Christopher Prichard-Gamble Second Witness Statement

Party: Claimant Exhibit: CPG2

Dated: 14 March 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KING'S BENCH DIVISION

Claim No: QB-2022-001420
Claim No: QB-2022-001241
Claim No: QB-2022-001259

BETWEEN:

SHELL INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY LIMITED

Claimant (QB-2022-001259)

SHELL U.K. OIL PRODUCTS LIMITED

Claimant (QB-2022-001420)

SHELL U.K. LIMITED

Claimant: (QB-2022-001241)

- and -

PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING OR REMAINING IN OR ON THE BUILDING KNOWN AS SHELL CENTRE TOWER, BELVEDERE ROAD, LONDON ("SHELL CENTRE TOWER") WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANT, OR DAMAGING THE BUILDING OR DAMAGING OR BLOCKING THE ENTRANCES TO THE SAID BUILDING

Defendant (QB-2022-001259)

Defendant (QB-2022-001241)

PERSONS UNKNOWN DAMAGING, AND/OR BLOCKING THE USE OF OR ACCESS TO ANY SHELL PETROL STATION IN ENGLAND AND WALES, OR TO ANY EQUIPMENT OR INFRASTRUCTURE UPON IT, BY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AGREEMENT WITH OTHERS, IN CONNECTION WITH PROTEST CAMPAIGNS WITH THE INTENTION OF DISRUPTING THE SALE OR SUPPLY OF FUEL TO OR FROM THE SAID STATION Defendant (QB-2022-001420)

PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING OR REMAINING AT THE CLAIMANT'S SITE KNOWN AS SHELL HAVEN, STANFORD-LE-HOPE (AND AS FURTHER DEFINED IN THE PARTICULARS OF CLAIM) WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANT, OR BLOCKING

THE ENTRANCES TO THAT SITE

EXHIBIT CPG2

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This is the exhibit referred to in the Second Witness Statement of Christopher Prichard-Gamble dated 14 March 2024.

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Name: Christopher Prichard-Gamble

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Chronology of protestor activity since April 2023 Renewal Hearing

No.	Date	Location	Description of Incident	Online Link (If Possible)
1.	04- May-23	Shell Centre Tower	08:07 Seven individuals carrying Banner "No to Fossil Gas Protect Verde Island Passage Now" gathered on Belvedere Road to protest against Shell. A protestor wearing Octopus costume came over and stood next to staff door handing out leaflets. At 09:07 protestors pack up and left the area.	Reported Internally Only
2.	10- May-23	Equinor London Office	Climate protestors gathered outside Equinor's London offices to oppose plans to develop the Rosebank oil and gas field	Equinor offices targeted by climate protesters over Rosebank oil field Chard & Ilminster News (chardandilminsternews.co.u k)
3.	11- May-23	Manchester	Protestors target the British Insurance Brokers' Association conference calling for insurers to refuse to back the East African Crude Oil Pipeline	Protestors gather outside Biba conference Insurance Times
4.	13- May-23	London and various locations around the UK	JSO are hosting slow marches every Saturday starting at Parliament Square with slow marches also taking place in other town/city centres	Just Stop Oil protestors plan 'go slow' march in Lancaster - Beyond Radio
5.	15- May-23	Westminster	Extinction Rebellion protestors interrupt various speeches during National Conservatism conference.	Watch: Suella Braverman speech disrupted by Extinction Rebellion protesters Evening Standard
6.	17- May-23	London	JSO protestors interrupt hearing on Met Police's treatment of protestors during the Coronation.	Just Stop Oil protesters disrupt hearing into Met's coronation policing - BBC News
7.	17- May-23	London Crown Court	Protestors attended London Crown Court to protest the Insulate Britain trial taking place.	READING: Man risked jail by protesting outside Insulate Britain trial Reading Chronicle

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8.	17- May-23	Shell Centre Tower	10:48 12 protestors from fossil fuel, plastic and climate change gathering outside 20 York Road building. They were holding banners and taking pictures. At 10:50 York revolving door was locked. At 11:03 Protesters packed up their bags and went on towards Chicheley street leaving the estate.	Reported Internally Only
9.	23- May-23	London	Shell shareholder meeting targeted by climate activists. Security staff formed a human chain on stage to shield Sawan, Chairman Andrew Mackenzie and company directors after a group of protestors attempted to storm the stage. "Go to hell, Shell, and don't you come back no more," a choir of about a dozen protesters sang as they called for Shell to stop producing fossil fuels, with Sawan and Mackenzie watching.	Shell CEO shielded by security as climate protesters try to storm shareholder meeting Reuters
10.	27- May-23	Parliament Square	JSO and Extinction Rebellion protestors attend Parliament Square to protest the Public Order Bill	Demonstrators condemn 'draconian' and 'authoritarian' protest laws Evening Standard
11.	28- May-23	Twickenham Stadium	JSO protestors stormed the pitch at Twickenham, throwing orange paint onto the field and disrupting play	https://www.itv.com/news/london/2023-05-27/rugby-match-disrupted-as-just-stop-oil-protesters-run-ontopitch
12.	31- May-23	A4 Hammersmith Flyover	JSO blocked the A4 Hammersmith Flyover junction and eventually were removed by Police	https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/ eco-activists-just-stop-oil- block-a4-west-london- causing-mile-long-tailbacks/
13.	31- May-23	London	10 JSO activists arrested as part of slow marches in London	Police arrest 10 Just Stop Oil protesters in London (aa.com.tr)
14.	01-Jun- 23	West London	JSO protestors block England cricket team bus	England cricket team bus briefly held up by Just Stop Oil protest in London England cricket team The Guardian

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15.	June	Shell Tower	Centre	Fossil Free protestors pledged to attend Shell Centre Tower every day in June.	Reported Internally only
		101161		5 June: Approx 5 protestors attended the area to hand out leaflets. (2 Outside Shell Centre, 2 outside Leon, 1 Casson Square and 1 outside WeWork on York Road)	
				6 June: 5 protestors at Belvedere Road handing out leaflets.	
				7 June: 6 protesters handing out leaflets at York Road.	
				8 June: Protestors sat opposite front entrance with signs stating "Fossil Fuels Have No Future", "History has its eyes on you" and "Be the change". 4 protestors present at York Road. 13 protestors attended Overbury's site entrance and were singing through a speaker system.	
				9 June: 2 protestors at front entrance of Shell Centre Tower with signs saying "Shell Employee Other Jobs Are Available". 4 protestors on York Road.	
				12 June: protestors attended the front entrance, York Road, Waterloo station entrance and Belvedere Road holding signs and banners.	
				13 June: 4 protestors attended Belvedere Road with signs stating "Please help us help the planet". 3 stood on Belvedere Road and 1 stood between York Tower and We Work's Building.	
				14 June: 7 protestors in total attended Belvedere Road and York Road holding signs and pamphlets.	
				15 June: 12 protestors attended Belvedere Road entrance, releasing orange smoke and distributing leaflets. Protestors were informed they were not allowed in the area but ignored requests and attempted to gain access to the building.	
				16 June: 5 protestors attended Shell Centre Tower carrying signs saying "Save the Planet", handing out pamphlets.	
				19 June: 5 protestors attended main entrance, Belvedere Road and York Road with banners and leaflets.	

