

ENVIRONMENTAL INSIGHT – ISSUE 13

Snapshot of what's happening on environmental issues

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Environmental News & Policy Updates

Update on BREXIT and the effect on UK environmental legislation



The UK's membership of the European Union ceased on 31 January 2020 and the 'Transition Period' ended on 31 December 2020. Read on for an update on how Brexit is impacting UK environmental legislation.

Despite having left the EU, the consequences of former membership remain within the UK's current legislation.

It follows that much of the UK legislation contains references to EU legislation, particularly to the directives.

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Major construction companies switch to electric cars



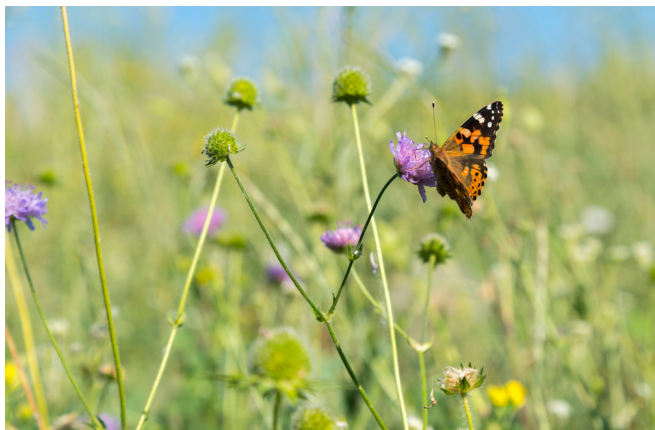
Laing O'Rourke is the latest in a number of construction companies to announce the switch to electric company cars for staff, joining both Vinci and Skanska.

Laing O'Rourke runs around 1,000 company cars and plans to complete its transition to an all-electric fleet by 2025.

This will save up to 1,000 tonnes of carbon a year.

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CIRIA Big Biodiversity Challenge 2021 launches



Are you ready to #DoOneThing to enhance biodiversity on your construction site?

CIRIA launched its [BIG Biodiversity Challenge](#) launch event on the 23 February, urging construction sites to submit entries. After last year's hiatus, the #BIGChallenge returns this year to celebrate biodiversity enhancements undertaken by the construction industry.

The launch introduced this year's challenge and awards and provided inspiration through some of the 2019 award-winning projects that delivered the best examples of biodiversity enhancements in construction and the wider built environment.

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Innovative scheme to protect newts and promote sustainable development in Lancashire

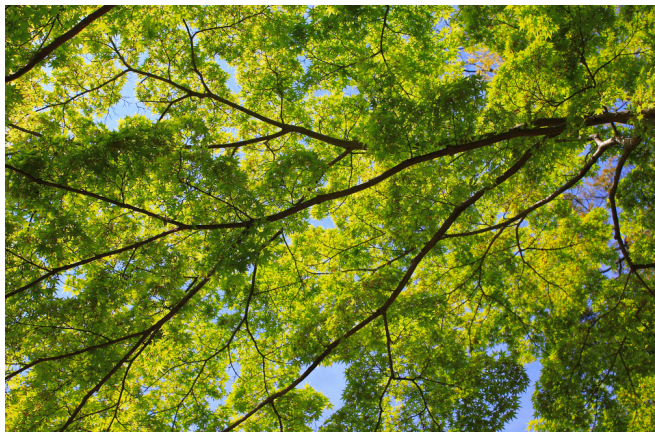


Natural England has launched a new scheme in Lancashire to help conserve local populations of great crested newts whilst promoting sustainable development.

The scheme will create a network of ponds providing vital habitat for the biggest native newt, helping to join up sometimes isolated populations and helping them to thrive.

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Three new board members appointed to the Environment Agency



Environment Secretary George Eustice has appointed Dr Stewart Davies, Ines Faden da Silva and Lilli Matson to the Environment Agency Board. The appointments began on 1 February 2021 and will run for four years until 31 January 2025.

Board members provide non-executive leadership challenge and support to the Environment Agency's executive through regular Board meetings, committees and groups. They also undertake individual lead roles on relevant issues and with local operational teams.

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CIP Environmental Manual Updates – December 2020

The CIP Environmental Manual amendment packs have been sent out to all subscribers. The latest update to the CIP [Construction Environmental Manual](#) includes the following:

A separate page is included identifying some of the temporary arrangements made in environmental regulation as a result of the current (COVID – 19) pandemic, as well as information on the impact the pandemic has had on Construction and where to go to get the most up-to-date advice.

The temporary arrangements are not only subject to change but are also time limited and the websites/information should always be consulted for a current position.

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