

**Jude Lockett**

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### **Please consider supporting our East Midlands' schemes in this year's vote for the UK's favourite Lottery funded project.**

The National Lottery Awards are an annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. Lottery players raise £25 million each week for Good Causes, and the Awards are a great way to highlight how that funding has changed the UK for the better. Public voting for The National Lottery Awards is now open. Click on a link below to read more about the local projects, and to cast your vote. The first round of public voting closes on 4 July. The three projects in each category with the most votes will progress to the final round of public voting.

In the Best Sports Project category  
Get Active in the Forest

[http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/shortlistitem.cfm?id\\_category=6&id\\_entry=55](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/shortlistitem.cfm?id_category=6&id_entry=55)

and in the Best Environmental Project  
Moors for the Future

[http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/shortlistitem.cfm?id\\_category=3&id\\_entry=42](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards/shortlistitem.cfm?id_category=3&id_entry=42)

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### **The East Midlands needs a new approach to conservation**

Natural England is calling for a new approach to managing the East Midlands' natural environment if it is to stand any chance of adapting to the next 50 years of unavoidable climate change and the modern pressures of development.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/regions/eastmidlands/press-releases/190508.htm>

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### **Reducing flooding naturally - one year on from 2007 summer floods**

The key to long-term, cost effective flood prevention could be held in England's National Parks and farmland landscapes, says Natural England today (Thursday 12 June) one year on from last year's summer floods.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/press/releases2008/120608.htm>

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### **Access to nature**

Natural England has announced that its £25 million Lottery funded grant programme 'Access to Nature' is now operating. Access to Nature aims to provide lasting change to disadvantaged communities by focusing on helping people who currently have little or no contact with the natural environment. The grant scheme is open to organisations who want to help broaden access to the natural world.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/press/releases2008/260508.htm>

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### **George Torkildsen Memorial Travel bursary**

The George Torkildsen Memorial Trust was set up to recognise George's outstanding contribution to leisure management. The Trust has established a fund to offer an opportunity for those embarking upon a career in leisure management to travel and study experiences and practice elsewhere in and beyond the UK.

Applicants must be resident in the United Kingdom. Awards will normally be offered up to a maximum of £1,000 and the Trust may also be able to offer links with projects in the UK and abroad, through organisations such as World Leisure. Closing date is 30 September 2008. For further information please email [don.earley@fieldsintrust.org](mailto:don.earley@fieldsintrust.org)

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The **National Children's Bureau Newsletter** can be downloaded at [http://www.ncb.org.uk/Page.asp?originx\\_827jv\\_17691024844947r27b\\_20071011233b](http://www.ncb.org.uk/Page.asp?originx_827jv_17691024844947r27b_20071011233b). Some articles that may be of interest are mentioned below.

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**1-2 July 2008, Sheffield**

### **Natural Play Environments: Aspirational and hands-on conference with design workshops**

Organised by the Department of Landscape, University of Sheffield, and sponsored by CABI Space, the event will provide information on designing play spaces in a more natural manner. There will be a limited number of speakers and an opportunity to develop a site design.

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/landscape/events>

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**15-16 July 2008, Stoneleigh Park, Coventry**  
**Play Fair 2008**

A new event for everyone involved in the selection, design and installation of children's outdoor play, sport and amenity equipment. Features free seminars, displays, trade stands and a large adventure playground feature.

<http://www.playfairuk.com>

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**INLAND WATERWAYS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

### **Visit to the Chesterfield Canal and a Successful Waterway Partnership**

PRESS RELEASE 11 JUNE 2008

The Inland Waterways Advisory Council (IWAC) visited the Chesterfield Canal on Wednesday 4th June to see an example of the progress of a successful inland waterway partnership.

John Edmonds, IWAC's chair, said: 'The Chesterfield Canal Partnership demonstrates how a successful partnership is an essential key to restoring, maintaining and promoting an inland waterway. Such partnerships have committed member organisations made up of local authorities, statutory and non-statutory bodies, the voluntary sector and private enterprise. They have agreed clear aims and objectives, helping the waterway to thrive and progress.

Taking the Chesterfield Canal as an example, it started from a low point in the 1960s of 25 navigable miles. Since the formalisation of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership in 1995, the canal now has 33 navigable miles. There are also well advanced plans for the restoration of another 9-mile section of the canal. This is excellent progress and a testament to the hard work and commitment of the Chesterfield Canal Partnership and its member organisations. IWAC believes that this excellent partnership offers a successful model for others to copy throughout the country.

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### **GreenSpace East Midlands members news**

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### Help to get Buxton blooming

For the first time, Buxton is in the national finals of the Britain in Bloom competition and residents and businesses have an opportunity to boost the town's prospects of winning.

<http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/news/press/2008jun1457.asp>

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### Big day looms for Bloom

Tuesday August 12th will be the biggest day in a decade for Nottingham in Bloom. That's when judges from the Royal Horticultural Society will assess how the city has fared in the Britain in Bloom 'Champion of Champions' competition.

[http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/news\\_page/news\\_about\\_nottingham\\_-\\_leisure\\_and\\_culture/\\_bloom\\_judging\\_day.htm](http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/news_page/news_about_nottingham_-_leisure_and_culture/_bloom_judging_day.htm)

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