How we create change.
In 2018 we clearly saw some of the impacts of man-made climate change and environmental damage. Early in the year Europe was hit by severe snowstorms and then just a few months later soaring temperatures in a prolonged heatwave.

Restricting global warming to no more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels is the only way to stop catastrophic climate breakdown; that’s according to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). In October the IPCC gave us just 12 years to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% on 2018 levels to have a decent chance of stopping climate change spiralling out of control.

That goal is still possible, and with your help we will do everything we can to get there.

Thanks to your support, we’ve had a great year of campaign successes. We’ve seen the best of our network of supporters and local groups in their commitment to protecting the planet. We’ve seen a fantastic number of individuals taking actions and signing petitions; we’ve had legal wins, business partnerships flourishing and media coverage soaring.

A seminal moment was the Welsh government’s declaration that the continued extraction of all fossil fuels, including shale gas, coal bed methane and underground coal gasification are not compatible with our decarbonisation target and should be avoided. They also announced no new coal extraction proposals would be permitted. This success was in large part due to the hard work of Friends of the Earth Cymru pressuring politicians to make these promises.
However, in October fracking started at Preston New Road in Lancashire. The fact that the government is cheerleading a new fossil fuel industry just at the time when we have received the starkest warning yet from scientists that time is running out to stop climate change is environmental illiteracy of the highest order.

There’s been an accompanying assault on the right to peaceful protest. Three anti-fracking activists were sent to jail for their peaceful protests at Preston New Road – Friends of the Earth and Liberty joined with their legal teams in an appeal that resulted in their sentences being quashed. We are also working hard in the Courts opposing draconian injunctions secured by several oil and gas companies to prevent demonstrations at their sites.

But fracking will not succeed. We continue to stand with these communities and support their fight against this damaging industry.

We will create a sustainable future. We could not do this without you.

HOW WE CREATE CHANGE

A lack of political will is the main obstacle to the change needed to avert climate breakdown and to restore flourishing nature.

Our unique approach is to combine evidence-based analysis of environmental problems with mass public pressure on decision-makers.

Our grassroots structure – a network of 150 local groups across England, Wales and Northern Ireland, combined with hundreds of thousands of individual supporters – makes us relevant to the lives of everyone in our diverse communities up and down the country. We’re also members of the biggest global network of grassroots environmental activists – Friends of the Earth International.

True local to global.
20,000+
people signed a letter to Communities Secretary Sajid Javid asking him to reject plans for an opencast coal mine at Druridge Bay in Northumberland
Climate breakdown is happening right now and will only get worse if we fail to keep temperature rises to below 1.5°C. Burning fossil fuels is a major driver of climate change and at least 80% of reserves must be kept in the ground if we are to meet the aims of the Paris Climate Change Agreement. We are campaigning to move our economies away from fossil fuels.

WALES LEADS THE WAY

There have been exciting developments in Wales in tackling climate breakdown. In December the climate change regulations for Wales were passed in the Senedd – the first time a legislative framework for cutting emissions has been introduced in Wales. In the same week, the new Wales Planning Policy announced that applications for open cast coal mines would no longer be permitted. Fracking has also been banned, as it is not compatible with targets for decarbonisation. The planning policy was written in accordance with the Well-Being of Future Generations Act that Friends of the Earth Cymru played a leading role in drawing up. The Future Generations Act is designed to ensure that planning decisions will be focused on creating sustainable places for people to live.

This great news came just months after an appeal on a planning application to open a new opencast coal mine at Nant Llesg near Merthyr Tydfil was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate. Friends of the Earth Cymru and local groups in Wales led the campaign against the mine over a period of 5 years.

It is your ongoing support that makes this kind of long-term campaigning possible.

In February we handed in a letter representing 20,000 people to the then Communities Secretary Sajid Javid, urging him to reject a planning application for a new open cast coal mine at Druridge Bay in Northumberland, a beautiful 7-mile stretch of golden sands and a haven for wildlife. In March Mr Javid turned down the application – the first time a planning decision like this had been made on climate change grounds. Unfortunately the developer Banks Mining won a High Court challenge in November meaning the new Secretary of State must now reconsider the plans.

The fight to stop new coal mines being opened in England goes on.

