

DEATH MARCH

On the 25th July 40 people marched through Bude in North Cornwall to protest against Britains largest mink farm. Woodview Farm is 10 miles down the road from Bude town centre. The event went well with protesters wearing black with death masks and carrying banners and a black cardboard coffin with furs covered in fake blood hanging over the sides. The march lasted approximately 2 hours covering almost 3 miles of roads in the heart of Bude, stopping people in their tracks (window shopping) with the sound of the bell that was being carried to signal the approach. The police were good natured at the event until the coffin entered the local Conservative Club at which point they stepped in and ordered us to leave the establishment standing guard at the doors until we had passed. The event ended with a demo at the farm in Youlstone.

ARTHUR'S WOOD

The campaign against Manchester's second runway has been going on the offensive this month with a string of actions against the key players in the development. On the 7th of July there was an occupation of the National Trust's head offices in London. The trust own Arthur's and Cedars wood, which the Airport wants to fell because it would interfere with the radar for the new runway.

The next week a banner was hung from on top of Manchester City Council's (majority share holders in the airport) Town Hall.

The campaign was in court on the 23rd August for Cedar Wood's eviction order. There will be an appeal against the court's verdict but at the moment the airport can go ahead and evict Arthurs Wood and Cedars Wood as soon as they like.

A banner was hung outside the court (on the court building). Security came out and said "get down" so the banner hangers finished what they were doing and then got down! Four police vans turned up but after being told that it was just a peaceful protest, they left. A little while later a small group of protesters, getting bored because the court was keeping them waiting, stopped the traffic on Deansgate (big main road in centre of Manchester) for a bit until it was nearly time to go in.

So, roll up, roll up and wheel on down for evictions in Manchester's beautiful Styal Woods.....
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PROTEST CAMP NEWS

Birmingham Northern Relief Road. 'The Spinney' camp at Milestone Plantation on the proposed route of the Birmingham Northern Relief Road is no more. On the 18th of June police arrived at the camp with search warrants, told the occupants of the site that they were trespassing and gave them one hour to leave or be arrested. There were only two people at the camp, others having gone to London for the June 18th protests, both of whom left the camp to get their dogs to safety. The police then made a bonfire out of equipment belonging to the protesters.

Six people went on to establish a new camp at Brick Lane Cove. Sadly they only lasted for 3 days and nights before police, accompanied by the landowner, turned up and threatened to arrest everyone if they did not leave. The occupants left and were then searched in connection with criminal damage (in the form of a hole in the ground!) at the Spinney.

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Avon Ring Road The campaign against the Avon Ring Road has started petitioning against plans for infill development since 'just concentrating on the road has alienated a lot of people and is not the whole issue'. Direct action was taken against the road last Spring in the form of 7 people locking on to a digger, 6 of whom were arrested, with 1 woman doing a week in prison as a result. The protest camp was evicted in June but more direct action looks likely in the very near future and more bodies are, as ever, needed for this.

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A170 Bypass. Gorse Wood camp exists to resist construction of the bypass, planned to run from Chelmsford towards Southend. A public meeting is scheduled for the 20th of August and a route walk for the 19th of September.

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Hockley Housing. A new camp has been set up against the proposed construction of 66 luxury homes on 11 acres of ex-greenbelt land at Hockley near Southend. The site is next to a designated wildlife area. People are desperately needed, as is equipment for the camp.

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KETTS REBELLION- 450 YEARS ON

On Saturday 10th July, to commemorate the Ketts Rebellion 450 years ago, The Land is Ours (Anglia region) occupied the grounds of an old hospital on the outskirts of Norwich. With the sale of the site imminent, activists set up camp on this area of prime greenbelt land to stop a piece of natural countryside falling into the hands of developers.

The NHS Trust won a possession order at the High Court on Thursday 22nd July to evict the protesters, but this only fanned flames of public hostility towards the site owners as TLIO campaigners received a groundswell of support from local residents at a public meeting, which was organised by the protesters. Locals vowed to carry on the fight to preserve the site for public use, unanimously backing TLIO's intention to apply to Norfolk County Council for the site to be granted village green status. Under the 1965 Commons Registration Act, in order to get village green status, it would have to be proved that the land had been used for recreational purposes continuously for 20 years.

The procession on the way to Bishopsgate High Court followed the direct route of the Ketts rebels, when 20,000 landless labourers took over the City of Norwich. in August 1549.

STREETS RECLAIMED IN NEWCASTLE

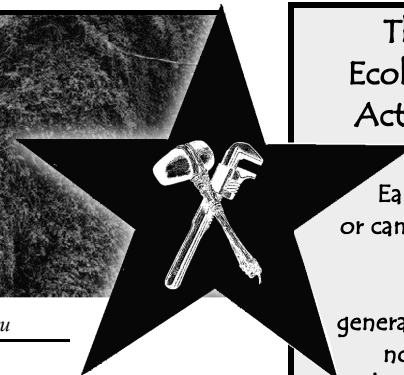
In spite of drizzle and grey skies and a previously unsuccessful attempt at blockading traffic four years ago, crowds of car busters came out in force on June 12th in the centre of Newcastle. After over two months of late-night meetings, flyposting, fundraising parties and spreading the word, about two hundred people gathered at the two public meeting points - with only four policemen and a van in sight. In an act of military precision, each group set off at synchronised times with windsocks and whistles and miraculously came across a bloke up a tripod blocking four lanes of traffic on Moseley street. Following an initial scuffle with baffled police who waded in and nicked the sound system, the street was transformed for three hours by fire jugglers, saxophone and guitar players, drummers, dancers and banners. The BBC news reader warned drivers that "a wigwam had been erected in the city centre" causing traffic chaos in and around Newcastle. Seven people were arrested during the afternoon for criminal offences such as attempting to tie a banner to a lamp-post, and held for forty-six hours. Plans are afoot for more parties in the streets...

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Earth First! Action Update

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"Give me a wildness whose glance no civilization can endure" - Henry David Thoreau



The Monthly Round up of Ecological, and Other, Direct Action from Around Britain

Earth First! is not a cohesive group or campaign, but a convenient banner for people who share similar philosophies to work under. The general principles behind the name are non-hierarchical organisation and the use of direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces that are responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants.