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			21 June: 6 protestors in total attended Shell Centre Tower with a banner and leaflets.	
			22 June: 3 protestors attended Shell Centre Tower.	
			27 June: 9 protestors attended Shell Centre Tower handing out leaflets and talking to staff and public.	
			28 June: 6 protestors attended Belvedere Road and York Road handing out leaflets and speaking to the public.	
			29 June: 6 protestors arrived at York Road with banners and smoke flares.	
			30 June: 3 protestors seen nearby Shell Centre Tower handing out leaflets.	
16.	04-Jun- 23	Essence Mediacom Office, London	Extinction Rebellion protestors attend EssenceMediacom's office to urge the agency not to re-pitch for the Shell media account, holding signs that said "Don't do Shell's dirty work"	https://www.campaignasia.c om/article/shell-launches- global-media-review- prompting-protests-at- incumbent-wpps- offices/484728
17.	07-Jun- 23	Edinburgh International Conference Centre	Aprox 20 Extinction Rebellion protestors attended EICC to protest a pension event sponsored by BlackRock, protesting BlackRock's investment in fossil fuels	https://www.edinburghlive.c o.uk/news/edinburgh- news/edinburgh-climate- activists-city-centre- 27070941
18.	08-Jun- 23	Dundee	Ocean Rebellion staged a stunt in which 'oil' was poured over an activist dressed as a gannet to protest Equinor's application to develop Rosebank oil field	https://www.thecourier.co.uk /fp/news/dundee/4460380/o cean-rebellion-protest- dundee-rosebank/
19.	08-Jun- 23	Just Stop Oil press release	"Our indefinite campaign of civil resistance is underway and will not end until our government makes a meaningful statement halting new fossil fuel projects in the UK".	Dale Vince and George Monbiot march with Just Stop Oil – Just Stop Oil

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			A spokesperson for Just Stop Oil confirmed that they would continue their campaigns until the Government gives a "meaningful statement" that it will not any new licences for fossil fuel exploration within the UK and that "The protests will continue, I can guarantee they will continue until the Government makes that statement".	
20.	09-Jun- 23	Cambridge	Extinction Rebellion protestors glued themselves to the front door of SLB Cambridge Centre, demanding that Cambridge Uni cuts ties with fossil fuel companies such as Shell and BP	https://www.cambridgeindep endent.co.uk/news/extinction -rebellion-protesters-glue- themselves-to-slb-cambr- 9316462/
21.	09-Jun- 23	Wunderman Thompson offices	Following Shell's banned ad campaign, demonstrators from various activist groups have targeted Wunderman Thompson's UK offices	https://www.bandt.com.au/w underman-thompsons-uk- offices-picketed-following- banned-shell-ads/
22.	09-Jun- 23	Just Sop Oil Statement	"Do you know what happens if you protest outside oil refineries now? Oil companies have bought injunctions to ban people from taking action at refineries, distribution hubs, even petrol stations. Punishments for breaking injunctions range from unlimited fines to imprisonments".	Just Stop Oil on X: "Do you know what happens if you protest outside oil refineries now? Oil companies have bought injunctions to ban people from taking action at refineries, distribution hubs, even petrol stations. Punishments for breaking injunctions range from unlimited fines to imprisonments. https://t.co/Ld1OcWlzrX" / X (twitter.com)
23.	10-Jun- 23	Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Oban	Activists have taken to beaches to protest the planned development of the Rosebank oil and gas field	https://www.independent.co. uk/climate-change/news/uk- government-scotland-grant- shapps-shetland-equinor- b2354979.html

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24.	11-Jun- 23	Poole Quay, Dorset	Extinction Rebellion protestors plan a protest against Perenco following the Poole Harbour oil spill	https://www.dorsetecho.co.u k/news/23577736.extinction- rebellion-protestors- campaign-poole-quay/
25.	12-Jun- 23	Hansard Extract– Suella Braverman	"156 slow marches around London. That has required more than 13,770 police officer shifts. That is more than 13,000 police shifts that could have been spent stopping robbery, violent crime or antisocial behaviour, and the cost to the taxpayer is an outrage, with £4.5 million spent in just six weeks, on top of the £14 million spent last year."	Public Order - Hansard - UK Parliament
26.	15-Jun- 23	East Sussex	JSO protestors interrupted an opera performance during the Glyndebourne opera festival, letting off glitter cannons and blowing air horns.	https://www.theguardian.co m/environment/2023/jun/15 /just-stop-oil-protesters- glyndebourne-opera-festival
27.	15-Jun- 23	London	Dozens of JSO activists carried out "slow-walk" marches in central and west London during morning rush-hour. Met Police said seven arrests were made for failure to comply with the new section 12 regulations under the Public Order Act. JSO stated "they could escalate their action, after 15 environmental protesters were arrested under tougher protest regulations".	Just Stop Oil threatens escalation after 15 held under new protest laws Morning Star (morningstaronline.co.uk)
28.	16-Jun- 23	London	JSO protestors caused disruption through slow marches again, across various locations in London	https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/ eco-protest-london-st-james- palace/
29.	16-Jun- 23	Shell Centre Tower	4x JSO protestors slow walked with signs past Shell Centre Tower in the direction of Festival Hall	Reported Internally Only
30.	20-Jun- 23	UAE Embassy	Activists protested against the decision to host Cop8 in the UAE due to its contribution to the climate crisis and human rights abuses	https://www.middleeasteye. net/news/cop28-uae- activists-gather-london- embassy-protest-climate- conference

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31.	21-Jun- 23	Just Stop Oil Pres release	"Our indefinite campaign of civil resistance is underway and will not end until our government makes a meaningful statement halting new fossil fuel projects in the UK".	Just Stop Oil supporters march as government paves way for 19th Century energy policies – Just Stop Oil
32.	21 - 25 Jun - 23	Glastonbury	"Hell Bus"/"Hell Petrol Station" was set up at Glastonbury	https://internationaltimes.it/f resh-hell/
33.	26-Jun- 23	London	JSO activists block Denmark Hill in Camberwell on which King's College Hospital is located. Officers issued Section 12 condition to move the protesters out of the carriageway.	https://www.telegraph.co.uk /news/2023/06/26/moped- rider-drives-just-stop-oil- london-monday-rush-hour/
34.	28-Jun- 23	Lord's, London	JSO protestor invaded the ground at the Ashes, leading England player Jonny Bairstow to carry them off the pitch	https://www.mirror.co.uk/sp ort/cricket/breaking-just- stop-oil-bairstow-30340714
35.	30-Jun- 23	London	JSO has issued a list of demands for the organisers of London Pride and have threatened disruption if not met. These include clarity on where money for the event has been sourced and a request that the organisers make a statement demanding an end to new oil and gas projects	https://www.standard.co.uk/ news/london/just-stop-oil- protest-london-pride-july- sadiq-khan-united-airlines- sponsor-b1091255.html
36.	01-Jul- 23	Kentish Town, London	JSO and FFL host a 'Climate Action Week Party'	https://www.instagram.com/ p/CtY1uC8oTdJ/?utm_source =ig_web_copy_link&igsh=Mz RIODBiNWFIZA==
37.	01-Jul- 23	London	JSO activists block London Pride parade by sitting in front of a Coca Cola truck, citing sponsorship money from "high-polluting industries" as their reasoning.	https://www.theguardian.co m/environment/2023/jul/01/ just-stop-oil-protesters- disrupt-london-pride-over- polluting-sponsors

