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Articles ...

Environmental intelligence: using AI and data science to save the planet. [Read more ...](#)

Government 'exploiting nature more than it is protecting it', MPs warn in damning biodiversity report. 'Toothless' policy and lack of expertise among long list of failures identified in existing efforts to reverse catastrophic impacts on natural world. [Read more ...](#)

How the IRC supports refugees in the UK. The IRC works with newly arrived Syrian and Afghan refugees in the UK. [Read more ...](#)

Windrush survivor: Will we get government compensation before we die? [Read more ...](#)

Blowing the house down: life on the frontline of extreme weather in the Gambia. [Read more ...](#)

Parliament building and police station burned down during protests in Solomon Islands. Police used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse protesters demanding the prime minister step down, amid reports of looting. [Read more ...](#)

World at Lunch ...

Home Office should be stripped of responsibility for compensating Windrush victims. MPs said it was 'deeply troubling' that the Home Office's handling of claims 'has repeated the same mistakes which led to the scandal in the first place'. [Read more ...](#)

'The strongman blinks': why Narendra Modi has backed down to farmers. The authoritarian PM's first retreat is a much needed triumph of democracy. [Read more ...](#)

Priti Patel has quietly been stuffing even more punitive anti-protest powers into the policing bill. It is, without hyperbole or caveat, a piece of law which would sit more easily in a dictatorship than a democracy. [Read more ...](#)

'Your Spend Has Power': Google launches Observer Magazine ad takeover in partnership with Black Pound Day to encourage consumers to #SpendBlack. [Read more ...](#)

After Cornish staycation summer, locals fear a winter of evictions. Across the county, homelessness is on the rise as landlords cash in on the letting boom. [Read more ...](#)

Cornwall Council to buy two holiday parks to house people. [Read more ...](#)

Local news ...

National Tree Week takes place across the country from 27 November to 5 December and the City Council has revealed its winter planting plans for the city. [Read more ...](#)

Thinking of planting trees in Devon? The seven-step 'Right Place, Right Tree' guide can help! [Read more ...](#)

Videos and podcasts ...

Back to the Water's Edge? Historicizing Current American Security Policies in the Asia-Pacific. The recent US withdrawal from Afghanistan has raised a host of questions regarding America's future strategic direction and geopolitical policies. [Watch ...](#)

BBC News Channel: Ros Atkins assesses how the UK government is tackling migration in small boats across the English Channel. [Watch ...](#)

For fans of Aardman Animation, their latest film, which features Robin who grows up with a family of mice. [Watch ...](#)

Campaigns ...

38 degrees: An open letter on the tragedy in the Channel. We need more safe and open routes to the UK for refugees and asylum seekers. [Petition ...](#)

38 degrees: Fix the Windrush compensation scheme. [Petition ...](#)

Change.org: Prevent UK Gov from revoking British Citizenship of Ethnic Minorities. [Petition ...](#)

Amnesty: Israel to protect Janna and all children from the Occupied Palestinian Territories from discrimination and violence ... ensure teen journalist is protected. [Petition ...](#)

Avaaz: End the dolphin grind - a brutal hunt where hundreds of dolphins are trapped in a bay, and butchered. [Petition ...](#)

War on Want: End Covid 'Apartheid'. Support a TRIPS Waiver would lift restrictions on the production of these lifesaving treatments, meaning countries in the Global South could manufacture vaccines themselves. [Petition ...](#)

Global Justice Now: Suspend Covid-19 patents during the pandemic. Boris Johnson's government has an opportunity to change course and be on the right side of history at next week's WTO Ministerial. [Petition ...](#)

We Own It: Health and Care Bill: Ask House of Lords to stop private companies sitting on NHS boards. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates ...

Free from Torture: Creative action against the proposed Nationality and Borders Bill. Paddington bear being "arrested" at Paddington station - like Paddington bear, most refugees are only able to reach safety in the UK as a stowaway on a boat or lorry. [Watch ...](#)

Fairtrade Foundation: Mary Kinyua is a Fairtrade flower farmer from Kenya and Fairtrade International board representative to COP26 comments on the outcomes of the conference. [Read more ...](#)

MAP: "We eat anything we can afford so we don't stay hungry". Lebanon's economic crisis is disproportionately affecting Palestinian women and children in the country's refugee camps. [Read more ...](#)

Practical Action: A look back at the Glasgow climate talks...good COP or bad COP? [Read more ...](#)

RSPB: The Environment Bill has now become law, the first piece of legislation for 20 years that will govern the natural world. [Read more ...](#)