STOP THE CROP!

On Sunday the 18th of July the Stop the Crop rally against genetic engineering resulted in a farm-scale AgrEvo test site being destroyed. The rally was held near Watlington, in Oxfordshire and featured several speakers and musicians, some of whom urged the crowd not to trespass into the field!

A soon as the speakers had finished, the several hundred protesters present calmly walked past a handful of police and into the crop. A few hours later, the greater part of it lay flattened and unharvestable, rendering the test useless.

Thames Valley police seemed unsure how to respond. A few crop-pullers were arrested during the afternoon - all of whom were unmasked and isolated from the main crowd, and were therefore easier targets for the police. Physical attempts were made to free those who had been arrested but with no success.

As people left the test site to return to their vehicles, the police became more provocative when, having sent for reinforcements, they linked arms and used horses to intimidate the protestors, closing in on the end of a line of people who were leaving the field. A mounted policeman lifted one woman by her hair, and in front of TV cameras it was made to look as if the jubilant and good-

humoured crowd was an angry and violent mob.

Most of the time, the police seemed more intent on filming the event than trying to stop the action taking place. They filmed people getting off the half-dozen coaches which arrived from all over the country. They filmed people listening to music and speeches. From a helicopter hovering over the test site they filmed people trespassing on the crop and pulling it up. What use they make of the footage remains to be seen, and several newspapers reported Thames Valley police's intention to "track down everyone they could find" and charge them with causing criminal damage. It seems unlikely that they will succeed in this however since most people were wearing identical white suits and masks and many had further disguised themselves with sun-glasses.

One of the rally's organisers stated: "The people who were at Watlington on that hot July Sunday, varied though they were in age and aspirations, were united in one respect: they knew they were fighting a desperate, bare-handed battle in a one-sided war. Ranged against them were billion-dollar interests and a deaf government.... They knew that this was an historical moment - ordinary people driven to openly defy a law which protects capitalism and denies them their rights. Those who

were there can be justly proud of their action. If challenged, most of them will, I suspect, be proud to say they were there and they played their part. It remains to be seen if the government takes note and finally listens to the will of the people."

Prior to the rally a squat was established on the same estate. It features an organic garden and its existence raises the issue, demonstrates alternatives and annoys the land owner!

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SMASH GENETICS

The second big genetics action of the month was at Spital in the Street in Lincolnshire. The crop was trashed, but the action was marred by forty-six arrests.

Unlike at Watlington two weeks before, the target was not one of the seven government listed farm scale trials, but a field of AgrEvo's GM fodder maize which already has consent to be grown throughout the European Union. This means that the government is under no obligation to inform the public, or other farmers, about where it is being grown and that it can be used in animal and livestock feeds.

Around 80 people arrived onto the site masked up in white suits (which do a really good job of disguising body shape as well as preventing transfer of pollen) and took about two hours destroying much of the crop, until police presence started to reach uncomfortable numbers and the decision was made to leave. However, the escape route involved crossing a road, and by the time

the bulk of the crowd had reached that point, a police line had formed. Attempts to keep together and de-arrest those who got grabbed were successful for a while but gradually the police began to capture more and more people. At this point a number of people broke through police lines, across the road and into some woods.

Another mile across country, they managed to meet up with the convoy of getaway vehicles - however, all the vehicles had entered a field, and the local farmer moved in to block the exits.

Some people still managed to get away by abandoning the vehicles and running along ditches and hedgerows for miles; others stayed with the vehicles and managed to smash through hedges to escape. But many of the drivers and passengers who for one reason or another were not on the action, got arrested.

All 46 arrestees were charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage (as well as criminal damage itself). They were kept in for two days to

appear in court on the Monday, when all were released on bail except three who were remanded (two of which were released following an appeal).

After the action the farmer claimed that the field was not GM after all but rather conventional maize, estimating the damage at only £2000. However, samples were laboratory tested before the action where they were confirmed to be GE, and further tests are taking place.

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News in Brief

◆ Nottingham now has a forum for non-hierarchical direct activists. It's called NASA (Notts Association of Subversive Activists), and it meets on the first Monday of each month. A wide range of groups are attending: Earth! First, hunt sabs, local community struggles, Anarchist Communist Federation, anti-fascists, Movement Against the Monarchy, etc. Further details can be had c/o Notts EF!

◆ The A30 DBFO road through East Devon, previously home to the Fairmile, Trollheim and Allercombe camps, opened secretly in the morning of the 6th August. The road builders are thought to have recieved a £500,000 bonus for opening in time for the eclipse. The first stage of the M11 link road through East London opened two days earlier. If any actions took place, then no-one's told us!

◆ Solidarios con Itoiz, the Basque group resisting the huge Itoiz dam project are planning a tour of Europe to spread information and to exchange ideas etc. You might remember an action a few years back where some construction cables were cut, setting back the construction of the dam for 9 months. They would like to hear from you - Solidarios@eunet.org

◆ Squall is back - Although it hasn't ever really gone away. The magazine has been publishing regular updates on its website since the last paper copy came out, but now a 16 page monthly mag will be published - Squall download. find it on their website at www.squall.co.uk

◆ Things you can do in supermarkets...On the 6th of August 1999 Earth Liberation Front activists (Elves) entered the Waitrose supermarket on Northumbria Drive in Bristol and symbolically placed a large frozen turkey into a shopping trolley which was then allowed to defrost in the middle of the store. This dead bird symbolised the thousands of birds killed each year by the John Lewis Partnership (the owners of Waitrose) on their shooting estate in Hampshire.

◆ ...And in Burger bars. At an anti-Macdonald's demo in Gloucester , a pantomime cow was arrested for going into Macdonald's and saying MOO!!! Apparently this constitutes threatening behaviour and harassment., and the front of the cow was arrested on two charges. The back of the cow, despite not being cautioned, was also arrested. Maybe the police man thought it was a real cow and so only spoke to the head end! The front and back of the cow were held for some 6 hours, and deprived of food, as this cow only eats vegan, organic, gm free food and the dear old police apparently couldn't find any, but offered a vegan fried egg sandwich... nice try!!