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38.	03-Jul- 23	Wimbledon	JSO refuse to rule out action at Wimbledon. "Just Stop Oil supporters will continue to do whatever is non-violently necessary to end new oil and gas.	https://uk.movies.yahoo.com /just-stop-oil-protesters- plotting- 070138529.html?guccounter =1&guce referrer=aHR0cHM 6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS 8&guce referrer sig=AQAAA
				LrO7uKhLstRgZvAuNIjjOMQM KxsIVophGaEBtgHY3ansQtce nbAWI0 qYJ9DTFDfCJv9YBw- gcTnmUnuxf08A4NXmtBDzca vkPUswxJGp6xx3eXnzit iuEV 9cvMCsgv5H6yGnD90pDY4dl qWEQCbKX1aDMKyRoFka7Lo KyccfE
39.	03-Jul- 23	Aberdeen and Surrey	Extinction Rebellion protest outside the offices of Wood Group in Aberdeen and Surrey as a result of their connection to the oil and gas sector. They let off flares and sprayed fake oil across the entrance of the Surrey based office.	Extinction Rebellion targets Wood offices in Aberdeen and Staines (energyvoice.com)
40.	05-Jul- 23	Shell Centre Tower	One Extinction Rebellion protestor sat outside the Belvedere Road entrance for an hour with a banner and leaflets. Placard said "Fossil fuels have no future"	Reported Internally Only
41.	05-Jul- 23	Spain	Extinction Rebellion activists have blocked holes on 10 golf courses across Spain	https://news.sky.com/story/ extinction-rebellion-activists- block-holes-on-10-spanish- golf-courses-12915235
42.	05-Jul- 23	Wimbledon	JSO disrupted two matches at Wimbledon, throwing confetti and jigsaw pieces. Three people were arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass and criminal damage	https://www.independent.co. uk/news/uk/home- news/wimbledon-just-stop- oil-protest-b2369859.html
43.	05-Jul- 23	Harrods	JSO attempted a slow march through Harrods.	https://www.cityam.com/just -stop-oil-removed-by- harrods-security-after- attempting-slow-march-in- luxury-london-store/

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44.	06-Jul- 23	Merthyr Tydfil, Wales	4 Extinction Rebellion protestors have been arrested after chaining themselves to a pink boat, blocking the entrance of a coal mine	https://www.walesonline.co. uk/news/wales-news/four- arrested-after-extinction- rebellion-27270805
45.	09-Jul- 23	Wimbledon	Just Stop Oil confirmed that they would continue their campaigns until the Government gives a "meaningful statement" that it will not any new licences for fossil fuel exploration within the UK and that "The protests will continue, I can guarantee they will continue until the Government makes that statement".	Just Stop Oil vows to keep disrupting major events despite backlash after Wimbledon chaos (inews.co.uk)
46.	10-Jul- 23	Wimbledon	Money Rebellion organised a demonstration protesting Barclay's sponsorship of the tournament due to their ties to fossil fuel investments	https://www.guardian- series.co.uk/news/national/2 3645399.climate-activists- protest-barclays- sponsorship-outside- wimbledon-gate/
47.	10-Jul- 23	London	Several marches undertaken starting in various locations across London. Met Police issued Section 12 notices.	Five arrested as Just Stop Oil supporters begin 12 th week of continuous civil resistance – Just Stop Oil
48.	11-Jul- 23	Shell Centre Tower	11 protestors attended Shell Centre Tower holding signs stating "Be the Change and Whistle Blow to us". Protestors wrote on the floor in Jubilee Gardens "Shell Hell"	Reported Internally Only
49.	12-Jul- 23	Shell Centre Tower	1 protestor attended Shell Centre Tower, setting up on a stool and displaying a Fossil Fuels sign.	Reported Internally Only
50.	12-Jul- 23	Grangemouth, Scotland	Protestors from Climate Camp Scotland are planning to target INEOS's plant at Grangemouth from 12 July to 17 July	https://www.heraldscotland.c om/news/23639534.climate- activists-plan-target- grangemouth/
51.	12-Jul- 23	Hamleys, London	15 Just Stop Oil protestors took part in a 'Mum's march' through Hamleys, demanding a liveable future for their children	https://www.telegraph.co.uk /news/2023/07/12/just-stop- oil-mums-march-hamleys- london/

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52.	13-Jul- 23	Selfridges, London	9 Just Stop Oil protestors took part in a 'Dad's March' before being removed by security guards	Six arrested as Just Stop Oil dads march through Selfridges – Just Stop Oil
53.	13-Jul- 23	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero Offices	Fossil Free London protestors have staged a sit-in at the offices of the UK Govt Dept for Energy Security and Net Zero in protest of the Rosebank oil field.	https://www.energyvoice.co m/oilandgas/518467/protest ors-stage-sit-in-at- department-for-energy- security-and-net-zero/
54.	14-Jul- 23	John Lewis Store, Oxford Street	JSO activists staged a protest at John Lewis displaying banners over 3 floors of the store	https://www.dailymail.co.uk/ news/article-12299151/Just- Stop-Oil-completely-ignored- baffling-John-Lewis- protest.html
55.	15-Jul- 23	Scotland	Climate Camp Scotland, climbed onto a building inside an Ineos plant which powers the Grangemouth refinery in Scotland	Climate activists arrested at Grangemouth oil refinery – BBC News
56.	15-Jul- 23	Royal Albert Hall	JSO protestors invaded the stage during the Proms and interrupted a live broadcast of "The Last Leg"	https://news.sky.com/story/j ust-stop-oil-two-supporters- interrupt-proms-at-royal- albert-hall-12921196
57.	15-Jul- 23	College Green, York	Extinction Rebellion York activists protested against the Public Order Act	https://www.yorkpress.co.uk /news/23658167.york- extinction-rebellion-group- protest-public-order-act/
58.	19-Jul- 23	Shell Centre Tower	13 protestors from Extinction Rebellion and Fossil Free London attended Shell Centre Tower.	Reported Internally Only
59.	20-Jul- 23	Policy Exchange HQ	2 JSO activists threw orange paint at Policy Exchange HQ citing the think tank's alleged donations from fossil fuel companies and its involvement in drafting the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Act	https://www.opendemocracy .net/en/policy-exchange- just-stop-oil-exxon-mobil- rishi-sunak/
60.	21-Jul- 23	Hoylake	JSO invaded the green during The Open Championship, spreading orange powder over the green.	https://www.theguardian.co m/sport/2023/jul/21/just- stop-oil-protest-disrupts- open-championship-golf

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61.	23-Jul- 23	Helix Park, Falkirk	This is Rigged protestors scaled The Kelpies, a 100 ft statue, unfurling a banner with the group's name.	This is Rigged activists scale The Kelpies in Falkirk in latest climate change protest STV News
62.	24-Jul- 23	Shell Centre Tower	10 protestors attended Shell Centre Tower, had photos taken and handed out leaflets before leaving due to rain	Reported Internally Only
63.	27-Jul- 23	Shell Centre Tower	9 protestors attended Shell Centre Tower. 3 held a sign that stated "Our Profit, Your Loss"	Reported Internally Only
64.	27-Jul- 23	National Gallery of Scotland	A portrait of the King was vandalised by climate activists from This is Rigged, challenging the Scottish governments decision to permit new oil and gas projects	https://ca.movies.yahoo.com /climate-protestors- vandalized-portrait-king- 223000968.html?guccounter =1&guce referrer=aHR0cHM 6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS 8&guce referrer sig=AQAAA Lr07uKhLstRgZvAuNIjjOMQM KxsIVophGaEBtgHY3ansQtce nbAWI0 qYJ9DTFDfCJv9YBw- gcTnmUnuxf08A4NXmtBDzca vkPUswxJGp6xx3eXnzit iuEV 9cvMCsgv5H6yGnD90pDY4dl qWEQCbKX1aDMKyRoFka7Lo KyccfE
65.	28-Jul- 23	Lancaster University	A JSO activist interrupted his own graduation ceremony to give a speech on climate change	https://www.dailymail.co.uk/ news/article- 12348965/Another-Just- Stop-Oil-activist-interrupts- graduation-ceremony.html
66.	28-Jul- 23	Yeovil	Extinction Rebellion Buddhists, a sub-group of XR, took part in a mediation protest at Barclays Bank in Yeovil. The group has called on the bank to divest away from fossil fuel investments	https://www.somersetlive.co. uk/news/somerset- news/extinction-rebellion- buddhists-stage-meditation- 8636965
67.	01-Aug- 23	Scotland	Scottish Parliament building sprayed with red paint by climate activists	Scottish Parliament spray painted by climate protestors – BBC News

