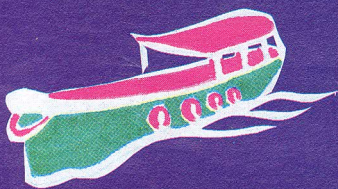
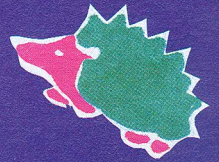
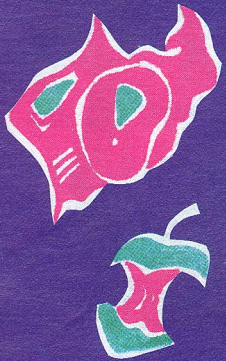


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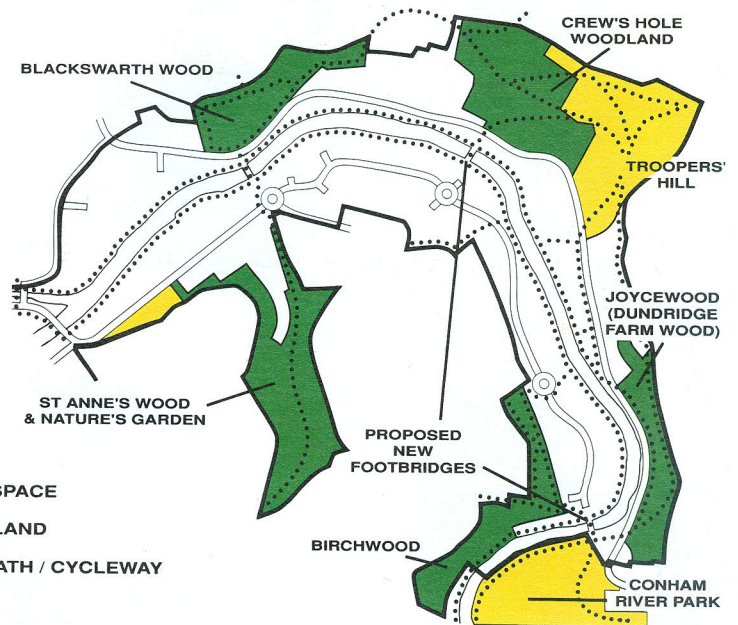
RIVERSIDE WOODLAND WALK

The Avon Valley woodlands are to be protected and enhanced and both banks of the river opened up for the public under proposals by Bristol Development Corporation.

Landmark environmental consultants have surveyed the woodlands and drawn up environmental plans and a management programme for the next 10 years for five woodland areas alongside the River Avon. Blackswarth Wood, Crew's Hole Wood, Dundry Farm Wood, Birchwood and St Anne's Nature Garden would form a green parkland through the valley and create a backdrop to the future development of the area.

Corporation Environment Manager Karen Stevens said: "Many of the woods have become impenetrable and have not been properly managed. Future development of the area would be planned around these woodland assets."

At the moment some of the paths alongside the River Avon are overgrown and in



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places it is impossible to get to the water at all.

Footpaths will be constructed on both sides of the river, and the north bank will be

upgraded for cyclists. It is hoped the improvements will encourage greater use of the river for boating and other water-based activities.

SCOOP!

DOG LOOS FOR BRISTOL PARK



Hundreds of school children celebrated in St Annes Park as Avon's first ever dog toilets were introduced.

Bristol Development Corporation held a fun event in the park, which once again can be safely used for play and sport by local youngsters.

Councillor Jack Fisk officially opened the dog loos, and the event was celebrated by a soccer game between pupils of St

Anne's School and St Anne's Park School, refereed by Scoop the dog.

Stickers, badges and dog 'passports'

were also handed out by the youngsters to local dog owners to encourage them to use the new facility.

The park has been blighted by dog mess for many years. Sports day at St Annes Park School was cancelled earlier this year because of the amount of mess in the park.

The new loos have underground septic tanks and cardboard disposable scoops, which dog owners are urged to use to scoop up mess and put in the loos. Bristol Development Corporation paid for the dog toilets with Bristol City Council taking over the emptying and maintenance of the facility.



WEIR HELPS WILDLIFE

A new weir across the River Avon at Gaol Ferry Bridge, near Bathurst Basin, will bring environmental improvements to the city's waterways as well as providing leisure and business benefits.