◆ Finland has the EU presidency this autumn, and big counter summits and demos are planned, in Tampere in in October and Helsinki in December (although the October one will be bigger because the middle of winter can get quite cold). Its on the 15th-16th October - main issues are immigration and police repression, since it is an EU security summit. finlandia@ecn.org

◆ The Land is ours are holding their Autumn gathering between 3rd and 6th of September on Flying Pig farm, near Stroud in Gloucestershire. There will be a long term land squat starting

GM TREES DESTROYED

Zeneca's plantation of genetically modified poplar trees, the only genetic trees left in this country after Derby University's apple trees were destroyed two years ago, have finally been killed. Some were ringbarked and others felled in an action timed to coincide with the start of a major conference about forest biotechnology in Oxford.

Undoubtedly the research will be set back by years and the company has claimed that it is unlikely to attempt future plantings of GM trees in this country because of resistance. However, it also claims that 48 of the trees were mature enough to pulp for paper making at Domaine University, in Grenoble, France.

There are no tree test sites left, but GM tree research takes place at several universities around Britain including Reading and Derby. Research is also taking place at the East Malling Horticultural Research Institute, the Oxford Forestry Institute and the Forestry Commission's Alice Holt Research Station. Key companies include Shell, Zeneca, Monsanto and International Paper.

There was also a protest outside the Oxford conference, on the 14th of July, its opening day. geffcoalition@hotmail.com 07771 788 750

BRISTOL STREET PARTY

The Reclaim the Streets Party in Bristol, this July, saw a failed attempt by police to stop it happening. To begin with the police attempted to stop the march leaving the meeting point, where attempts by protesters to break through the lines resulted in several arrests being made. The police also seized the sound system, the food and drink and the volleyball net!

Eventually however the crowd pushed the police back, and while the planned location was not reached, the crowd did manage to have a party, on the M32 in the centre of Bristol, completely closing it for 3 or 4 hours. Acoustic music made up for the lack of a sound system and, for 15 hours that day, a pirate radio station broad cast a variety of comedy sketches, propaganda, music and adverts for the street party. Police harassment continued with party goers and other passers by being allowed through police lines in to the party but not back out again.

The organisers of the event described it as 'not just against the traffic but against the whole system, supported by the police, the politicians and the media.'

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URGENT CONFERENCE

URGENT, the Urban Regeneration and Greenfield Environmental Network, held a conference in Oxford on the 10th of July. Delegates with many different agendas came together to share ideas about the housing of the future and talk about what is going wrong now. There was discussion on how to make links between the homeless and those with alternative living visions, how to get round the prejudices of the planning system, and other topics. One of the organisers said "the whole event paved the way for greater networking to achieve the homes that communities, not construction companies, need".

The action which was planned for the 12th, to follow the conference, was called off. However, the URGENT networking meeting, held at the conference 'decided to go for it in terms of mass mobilisations'. National protests will be put on in solidarity with local campaigns.

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FLUID ACTION AT TARMAC EGM

Seven activists had a top action at the Tarmac Extraordinary General Meeting on the 8th July. After attending Tarmac's meetings as shareholders since 1993, we were fed up with asking pointless questions and getting "greenwash" for answers, so decided to go for all out disruption! It was very liberating to not be distracted by feeling like we had to "justify" ourselves to them.

Once in, our secret weapon was unleashed! We each had an opaque pop bottle full of organic comfrey and nettle plant feed which stinks worse than the Glastonbury loos. Before the meeting started, we rushed the stage and one woman drenched it, the Directors' Table and posh chairs with the stuff. The rest of us poured it all over the hall floor. Security bundled us out with one person receiving a cut eyebrow.

The meeting was delayed for over half an hour as they tried to clean up and decide whether to have the hassle of moving halls. Meanwhile in the lobby, Tarmac's Chairman, Sir John Banham, was spotted and had a jug of milk poured over his head, down his shirt and over his briefcase. Banham's words were "Oh God!" as the suited activist said "That's for trashing people's lives!". Despite security threatening to call the police for assault, word came through to let him go. After this the meeting went ahead. We were extremely effective with such a small group - we delayed the meeting for over half an hour, humiliated the chairman and made the Directors sit in slurry throughout their meeting.

DUTCH ACTION CAMP

Groen Front! (Dutch Earth First!), who have been organising resistance to the Betuwelijn high speed rail link between Rotterdam and the Ruhr are to hold a camp on-route from the 12th - 18th September. The camp will take place in the squatted farms at 29 Wageningsestraat, about 200 meters from the railway station Zetten-Andelst on the Tiel-Arnhem line and directly next to the A15 exit. The camp starts on Sunday at 18.00 hrs with an overview of what's coming up followed by direct actions on the planned Betuwelinetrajectum for the rest of the week. There will also be excursions to other anti-Betuweline squats in Meteren and Elst. There's the possibility of building and tunnelling if you feel like it and of course there's room for discussion and fun.

For more info email groenfr@dds.nl, or call 0031 6 26200729 or 0031 6 21995055.

GENETIX SNOWBALL

"The GenetiX Snowball action on the 5th August went remarkably well. We thought we would be joining the three people on remand at the Smash GenetiX action. But life is rarely that simple.

The whole action was the normal mixture of surreal moments, humour and defiance which typifies snowball actions. Three of us arrived at 6.30am and started trashing the site despite the injunctions. With this we left to take the bagged up plants to AgrEvils HQ at East Winch hall, Near Kings Lynn. They were totally phased, despite us sending them a open letter explaining why we were going to break their injunction.

They had an impromptu press conferences where they tried to deny that the crop was GM until a journalist who came on the action pointed out the injunction signs around the site.

Finally they allowed someone in to hand them the bag of GM oilseed rape our statements and their injunctions. The two execs that the person met were so uptight they could hardly breath. Any way we left and await our committal papers."

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FUN AT FASLANE

The Reclaim the Loch action against the development of the area around Loch Lomond, planned for July 3rd, didn't happen due to appalling weather and low numbers.

