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The "wired society" has always been a favourite theme of the kind of eco-freak who likes to "think global, act local". It now looks as though GreenNet, "the first global computer network for environment, peace and social justice" is becoming genuinely international. It has made transatlantic links with similar networks there.

Greenpeace International will now be putting all its press releases onto GreenNet's electronic bulletin board, which is open to anyone with a computer and modem for the price of a local phone call and an 8.2p (plus VAT) per minute fee.

Several wire services and back issues of American and British newspapers and magazines are also available for computer-scanning.

In addition there will be an electronic mail service, which is intended to expand with membership of the service (currently, 2000 individuals and organisations subscribe).

True to its ideals, GreenNet also plans to sell members cheap recycled and bankrupt stock

computer hardware.

GreenNet, 26-28 Underwood Street, London N1 7JQ. Telephone 01-490 1510.

Conservancy Council leaflets

The Nature Conservancy Council, the Government's nature watchdog, has begun a new series of (rather sketchy) leaflets on environmental issues, to help the public, and perhaps especially schools, get to grips with both sides of difficult issues. The leaflets include useful reading lists, and contact addresses for further information and the views of the competing pressure groups and government agencies.

A suggestion for the future: the leaflets should include the four or five most balanced newspaper articles which have appeared on each subject.

Future subjects will include acid rain, oil at sea, pesticides, and sea fisheries. For now, though, there are *Hedgerows*, *Boating* and *Nitrates*, available from Education Officer, Careers, Education and Training Branch, Nature Conservancy Council,

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