FRACKING AND SHALE GAS EXPLORATION

In 2018 we scored significant victories against fracking. We supported a powerful community campaign in Ryedale, North Yorkshire which resulted in Third Energy removing equipment from the site. Councils in Derbyshire, Rotherham and Chester all voted against applications for drilling by fracking companies – and the campaign against these proposed sites goes on. Our petition against plans by chemicals giant INEOS to search for shale gas deposits in and around Sherwood Forest received more than 75,000 signatures. Oscar-winning actor Mark Rylance lent his voice to our campaign with a passionate plea in defence of his beloved forest.

But in October fracking began again in the UK after a 7-year hiatus. Rather than the fanfare that the industry might have wanted, fracking at the site has been suspended a number of times after several small earthquakes in the Blackpool area. If the industry had hoped that the protests would stop, they were mistaken. Local activists, supported by Friends of the Earth, organised one of the biggest anti-fracking demonstrations yet at the site with just a few days’ notice.

NEW PLANNING RULES COULD MAKE FRACKING EASIER

Back in May the government announced new proposals to fast-track fracking. The plans involved a change to the planning rules to allow drilling as “permitted development”, a category of planning intended for minor developments such as putting up a shed. Friends of the Earth has worked with communities, politicians and a wide array of groups to challenge this attempt to take planning decisions away from local people and councils.

Our local groups campaigned creatively on the issue. Leicester Friends of the Earth engaged shoppers by constructing a cardboard garden shed in the city centre, and Huddersfield Friends of the Earth demonstrated against the threat permitted development poses to local democracy. More than 5,000 of our supporters emailed their MPs asking them to attend a Westminster debate on permitted development, and more than 9,000 of our supporters responded to the public consultation. 700 councillors from all parties have signed our open letter. Record-breaking climber Pete Whittaker also made a film with us and our partner Patagonia about his fears for areas of the Peak District which have been licensed for exploration.
SUCCESS FOR THE BEES
In April EU member states voted to ban the use of 3 types of neonicotinoid pesticides on all outdoor crops. ‘Neonics’ are known to cause harm to bee populations. We inspired and enabled thousands of our supporters to take part in online actions and to contact their politicians on this issue. This fantastic success shows that mobilising supporters to put pressure on politicians pays dividends.

It’s with your support that we were able to carry on this campaign for 6 years.

But the work goes on. Our supporters are now lobbying local councils to ask them to adopt pollinator action plans and reduce grass-cutting and pesticide use in public spaces. We’re also pushing the UK government to make a firm commitment to reduce pesticide use in its post-Brexit farming policy, and support farmers to use safer alternatives.

Friends of the Earth’s Bee Friendly scheme has gone from strength to strength in Wales. There are now more than 50 accredited schemes ranging from schools, community areas, housing associations, arts centres, villages and cities.

The Great British Bee Count also ran into its sixth and final year, with a record 23,655 individual app users.

Almost half a million bees were spotted, from over 50 species. Data from the count will make an important contribution to the government’s understanding of bee species trends.

GREEN SPACES TO BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER
Ever heard of a beautiful community garden space that falls into neglect when no-one has the time to look after it? Our Postcode Gardener scheme aims to make urban greening self-sustaining. The project will enable communities to hire a gardener to maintain their public spaces and front gardens, bringing the community together as part of the process. Around 400 people turned up to our first gardening events in East London, and as a result our first Postcode Gardener started work in Hackney in November.

PROTECTING THE GWENT LEVELS
Friends of the Earth Cymru helped to develop a broad coalition of activists to campaign against plans to build a new stretch of the M4 motorway in south Wales. The proposals were first put forward in the 1990s and would involve irreparable damage to unique wetland habitats in the Gwent Levels. We designed an online action to help supporters lobby assembly members, and organised a demonstration outside the Senedd which was attended by around 400 people. Shortly after the rally we had confirmation that the then first minister would not be taking the decision on the road – facing pressure from all
parties he realised it would be difficult to get a vote through. A number of assembly members mentioned their inboxes being full of people opposing the road and one specifically thanked Friends of the Earth for our work in opposing the road.