Two actions have however happened at Faslane Peace Camp recently. On Sunday the 25th of July a Union Jack flag was stolen from the base and burned. Two people were arrested for it, one of whom was charged while the second escaped.

The second action was on Saturday the 31st. Three people from the peace camp entered the base and gatecrashed a private function in the officer's mess. They stole a picture of a submarine and the base's environmental policies from the wall, which, when they were arrested, they claimed belonged to them and were allowed to keep! They were however charged with breach of bylaws.

The council on whose land the peace camp lies has been involved in ongoing attempts to evict the camp. Since the elections it is now under new leadership and the eviction of the camp now looks unlikely. There is plenty going on at the camp however for which new faces are always welcome.

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MORE GLOBAL DAYS OF ACTION

Several groups are proposing that November 30th be adopted as the next International Day of Action, along the lines of June 18. November 30th is the second day of the World Trade Organisation's Third Ministerial Summit in Seattle. People's Global Action (the network of grassroots struggles against the WTO) is meeting in India at the end of August to plan mobilisations against the conference. There will also be a caravan project similar to the recent InterContinental Caravan of Indian farmers, wending its way across North America to Seattle.

Fairly independently, some people who managed to persevere with the June 18th email discussion email mailing list despite all the right wing shit and irrelevant postings that plagued it, have set up a new email list to co-ordinate resistance on this day. If you're on the internet you can join it from the website:

<http://no2wto.listbot.com> Several groups in the UK are considering more local action on this date.

Alternatively, the Canadian Postal Workers Union have proposed a day of action on May 1st 2000, co-ordinated internationally by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

DECONTAMINATION LATEST.

Harvest season is in full swing for genetic test sites - As far as we know there have been around 46 test sites fully or partly destroyed so far this season, at least a third of the total number planted.

Apart from the farm scale trials and the poplar trees reported elsewhere in the Action Update, actions have taken place recently at three sites in Scotland (Edinburgh and Aberdeenshire), three sites in Lincolnshire, three in Norfolk (including Greenpeace's motorised assault on a farm scale maize site), a genetiX snowball action in Hertfordshire, and one in Yorkshire.

International resistance is also catching on. Two groups - the Lopi Loppers and the Cropitistas - destroyed commercial corn crops in California at the end of July, claiming solidarity with British and Indian activists, while in France several test sites have been attacked.

Report any similar actions to the Genetic Engineering Network: 0181 374 9516

TRIDENT LABORATORY TRASHED

At 7p.m on the 8th of June three women from Trident Ploughshares 2000 launched a boat in to Loch Goil and made their way to 'Maytime', a floating laboratory complex which tests the sonar signals from the Trident nuclear submarines.

Having boarded the lab they paused to hang up banners and then gained entrance through a window. One of them handed out 'load after load' of computers, printers, monitors, fax machines, telephones, computer disks, papers, manuals, etc while the other two threw them all overboard!

Inside the lab they found a cage which housed the mechanism for the model submarine which is used for many of the tests. They cut their way through the cage and destroyed the three control panels for the winch and submarine by cutting electric wires and smashing the panels with an hammer.

The women then tried to get into the control room for the vessel but were unsuccessful. Above the control room they cut an aerial antennae and superglued/liquidmetalled the moving parts of an outside winch.

Having carried out this action the women displayed on a table their police statement, video, 'Tri-denting It Handbook' and several photos of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They then had a picnic and waited to be arrested.

The action was carried out with due concern for safety - the lab was not at that time being used for any tests, and, before they damaged anything, the women made sure the power was turned off. All three of them are now on remand (see prisoners section) for 110 days but despite this the action was described as 'an amazingly liberating experience'.

Trident Ploughshares 2000. 01603 611953

TARGET TARMAC

Huge police numbers managed to stop the 'Target Tarmac' action from taking place at its chosen location at a quarry in the Peak District, but an action did still take place elsewhere later in the day. As the convoy of vehicles approached the quarry they were stopped and searched under section 60 of the 1994 Criminal Justice Act. After that, they were searched again just down the road, until eventually most vehicles had been searched three or four times, in what police made no attempt to conceal was harassment. At least two people were nicked for possession, one of drugs, the other of a baseball bat (which actually was intended for playing baseball!), and a few people did get briefly into a nearby non-Tarmac quarry and managed to disrupt work for a time.

Wanting to get out of the area, several groups continued in convoy onto Manchester Airport where Tarmac are joint contractors. The fences were climbed with ease and activists clambered over the site's concrete making tower. Other machinery was occupied and the only remaining operational part of site - the lorry weighbridge - was occupied, shutting down the site. They stayed for a good half hour, until the police turned up in force. Some refused to leave until a pledge was made by the boss, in front of the workers, that they would all get full pay despite the protest. This was granted and so they left, visiting the camps and having a beautiful walk through the woods back to the vans.

Another piece of news filtered through during the day. Some striking safety inspectors, who had been planning to come along on the action, told us that nearly every Tarmac Quarry in the country had been shut all day, just as a precaution!

Action Diary

August.

15. Smokey Bear's Picnic, Southsea Common, Portsmouth 2pm (cannabis smoke-in)
18-23. Earth First! Summer Gathering Hulver Farm, St Michael South Elmham, Suffolk. Just off the A144 between Bungay and Halesworth (nearest train station) Site mobile: 07931 308091 or contact Leeds EF!

21. Save the Shamrock Monkeys; national demo noon outside Shamrock, at Henfield Road, Small Dole, West Sussex, Tel: 01273 298781 / 07020 936956

September.

3-6 The Land Is Ours Gathering, Flying Pig Farm, Stroud. See News In Brief

6-8. Seeds of Resistance, Cambridge

11. Norwich RTS 0793 1308091

11. Bath RTS Meet at noon at the Circus

14-17 Demonstrations against the Defence Systems Equipment International, Chertsey and London Docklands arms fair. Campaign Against The Arms Trade 0171 281 0297

22. Car-Free Day. Events planned in Lancaster at Least: luneAC@joymail.com 01524 593878

28. Countryside Alliance marching on the first day of Labour Party Conference in Bournemouth. There's going to be a counter-carnival - meet at 10am. Also GMO rally (focussing especially on animal feeds) - meet 2pm Meyrick Park

October.

