



And there's lots you can do to tackle air pollution, from campaigning for restrictions on fossil fuel vehicles, to joining our Clean Air Schools project. And we can help - with anti-idling materials, air cleaning plants posters, stickers, action guides and expert advice to help you make a difference in your community.

What you can do

- * Effective Clean Air Zones that mean fewer and cleaner cars on our roads, safer streets, more welcoming neighbourhoods and, vitally, healthier lungs for our children.
- * A rapid phase out of highly polluting diesel vehicles, with a government-led scrapping scheme to help people get rid of the most polluting vehicles.
- * Investment in clean, affordable and reliable public transport.
- * An improvement in infrastructure to support alternatives to driving, such as safe cycling and walking.
- * Scrapping polluting airport expansion and road building schemes.

Friends of the Earth is calling for urgent government action to quickly and drastically improve air quality, including:

We need action now

Up to **36,000** premature deaths a year in the UK are linked to air pollution. That's more than obesity or alcohol.

Find out what you can do to help:



Air pollution costs the UK economy £20 billion each year.

We'd all benefit from cleaner air: reduced traffic congestion, more liveable cities and towns, and fewer days off sick. Cleaning up our air would also mean less fossil fuel emissions, helping the fight against climate change, the biggest environmental challenge we face.

Air pollution is a hidden killer - blighting lives across the country. It disproportionately affects children, older people and the most deprived in our society.

The problem with our air

The toxic gases and harmful particles that many of us breathe in contribute to up to 36,000 early deaths across the UK every single year. Dirty air leads to worsening asthma symptoms, heart disease and even lung cancer. It has also been associated with changes in the brain linked to dementia and can lead to children growing up with smaller lungs. Diesel vehicles are highly polluting and a significant contributor to our illegal air pollution crisis.

Let's tackle air pollution.



Winning the battle against dirty air will be a huge step forward in sorting climate change.

Transport causes 26% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions.



Walk, cycle, take the bus or train to help save the planet!

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