PROTECTING WILD PLACES IN NORTHERN IRELAND

In Northern Ireland we’ve been doing pioneering work to protect natural places. We’ve supported a legal challenge against plans to build a dual carriageway through the floodplains of Lough Beg, a unique habitat for whooper swans close to where Nobel Prize-winning poet Seamus Heaney grew up. We’ve supported a community campaign in County Tyrone against a cyanide gold mine that could affect a river which is home to otters, salmon and one of the largest populations of freshwater pearl mussels in Europe. We also won an important victory in the Court of Appeal against unauthorised sand-dredging in the huge Lough Neagh.
FOCUS: ON OTMOOR

40 years ago the government tried to extend the M40 through a valuable wetland in Oxfordshire, Otmoor. But the local Friends of the Earth group came up with an ingenious plan to protect it. They bought a field which lay on the proposed route, divided it up into 3,500 plots, and sold them to individual supporters. This made compulsory purchase of the land practically impossible, and the road was routed to the east of Otmoor.

Today the site is an RSPB reserve with an internationally-important breeding population of turtle doves, but in 2016 it was again threatened by government plans to build an Oxford-Cambridge expressway. Friends of the Earth’s local group in Oxford was determined not to let it happen a second time. The group supported a community campaign in each of the seven villages that overlook Otmoor, based on our history of work in the area.

In part thanks to this, in September Otmoor was ruled out as a potential route for the road. However, the campaign against the expressway goes on, with communities arguing that they have not been consulted on whether they want a new road at all.

FOCUS: RIGHT TO PEACEFUL PROTEST
As the government pushed to make fracking easier, we’ve had to significantly increase our legal work in support of communities in resisting onshore oil and gas this year.

In October, we intervened in the historic case of the frack-free three. Our intervention contributed to the prison sentences of 3 peaceful anti-fracking protestors being overturned by the Court of Appeal, and the activists released from jail.

We joined 6 women as a defendant challenging an injunction obtained by UK Oil and Gas to prevent certain protests against their activities in southern England. The injunction was issued against persons unknown, a sinister designation which allows actions to be pursued against anyone who is alleged to have breached the terms of the injunction. This raises concerns over the infringement of civil liberties and has a chilling effect against lawful protest. We were granted permission to appeal the injunction in December.

“The potential for other companies to use this draconian step was enormous”

Vicky Elcoate
Campaigner
During 2018 air pollution rocketed up the agenda as a public health concern. Research has shown that air pollution particles can get into the placenta of pregnant women, and the case of a 9-year old girl, Ella Roberta, who died following a severe asthma attack has hit the headlines. She lived near one of the most polluted roads in South London. The government estimates that there are 36,000 premature deaths a year, and the government says it is the fourth biggest killer behind cancer, obesity and heart disease.

More than 1,000 primary schools up and down the country have ordered our Clean Air schools packs, which aim to raise awareness about air pollution among children, teachers and parents. The packs give teachers lesson plans to help the children learn the science behind air pollution and ways to tackle dirty air. We re-launched the pack with a new design and activities to coincide with the return to school in September. One school, Rosary Primary in Birmingham, wrote to their local councillor and MP to call their attention to the dangerously high levels of NO₂ outside their school gates. The local councillor paid a visit to the school to talk to the children about air pollution.

Nationally we’ve been supporting calls for a network of Clean Air Zones (CAZ) in cities where polluting vehicles will be charged, including Southampton, Birmingham, Leeds, Derby and Nottingham. We played a significant role in mobilising a record number of responses to local CAZ consultations, totalling over 8,000 in Southampton and 10,000 in Birmingham.

Through our Clean Air Kits we’ve empowered 5,000 people and over 100 local groups to monitor air pollution where they live and take action.

We feel this project has now come to a natural conclusion as the campaign develops in a new direction.
ENDING THE PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS

11,655

people signed up for our #PlasticFreeFriday pledge

PLASTICS

Up to 12 million tonnes of plastic pollution ends up in our oceans every year. It’s a disaster for marine ecosystems and could have impacts on our health. In 2018 we launched our new plastics campaign, which has been a success in attracting new members and reaching a younger demographic.

Our petition calling on the government and business to take decisive action on the amount of plastic pollution reaching the oceans has been signed by over 200,000 people. We also launched the #PlasticFreeFriday hashtag on social media asking users to sign up to a pledge to not use any single use plastic on a Friday. Over the year we’ve reached over 20 million accounts, from over 11,600 tweets.