12. Day of Solidarity with McDonalds workers

16. International Day of Action against McDonalds

16 Anarchist Bookfair, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London 0191 2479249

15-17. Gathering Visions Gathering Strength III, Yorkshire. A gathering to bring together people from different movements c/o Yorkshire CND, 22 Edmunds St, Bradford, BD5 0BH. 07971 302412. GVGS3@hotmail.com.

November

2 - 4 Shut down the Copex arms fair Sandown Park. Campaign Against The Arms Trade 0171 281 0297

10. 4th Anniversary of executions in Nigeria - day of action against Shell. Contact Delta women's activist gathering

19-21 Women speak out, a weekend gathering in London for women interested or involved in activism. 01422 844932 Ziggy@anrk4u.

Prisoners

freeserve.co.uk

When writing to prisoners you must put you name and address on the back of the envelope. Three women are on remand for a ploughshares action. See 'Trident Laboratory Trashed' article. **Ellen Moxley, Ulla Roder and Angie Zelter** are all doing 110 days at **HM Institution Cornton Vale, Cornton Road, Stirling, FK9 5NU, Scotland.** Prisoner support: 01259 753664 / 01324 880744

Gary Steven Lawson (known to many of us as ACAB) is on remand having been arrested, with outstanding warrants for assaulting the police, on the Smash Genetic Engineering action (see front page article).
Gary Steven Lawson, CV6001, Lincoln

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Prisoners) c/o Leeds EF!</p> <p>PROPAGANDA</p> <p>earthlibprisoner@ hotmail.com</p> <p>Aufheben c/o PO Box 2536 Rottlingdean Brighton BN2 6LY</p> <p>Corporate Watch (see Oxford EF!) 01865 791391 mail@corporatwatch.i- way.co.uk</p> <p>Counter Information c/o Transmision 28 Kings Street Glasgow G1 5QP</p> <p>Do or Die (periodical) c/o South Downs EF!</p> <p>Genetics Update C/O GEN</p> <p>Green Anarchist BCM1715 London WC1N 3XX</p> <p>Green Line PO Box 5, Lostwithiel Cornwall PL22 0YT 0870 733 4970</p> <p>FINs - for a full list of free information networks & more, send SAE to: London FIN c/o 99 Torrino Avenue London NW5 2RX</p> <p>I-Contact video network 76 Mina Road, Bristol BS2 9TX, 0117 914 0188 i-contact@ videonetwork.org</p> <p>Peace News 5 Caledonian Road London N1 9DY</p> <p>RadiX-europe wide DA video lending library c/o Projektwerkstatt Gostenhefer Hauptstr 50 D-90443 Nüernberg Germany +49 (0) 911 2875880 RadiX@ pathfindermail.com</p> <p>Smash Hits BM Box 5538 London WC1N 3XX</p> <p>West Country Activist</p> <p>OTHER CONTACTS</p> <p>c/o PO Box 478 Taunton TA2 7YR wca@conk.com Advisory Service for Squatters 2 Saint Pauls Road London N1 2QN 0171 359 8814 advice@ squat.freemove.co.uk</p> <p>ALF Supporters Group BCM Box 1160 London WC1N 3XX 1003021616@</p>	<p>compuserve.com</p> <p>Anarchist Black Cross (prisoner support) c/o PO Box 446 Sheffield S1 1NY</p> <p>Anarchist Communist Federation c/o 84b Whitechapel High Street London E1 7QX</p> <p>Anarchist-Primitivist Network PO Box 252 Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 3AY</p> <p>Anti-Fascist Action BM Box 1734 London WC1N 3XX</p> <p>Anti-Quarry Action (AQUA) Kimberly Mill Park King's Steignton TQ12 3NR 01626 363844</p> <p>Campaign Legal Group (self-training) 43 Swan Meadow Road Poolstock Wigan WN3 5BJ 01942 513792</p> <p>Disabled Action Network 3 Crawley Road Wood Green, London N22 6AN 0181 8891361</p> <p>DELTA - Box Z, 13 Biddulph St, Leicester LE2 1BH</p> <p>Earth Circus Network CREATE Centre Smeaton Road, Bristol BS1 6XN 0117 9250505</p> <p>Forest Action Network (as for Norfolk EF!) 01603 611953 fanuk@envirolink.org</p> <p>Genetic Engineering Network (GEN) (as for RTS) 0181 374 9516 genetics@gn.apc.org</p> <p>GenetiX Snowball (open crop removal) One World Centre 6 Mount Street Manchester M2 5NS 0161 834 0295 genetixsnowball@ onet.co.uk</p> <p>Green Anarchist Network BCM 1715 LONDON WC1N 3XX</p> <p>Hunt Saboteurs Assoc. 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Sussex BN2 2DX 01273 685913</p> <p>Solidarity Federation PO Vbox 29, SW PDO, Manchester, M15 5HW 0161 232 7889</p> <p>Subvertise! c/o Box E 111 Magdalen Road Oxford OX4 1RQ subs@vernify.i-way.co.uk</p> <p>Third Battle of Newbury PO Box 5642 Newbury RG14 5WG 07000 785 201 thirdbattle@hotmail.com</p> <p>Trident Ploughshares 2000 (anti-nuke direct disarmament) (see Norfolk EF!) 01603 611953</p> <p>PROTEST CAMPS reforest@gn.apc.org</p> <p>URGENT (greenfield housing network) Box HN, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford OX4 1RQ 01865 794 800 info@urgent.org.uk</p> <p>Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp (alternative weekends) 33 Heron Road Bristol BS5 0LT 0117 939 3746 / 01703 554434</p> <p>Ashton Court Quarry c/o Bristol FoE 10-12 Picton Street Montpelier Bristol BS6 5QA 07970 423 834</p> <p>Avon Ring Road Protest Camp c/o 84 Colston Street Bristol BS1 5BB 0797 999 0389</p> <p>Birmingham Northern Relief Road Campaign The Spinney Turf Pits Lane Near Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B75 5T? 07931 161 761</p>	<p>Cedar & Arthur's Woods Meercat Protest Village Nr. 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PRISONER SUPPORT



by earth liberation prisoners

Prisoner support is pretty dire within the UK radical ecological resistance movement. Whether an activist gets much support or not, largely seems to depend on whether they are well known enough within the movement. Support and solidarity for those outside of our movement, also fighting for social change and a more egalitarian future, get little attention. These pages contain a guide for helping getting started writing to prisoners and a list of just some of the people currently locked up for taking action. There is also a list of just some of the support groups that exist within the UK to support those imprisoned around the world and encourage practical solidarity, whether it be through letter writing, lobbying parole boards, raising funds for someone's defence case or simply highlighting a prisoners plight. Write to any or all of the prisoners listed, and you can also seek out more information from the support groups. Prison may no seem like it is going to be much of an issue to you, but for increasingly large sections of people, both within and outside of our movement it is a grim day to day

