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Plant a Himalayan Rainforest Project

SUPPORT

The Foundation for Endangered Species enjoys the support of the Nepalese Embassy in the UK regarding their work in Nepal, and is included as one of the few British organizations on the Embassy's official website.

YEAR OF THE GORILLA

The United Nations has declared that 2009 is the 'Year of the Gorilla'. We have plans to help other primates in 'Plant a Himalayan Rainforest' campaign, but if any readers have some ideas about anything connected to this, we would be grateful to hear from you.

The Foundation for Endangered Species initiated the 'Plant a Himalayan Rainforest Project' in Nepal during the 2008 'National Tree Week'. So now you can 'plant' a single tree, or multiples, through your donations and contributing to this unique situation. The Foundation will use all of the donated money to create woodland and wildlife habitat.

This tree planting scheme will help save Nepal's exotic wildlife, especially the base of the ecology, and thereby all biodiversity. Some animals that will benefit could include the tiger, leopard, jungle cat, different types of deer and monkey, wild boar and birds of prey.

Briefly, this scheme will also contribute to help local people live with 'Sustainable Development'; they will also become the guardians of the local wildlife established in these areas. The sites will also be used for the children's education so that schools can visit these areas for 'in situ' experience. It is education that creates the possibility for long term mind set changes. The scheme is planned to tackle some of the inter-related issues of 'Environmental Concern', which is the 4th study theme of UNESCO School's network. Andy Mydellton, who has worked in these Nepalese habitats, is also the UK Commission's Environmental Concern Adviser for the Schools Group.

These plantations will be permanent fixtures in Nepal and will exist as an everlasting legacy. Therefore if organizations, groups and businesses wish to contribute to this scheme, they too can make a difference. Those who wish to leave something in their Will are also welcome to contact us as we can always create a special plantation for large bequests.

The Foundation will issue a Certificate when the donation is used as a gift or present for any special occasion. This gift will always be 'something different' and could be a gift solving problem for any predicament. So for a donation of £10.00 for every tree we plant, you too can help us rebuild a Himalayan rainforest.



NEWS

Sarah Wilson of Catfilms, featured on the first page of *Conserving Wildlife* (no. 4) invited Andy Mydellton onto her radio programme at Brooklands FM. Andy said, "It was an excellent interview and I was happy to be on Sarah's live programme" Andy was also interviewed on Hayes FM discussing the European Parliament Conference in November and the 5th Anniversary celebrations at the Pavillions Mall, Uxbridge in September.



The 'Tigers-Realm' Photographic Exhibition

Uxbridge Library
3rd - 15th of January 2009

Uxbridge Library exhibited the Nepalese wildlife photographs, entitled, the 'Tiger's Realm' in early January. The feedback was so good that the exhibition is likely to go on tour throughout the country during 2009.

The Embassy of Nepal was there, with Jhabindra Aryal, the deputy Chief of Mission officially observing; in fact it was his third visit to the Foundation's events in just over six months. Moreover the Embassy now supports the Foundation on their website, where FES are only one of eight UK organizations vso honoured.

Ram Adhikari, the chairman of the Nepal Forum UK was also there on the same evening, whilst K C Dhruba of the Nepalese Tourist Board visited the next day. The Foundation and the exhibition was given excellent service by the Uxbridge Library staff, something that is greatly appreciated.

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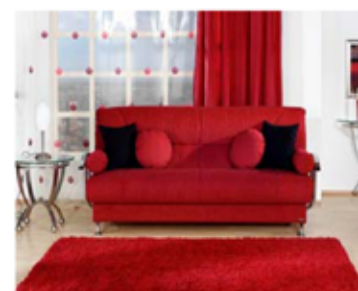
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European Parliament Conference

In November I took part in the Climate Change debate in the European Parliament at Brussels discussing what international agreement that must follow the Kyoto Protocol.

