

“We’re a bunch of optimists...We believe in the possibilities of the future”
Maurice Ash, Green Alliance chair, March 1979

1980s

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Our *Parliamentary Newsletter* is the only way, in the pre-digital age, to find out parliamentary activity on the environment

1984
We co-ordinate the input of 19 NGOs to an international environment summit to highlight ‘persistent failure’ to find solutions

1985
We organise the first meeting between environmental NGOs and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and influence the first ever environmental policy statements by the three main political parties

We help to found the National Food Alliance (now Sustain) (1986), the Merlin Ecology Fund (1987) and Wastewatch at NCVO (1988)

1987
Our NGO coalition on pesticides strengthens regulations

1988
We start consultation on pollution control and lead the NGO lobby which results in the formation of the Environment Agency in 1995

1989
We hold a symbolic conference for over 100 environmental NGOs from east and west Europe, to agree a joint text for the UN summit on sustainable development in 1990

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1990
Our director, Julie Hill, is the first environmentalist to serve on a government committee (on genetic modification)

1991
Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine calls for a ‘green renaissance’ for industry in a speech to Green Alliance

1992
The government ratifies the Biodiversity Convention at a Green Alliance conference

1995
We host Labour leader Tony Blair’s first environment speech

We publish the first UK Business and Environment Trends Survey



1997
We launch the Green Globe Task Force with the Foreign Office

1999
We promote more support for renewables which results in the Renewables Obligation, a major new measure supporting large scale projects

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We host the first environment speech by new Prime Minister Tony Blair

We launch a groundbreaking project on resource productivity

2001
We host an environment speech by Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy

2001
Our recommendation for a low carbon unit in government leads to formation of The Carbon Trust

Over half of waste companies sign up to our performance indicators

2002
We influence the government to increase landfill tax and recycling investment

2003
Our NGO lobby gets new sustainable development commitments into the EU constitution

Our recommendations are the basis for a new government climate communications campaign

2004
Our *Microgeneration Manifesto* leads to a new government strategy

2004
There is huge media coverage of our report on children’s growing disconnection from nature

We host speeches by Environment Secretary Margaret Beckett and the Conservative leader Michael Howard

2006
Our green living report influences Chancellor Gordon Brown to announce an extra £20m for local authority energy efficiency schemes

We host the first environment speech by new Conservative leader David Cameron

2007
We host new Prime Minister Gordon Brown’s first environment speech

Our *Manifesto for sustainable heat* influences the creation of the new government Renewable Heat Incentive

Our Designing out Waste project is launched

2008
We host the first environment speeches of the new Liberal Democrat leader Nick Clegg and the Shadow Chancellor George Osborne

2009
We win Think Tank of the Year at the PAN Awards 2009

We host the first environment speech by Foreign Secretary William Hague

2010s

2010
Our Climate Leadership Programme for MPs works with over 50 general election candidates from all parties, and many become active climate champions in parliament

2011
Our NGO lobby persuades the government to commit to ambitious carbon targets into the 2030s

2012
We influence the government to commit new money to energy efficiency schemes, including a £2.9m promotion campaign

2012
We launch the Circular Economy Task Force



Our infographic showing that over a million jobs have been created in the green economy is widely referenced

2013
We influence Electricity Market reform proposals to promote energy efficiency

We host speeches by the EU Environment Commissioner Connie Hedegaard and the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, and a discussion with Shadow Chancellor Ed Balls

2014
Our *Great resource price shock* report is endorsed by the Scottish Government and the Environmental Audit Committee

Our work influences the inclusion of electricity demand reduction projects in government energy auctions

2015
We co-ordinate the signing of a climate pledge by all three main party leaders, leading to the historic UK commitment to phase out unabated coal power

Our report *The future savings challenge* wins the Farsight Award



We host a speech by former US Vice President Al Gore, ahead of the Paris climate conference and influence the UK to take a leading role at the summit.

A campaign by our Greener Britain NGO coalition leads to new environmental commitments in the general election manifestos

Our recommendations result in a new strategy for offshore wind support into the 2020s and a commitment to build 10GW of capacity

2016
One hundred organisations from the north of England sign our Clean Energy Declaration

Our Greener London NGO manifesto influences the new London mayor Sadiq Khan to tackle air pollution

We win best environmental campaign in the Green Ribbon Political Awards for securing the 2015 party leaders’ climate pledge

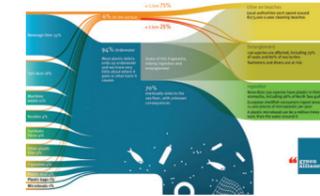
Work by the Circular Economy Task Force persuades Defra to review waste collection systems

Following the EU referendum, we form the major Greener UK NGO coalition focused on positive outcomes for the environment through Brexit

2017
Our Inside Track blog receives highly commended in the UK Blog Awards

We host speeches by new Environment Secretary Michael Gove and the Climate Minister Clare Perry

The government’s Industrial Strategy is strongly influenced by our call for resource efficient, low carbon growth



Our work highlighting the impact of marine plastics influences the push for new government policies to curb plastic pollution

2018
The Greener UK coalition secures government commitment to a green Brexit, the promise of the first Environment Bill for 20 years and a new environment watchdog

Our Natural Infrastructure Scheme idea is cited in the government’s 25 year environment plan

Greener UK’s Pledge for the environment is supported by 180 MPs

Our work on electric vehicles leads to new legislation requiring smart chargers

The first resources and waste strategy for 11 years is strongly influenced by our proposals, including embedding the ‘polluter pays’ principle