WRITING TO PRISONERS

One of the main problems that puts people off getting involved in supporting prisoners is a feeling of being intimidated about writing to a prisoner for the first time. It is very hard to write a letter to someone you don't know: people find that they don't know what to say, they feel there are things they can't talk about, or think that prisoners won't be interested in what they have to say. Well this is a problem most of us have had to get over, so we've drawn up some suggestions to help you. Obviously these aren't rigid guidelines, and we don't pretend to have solved all problems here. Different people will write different letters - hopefully the ideas below will be of some use.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Some prisons restrict the number of letters a prisoner can write or receive, and they may have to buy stamps and envelopes, and prisoners aren't millionaires. So don't necessarily expect a reply to a card or letter. A lot of prisons allow stamps and/or s.a.e.s to be included with a card or letter, but some don't. Letters do also get stopped, read, delayed, 'diverted'. If you suspect something has been or will be nicked by the screws, you can send it Recorded Delivery, which unfortunately costs a lot but then they have to open it in the prisoners presence. Also you should put a return address, not just so the prisoner can reply (!), but also because some prisons don't allow letters without a return address. Of course it doesn't have to be your address, but be careful using PO box numbers as some prisons don't allow this either!

WRITING FOR THE FIRST TIME

Say who you are, and that you're from such and such a group if you think this is relevant. Some people reckon it's better to be upfront about your politics as well, to give prisoners the choice to stay in contact with you or not. Say where you heard about them and their case. The first letter can be reasonably short, maybe only a postcard. Obviously when you get to know people better you'll have more to talk about. If you are writing to a "framed" prisoner, and you believe them to be innocent, it helps to say so, as it gives people confidence to know that you believe them.

Some people when they write to prisoners, are afraid to talking about their lives, what they are up to, thinking this may depress people banged up, especially prisoners with long sentences, or that they are not interested in your life. Although in some cases this may be true, on the whole a letter is the highpoint of the day for most prisoners. Prison life is dead boring, and any news that livens it up, whether it's about people they know or not, is generally welcome. Especially if you didn't know them before they went to prison, they want to know about you, what your life is like etc. Use your sense, don't write about anything that is likely to get a prisoner in shit with the screws, or get you or anyone else in trouble with the cops.

THEY'RE IN THERE FOR US, WE'RE OUT HERE FOR THEM

For people imprisoned on their movements and struggles it's vital to keep them involved in the ongoing resistance - telling them about actions, sending them magazines if they want them, discussing ideas and strategies with them. Use your head though. Some people will just want to keep their head down till they get out.

OTHER TIPS

If you want to send books or magazines to a prisoner it is best to check the rules of the prison first, they all vary. Also write to the prisoner and find out if they want them. Some prisoners may not want inciting or subversive material sent to them as it may get them unwanted attention. Remand prisoner are usually allowed fairly regular visits of up to three people. Convicted prisoners are allowed less. To find out exact details, again, phone the prison.

This was adapted from a leaflet produced by the Anarchist Black Cross.

Further Prison Reading:

Strangeways 1990: A serious disturbance. Available from AK Press, PO Box 12766, Edinburgh, EH8 9YE, UK.
Live From Death Row and Death Blossoms. Both writings by death row prisoner Mumia Abu Jamal. Also available from AK.
In the Strongbox. Pamphlet about life in strongbox cells in Parkhurst Prisons. Available from the Anarchist Black Cross (address overleaf) along with a wide range of other prison writings.
The Prisoners Handbook. Pricey but useful reference of all the UK prisons and details of their regimes, overcrowding etc.

Action Groups are local EF! contacts. Some of them are active groups, some of them are aspiring towards this but need more people to get in touch. Some are just people who will know what is going on direct action wise in their area. The **Propaganda** section lists non-EF! publications which we think are worth reading. **International Contacts** are entry points into that country's own network of groups. **Other Contacts** are ones whose aims and principles we agree with fully or in part, or groups that we think may be of use or interest to people. For groups web addresses visit www.k2net.co.uk/ef/

New additions and alterations are shown in bold

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PRISONER

Some of our readers may be shocked by some of the things the following prisoners have done in the battle for a free world. We believe you do not necessarily have to believe in the particular tactics or politics of a fellow activist, revolutionary etc. in order to show solidarity and support. These people have been locked up for years, some in the most inhumane conditions by the same system we are fighting against.

STANDING DEER, a Native American prison activist now in his late 70's, has been in super-max prisons for over 20 years. In 1978 he exposed a government plot to assassinate Leonard Peltier. In 1984 he went on a 42 day hunger strike with Leonard and another prisoner to draw attention to the inhumane conditions endured by prisoners at Marion Control Unit. He is not eligible for parole and has no release date.. Because of his prison activism the prison system refuses to recognise his Indian name. **Robert H. Wilson #640289, Pack Unit One, 2400 Wallace Pack Rd, Navasota, TX 77869, USA.**

LENNY CHAVEZ a 36 year old AIM activist and Kiowa man, Lenny was cutting wood at his home when he was attacked by a right wing Aryan group member. The man grabbed Lenny's chainsaw threatening him and all those in the property. Fearing for his and his family's life Lenny drew his penknife and inflicted non-lethal injuries to the attacker. While the other man went free, Lenny was charged with attempted murder. Letters of support can be sent c/o South and Meso Indian Rights Center- **SAIIC PO Box 28703, Oakland CA 94694 USA email : saiiic@igc.apc.org**

DENNIS BRUCE WALKER MIN245312, PO Box 656, Grafton 2460, NSW, Australia. an Aboriginal activist who got 5 years for an incident while trying to protect an aboriginal sacred site. Waiting for an appeal/seeking a retrial.