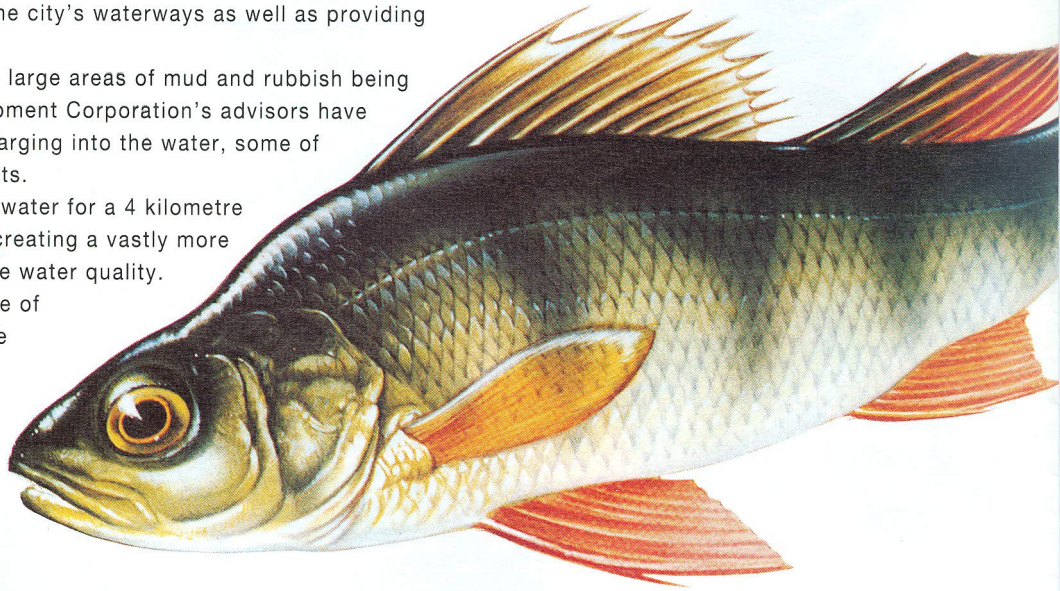
At present the river is tidal, resulting in large areas of mud and rubbish being exposed between tides. Bristol Development Corporation's advisors have found there are about 99 outfalls discharging into the water, some of which contain sewage or other pollutants.

The weir will create a constant level of water for a 4 kilometre stretch up to Netham Dam. As well as creating a vastly more attractive appearance it will improve the water quality.

The Corporation has undertaken a range of environmental studies and further, more detailed investigations into the effects of the weir are continuing.

Expected environmental benefits will include improvement to the habitat for wildlife along the river banks.

Improved water quality will also help develop the fish population.



Brunel's Legacy

Bristol Development Corporation has been bringing some of Bristol's most beautiful architecture back to life by issuing grants for restoration and repair. Major works are underway at Temple Meads station, where four-way talks are being held between Bristol Development Corporation, British Rail, English Heritage and the Railway Heritage Trust as part of a multi-million pound programme to make the most of Bristol's railway heritage.

The programme will involve environmental improvements to the whole Temple Meads area and is aimed at enhancing the beautiful listed buildings while serving the transport needs of a thriving modern city.

Improvements have already begun revealing Brunel's legacy of superb architecture in the Digby Wyatt shed and the GWR building.

The Development Corporation's assistant director of development Nick Tyrrell explained: "Some good work has been done at Temple Meads in the past few years, but it has all been in a piecemeal fashion. But such an important Bristol landmark needs a comprehensive plan to ensure everything that happens in the area complements the station.

This is the best opportunity in the station's history to get sources of finance together and to lobby central Government on behalf of Temple Meads."

Other proposed works include dismantling the unsightly pedestrian bridge over Victoria Street, removing one more obstacle marring the beautiful Victorian buildings.



If you go down to the woods today...

Teddy Bears of all shapes and sizes enjoyed a fun packed day in the woods during a picnic held in St Anne's Park and Nature's Garden.

More than 120 lively youngsters from local schools took their bears on a nature walk and played games in an event organised by Bristol Development Corporation.

The Bagatelle Theatre Group provided an environmental clown show called "Zero Green and the Gorfians" in a colourful marquee to round off the environmental theme.

At the end of the day each school received a tree from the Corporation to plant in their school grounds.

The children's event was part of the Corporation's programme of consultation aimed at highlighting issues ranging from community facilities to woodland management.



BRISTOL LANDMARK

RESTORED

A well known Bristol landmark is getting a new lease of life after years of neglect. The 60 feet tall chimney standing on Troopers Hill, which has dominated the city's skyline for 128 years, is showing serious signs of wear and tear and is to be renovated.

Badly damaged stone and brickwork is to be repaired and a new door fitted in the first ever joint project between Bristol City Council and the Bristol Development Corporation.