Our paid Facebook campaign reached 880,000 people, a significant proportion of them under the age of 20. We followed this with a very successful digital fundraising campaign – videos across Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Google invited followers to join us with a monthly donation. By December 2018 over 1,300 new supporters signed up with a regular gift.

We’ve also created a series of engaging pages about plastic on our website, with everything from tips for an eco-party to plastic-free bathrooms and kitchens. We launched a mini campaign on plastic microfibres – which fall out of clothes and get into the water supply during washing – to coincide with London Fashion Week.

Our local groups have taken the lead on plastics campaigning. Chester Friends of the Earth persuaded 30 local businesses to ditch plastic straws, and in December the work of the group was recognised when Surfers Against Sewage awarded the city of Chester Plastic Free Community status. Gosport and Fareham Friends of the Earth held beach-cleaning events, including at Warsash.
We have been campaigning in Northern Ireland to protect wetlands and nature habitats from being polluted by nitrates from giant factory farms. We worked with Farms not Factories who produced a film showing how the intensification of farming could lead to some extra 1.3 million tonnes of slurry being produced.

**SNAPSHOT: 2018**

**Community campaign on air pollution**
Hackney and Tower Hamlets Friends of the Earth won an Outstanding Community Campaign award at the annual Earthmovers ceremony. The award was in recognition of their greener streets campaign which has been successful in engaging the wider community on air pollution.

**Heathrow third runway**
In October we won permission for our legal challenge against plans to expand Heathrow airport to proceed to a judicial review. 7 local Friends of the Earth groups in London teamed up to help prepare the case. Along with 4 other legal challenges, Friends of the Earth is arguing that the National Policy Statement on aviation, which paves the way for a third runway, is incompatible with the UK’s obligations on climate change, sustainable development and the needs of future generations.

**SUCCESSES AT A GLANCE**

**Young environmental leaders**
My World My Home is part of Our Bright Future, a £33 million programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund and run by a consortium of 8 organisations which is led by The Wildlife Trusts. Our Bright Future aims to tackle 3 big challenges facing society today:
- lack of social cohesion
- lack of opportunities for young people
- vulnerability to climate change.
So far 120 young people have completed our training programme. Some of the students attended our annual gathering in the Peak District, and in November two students participated in a reception at the UK parliament to celebrate 10 years of the UK’s ground-breaking Climate Change Act.

**Fighting industrial pig farming**
We have been campaigning in Northern Ireland to protect wetlands and nature habitats from being polluted by nitrates from giant factory farms. We worked with Farms not Factories who produced a film showing how the intensification of farming could lead to some extra 1.3 million tonnes of slurry being produced.
Divestment
Key to our divestment work was organising training for groups campaigning to get pension funds to divest from fossil fuels. We co-organised a Fossil UK Gathering of around 75 activists and launched a new campaign to divest the Northern Ireland Local Government Pension Fund (LGPFs). We produced a report on the amount councils invest in fracking, and another detailing how LGPFs are managing the financial risk of climate change. Islington LGPF committed to full divestment in 2018 while the Merseyside LGPF committed to partial divestment.

Green Brexit
As the UK prepares to leave the European Union, we’ve been working with the coalition Greener UK to ensure all our EU environmental laws are protected and enhanced after Brexit. We’ve been able to persuade the government to commit to a new environmental watchdog, secured promises that food standards won’t be compromised in future trade deals and ensured that a new environment bill will be introduced. At a time when little attention is being paid to environmental protections post-Brexit, we’ve created a new staff position which enables us to focus political advocacy on European governments. Through this we’ve met representatives of 8 member states. No other environmental NGO has the EU-wide network to have this impact.

Pocket parks
Darlington Friends of the Earth has gone for green with the creation of a number of wildflower meadows around the town centre including in St Cuthberts’ churchyard. They created a ‘Pocket Park’ on an unloved patch of ground under a billboard, which is now community maintained.

Phil Michaels Legal Interns Scholarship fund
We extended our legal intern programme, in memory of our Head of Legal Phil Michaels who died in 2014, to take on two young lawyers to work on the most pressing environmental issues of our time. One of the interns, Sonam Gordhan, worked on gaps in regulation around microplastic pollution and produced research to protect our freedom to campaign. Her work with the Brexit campaign has resulted in crucial amendments to the Withdrawal Act 2018.