MOVE, an eco-revolutionary group, were consistently persecuted by the Philadelphia police during the '70s culminating in the police firebombing of their commune in 1985. The 'Move 9' were framed for the murder of a cop and sentenced to the maximum prison sentence of 100 years each. In '98 Merle Africa died in very suspicious circumstances in prison. For more info contact: 'Friends of Move' PO Box 14129, London, WC12 8GR, UK

Debbie Simms Africa (006307), Janet Holloway Africa (006308),

Janine Philips Africa (006309), SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA 16403-1238, USA

Michael Davis Africa (AM4973), Charles Simms Africa (AM4975), SCI Grateford, PO Box 244, Grateford, PA 19426-0244, USA

Edward Goodman Africa (AM4974) SCI Camp Hill, PA 17011-0200, USA. William Philips Africa (AM4984), Delbert Orr Africa (AM4985) SCI Dallas Drawer K, Dallas, PA 18612, USA

MUMIA ABU JAMAL (AM8335), SCI Greene, 1040 East R. Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090, USA. , ex-Black Panther, radical journalist and MOVE supporter, was framed in 1981 for the murder of a cop and is currently on Death Row. His execution was set for August 1998 but has been temporarily stayed due to a massive international campaign. For more info contact: **International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal -PO Box 19709, Philadelphia, PA19143, USA** or see <http://www.mumia.org/> Mumia has written two books while inside, 'Live from Death Row' and 'Death Blossoms', both available from AK Press

BARRY HORNE VC2141, HMP Full Sutton, Moor Lane, York, YO4 1PS, UK

Barry Horne was sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol. Currently recovering from his fourth hunger strike. For more details contact: 'BHSC' Box M 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford, OX4 4QA, UK www.animal-liberation.net/barry/index.html

TONY HUMPHRIES AP7965, HMP Swaleside, Brabazon Rd, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4DZ, UK. Sentenced in March to 7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions plus 2 years concurrent for possession of explosives.

RODRIGO LOPEZ #EC 5409. HMP Birmingham Winson Green Road Birmingham B18 4AS England. Sentenced to 12 months for violent disorder at Hillgrove farm, which breeds cats for vivisection.

LARRY GIDDINGS-# 10917-086, PO Box 1000, Lewisburg, PA.17837 USA- Anti-authoritarian prisoner jailed in 1973 for attempted expropriation, paroled in 1978 then re-arrested in 79 while attempting to liberate a comrade from prison. Doing multiple sentences of life in prison and 75 years with no known parole opportunities.

BILL DUNNE -#10916-086, Box 1000, Marion, IL.62959 USA- Anti-authoritarian sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of a prisoner in 1979 (with Larry Giddings - above). Bill was recently transferred back to the infamous Marion Control Unit. In the past he was involved in the resistance against the regime there and among the most active prisoners in Marion.

SILVIA BARLADINI -#05125-054, FCI Danbury, CT.06811 USA -Veteran left activist, who fought against Vietnam war and in support of the Black Liberation and Puerto Rican independence movements. Convicted of liberating Black Liberation Army prisoner Assata Shakur and of conspiracy against U.S. Govt.. Serving 43 years. In bad health due to cancer, there is a campaign to get her paroled or transferred to her native Italy, **contact: Release Silvia -3543 18th Street, Box 30, San Francisco, CA.94110**

TOMASZ WILKOSZEWSKI -Zaktad Karny, Ul.Ciupagi 1, 03-016 Warsaw, Poland- Anti-fascist Sentenced to 15 years for the death of a fascist, killed during a confrontation

PAVEL KROUPA - 4.3.1977, Veznice Vazba, Straz Pod Ralskem, 47127 Czech Republic-Anti-fascist activist recently jailed and charged with murder. Pavel was attacked by 5 fascist skinheads. He defended himself and consequently one fascist died. Czech comrades are appealing for financial support to help pay for Pavel's defence. If found guilty he could face life in prison. Send support to:Benefit Support -Ivana Vranova, Bohunicka 19, 60000 Brno (Tel. Borek-09425/339895) Czech. Anarchist Federation- PO Box 5, 15006 Prague 56

OJORE N. LUTALO -# 59860, CN-861, M.C.U., Trenton, NJ. 49444 USA - Black liberation activist and anarchist. Jailed in 1975 for expropriation, paroled in 1980 but re-arrested in 1982 for an armed attack on a drug dealer. Sentenced to 20-40 years. Held in the Trenton Management Control Unit, where political prisoners are isolated by the authorities in their attempt at stopping the spread of radical ideas.

MARK COOK -# 027100, B3-05, Washington State Reformatory, PO Box 777, Monroe,WA.98272 -0777 USA-Former Black Panther, Mark has been in jail for over 20 years as a result of actions (robberies for political funds and liberating prisoners) carried out by the armed left group the George Jackson Brigade. He is serving 2 life sentences plus 30 years. He is still inside because he refuses to abandon his revolutionary and anti-racist views. His co-defendant, Ed Mead was released in 1994 and is fighting for Mark's release. Contact: Mark Cook Freedom Committee- PO Box 85763, Seattle, WA.98145 -2763.

MARK BARNESLEY WA2897, HMP Full Sutton, York, YO41 1PS, UK. Attacked when out with his family by a gang of drunken students, he has been fitted up for attacking them. Mark has been part of the anarchist movement for years. He is refusing to admit guilt therefore parole is being refused.

Justice for Mark Barnesley, c/o 145 - 149 Cardigan Road, Leeds, LS6 1LJ, UK. snide@globalnet.co.uk

ROBERT THAXTON # 1370036, Lane County Jail, 101 West 5th, Eugene, OR 97401. USA



SUPPORT

Charged with rioting, assault and attempted murder after the June 18th riots in Eugene. It seems the attempted murder charge was added to get him to plead guilty to the assault charge which has a minimum 5 year sentence. He can only receive *hand written* letters.

