

## HACKNEY NEWS

### New and old Buses

Several new bus routes have started in Hackney recently. Did you know there is a single deck No.393 now running from Clapton via Stoke Newington to Highbury and Islington? This has been campaigned for for several years but its reliability has been questioned already.

A new double deck, No. 476 now runs down the A10 from Tottenham and along the existing 73 route and terminates at Euston, this is to ease the pressure on the 73. The 73 classic Routemaster bus is threatened with extinction as TfL and Council policy is to abolish old Routemaster buses despite being loved by generations of Londoners. What do you think? Should open deck Routemasters all be abolished? What would we do with them after Mayor Ken bought back hundreds for use on London's roads in recent years.

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### Hackney Bio-Diversity Plans

In 2002 people from environment groups and Hackney Council put together draft plans for three habitats in Hackney: Woodlands, Parks and Waterways. These were modified after consultation and are now available from a.woollett@btinternet.com. The BAP groups are now working towards monitoring and surveying wildlife in Hackney and setting up practical projects including tree planting and watching on Hackney Marshes.

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### Discover Hackney Week May 19-May 25th 2003

As part of Discover Hackney Week there will be a group walk along the River Lea. HEF are planning a Mapping session between May 20-22nd. We are hoping there will be a presentation of activities and resources mapped in Hackney see [www.london21.org.uk](http://www.london21.org.uk). For information about Discover Hackney week events and activities about Hackney's cultural assets contact Roxie Curry at [www.discoverhackney.yahoo.co.uk](http://www.discoverhackney.yahoo.co.uk)

## NEW! ecoACTIVE mobile learning unit

ecoACTIVE are currently developing a mobile unit which can be booked for school visits.

Due to be launched in April, the unit will be run by our Education Officer - Nina Cunningham - who can work with pupils of all ages to explore issues of waste materials and recycling using interactive exhibits and displays. Nina can tailor the activities according to the year level and curriculum area required.

For more information and / or to make a booking, please contact ecoACTIVE on 020 7923 7899

## NEW! Education packs

Two new packs of information about waste and recycling will be available from ecoACTIVE very soon. Both provide lots of facts and figures about waste issues and contact details for local waste and recycling related organisations.

1. 'Closing the Loop' is aimed at students (from 14+) researching waste and recycling for course work and for community groups interested in setting up waste reduction and recycling schemes in their neighbourhood.
2. 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' is intended for use by schools addressing waste issues through curriculum areas and who wish to



## Managing Hackneys Parks

There are proposals from the Chief Executives office about managing parks. These could split the parks into client and Grounds maintenance sections with Grounds Maintenance removed from the Community Directorate into Housing. For more information contact Ken Worpole, Secretary, Hackney Park Users Forum on [worpole@dircon.co.uk](mailto:worpole@dircon.co.uk). Hackney Mayor, Jules Pipe is on: [mayor@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@hackney.gov.uk) and he does reply to email requests!

set up a school recycling scheme.

This pack has activity ideas and illustrated worksheets graded for Key Stage 1, 2 or 3 use.

Contact Prue Poulton at ecoACTIVE for further info - 020 7923 7899.

## Proper Recycling starts again in Hackney



East London Community Recycling Partnership is Hackneys' largest community recyclers. Founded in 2000 it is now contracted to work with three east London Boroughs in promoting recycling on council estates. Most street houses are now getting a better recycling service. ELCRP plans to extend this service to thousands of Hackney flats in 2003-4.

### Hackney Composting centre

The most spectacular work is Hackney Community Composting who are the largest composters in Hackney after only 2 years. They collect and compost 20 tonnes of green waste from Hackney parks and gardens. ELCRP/HCC, 6 Muir Rd, Nightingale Estate, E5.

## North-East London Women's Environmental Network

- O Setting up new waste prevention local projects
- O Neighbourhood composting
- O Carton recycling
- O International Women's Day
- O Preparing for our next series of events: talks on 'Chemicals and the Home' and 'Chemicals and Food'. [www.wen.org.uk](http://www.wen.org.uk)