



LATEST NEWS

20 big green ideas

Troubled times call for ingenious solutions and, from green coal to hydrogen-fuelled ships and the birth of "transumption", here are some of the brightest. Lucy Siegle explains the latest ecovations.....

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BEYOND THE PALE

Hunting parks were surrounded by huge earth banks, inside the bank was the pale - tall sharpened spikes that deer would kill themselves on if they tried to leap out of the park. Commoners were forbidden entrance and were often killed if caught inside the pale. In the 17th century the park was deforested and leased for farming. Religious dissenters moved to the Dingle and built homes and farms and The Ancient Chapel of Toxteth.

THE FIVE POINTED STAR

Smithdown Lane (now 'Road') is one of Liverpool's old lanes linking across the top of the hill at the back of the town to Everton. Slightly further inland Stevenson built the first railway tunnels at Edge Hill. Lodge Lane turns down towards the river and ended for many years at the hunting park lodge where Sefton Park Rd now meets Ullet Road. Upper Parliament Street existed beyond the pale at the boundary of the town.

DINGLE, THE STREAM WITH NO NAME

Dingle means a wooded valley. Dingle stream flowed down from Lodge Lane, tumbled where Princes Park now is, rushed down Ullet Road and Dingle Lane, cascaded down the cliff to form Knotts Hole, a pretty bay on the edge of the Mersey. Princes Park

Lake is the damned dingle, to the south of the lake lies the Dingle valley. Go to Dingle Steps on Grafton Street and be surprised how tall our cliffs are.

EVERYTHING ON YOUR TOXTETH DOORSTEP

Recently Granby Sheet as with Lodge Lane. Smithdown Road, Park Road, and Mill Street, provided everything the residents needed: clothes, grocery shops, dance hall, sweets, cinema, bakers, greengrocers, fish shop, tools at the chandlery and materials and mending things at the haberdashers and a dairy. Horses and cows were in fields nearby. *What do we now need for us to live well locally?*

Sunday 30th November 2pm Meet at Princes Park Gates

Hunt Royale

Join the hunt and see who can bag the most of our herd of "Oh Dear". Follow the route by foot, bicycle or horse and carriage! This event launches 'pools new programme of walks that ask you to solve clues to reveal your city's history.

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Be part of a gang of time travellers chasing Oh Dears through Liverpool's oldest historic landscape or come as an Oh Dear be daft and give the time travellers a good chase!

See you on the 30th

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CLIMATE CHANGE.: IT'S TIME TO ACT.

THE NORTH WEST CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

6 NOVEMBER 2008

This prestigious and influential conference has the principal aim of marking the progress made against the Northwest Climate Change Action Plan "Rising to the challenge"

The conference will also be used to refocus the commitment of partners to achieving the Action Plan's goal of a low carbon Northwest and to highlight how changes in legislation will affect them.

The current Climate Change Action Plan runs until 2009/10, the conference will also be used as the prelude to the start of the discussions on the drawing up of a new Action Plan for 2010 and beyond.

The day will give attendees an update on regional progress and activity since the launch of the Action Plan in November 2006 and an update on national and international climate change legislation direct from both National and EU representatives.

The day will consist of speeches and panel Q&A in the morning sessions followed by workshops in the afternoon.

For further information go to www.climatechangenorthwest.co.uk or register at www.nwda.co.uk/impact

MET's President honoured by City



WORLD authority in urban ecology and restoration has been made Liverpool's first Citizen of Honour.

Environmental campaigner and wild-flower expert Professor Tony Bradshaw was presented with the award by the Lord Mayor, Cllr Steve Rotheram.

His family say he is "honoured and moved" by the civic recognition. Such is the international acclaim for Prof Bradshaw's work, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1982.

His other distinctions include being the Founding Chair of the British Ecological Society, membership of the Nature Conservancy Council and the National Urban Forestry Unit.

Liverpool council say the new Citizen of Honour decoration is one rung below the status of Freedom of the City.

Professor Bradshaw, 82, made headlines in January when he opposed building 1,300 apartments on the former-Garden Festival site at a public inquiry.

The 56-acre plot near Otterspool should, he argued, be allowed to grow wild. He had been involved with the initial establishment of the site in 1984. Last week, local government minister Hazel Blears gave the go-ahead for the development plans.

The professor also spent more than two decades teaching and researching in Liverpool University's botany department, and published extensively on the restoration of derelict and contaminated land.

More recently, he was vice chair of the Friends of St James's Gardens group. They laboured for three years to restore Liverpool's oldest public park, which lies in the shadow of the Anglican Cathedral.

The gardens were transformed from a hang-out for drug users to a tranquil oasis that

was used as a venue for this year's Shakespeare Festival.
Prof Bradshaw is currently unwell and receiving care in a nursing home.

Daughter Jane Bradshaw, 51, said: "The Lord Mayor came into the home in a gold chain and did a short but very sweet speech and presentation.

"He was very honoured and very moved to be presented with the award."

Cllr Rotheram said: "It is right and proper that the city formally recognises his excellent work."

'Pool presents

Urban Picnics: *Where the Wild Things Are*

Discover where the wild things grow and what you can do with them...

Join us where the urban meets the natural and consumer and producer are one and the same.

Help us reveal a winter of potential: Bring food, recipes and stories to share

Saturday 16th February

Shorefields School

Dingle Vale @ 12.30

For directions please follow the link below,

[Link to directions](#)

Coming soon from 'Pool

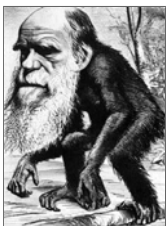
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Evolution & Creation



A Major Autumn Discussion Meeting in conjunction with [Operation EDEN](#)

Main Speaker: Prof Sam Berry, Nov 18th [Poster giving details](#)

More info on the background of [Prof Berry](#) (opens a new page - then scroll down)

Climate Change - what can a concerned citizen do?

There is a fast developing consensus that climate change is the major environmental problem of our time. It seems to be very difficult for us to halt deleterious change. However, the Northwest Development Agency is developing an action plan for those of us living in this area.

"**Rising to the Challenge - A Climate Change Action Plan for England's Northwest**" - **Consultation Draft** has been developed with input from a limited number of organisations and experts. It sets out potential actions under the five objectives that act toward achieving the Vision. The document reflects our emerging thinking and is intended to provoke wider debate and discussion in the region through a formal consultation exercise. The consultation exercise closed on 5th September 2006. The final Plan was launched on the 9th November.

Following the publication of the NWDA climate change action plan the presentations from the speakers and the action plan itself can now be found online:
<http://www.nwda.co.uk/>

Climate Change - Air Travel



One of the fastest growing contributors to CO2 emissions is air travel - as can easily be seen from the massive growth at our local airport (John Lennon) over the last few years. Consultation on the proposals for even more expansion was carried out over the summer and is now closed but the draft plan is still

available available on the link below:

[John Lennon Airport Consultation](#)

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