SUNDIATA ACOLI - #39794-066, Box 3000, USP Allenwood, White Deer, PA. 17887. USA

Former Black Panther imprisoned in 1969 with 13 others (Panther 21 case), for 2 years without bail, until acquitted in 1971. Upon release, forced underground and joined Black Liberation Army due to police harassment. Sundiata was sentenced to life, plus 30 years for murder in 1973 after a police ambush, at which a comrade and a cop were killed. One of the longest serving political prisoners in the world, he has developed tuberculosis.

Sundiata spent 8 years in the notorious Marion Control Unit until campaigners forced the authorities to transfer him. For more info contact: Sundiata Acoli Defence Campaign -PO Box 5538, Manhattanville Station, Harlem, NY.10027

SEKOU ODINGA - # 05228-054, 3901 Klien Blvd., Lompoc, CA.93436 USA -Former Black Panther. Later involved in clandestine activities of the Black Liberation Army (for 12 years) until capture. Sentenced to 25-life for 'attempted murder of police' (shooting over his shoulder while being chased and shot at by police) and also a further 20 years for the liberation of comrade Assata Shakur and the expropriation of an armoured truck.

RUSSELL SHOATS-#AF-3855, SCI Greene, 1040 E.Roy Furman Highway, Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090 USA- Serving multiple life sentences since 1972 for Black Liberation Army actions. Russell is currently active in the struggle against control units.

ALI KHALID ABDULLAH -#148130, Macomb Correctional Facility, PO Box 480999, New Haven, MI 48048 USA-

New Afrikan anarchist, prison organiser, founder of Political Prisoners of War Council (PPWC) a prisoners group active in Michigan prisons. Is serving time for taking political action against drug dealers. Also for 'redirecting' funds from capitalist ventures to community groups. Ali's writings are available from Sheffield ABC

JOHN PEROTTI- #167712, SOCF, address currently unknown -Jailed for a \$7 robbery when he was 19.

Anarchist, prison organiser, jailhouse lawyer. Framed-up for an extra 12-15 years for the stabbing of another prisoner in 1988 (he was in solitary at the time), as revenge for his activities. John was recently on hunger strike, demanding transfer out of SOCF where the screws and officials hate him. He called it off when it became life threatening, and now has kidney problems. John has written an account of his struggles called 'Down to the Wire'. For more info. contact: **John Perotti Defence Fund -c/o 29 Sterlochy Street, Findochty, Buckie, Banffshire, AB56 4PQ, (Scotland)**

SHAKA SHAKUR- # 28443, Indiana State Reformatory ,PO Box 30, Pendleton, IN. 46064 USA-Black prison activist and organiser, sentenced to 30 years after being stitched-up for armed robbery. Spent many years in solitary confinement/Control Units. Was at infamous Maximum Control Complex, Westville until prisoners won lawsuit against conditions there. For more info: S.S.D.C. - PO Box 565, Madison, WI. 53701

WILLIE A. MILTON-# 561014, Rt.3, P.O. Box 59, Rosharon, TX 77583, USA. - Co-founder of the Texas Prisoners' Labour Union, the first of it's kind in the U.S. Facing severe repression due to his organising efforts. In particular, Willie and TPLU are attempting to provide evidence concerning the use of Texas prisoners as guinea pigs in experiments by biotech corporations and the U.S. military concerning Gulf War Syndrome. A disease with the same symptoms as GWS is currently reaching epidemic proportions in the Texas prison system. For more info. contact Willie personally or TPLU Office Operations-c/o Dwight L. Rawlinson, 2121 South 4th St., Waco, TX. 76706

NIKOS MAZIOTIS was sentenced to 15 years in July this year for placing a bomb in the Greek Ministry of Industry, in solidarity with the islanders of Strymonikos who have been resisting multinational TVX-Gold's attempts to build a gold factory for over a decade. He claims that because of a warning phone call he wasn't

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◆ In Mexico in '95, at the Claya Prison, prison guards got a bollocking after 6 prisoners escaped by jumping over the wall using a trampoline during one of their keep fit sessions.

◆ Jean Paul Barret was serving 33 years for forgery and fraud in Tucson, Arizona until his somewhat early release in December 91 when someone faxed a fake release order to the prison. Even though it lacked a code or a phone number, they bought it. It was believed that someone got hold of a real court order, tipped out some of the information, copied it then typed in the false release order. It was three days until anyone noticed the mistake.

◆ On 25 June 1999, two asylum seekers detained in Campsfield Detention Centre decided to give themselves permanent admission to the UK, via a back window in the detention centre. One Russian and one

Prisoner support organisations

Anarchist Black Cross National and international support network for class struggle and anarchist prisoners. The Sheffield group produces both the newspaper 'Taking Liberties' and a bi-monthly news bulletin. Both are essential reading for those interested in prisoner support and prison issues. The ABC also distribute a wide range of pamphlets and some books on prison issues, many of which are written by prisoners themselves. For details of your local ABC groups contact Taking Liberties, c/o PO Box 446, Sheffield S1 1NY

Animal Liberation Front Support Group, BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX, UK. Support those imprisoned for their involvement in the struggle for animal liberation. www.animal-liberation.net/html

Earth Liberation Prisoners , c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Ave, Leeds LS7 3HB E.L.P produces the free prisoner listings zine 'Spirit of Freedom' which gives details of ecological, peace, indigenous, animal liberation and other prisoners. They also have a website. 'Spirit of Freedom' is largely financed out of a couple of peoples giros so donations are always needed in order to up distribution etc.www.geocities.com/RainForest/Jungle/1664
earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com

Haven Distribution, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London, WC1N 3XX, UK. A free books to prisoners scheme, always needing books and magazines donated.

Vegan Prisoners Support Group, PO Box 194, Enfield, Middx, EN1 3HD, UK. Remarkable work on getting vegan needs met in prisons and police

"any movement that does not support it's prisoners is a sham movement"