



DAVID CASSIDY NATURALLY

David's visits to Britain are few and far between — but when he does manage to pop across the Atlantic we make sure we're in the front of the queue for chatting to him.

When he was over recently we spoke to him about his love of the countryside — and he had some interesting things to tell us.

really love coming to in," David began, settling in for a chat on his favourite subject. "BUT I do miss the wide spaces that we have in the States.

As you know I have to get away from it all sometimes — the pop business gets just a little too hectic for me sometimes. And when I want some peace and quiet I usually go to the mountains.

It's winter I ski, but during the summer I just take myself off to the country and survey the scenery. I know you have wonderful countryside here in Britain. It's a terrible shame that I only see it fleetingly. I'm usually rushed around so much I don't have time to myself."

David looked thoughtful and looked out of the window at the London traffic.

"I'm not really a city person," he smiled. "At times I enjoy the city. But the country's where I really feel myself. To look at the fields and the flowers, or just the freshness of bare rock — that's what it's all about for me.

I guess that's why I get so involved with these nature conservation schemes. I wish I had more time to do the things properly — like go out to all the

reserves and parks we have in the States; talk to the people who really know the problems.

"As it is, what with acting, recording and touring I can only do a little. Like my posters for the Keep Britain Tidy Campaign.

"That's something I feel really strongly about. Not just in Britain, but all over the world, people are fouling up their lives — and the future — by dropping old tin cans and paper without thought to what harm it does to the countryside and the animals.

"Then they wonder why we have pollution problems! It all starts on a small scale. If only everyone would look after their own rubbish — well, things would be fine.



"I'd like to see people buying goods that aren't over-wrapped, too," David sighed. "If only every one would realise that it IS up to them — then the big firms just wouldn't be able to pollute our beautiful world.

"And it is beautiful, really," he laughed, "despite all this," and he waved out of the window at the traffic belching smoke into the London streets.

"Just take yourself out into the country one day — as far away from a town as you can get — and you'll see it.

"Animals lead very uncomplicated lives, you know. And so should we, really.

"Of course there's room for civilisation. I mean towns and buildings, things like that. But we've really got to learn, and fast, that towns are towns and the countryside has got to be left as countryside. We're just killing ourselves if we don't."

David looked very solemn as we began to get ready to leave him. But he smiled as we said goodbye.

"I'm sure things will work out," he said as he showed us out. "I believe that there are lots of people like me — lots of your readers — who care enough to stop the world from destroying itself."

We're sure too, David. And with you to lead them — how could they fail?

