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Safe Places to Play: Speech by Kevin Brennan, Department for Children, Schools and Families - 23 May 2008

This is a transcript of the speech by Children's Minister Kevin Brennan at the Play England/National Children's Bureau conference on 20 May 2008. He talks about historical changes in the way children play and the importance of providing more safe places for them to gather. See <http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/publications/820247>.

Minister for the East Midlands goes green to boost the region's health - 28 May 2008

Minister for the East Midlands Phil Hope took the green option by cycling to a public health conference in Derby. The minister joined almost 500 health experts to debate how to deliver better health for the people of the region in an eco-friendly fashion. See <http://www.goem.gov.uk/goem/news/ministergoesgreen> for more.

Non-native species threat to be tackled - 28 May 2008

England, Scotland and Wales today launched the first co-ordinated plan to reduce the threat to Britain's native biodiversity from invasive non-native species.

Invasive non-native species such as Floating Pennywort and the North American Signal Crayfish can have a serious impact on our native wildlife and economic interests. Controlling their spread is key to conserving our native wildlife.

See <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2008/080528a.htm> for more.

New research gives landfill sites a green future - 30 May 2008

Restoring landfill sites by turning them into greenspace, such as woodland, parkland or farmland is now possible, new research published today shows.

Many local people find landfill sites detrimental to their local area and a common solution is for councils to close them over with a compacted clay cap to seal up the waste. There are about 2,500 closed and operational landfill sites in England and Wales.

The results of a 10 year research project into the establishment of woodland on landfill show that it is possible to restore these areas safely by planting certain trees as long as strict safeguards are adhered to.

See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/825227> for more.

New push for recycling in public places - 2 June 2008

People will soon find it easier to recycle when they're out and about, Environment Minister Joan Ruddock pledged today. 'Recycle on the Go' is a new drive to put accessible recycling bins in public places. And it's already started, with The Royal Parks rolling out a recycling bin pilot in Hyde Park over the next three months. See <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=369147&NewsAreaID=2> for more.

Northamptonshire environmental project wins government award for sustainable communities - 05 June 2008

On the day the United Nations called for communities across the world to focus on tackling climate change, winners of the Government's awards for sustainable communities demonstrated excellence in promoting the natural environment and achieving a low carbon economy. See <http://www.ascskills.org.uk/pages/news-and-events/news/article?news.news.id=f9595e3c-515c-4971-9d93-5a9d3cb8a7d7> for more.

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