

Eco-writer donates to woodland appeal

A WRITER who has penned a novel about environmental issues will be donating some of the profits from books sales to the Save Balls Wood appeal.

Chrissie Daines, of Dane End, will be putting proceeds from sales of *The Haymakers Survey* towards Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust's (HMWT) campaign to buy the wood near Hertford Heath and protect it from development.

Chrissie, who goes by the pseudonym Billie Shears, said: "I've just approached a host of environmental organisations and key individuals about the project.

"Thirty per cent of the proceeds of sale go to conservation charities or into a sustainable living fund. I've already raised

nearly £200.

"If the project takes off, there's a potential to raise millions for conservation and sustainable living projects – this is my dream!"

The action of the book is based in East Herts, including Ware, and interweaves fact and fiction.

HMWT marketing officer Clare Gray said: "We are looking forward to seeing how well Chrissie can do with the book and thank her very much for her support."

So far around £30,000 has been raised of the £150,000 needed.

The book is available from select retailers in East and North Herts and Broxbourne and online at www.thehaymakersurvey.com.



SAVING WOODLAND: Chrissie Daines is raising cash with her book Photo: NLNCKBK.2