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68.	01-Aug- 23	Cambridge City Centre	JSO marched through the centre of Cambridge in protest against the UK government's recent licencing of 100 new oil and gas fields in the North Sea	'We will not die quietly' say Just Stop Oil Cambridge protesters after North Sea drilling go-ahead (cambridgeindependent.co.u k)
69.	02-Aug- 23	Shell Centre Tower	11 protestors attended Shell Centre Tower. They had photos taken, handed out leaflets and gave speeches with a megaphone	Reported Internally Only
70.	03-Aug- 23	North Yorkshire	Greenpeace target Prime Minister's house in protest at his oil drilling expansion	Greenpeace target Rishi Sunak's family home (msn.com) https://www.bbc.co.uk/news /uk-england-york-north- yorkshire-66391947
71.	06-Aug- 23	Winchester	Campaigners held a protest over the revival of plans to investigate oil and gas at Avington	https://www.hampshirechron icle.co.uk/news/23705030.wi nchester-oil-appraisal-plans- protest-extinction-rebellion/
72.	06-Aug- 23	Carron Valley, Scotland	This is Rigged protestors disrupted the Cycling World Championship in Scotland, causing the race to stop for 1 hour. Shell is a sponsor of the event.	https://www.theguardian.co m/sport/2023/aug/06/world- cycling-championships-road- race-interrupted-by- protesters-in-scotland
73.	07-Aug- 23	Various	JSO appear to be planning to disrupt Premier League games every weekend this season	https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/ just-stop-oil-premier-league- holy-grail/
74.	08-Aug- 23	Shell Centre Tower	15 Fossil Free London protestors attended Shell Centre Tower in a Barbie-themed protest. Protestors carried photos of Shell CEO and CFO	Reported Internally Only
75.	08-Aug- 23	N/A	Fossil Free London 'Barbie Campaign' shared on it's Instagram page targeting Shell executives	https://www.instagram.com/ reel/CvrPi5gorb9/?utm sour ce=ig web copy link&igsh= MzRIODBiNWFIZA==

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76.	08-Aug- 23	London	An Open Letter signed by 80 artists and activists demands the British Museum to drop BP's name from the BP Lecture Theatre	https://artdependence.com/a rticles/open-letter-calls-on- british-museum-to-drop-bp- name/
77.	09-Aug- 23	Muswell Hill, London	Members of Mother's Rebellion, a section of XR, took part in an hour long sit in on Muswell Hill Road in response to reports of wildfires and extreme temperatures across Europe	https://www.thisislocallondo n.co.uk/news/23711338.mus well-hills-extinction-rebellion- hold-climate-protest/
78.	11-Aug- 23	Extinction Rebellion press release	"we've forged alliances and friendships with other movements, organisations and groups, and are looking to build more connections with our community assemblies throughout the UK".	Update to the movement, summer 2023 – Extinction Rebellion UK
79.	12-Aug- 23	Wales	JSO undertake road protest and sat in the middle of the road in Caerleon	'Just Stop Oil' take the climate fight to town high street - or do they? (msn.com)
80.	13-Aug- 23	AIG Women's Open	Protestors from JSO invaded the green with flares and signs that read "stop insuring climate crisis".	https://golfweek.usatoday.co m/gallery/lpga-photos-oil- protest-2023-aig-womens- open/
81.	14-Aug- 23	London	Spoof adverts showing Rishi Sunak shaking hands with an oil-covered hand have appeared across London including the hashtag "#stoprosebank"	https://morningstaronline.co. uk/article/b/spoof-ads- sunak-shaking-oil-soaked- hand-appear-across-london
82.	15-Aug- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Drilling for Hope activists staged a protest around Shell Centre Tower, holding signs with the Shell logo in flames and with banners that stated "keep it in the ground"	Reported Internally Only
83.	16-Aug- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Protestors attended Shell Centre Tower and placed two "bodies" on the floor outlined with chalk	Reported Internally Only

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84.	18-Aug-	Somerset	Just Stop Oil protesters have taken to the streets of Wells in a march against oil	Just Stop Oil protesters cause
04.	23	Somerset	and gas exploration in the North Sea. Around 20 activists headed through the city to protest against the government's recent announcement of 100 new North Sea oil and gas licenses were granted.	disruption in Somerset - Somerset Live
85.	19-Aug- 23	Exeter	Just Stop Oil supporters slow-marched in Exeter city centre, as they asked the public to join them in civil resistance to end new oil, gas and coal. Around 30 supporters marched for an hour, from Sidwell Street to Northernhay Gardens, talking to passers-by and handing out flyers to invite more of the public to join Just Stop Oil.	Just Stop Oil protests arrive in Exeter - Exeter Observer
86.	24-Aug- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Protestors attended Shell Centre Tower and dressed up in "Green Washers Theme".	Reported Internally Only
87.	26-Aug- 23	Leeds	Environmental protesters staged a slow walk through the streets of Leeds.	https://juststopoil.org/2023/ 08/26/just-stop-oil-stages- slow-march-through-leeds/
88.	30-Aug- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Protestor attended Shell Centre Tower at 07:52. The protester kneels on the floor and holds a sign that states "Why keep on destroying the planet?". 09:00 protester leaves site.	Reported Internally Only
89.	31-Aug- 23	Shell Centre Tower	23 "Fossil Free" Protestors attended Shell Centre Tower to protest and hold banners stating "Shut Down Shell". Police present for duration of protest.	Reported Internally Only
90.	31-Aug- 23	Southampton	"A High Court judge has barred "unlawful protests" against an Esso oil pipeline project between Southampton and London. Mr Justice Julian Knowles on Thursday granted a "permanent injunction" against a named protester, Scott Breen, and "persons unknown" after an application by lawyers representing Esso. The judge, who had considered evidence at a High Court hearing in London, outlined his reasoning in a written ruling and referred to a "campaign of protest""	Judge bars unlawful protests against Esso oil pipeline project Express & Star (expressandstar.com)
91.	31-Aug- 23	London	Fossil Free London protest disrupts performance of Romeo and Juliet on the West End. Targeted at Barclays.	https://news.sky.com/story/romeo-and-juliet-ballet-performance-interrupted-by-climate-change-protesters-12951963

