter

plots were well used and seemed more numerous than before and the adjacent woodland, which is now managed by the same organisation, is full of potential. A real treat was the bodger demonstrating his trade, literally turning a tree trunk into a chair leg, before your very eyes. Another open day is planned for Saturday 12 September 2009.

With the **school holidays** comes more planned activities, mainly for the younger generation, but who's counting? Sculcoates—a lark in the park—and I was keen to try out my woodworking skills with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, making bird boxes. The weather didn't help and sawing wood under a dripping tree has a limited appeal. On the plus side, there was little interruption from passing trade; holding an umbrella and a saw at the same time would be difficult and the Hi-tech Laser Quest was much more attractive to the youngsters. It was a good opportunity for me to build up a stock of flat packs for an activity in

Sculcoates Cemetery, and there won't be a Laser whatnot to distract!

**Community Payback workers**, part of the probation service, joined me for a day in Sculcoates' Cemetery in mid July for the first time. The aim is one day a month to push this project forward and the immediate task is to prepare a planting bed ready for an open day in October. (Thoughts. It may be possible to enlist this help to prepare the ground for tree planting along Barmston Drain in November?)

My thanks to the Wyke Area team for arranging this help, *or do they think I'm getting past it?*

David

### **Planting programme: Sculcoates Cemetery**

herbaceous border and wild flowers:  
*Sat 3 Oct 11-2 pm*

**Barmston Drain/Stepney Lane**  
tree planting:  
*Sun 29 Nov 1-2 pm*

## Beverley's community allotment

**The Beverley Community Allotment is a project set up in February 2008 by Beverley Town Council (which administers the allotments) and ERYC Beverley Renaissance Partnership.**

Originally there was some interest from the NHS as the concept included 'Green Gym' ie growing healthy food and benefitting from the outdoor exercise. There was the possibility of a small grant from them to buy equipment, but this never actually materialised. The involvement of ERYC was just at the start when they sent some employees to deal with paperwork. They also gave us a generous quantity of gardening gloves, still in use.

The project was advertised in the press, and from this the participants turned up on the published start date, a Wednesday afternoon. Beverley Town Clerk and Handyman supervised the first few 'digging sessions', each Wednesday from 1pm to 3pm. They

also arranged for two experienced allotment-holders, Eric and Steve, to come along each week and advise us. The core group of diggers was about 8, with a few casual visits from others over time (4 of those 8 are members of FoE).

The allotment is an odd shape, triangular, as it borders a small drainage ditch. However, the ditch provides a habitat for frogs (lots of tadpoles in Spring) and two sightings of crested newts. The previous tenant left a good shed and large water-tank, very useful. He also left blackberry and raspberry plants on wire supports, several fruit bushes and two compost boxes, a lucky start for us. We've been even more lucky to have Eric and Steve as our valued advisers, friends and mentors throughout the 18 months. They advised on plot layout, seeds and plants to buy, crop rotation, protection measures, compost/manure use, etc and lent us tools where necessary.



We all take our own tools and communally buy seeds or bring seedlings grown at home, with some donated by Eric and Steve. We've had two very productive seasons (apart from total failure with carrots), and always divide up the produce equally. We even managed to donate two large boxes of produce to the Mayor's charity stall at the Beverley Food Festival last October.

Sue Dack

# Campaigning for a Green Europe

## Hilary Byers interviews Shan Oakes

Friends of the Earth is a non party political organisation. It supports or opposes any politicians depending whether they act in the best interests of the earth. But it is not every day that one of the members of our Local Groups stands for election to the European Parliament. So I thought I'd ask Shan Oakes about her experience as a Green Party candidate in the recent European elections.

When I called to see Shan at her home in Beverley, she had just returned from a run, made difficult by the number of people who wanted to stop her to talk about issues which concerned them.

*Why did you get involved in politics, Shan?*

I'd been involved in education for many years, having taught in Humberside and in Uganda, and in 2007 I completed a Masters Degree in Education for Sustainability. But I wanted to get involved more directly in making things happen. When you knock on people's doors you get an immediate response and find out what really concerns them. Sometimes you can tackle their problems directly; at other times you can at least get publicity for their concerns by talking to the media. I have been reasonably successful in getting media coverage.

*Why particularly the European Parliament?*

The UK cannot achieve things alone; it needs to act from within the European community. And the European Green Party is generally quite strong.

*Were you disappointed when the BNP got seats in Yorkshire and the Humber and the Green Party didn't?*

I could see it coming. The Green Party has difficulty in getting over to people that they are about more than the environment. We have to keep working on that. And people were furious about the expenses scandal. Many people showed their disgust by not voting at all; this created a vacuum into which the BNP could move. Actually, the Green



Photo: Hilary Byers

Party increased its proportion of the vote, but didn't get sufficient numbers.

*Will you stand in future elections?*

Yes, I hope to stand for Haltemprice and Howden in the General Election next year. Opposing David Davis last year was a useful dry run for this. And we hope to increase our representation on Beverley Town Council where the Green Party already has one representative (Sue Dack, who is also a Beverley and Hull FoE member).

*You are, of course, also involved in other organizations. What is Voice International?*

Bill and I set up Voice International when we were in Uganda. It is about giving a voice to those that don't generally get heard: children, animals, small organizations as opposed to big business. Our experience in education confirmed our fears that current educational trends tend to take us in the direction of increased competition and consumerism rather than cooperation and sustainability. We returned to England in 2004 because we wanted to influence UK education; education in other parts of the world tends to follow what happens in the UK.

We knew we could not act alone and needed to link with other organizations. We had been connected with Hull Development Education Centre in the past, and got involved with them again. They are about promoting education for a just and sustainable world.

*And you helped set up Beverley Friends of the Earth. How do you see that progressing?*

It is doing well. We have a core group of about 10 active members and about 40 email members. We are currently taking part in the 'Get Serious' campaign, trying to persuade East Riding of Yorkshire Council to take local action on climate change. Our members are particularly focused on promoting local community action, getting away from dependence on big businesses, supermarkets etc. We had a market stall in Beverley, but when rents were increased we started to lose money. However, the market is changing more towards a Farmers Market and we might get involved again.

**Thank you, Shan**

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Sue



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