Dear Sir,

I am writing to object to the suggestion that 50% of the funds raised by environmental charities should be devoted to activities such as planting trees and picking up litter.

The responsibility for rehabilitating damaged sites lies with organisations such as mining companies, who should be compelled to clean up the mess they make. The rôle of environmental charities is to do research, formulate policy, and inform the public of what is going on and what should be done to ensure a safe natural environment.

Furthermore, charities should have the freedom to spend the money they raise as they see fit.

Yours sincerely,

Jean M. Christie