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92.	01-Sep- 23	London	Extinction Rebellion activists protest outside Perenco HQ in London demanding that the company does not expand further in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The protestors were demonstrating with large banners against expansion plans into Nganzi or Matamba-Makanzi in the DRC and La Morena, Colombia.	Dorset Extinction Rebellion activists protest outside oil company's London HQ (yahoo.com)
93.	04-Sep- 23	Bristol	Climate activists staged a protest outside Barclays Bank Bristol to oppose the bank's investment in fossil fuels. Members of the group were dressed as The Spice Girls and Jacob Rees-Mogg, who has supported policies in favour of fracking and gas extraction, urging customers to switch to a 'more ethical' bank.	https://www.bristolpost.co.u k/news/broadmead-climate- activists-sing-spice-8728223
94.	04-Sep- 23	London	Fossil Free London, along with over 100 expert scientists, unravelled a "Stop Rosebank Oil Field" banner over Westminster bridge to protest Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's decision to grant new fossil fuel licences in the North Sea.	https://londonnewsonline.co. uk/climate-activists-storm- westminster-bridge-as-mps- return-from-summer-break/
95.	12-Sep- 23	London	Fossil Free London disrupted a speech by a Government minister, Science and Technology Secretary Michelle Donelan, at an artificial intelligence festival in London: "Michelle Donelan does not care about the future. She only cares about oily money."	Michelle Donelan AI speech disrupted by climate protesters (yahoo.com)
96.	15-Sep- 23	Bradford	Protestors in Bradford held signs outside The West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF), administered by Bradford Council, urging the insurance fund to cut off investments in Shell and BP.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/ world-fire-bradford-joins- cities-152726272.html
97.	15-Sep- 23	Manchester	Climate activists protested outside Chubb Insurance offices in Manchester calling on the company to commit to not insuring the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP). As well as banners and placards, the protestors brought recorded messages from people in East Africa affected by the pipeline.	https://aboutmanchester.co. uk/protest-against-the-east- african-crude-oil-pipeline-in- manchester-today/
98.	15-Sep- 23	London	Hundreds of businesses to join 'queue for climate' on London's Millennium Bridge. The demonstrators, dressed in suits and business wear, will walk out of work and form an orderly queue across central London. Organised by Business Declares, Business Stand Up and others, it will call on the Government to take more firm and urgent action to quell climate change.	Hundreds of businesses to join 'queue for climate' on London's Millennium Bridge (yahoo.com)

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99.	16-Sep- 23	London	Extinction Rebellion organise 'Global Fight To End Fossil Fuels' march taking place at Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1W 0DH 12:00 - 14:00. "As part of the global actions in September as world leaders gather at the UN in New York, join millions of people around the world taking our demand to the streets – for a rapid, just and equitable end to fossil fuels."	https://extinctionrebellion.uk /event/global-fight-to-end- fossil-fuels-march/
100.	18-Sep- 23	UK	Just Stop Oil students call on all University Vice Chancellors in the UK to read an open letter and sign the ultimatum so that it can be sent to Rishi Sunak and Gillian Keegan.	Call to Action for all University Vice Chancellors in the UK – Just Stop Oil
101.	18-Sep- 23	London	Extinction Rebellion activists poured fake oil over the steps of the Labour headquarters to protest against the party's position on oil and gas licences. Two activists climbed onto the Labour head office in Southwark, south London, and set off smoke grenade canisters. Another activist chained himself to a handrail to demand Labour cancel new fossil fuel licences and fund the transition to renewables.	https://news.sky.com/story/ extinction-rebellion- protesters-target-labour-hq- with-fake-oil-and-smoke- grenades-12964303
102.	20-Sep- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building at 07:51. The protester kneels on the floor and holds a sign that states "Love the Earth! Let's quit the oil habit". 09:03 Protester leaves site.	Reported Internally Only
103.	21-Sep- 23	North Warwickshire	Just Stop Oil supporters gathered outside the North Warwickshire Borough Council offices in Atherston to draw attention to the council's use of public money in bringing the Kingsbury injunction and to ask councillors to dismiss the injunction	https://juststopoil.org/2023/ 09/21/just-stop-oil- supporters-urge-councillors- to-stop-supporting-the-oil- industry-and-wasting-public- money-to-crack-down-on- peaceful-protesters/
104.	22-Sep- 23	London	Fossil Free London activists scaled the Wellington Arch during the Changing of the Guard procession as part of a protest targeting an upcoming fossil fuel conference (The Energy Intelligence Forum)	https://www.thecanary.co/uk /2023/09/25/fossil-fuel-free- london-protest/
105.	24 Sep - 8 Oct 23	West Norfolk	West Norfolk resident and climate activist is setting off on Sunday (24 September) to walk 180 miles from Cambridge to Norwich almost entirely on land that is threatened by rising sea levels. The walk will take 15 days.	https://extinctionrebellion.uk /2023/09/23/xr-scientist- walking-for-climate-change- in-a-mask-and-snorkel/

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106.	25-Sep- 23	London/Manch ester/Bristol	A new campaign – Defend Our Juries – will stage demonstrations outside more than a dozen crown courts in England on 25 September, in a national day of action. London, Bristol and Manchester are among cities likely to see protests near courts. Protests are being planned to stand up for the right of juries to acquit climate activists on issues of conscience, as were 6 of the 'Shell 7'. Protestors state there is a backlash from the Government against the right to acquit.	https://bylinetimes.com/202 3/09/06/courts-to-face- wave-of-protests-as-climate- campaigners-say-right-to- jury-trial-under-attack/
107.	25-Sep- 23	London / Bristol / Manchester / Cambridge / Birmingham	More than 250 climate activists replicated Trudi Warner's sign ("Jurors, you have an absolute right to acquit a defendant according to your conscience") days after the announcement of the Solicitor General's decision to apply for the committal to prison of Ms Warner for holding up a sign. The protestors gather outside criminal courts around the country as part of the growing public campaign 'Defend Our Juries'.	Solicitor General's prosecution of Trudi Warner for holding sign sparks mass public resistance – Just Stop Oil
108.	27-Sep- 23	Shell Centre Tower	07:54 lone protester wearing Christian Climate Action Jersey turned up on Belvedere Road. She sat on the ground next to the planters . She remained peaceful through the protest.	Reported Internally Only
109.	28-Sep- 23	London	Outside the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs building in Westminster, representatives of organisations including the Wildlife Trusts, WWF, the RSPB, Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil and Green New Deal Rising blocked the road with large colourful banners and listened to speeches from scientists angered by the State of Nature report's findings.	Campaigners in protest outside Defra to demand more action to protect nature The Independent
110.	28-Sep- 23	Portsmouth	Just Stop oil hold demonstration in Portsmouth city centre and block traffic due to 'slow march'. The demonstration was in response to the UK government's refusal to "stop licensing all new oil, gas and coal projects", according to the Just Stop Oil website.	Just Stop Oil: Protest halts traffic in Portsmouth city centre as climate activists hold "slow march" demonstration
111.	29-Sep- 23	North Warwickshire	Just Stop Oil supporters caused 'disorder' at a council meeting as they protested over Kingsbury oil terminal injunction. They forced a North Warwickshire Borough Council meeting to a halt and the police had to be called in. Mitch Rose and Dr Tom Barber, who both broke the council injunction last year at Kingsbury, started shouting during the meeting about the injunction.	https://www.coventrytelegra ph.net/news/local-

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112.	30-Sep- 23	Shell Waitrose Headington - London	Oxford Extinction Rebellion Protesters held placards and banners outside the Shell filling station in Headington and ran a stall at Headington crossroads. Protesters were requesting that the public sign a letter to East Oxford MP, Anneliese Dodds, calling for Labour to cancel the proposed Rosebank oil and gas field if in Government.	.co.uk/?url=https%3A%2F% 2Fwww.oxfordmail.co.uk%2F
113.	30-Sep- 23	London/Cambr idge/Edinburg h/Liverpool/Sh effield	Environmental activists plan to protest in several cities across the UK to denounce state approval of an offshore oil drilling project in the North Sea. As of late afternoon, Sept. 28, rallies were scheduled for: Cambridge: Senate House, Trinity Street 12:30 Edinburgh: Queen Elisabeth House, 1 Sibbald Walk 16:00 Liverpool: Barclays Bank, 48-50 Lord St. 10:30 London: Department of Energy Security and Net Zero building, 3 Whitehall Place 12:00 Sheffield: Town Hall, Pinestone Street 14:00-16:00	UK: Environmental activists to protest in several cities across UK Sept. 30 to denounce government approval of North Sea oil drilling project Crisis24 (garda.com)
114.	30-Sep- 23	London	Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the outside the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's central London offices to demand a rethink of the approval for the Rosebank offshore development.	https://www.itv.com/news/london/2023-10-01/hundreds-protest-in-london-against-rosebank-oilfield-approval
115.	02-Oct- 23	Bristol	Protesters gathered on College Green to demand that the government reverse their approval of Rosebank. Campaigners say that "soaring cost of fossil fuels is the cause of the current cost-of-living crisis and people are now awake to what is being done to our planet by profiteering oil and gas".	https://www.bristol247.com/ news-and- features/news/campaigners- gather-bristol-oppose- rosebank/