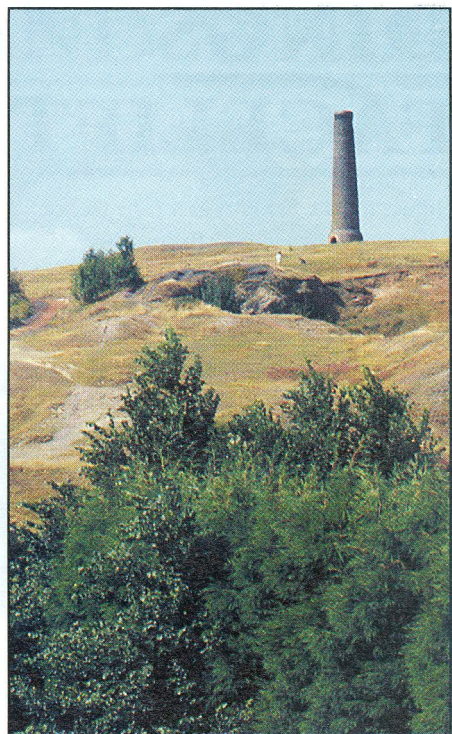
Problems of erosion of the hillside by walkers and motorcyclists are also being tackled in a bid to make sure the hill remains a special place for Bristolians to enjoy.

The hill is a very popular open space enjoying spectacular views of the Avon Valley and is of special historical significance gaining its name during the Civil War when troops massed there in 1640.

It is also an important wildlife habitat with the only known colony of Grayling butterflies in Bristol and heath type vegetation not found elsewhere in the area.

The restoration work includes replanting badly worn sections of the hill, rebuilding footpaths, fencing the perimeter and preventing motorcycles from damaging the hill.

Once completed groups like Avon Wildlife Trust and Bristol Avon Groundwork Trust will be involved in maintaining and managing the hill.



Restoration work at Troopers Hill.

BLACK HOLE VANISHES!!

A "black hole" in the centre of Bristol has proved to be a Victorian architectural gem following long overdue clean up work.

For years traffic has roared under Cattle Market Road Bridge while trains for Bristol's Temple Meads travel over it, resulting in thick layers of soot and grime building up on the walls . . .

Bristol Development Corporation called in local stonemasons who, using graded water jets, washed away the grime to reveal gleaming brown and cream bricks - the colours of the old Great Western Railway.

The Corporation hopes the £100,000 project will result in British Rail and Avon County Council acting together with the Corporation to improve the area.

Environment manager Karen Stevens says: "We shall be replacing the current poor lighting with something lighter and brighter and the steel vaulting in the tunnel will be painted. The work so far has made a tremendous difference to a tunnel, which was very daunting and dark for drivers and horrendous for pedestrians."



From left to right: Councillor Richards, Bristol City Council; Jack Fisk, Deputy Chairman BDC; Reg Tufts, Branch Manager Commercial Union; and Alan Flexman, Chairman Groundwork Trust

Park Improvements

A new lease of life has been given to a former rose garden in Sparke Evans Park, St Philip's Marsh. The project won a UK 2000 Environmental Quality Award.

The award was presented during an afternoon of fun in the park when 200 children took part in a Green Treasure Hunt and were entertained by anti-litter clowning troupe Boobee and Blimp.

The refurbishment is a joint venture by the Bristol Development Corporation, Commercial Union, Bristol City Council and the Bristol Avon Groundwork Trust. It involves planting 2,500 native trees and shrubs contributed by the BDC.

DINGS FACELIFT

Homes in The Dings are set for a facelift following talks between Bristol City Council and the Development Corporation.

The Corporation has offered to pay for environmental improvements to the council and private houses in The Dings as part of comprehensive plans to regenerate the whole area.

Initial discussions between the City Council and the Corporation have gone well and a series of meetings consulting the people who live in the area will be the next step towards the improvements.

RUBBISH BRISTOL'S WEIGHTY PROBLEM

Rubbish weighing more than 1,000 lbs was collected at Troopers' Hill when local people stepped forward to help Bristol Development Corporation during Environment Week.

More than 120 enthusiastic volunteers turned up at the Litter Pick Party at Troopers' Hill, Crew's Hole and their haul included an old sink unit and an abandoned motorcycle!

Schoolboy Ben Phillips collected the most rubbish tipping the litter scales at 79 lbs. He won a hamper of organic food for his hard work.

After the event an environmental band entertained the volunteers on instruments created out of recycled waste.

Leslie McWilliam, community relations manager for the corporation said: "We were delighted to see so many local people showing interest in improving their environment throughout the week of activities.

"The children were particularly enthusiastic, which is an encouraging sign for the future."



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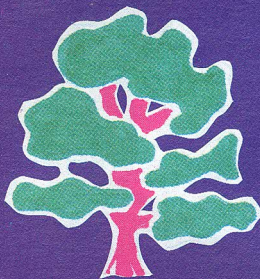
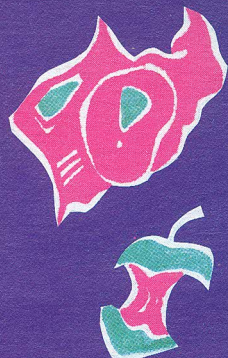
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