



25 Year Environment Plan: Improving the environment within a generation

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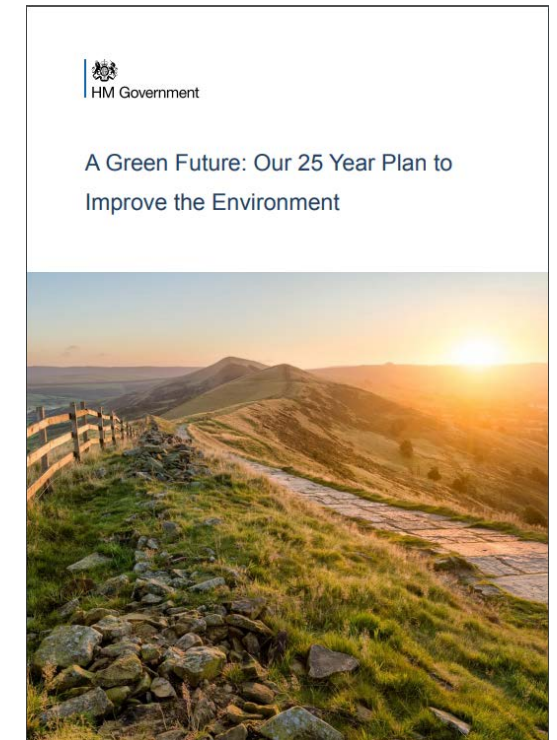
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The 25 Year Environment Plan

- Commits Government to over 200 initial actions in England and internationally to enhance the environment, with more to follow.

Government actions include:

- A pledge to eliminate all avoidable plastic waste
- Support for the development of a new Northern Forest
- A new statutory body to hold government to account on the environment
- A new Clean Air Strategy
- A nature recovery network to reverse the declines in wildlife
- Regular reporting on progress and a set of metrics
- An agreed set of environmental principles



25YEP Goals	25YEP Chapters
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean air 2. Clean and plentiful water 3. Thriving plants and wildlife 4. Reduced risk of harm from environmental hazards such as flooding and drought 5. Using resources from nature more sustainably and efficiently 6. Enhanced beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment 7. Mitigating and adapting to climate change 8. Minimising waste 9. Managing exposure to chemicals 10. Enhancing biosecurity 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using and managing land sustainably 2. Recovering nature and enhancing beauty of landscapes 3. Connecting people with the environment to improve health and wellbeing 4. Increasing resource efficiency and reducing pollution and waste 5. Securing clean, healthy, productive and biologically diverse seas and oceans 6. Protecting and improving our global environment



Minimising Waste – why?

Our vision over the lifetime of the 25 Year Plan is to:

- ✓ Double resource productivity
- ✓ Eliminate avoidable plastic waste
- ✓ Eliminate all avoidable waste by 2050



Minimising Waste – how?

- Published the Resources and Waste Strategy
- Announced a £15m fund to encourage food surplus redistribution and food waste minimisation
- Brought in one of the world's strongest microbeads bans
- Launching an evidence call on developing standards for all bio-based and biodegradable plastics
- Consulted on plans to:
 - ❖ ban plastic straws, cotton buds and stirrers
 - ❖ extend the 5 pence plastic bag charge to small and medium retailers
 - ❖ introduce a tax on plastic packaging with less than 30% recycled content
 - ❖ make packaging producers pay the full cost of dealing with their waste
 - ❖ introduce a consistent set of materials collected across England for recycling
 - ❖ introduce a Deposit Return Scheme for drinks containers





Enhancing biosecurity

The 25 Year Plan commits us to:

- Manage and reduce the impact of existing plant and animal pests and diseases, lower the risk of new ones and tackle invasive non-native species (INNS)
- Reach the goals of the Tree Health Resilience Strategy
- Ensure strong biosecurity protection at our border
- Work with industry to reduce the impact of endemic diseases
- Continue developing the UK wide Plant Health Risk Register
- Continue delivering the 2015 GB INNS Strategy



Enhancing biosecurity – how?

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Published the Tree Health Resilience Strategy, setting out how to reduce threats, and strengthen the resilience of trees, woodlands and forests.

Launched a £17.7 million collaborative bacterial plant diseases research programme with Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, including £4.85m to improve the diagnosis and detection of Xylella

Appointed a Tree Champion, Sir William Worsley, to promote safe biosecurity practises

Ran the ‘Don’t Risk It’ biosecurity campaign

Plant Biosecurity Strategy to be published in 2020

Thriving plants and wildlife – our terrestrial goals

- ❖ Restore 75% of protected sites to favourable condition
- ❖ Create or restore 500,000 hectares of wildlife-rich habitat outside protected sites
- ❖ Recover threatened, iconic or economically important species of animals, plants and fungi
- ❖ Increase woodland cover in England to 12% cover by 2060. This would involve planting 180,000 hectares by the end of 2042



Thriving plants and wildlife – how?

- Passed the landmark Ivory Act establishing one of the world's toughest bans on ivory trade.
- Consulted, and subsequently announced in the Spring Statement 2019 that the forthcoming Environment Bill will mandate biodiversity net gain for new developments.
 - Provided £10m for 4 landscape-scale peatland restoration projects
- Consulted on proposals to enable landowners to set voluntary, legally binding conservation covenants on their land.
- Provided £140,000 of funding to six nature recovery projects, to inform the development of the Nature Recovery Network.
- Appointed Tree Champion to promote woodland creation and support development of a grant scheme.
- Provided £5.7 million of funding to plant 1.8 million trees along the M62 corridor from Liverpool to Hull.
- Revised the National Planning Policy Framework to strengthen protections for ancient woodlands, veteran trees and irreplaceable habitats.
- Funded beaver reintroduction trials in Devon



Wiring and inspiring

Government legislation, regulation
and policy changes



NGOs, industry, schools, LPAs
Momentum

Individual
decisions

Individual
action

Collective
action

Behaviour
change

Delivery of 25 Year Plan



The Year of Green Action



“We will make 2019 a year of action for the environment, putting children and young people at its heart...[to] provide a focal point for organisations that run environmental projects, and will encourage wider participation.”

25 Year Environment Plan, January 2018

- Maintain and support current momentum and interest
- Get more people taking action to improve the environment
- Instil legacy to improve environment in next generation
- Lay a foundation to encourage individual and organisational behaviour change



What do we hope to achieve?

- Show *collective action* and momentum by Government and stakeholders in achieving the goals of the 25YEP
- Draw together local and national initiatives that align with the 25YEP vision and help stakeholders reach wider audiences
- Challenge and inspire others to play their part at this key moment in time
- Encourage more opportunities in the environment sector for young people to get involved and lead change