The conference delegates were hugely knowledgeable and were as sharp as knives, firmly believing that we are close to a hugely destructive ecological disaster, so that whatever international agreement replaces the Kyoto Protocol, it will affect every person – whether we like it or not. Moreover, we are already experiencing Global Warming together with its consequences, and will continue to do so for the rest of our lives. The EEC and the UK government are committed to decreasing our present levels of pollutive living.

This will mean 'going green' in our lifestyles with even more recycling, 'green' travelling, energy and consumption than at present. Nowadays most people want to live without creating unnecessary rubbish or pollution. If most people are given a choice they will prefer this cleaner lifestyle whenever possible. Moreover, many people are already spending more money on green commodities in their grocery shopping, such as 'Ecover' washing liquid amongst many other items.

So what were the governmental and international level issues of this debate in the European Parliament? Here, and in the imminent meetings at Poznan, Brussels once more, and later at Copenhagen are that we need a new 'Global Contract' that leads to 'Global Justice'. It may be too presumptuous to talk about its details at this point, but it will amount to every household considering, how we can live our lives without creating more pollution and living with a new global citizenship mentality. It means developing a new mind-set that will produce a different, but perfectly decent lifestyle that will be considered normal in the foreseeable future.

Inside this agreement governments will have to limit the Global Warming to a mere 2 degrees increase from the pre industrial revolution levels; and to limit the pollution of the air to no more than 500 parts per million. If we go over these limits – and it seems highly likely that we will – then we will hit the 'tipping points' when greater climate forces will be unleashed and will then be beyond our control. In other words, it could be too late to stop the huge ice losses of Antarctica, Greenland and other places. This in turn could lead to huge sea level increases, tidal floods and the like. We are already witnessing droughts in the Amazon jungle, hurricanes and tornadoes in the Americas, and there will be more to come on a regular basis for us here in the UK too, according to all of the scientific reports. I will be returning to the European Parliament at Brussels in January to discuss the next stages of this process. In the meantime, the Concluding Memorandum of this conference is available on request.

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Greetings for 2009 & A BIG Thankyou!

The trustees and the executive would like to wish all of our readers good luck and prosperity for the New Year.

The Plight of the Bumblebee



Bumblebees are a familiar and popular part of our summer, but for many years they have been suffering from changing agricultural practices and through loss of their habitat. Of over 20 species found in Britain only six are now common and even these are declining in distribution and numbers. At least one species has become extinct in this country in the last 20 years and several more are threatened with extinction.

Many people do not realise their importance as pollinators. Reducing numbers of bumblebees will eventually threaten many flowers and cash-crops including fruit trees and legumes. Between April and September this year the bumblebees of Stave Hill Ecology Park, Rotherhithe, have been surveyed. The results have largely reflected these national trends.

Of the six common species two (the Buff-tailed Bumblebee and the Common Carder Bee) were found to present in considerable numbers. Another three (the White-tailed bumblebee, the Early Nesting Bumblebee and the Garden Bumblebee) were present but in lesser numbers. Unfortunately the Red-tailed Bumblebee was not present at all. In addition to these the Vestal Cuckoo Bee,

which parasitizes the Buff-tailed Bumblebee, was also found in small numbers.

A less intensive but more widespread follow-up survey is planned for 2009. Work is also planned at Stave Hill to increase the number of food plants available for bumblebees, especially Red Clover and Field Scabious.

Bumblebees are frequent visitors to gardens, so bumblebee-friendly gardening can help support these well-liked insects. They require good availability of nectar and pollen throughout their breeding period, which is approximately April to September, depending on the species. Leaving small areas of uncut grass adjacent to hedges can give them suitable nesting areas and a list of bumblebee friendly plants can be obtained from FES at info@ffes.org.uk. Further guidance on gardening for bumblebees as well as more general information can be found on the website of The Bumblebee Conservation Trust (www.bumblebeeconservationtrust.co.uk/). Further information on Stave Hill Ecology Park is given on the website of The Trust for Urban Ecology (www.urbanecology.org.uk/stavehill.html).

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