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116.	04-Oct- 23	London	Just Stop Oil interrupted a performance of Les Miserables and shut down the show in London's West End. Four protesters locked themselves to the stage using flexible bicycle locks at around 8.50pm. 5 protesters have now been charged with aggravated trespass.	Just Stop Oil protesters storm stage at Les Miserables show in London's West End Ents & Arts News Sky News
117.	04-Oct- 23	Shell Centre Tower	08:00 single female protester from Christian Climate Action arrived and was kneeling outside Belvedere Entrance with a placard saying "Oil Increases the cost of living" and another placard on the pavement. At 09:00 protester packed up and left the area.	Reported Internally Only Incident Report
118.	07-Oct- Sep	Exeter	Just Stop Oil activists caused long tailbacks as they protested in the city centre on Saturday 7 October. Members slow-marched from Magdalen Street to the Heavitree Road roundabout on Western Way.	Just Stop Oil protester 'struck by motorist' during Exeter march ITV News West Country
119.	08-Oct- Sep	York	Extinction Rebellion activists staged a demonstration outside Barclays in Parliament Street criticising the bank for financing the Rosebank oil and gas field in the North Sea. At 1.30pm they were covered in the black liquid while sitting underneath the Barclays sign.	https://uk.sports.yahoo.com/ news/activists-covered-oil- outside-bank- 143004547.html
120.	09-Oct- 23	Bristol	A student Just Stop Oil supporter has been arrested after spraying orange paint across a University of Bristol building. "The action comes within a week of fellow environmental group Extinction Rebellion launching a campaign for the university to cut ties with Barclays, which is among the biggest financiers of fossil fuels."	https://www.bristol247.com/ climate/news-climate/just- stop-oil-activist-arrested- after-targeting-bristol- university/

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121.	10-Oct- 23	Exeter	Just Stop Oil Exeter University student activist occupied the university's entrance for three hours and painted the glass exterior with orange paint.	https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/ exeter-university-just-stop- oil-activist-three-hour- protest/
122.	10-Oct- 23	Oxford	Oxford student environmental activist from Just Stop Oil sprayed its signature orange paint at the Radcliffe Camera - a Grade 1 listed building at Oxford. The police arrested the activists, who were also taking part in a sit-down protest outside the library, and confiscated the orange paint used.	BREAKING: Just Stop Oil throws paint at Radcliffe Camera – The Oxford Student
123.	11-Oct- 23	Brighton	The Grade II listed University of Sussex library vandalised with orange paint as part of a Just Stop Oil protest.	Sussex University sprayed with paint by Just Stop Oil The Argus
124.	11-Oct- 23	Cornwall	Two people have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage following a Just Stop Oil protest at the University of Falmouth.	https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2023-10-11/two-arrested-after-just-stop-oil-protestors-cover-university-buildings-in-paint
125.	11-Oct- 23	Shell Centre Tower	07:57 lone protester wearing Christian Climate Action Jersey turned up on Belvedere Road. She remained peaceful throughout the protest. 09:02 protestor left the site.	Reported Internally Only
126.	12-Oct- 23	London, Bank of England	Event arranged by 'Debt for Climate' and Extinction Rebellion to take place outside the Bank of England. " FOR CLIMATE ACTION: How can we stop fossil fuel companies extracting like maniacs, if countries in the Global South need foreign currency for debt payments? Let's come together to call for DEBT CANCELLATION!"	Cancel the Debt of the Global South! Facebook

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127.	14 - 20 October 23	London	Cambridge students have promised to disrupt London's annual meeting of oil executives, as protests against the university's continued ties to Schlumberger. Activists said they would conduct their "biggest and boldest action yet" at next weekend's "Oil and Money Conference", a major meeting of executives from companies like Shell, BP, Total and Saudi Aramco. "One Cambridge PhD student, who organises for Fossil Free London, said the group will "make London inhospitable to the fossil fuel industry and financiers by tarnishing their image using direct action, creative stunts and disruption". "We will be holding our biggest, boldest action yet and encourage people to join us to shut down the exclusive summit", they said."	https://www.varsity.co.uk/ne ws/26162
128.	14 - 20 October 23	London	Fossil Free London are planning to disrupt the Oil & Money Conference. FFL social media makes specific reference to Wael Sawan. Fossil Free London on X: "BIG NEWS: This October, you are cordially invited to shut down the Oscars of Oil 景 Oil & Amp; Money is a lavish, three-day conference, where the bosses of Shell, Total, Equinor sip champagne & Conference with the political elites. Join us to shut it down: https://t.co/oGOyjZcVaP https://t.co/KRdukEJGyE" / X (twitter.com)	https://actionnetwork.org/forms/oily-money-out/ https://twitter.com/fossilfreeLDN/status/1678835356832092178
129.	14-Oct- 23	London, Gatwick	Extinction Rebellion protest at Gatwick: climate campaigners staged a walk around perimeter of Gatwick airport to protest the airport expansion plans	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/ extinction-rebellion-protest- gatwick-climate- 144455606.html
130.	15-Oct- 23	London	Just Stop Oil protested against EGX 2023 in London disrupting the Tekken 7 final by storming the stage during a gaming match. Protesters shoot orange paint with a water gun at playing equipment, preventing players from completing the match. "EXG23 [sic] is sponsored by Barclays Bank, which has been described [as] 'Europe's leading financier of the climate crisis,'".	https://juststopoil.org/2023/ 10/15/this-isnt-a-game-just- stop-oil-disrupt-tekken-final- at-uks-biggest-gaming- event/r

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131.	17-Oct- 23	London	Greta Thunberg arrested by police at Fossil Free London protest after blocking entrance to luxury hotel hosting the Energy Intelligence Forum oil and gas conference. "The Met Police said it had arrested 21 protesters today."	https://bestwnews.com/worl d-news/greta-thunberg-is- arrested-for-refusing-to- move-at-london-oil-demo/
132.	18-Oct- 23	London	Extinction Rebellion climate protestors occupy the offices of 10 City of London insurance companies. The protesters caused disruption in the office foyers of Ascot, Talbot, Chaucer, Markel, Allied World, CNA Hardy, Tokio Marine Kiln, Sirius International and Lancashire Syndicates. Some glued themselves to the floors while others staged a sit-in and refused to leave.	https://uk.movies.yahoo.com /extinction-rebellion-climate- protestors-occupy- 143056882.html
133.	18-Oct- 23	London	The co-founders of Just Stop Oil have been arrested in a series of dawn raids by the Metropolitan Police. The arrest came after Just Stop Oil announced it would carry out three weeks of daily slow marches in London starting 29 October 2023.	Met police arrest Just Stop Oil co-founders Roger Hallam and Indigo Rumbelow in dawn raids after eco zealots announced three more weeks of slow marches across London Daily Mail Online
134.	19-Oct- 23	UK, Portland Port	JSO protesters blocked a coach which was carrying asylum seekers back to Bibby Stockholm barge at Portland Port. Protestors stood in front of the vehicle holding up a sign saying "NO PRISON SHIPS" and tried to stop it crossing the causeway onto Portland.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/c haos-protesters-block-coach- carrying-190000096.html