Part of a wider community
Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland is part of a global network of 75 environmental groups campaigning for environmental justice. Friends of the Earth International includes groups as varied as: Friends of the Earth Palestine, which has been educating and empowering women to learn about solar energy generation. Friends of the Earth Indonesia (known locally as WALHI), which has played an important role in the response to the devastating earthquake and tsunami which hit the island of Sulawesi in September. Friends of the Earth Netherlands, which is filing a law-suit against the fossil fuel giant Shell to force the company to adjust its policy to prevent further climate change.

Pocket parks
WHERE YOUR SUPPORT GOES

Friends of the Earth Trust

Friends of the Earth Trust is committed to the conservation, protection and improvement of the environment and promotes sustainable development for public benefit. It furthers these objectives by campaigning, undertaking research, education and publishing, and providing an information service on solutions to environmental problems.

Friends of the Earth comprises two separate legal entities – Friends of the Earth Trust (a registered charity) and Friends of the Earth Limited (a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee). They work closely together, sharing staff, resources and a brand, in order to achieve their separate but similar objects as cost effectively as possible.

Statement of financial activities for the 13 months ended 30 June 2018

Friends of the Earth Trust

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Full audited accounts for both companies are available at friendsoftheearth.uk
Liforme is proud to support Friends of the Earth’s vital work. We are looking forward to working together in 2019 to achieve many more important wins for our planet.

James Armitage, CEO & Founder, Liforme.

Thank you

Many thanks to everyone whose generosity has helped make our work possible this year. Special thanks to:

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The Waffle House, St Albans
Wool and the Gang

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Friends of the Earth Limited

Friends of the Earth Limited is a campaigning organisation and exists to protect and improve the environment through influencing political policies and business practices, inspiring personal and political action, and stimulating wide and intelligent debate.

Statement of financial activities for the 13 months ended 30 June 2018

Friends of the Earth Limited £

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People’s Postcode Lottery manages multiple society lotteries promoted by different charities and a minimum of 32% from each £10 subscription goes directly to good causes. Full audited accounts for both Friends of the Earth Trust and Friends of the Earth Limited are available at friendsoftheearth.uk
Since 2014
players of People’s
Postcode Lottery
have raised over
£4.9 million to
support Friends of
the Earth

Gifts in wills
We would like to pay tribute to those supporters who generously donated gifts in their Wills to protect the long-term future of our planet. Our sincere thanks go to:

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Susan Eleanor Thompson
Trevor Newman
Violet Emmins
William Brian Kirk
Friends of the Earth will have a single focus to the end of 2020: to get the UK on track to meet the Paris Agreement goal of keeping global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees. We will campaign for:

A raised climate ambition
- The whole country to be on a path to zero carbon by 2045, with a tightening of the targets in the 2008 Climate Change Act.
- Every major city to draw up a credible plan to go zero carbon by 2045.
- The UK taking our fair share of action to support developing countries to decarbonise and adapt to climate change impacts.

A radical shift in policies and money
- An end to coal extraction and fracking in the UK. No new roadbuilding schemes, Heathrow airport expansion or other high-carbon infrastructure projects.
- Investing in energy efficiency, renewable energy, electric buses and vehicles. Making walking and cycling safe and convenient.
- Taxing fossil fuel companies to pay for the investment needed.
- Phasing out of all but the safest and most essential plastics.

More space for nature to help keep the climate safe
- Doubling tree cover in the UK: the biggest natural carbon sink we can create.
- Protecting peat bogs and salt marshes.
- Using UK influence to protect the threatened Amazon rainforest in Brazil.

And
- Campaign to safeguard environmental protections when the UK exits the EU.
- Support individuals to create environmental solutions in their communities.
- Lead an innovation programme to show that practical environmental change is possible.

“If Friends of the Earth hadn’t been there on the ground, fracking would have made much more progress than it has. Your work on fracking shows exactly how politics has to be rebuilt, from the ground up.”

John Ashton,
Former Special Representative for Climate Change at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Thank you for your support in 2018

LOCAL GROUPS NETWORK
Friends of the Earth has the biggest network of grassroots environmental activism groups in the UK. There are 157 local groups with an average of 42 volunteer members.

How we create change.
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