



GreenNet News

July 1989

GreenNet via Cellphone

Glastonbury Festival 89, an annual fund-raiser for the British Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, attended by 50,000 people, saw the first known use of GreenNet through a cell-phone. Apart from the usual type of initial misunderstandings and hassles with missing bits of thingy, it was found to be no problem. We used a generator for power (though a windmill would have done, but was being used for a band), and a radiophone (with a special interface to the modem) kindly provided by CBA Datapath.

This demonstration of both the intrinsic potential of GreenNet and its availability in the absence of mains power and phone lines was dreamed up and realised by Mike O'Connell of The Spirit of Conservation Mobile. This is a display unit in a small articulated truck which argues the case against nuclear power from place to place around Hinkley Point. GreenNet would like to record its appreciation of Mike's contribution.

New Nodes in Nicaragua, Brazil and Sweden

...now we are six!

The network of computers running the same e-mail and conference facilities as GreenNet has doubled in size in the last two months! GreenNet users can now communicate as easily with users of **PeaceNet Sweden (pns)**, **Nicarao (ni)** in Nicaragua and **Alternex (ax)** in Brazil as they can with other GreenNet users, and with **PeaceNet (pn)** or **EcoNet (en)** users in the US or **Web** users in Canada.

Most of the conferences will be shared across all six nodes (host computers), allowing users of any node to participate as though they were all on one big system. To exchange e-mail between users on different nodes a simple prefix is all that is needed in addition to their username - see box below.

Prefixes for all existing nodes:

| | |
|----------|------|
| PeaceNet | pn: |
| EcoNet | en: |
| WEB | web: |
| PNSweden | pns: |
| Nicarao | ni: |
| Alternex | ax: |
| GreenNet | gn: |

(Note - pn:, en:, cdp:, and igc: are all interchangeable prefixes for PeaceNet or EcoNet.) Typical example:

From: gn:nicasol
To: ni:sandino pn:carnet

If you are sending e-mail to someone on the same system, you don't need to use the prefix (e.g. To: fred) but it doesn't matter if you do.

...and soon to be seven -

From September there will also be a node in Australia, run by Pegasus Networks. As soon as it is up and running we will announce the details on-line, and let you know what the prefix is for e-mail. If any of you have friends or contacts in any of these countries who may want to join the network, send e-mail to [redacted] and we will send you details.

Payment by Giro Transfer

It is now possible to pay your GreenNet bill by Giro transfer. Use the following details when making the payment. Please add £1.00 to your bill when paying this way, to cover their service charges - it is less (for non-UK users) than the cost of a cheque.

Girobank UK, Bootle, Merseyside, GIR 0AA, UK
Account number: 510 8276 (GreenNet Ltd)

Please put your *GreenNet Account Reference* (as shown on your invoices and statement) or your GreenNet user name (login name) in the comments section of the Girotransfer form. If necessary you can specify invoice numbers there too. This will make sure that your money is credited to the right place.

Remember, Remember

1. GreenNet users can send fax and telex messages, and receive telexes. We now have a new, more reliable and faster fax service, so please try again if you have previously been disappointed. Faxes and telexes are charged to you at cost: a guide to the approximate costs can be found under the topics for fax and telex in the conference gateways, along with instructions on exactly how to send them through GreenNet.
2. You can always request new conferences! If you think that there is a subject area missing, you could be right! We depend on our users to initiate conferences when necessary. You can make suggestions in related conferences and in ideas. Information on starting conferences is in facilitators. For more help send e-mail to support.
3. If you are unsure of procedures for uploading and downloading (very important for economical use of GreenNet) you can use the conference test for testing. And you can get advice by e-mailing support.
4. If you are quoting your e-mail address in printed materials like headed paper, you should use a format such as:

e-mail on GreenNet - gn:concept

If people on other e-mail networks need to know how to send e-mail to GreenNet you can usually find out for them by reading the conference gateways. Find the network concerned in the index of gateways and get the instructions by typing the

New Conferences

New nodes have led to a rich new selection of conferences, and we have now sifted through the dozens of new ones to bring you a selection that have relevance outside the system that started them. Many of them originated on the **Web** in Canada. Here are the names of just some of the new conferences to check out, full details are available in gn.conferences:

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| amarc.general | gen.radio |
| ced.community | ced.coops |
| dev.humansettl | dev.internatio |
| dev.inttrade | en.cleanair |
| en.foodirrad | en.waste |
| en.toxics.cont | en.toxics.inci |
| en.toxics.land | en.toxics.pest |
| en.toxics.pulp | en.toxics.wast |
| gen.bigbro | gen.media |
| gen.racism | jbh.news |
| gen.right | gen.techeffect |
| gen.women | aia.sao |
| reg.carib | reg.india |
| reg.ireland | reg.mideast |
| reg.namerica | reg.samerica |
| reg.sasia | reg.seasia |
| reg.ussr | reg.panama |
| hiroshima.live | ppn.nukemateri |

Staff at GreenNet...

Friends and admirers of *Mitra* will be interested to know that he has moved on to greater things, but developing his talents in related areas. He is currently in San Francisco, available through the networks as always (No junk mail please.)

Meanwhile the GreenNet office staff now consists of *Viv*, approximately filling *Mitra*'s place and dealing with general coordination and higher levels of administration and accounting; *Jeremy*, technical supremo; and *Param*, basic support and administration.

At the end of August, *Param* will be leaving for India and Australia, and we will be looking for a new person to work on technical stuff and programming. The support tasks will then be shared by all three staff and by volunteers.

Their e-mail addresses are their names (but all lower case: *jeremy mitra viv param*) for all four people, wherever they are. But if support or help is what you want, send your e-mail to support or post it in the conference help.