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135.	19-Oct- 23	London	Despite arrests made earlier in the week, Fossil Free London protested outside of JP Morgan with employees being met by chants of "their profit, our loss" as protesters criticised a "crisis of inequality" resulting from the cost of fossil fuels and increasing household bills. The action is part of a series of disruptions to the Energy Intelligence.	https://www.cityam.com/pro tests-continue-in-canary- wharf-despite-greta- thunbergs-arrest-this-week/
136.	22-Oct- 23	Portsmouth	JSO carry out a slow march in Southsea. Traffic was brought to a standstill in the Anglesea Road area shortly after 11.45am, as protestors linked arms to block cars.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/j ust-stop-oil-bring-southsea- 162550548.html
137.	22-Oct- 23	Stirling	Extinction Rebellion and Christian Climate Action activists staged a two-hour 'Die-in' - where people lay on the ground covered by a sheet with a placard naming the cause of death - in Stirling's city centre, urging the public to remove their money from a major high street bank.	Extinction Rebellion die-in near Stirling city centre bank branch - Daily Record
138.	22-Oct- 23	London	JSO protested through the streets of Oxford bringing city centre traffic down to a crawl due to their slow march.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/j ust-stop-oil-slows-city- 113000136.html
139.	25-Oct- 23	London	3 JSO protesters sprayed orange paint on Wellington Arch (Grade I listed) in central London objecting to new fossil fuel licences. Smoke flares were set off near the monument at around 10.15am, before spraying the structure with orange paint using fire extinguishers. Protest arrested on suspicion of criminal damage.	https://www.shropshirestar.c om/news/uk- news/2023/10/25/just-stop- oil-protesters-spray-grade-i- listed-wellington-arch-with- orange-paint/
140.	26-Oct- 23	Shell Centre Tower	08:00 Protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. The protester kneel's on the floor and holds a sign that states "You can't go back & change the beginning, but you can start where you are & change the ending". 09:03 Protester leaves site.	Reported Internally Only

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141.	26-Oct- 23	London	Two medics belonging to Just Stop Oil arrested after spray painting dinosaur in protest at Natural History Museum.	https://uk.sports.yahoo.com/ news/two-just-stop-oil- activists-183107360.html
142.	26-Oct- 23	Shell Centre Tower	15:51 A coach containing around twenty Extinction Rebellion protesters arrived at Belvedere Road. They unpacked food, drinks and other items onto the side of Belvedere Road. 16:06 Police arrive at Belvedere Road. Southbank Manager also at Belvedere Road. 16:13 Southbank Patrol Officers join Southbank Manager to keep watch of the situation from outside Shell Centre Tower entrance. 16:46 Confirmed there was a protest somewhere else and that Belvedere Road was just the meeting point. 16: 48 Extinction Rebellion protesters leave Belvedere Road without incident.	Reported Internally Only
143.	28-Oct- 23	Bangor, Whales	Climate groups in Gwynedd will be marching in Bangor to demand the Westminster government revoke the decision to approve the new Rosebank offshore development. Organised by XR. Part of a national day of action by more than 100 organisations, including Friends of the Earth, The Quakers, RSPB, Extinction rebellion, and UNISON calling on Rishi Sunak to scrap Rosebank.	https://www.thebangoraye.c om/bangor-protest-march- against-new-oil-field/
144.	28-Oct- 23	South West	Groups from across the South West are coming together on Saturday 28 October, not only to protest but also to organise. "The protest rally will begin at 10am at the top of Cow Lane in Victoria Park (BA1 2LZ) in Bath, with stalls, workshops, speeches and performers – plus satellite actions nearby – with a march through the city centre starting at 12.30, a 'Disobedience' mass dance afterwards and then a Community Assembly at 2.30pm."	https://www.thecanary.co/uk /2023/10/23/south-west- england-is-uniting-to-take- action-and-organise-xr/
145.	29-Oct- 23 - 19- Nov-23	London	JSO is preparing for the group's biggest protest yet starting on 29 October 2023 - they are planning to block roads in London on an "unprecedented scale" on a 3 week long slow march through the city centre	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/j ust-stop-oil-plan-stop- 100635478.html
146.	30-Oct- 23	London	Police arrest 62 protesters at JSO demonstration in Parliament Square. Demonstrators marched through Westminster before laying down in the road near Parliament Square.	Police arrest 62 protesters at Just Stop Oil demonstration in Parliament Square (yahoo.com)

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147.	30-Oct- 23	Just Stop Oil interview with the Guardian	"Just Stop Oil supporters are willing to slow march to the point of arrest today and every day until the police take action to prosecute the real criminal the people who are facilitating new oil and gas when they know that to do so will kill hundreds of millions of people"	Met uses new anti-protest powers to arrest climate protesters for first time UK news The Guardian
148.	31-Oct- 23	Shrewsbury	Extinction Rebellion Shrewsbury will call on Shropshire Council to 'Stop The Chainsaw Massacre' in a protest outside Shirehall as the North West Relief Road goes to a planning committee for a final decision on Halloween.	https://www.shropshirestar.c om/news/local- hubs/shrewsbury/2023/10/2 6/chainsaw-massacre- demonstration-promised-for- councils-halloween-meeting- on-relief-road/
149.	01-Nov- 23	London	40 JSO protestors arrested after blocking Cromwell Road in South Kensington on Wednesday morning. Demonstrators were deliberately "going floppy" making it harder for police to remove them from the road.	https://www.itv.com/news/london/2023-11-01/just-stopoil-activists-arrested-after-blocking-major-london-road
150.	01-Nov- 23	Shell Centre Tower	07:58 Protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. The protester kneels on the floor. 08:14 another protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. 09:03 Protesters leaves site	Reported Internally Only
151.	01-Nov- 23	London	Greenpeace place giant octopus on the river Thames outside Parliament in protest of government's policies on ocean protection in light of recent oil and drilling licenses.	Giant octopus rises from the Thames to demand sea-change in ocean protection Greenpeace UK
152.	04-No- 23	Kent	JSO protests blocked part of the road heading into the town centre holding banners.	Just Stop Oil activists seen heading towards Tunbridge Wells town centre (kentonline.co.uk)
153.	04-No- 23	Farnborough	Extinction Rebellion activists block an entrance to Farnborough Airport in protest at the proposed expansion that could double private jet flights to 70,000 annually. Protesters released smoke flares and displayed banners with messages like 'Flying to Extinction' and 'Private Flights Cost The Earth'.	Climate activists block entrance to Farnborough Airport in protest at expansion plans farnhamherald.com

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154.	06-Nov- 23	London	Over 100 JSO protesters obstructed traffic near Downing Street and were then arrested and placed on and around the Cenotaph by police.	Just Stop Oil on X: " BREAKING: Over 100 Just Stop Oil Supporters Shut Down Whitehall After just 20 minutes, @metpoliceuk began arresting over 100 people marching down Whitehall to demand no new oil and gas. Sign up to march from 20th November — https://t.co/Z9EGHPyuTz" / X (twitter.com)
155.	06-Nov- 23	London	2 JSO protesters smashed the glass cover of the "Rokeby Venus" painting by Spanish artist Diego Velazquez at London's National Portrait Gallery, in the latest protest against fossil fuels. They then addressed the gallery by saying: 'Women did not get the vote by voting; it is time for deeds not words. It is time to Just Stop Oil'. Police arrested activists for criminal damage.	Climate activists smash glass protecting Velazquez's Venus painting in London's National Gallery (news4jax.com)
156.	08-Nov- 23	Shell Centre Tower	At 07:55 lone protester is kneeling outside entrance with 2 placards. Protester is part of Christian Climate Action. At 09:04 Protester packs up her placards and leaves the area.	Reported Internally Only
157.	08-Nov- 23	London	JSO protesters blocked Waterloo Bridge. More than 40 arrests were made.	Just Stop Oil activists 'block ambulance on blue lights' on Waterloo Bridge - as police make arrests UK News Sky News
158.	10-Nov- 23	London	Extinction Rebellion occupy the offices of the Daily Telegraph to protest "about their campaign of lies and disinformation aimed at stopping urgent action to tackle the accelerating climate crises"	XR occupies Daily Telegraph offices - Extinction Rebellion UK
159.	12-Nov- 23	London	40 JSO supporters slowly march south on Holloway Road. 25 arrests made.	https://www.dailymail.co.uk/ news/article- 12740445/motorist-Just- Stop-Oil-mob-traffic- Protesters-red-white-

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				poppies-arrested- Remembrance-Sunday.html
160.	13-Nov- 23	London, Hendon	Third week of JSO campaign of slow marching. Over 100 protestors slowly marched through Hendon causing congestion. 110 JSO protesters arrested.	Metropolitan police overwhelmed by slow march of 100 Just Stop Oil supporters – Just Stop Oil
161.	13-Nov- 23	London	Fossil Free London activists, joined by Greta Thunberg, staged a protest outside Guildhall in the City of London to disrupt Rishi Sunak's speech inside the Lord Mayor's banquet. It was over the PM's climate plans contained in the King's Speech.	https://www.thecanary.co/uk /2023/11/14/thunberg-lord- mayors-banquet/
162.	14 Nov- 23	London	Fossil Free London activists disrupted an energy conference held at the Hilton Hotel in Tower Bridge, in protest against oil and gas drilling at Rosebank	Activists disrupt energy conference in protest over Rosebank oil field approval Evening Standard
163.	14-Nov- 23	London	Just Stop Oil march from Kennington Park Road at the Oval to north Kennington. Police warn that resources are becoming strained. 23 arrests were made.	Just Stop Oil: 23 activists arrested as they block rush- hour traffic near Oval (yahoo.com)
164.	15-Nov- 23	Shell Centre Tower	08:03 Protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. The protester kneels on the floor and holds a sign that states "Oil Profits v a liveable future". 09:05 Protester leaves site.	Reported Internally Only
165.	15-Nov- 23	London	66 Just Stop Oil protesters march down Cromwell Road. By 11.50am all protesters had been arrested by the police.	66 Just Stop Oil supporters march in defiance of new oil and gas – Just Stop Oil
166.	16-Nov- 23	Glasgow	4 protesters from 'This is Rigged' protest outside Glasgow Sainsbury's by spraying red paint. A poster of the Sainsbury's CEO Simon Roberts with devil horns on his head had been stuck to a window of the shop.	Four women arrested after Glasgow city centre Sainsbury's targeted with red paint STV News

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167.	18-Nov- 23	Shell Centre Tower	500 JSO protesters hold march on South Bank opposite the headquarters Shell demanding that the Government halt all future licences and consents for fossil fuel exploration in the UK. 3 arrests were made. "An eighteen-year-old man was arrested before the march began for breaking bail conditions set by a court by being in London."	Four arrested at Just Stop Oil demonstration in central London (yahoo.com) https://www.se1.news/just-stop-oil-south-bank-18-november-2023/
168.	19-Nov- 23	Birmingham	Members of Extinction Rebellion rallied outside British Cycling's annual general meeting in protest of its partnership with Shell UK. They let off green flares, banged drums and held a large banner with the words "no future in fossil fuels".	https://www.cyclingweekly.c om/news/extinction- rebellion-protest-shell-deal- at-british-cycling-agm
169.	20-Nov- 23	London	Activists from Fossil Free London blocked the doors to the headquarters of BP. Approximately 70 activists blocked both entrances to BP's office near Piccadilly Circus, shouting "shame on you" as staff arrived to work. Further activists held signs reading "stop fuelling genocide"	https://www.thecanary.co/global/2023/11/20/bp-office-blocked-israel-gaza/
170.	20-Nov- 23	London	JSO began their slow march from Trafalgar Square and headed towards Parliament Square holding banners in protest of the government's recent fossil fuel licensing.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/j ust-stop-oil-15-arrests-after- two-minutes-of-marching- through-central-london- 141025537.html
171.	22-Nov- 23	Shell Centre Tower	CCTV operator spotted lone protester on Belvedere Road wearing Christian Climate Action Jersey. 08:02 Reported another protestor at rear of the Shell Centre Tower outside Black Penny. 09:06 2 x Protestors left the site.	Reported Internally Only
172.	29-Nov- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Male protester was setting up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road with a large placard. At 09:00 he was joined by female protester from Christian Climate Action with her 2 placards. At 10:02 both protesters packed up and left the area.	Reported Internally Only
173.	30-Nov- 23	London	A "wide awake" demonstration by Just Stop Oil protesters was held outside the Prime Minister's London home calling for a halt on fossil fuel exploration in the UK. The protest group said about 18 supporters gathered outside Rishi Sunak's home beating pots and pans while carrying placards stating: "COP Failure=Crop Failure", "No rest for the Wicked" and "Arrest the Real Criminals".	https://www.itv.com/news/2 023-11-29/police-break-up- wide-awake-just-stop-oil- demonstration-at-rishi- sunaks-house

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174.	30-Nov- 23	London	Fossil Free London held a silent demonstration outside the headquarters of Barclays in protest of Barclays' investments.	Barclays HQ sees protest over its investments in Israel arms (thecanary.co)
175.	30-Nov- 23	Chichester	Christian Climate Action interrupted a service at Chichester Cathedral to "hold signs" and "sing a plainsong penitential chant" over the diocese's decision to invest in fossil fuel giants Shell and BP.	Eco-protesters crash cathedral service (yahoo.com)
176.	30-Nov- 23	Shell Centre Tower	At 08:00 protester from Christian Climate Action was setting up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road with a couple of placards. Security Officer went and checked that she was okay due to how cold it is. At 09:00 the lone protester packed up and left.	Reported Internally Only
177.	01 - 02 Dec-23	Nationwide	Campaign groups Fuel Poverty Action, Unite Community, and their allies held nationwide protests carrying out 'Warm Ups' to demand action on fuel poverty. People occupied British Gas offices, protested outside Scottish Power, and engaged their local communities. Groups organised over 30 events as far afield as Southend-on-Sea, Portsmouth, Gateshead, and the Isle of Arran.	https://www.thecanary.co/uk /2023/12/03/fuel-poverty- nationwide-action/
178.	01-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Female protester from Christian Climate Action setting up outside Tower on Belvedere Road with a couple of placards. At 09:00 lone protester packed up and left.	Reported Internally Only
179.	02-Dec- 23	London	JSO protesters held a demonstration outside the Metropolitan Police's central London headquarters. Protestors held speeches in which they said they would take their protest to other London sites, which they dubbed "centres of oppression", such as the Supreme Court. "The police think they can stop our protests. They can never stop our protests."	Just Stop Oil protesters demonstrate outside New Scotland Yard The National
180.	02-Dec- 23	Oxford	Oxford Extinction Rebellion group protest in Oxford. Protestors dressed as fossil fuel executives and poured oil over others, "representing all of us who will be affected by climate change"	https://www.oxfordmail.co.u k/news/23966546.oxford- extinction-rebellion-group- protest-cop-28/
181.	04-Dec- 23	Sheffield	Defend Our Juries protested outside Sheffield Crown Court against "attacks" on the rights of juries within the criminal justice system. The DOJ campaign want to protect the principle of 'jury equity', which has seen has seen a number of climate activists acquitted of charges stemming from direct action protests	https://nowthenmagazine.co m/articles/demonstrators- outside-sheffield-crown- court-protest-against-moves- to-undermine-jury-equity- system

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182.	05-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	08:00 Protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. The protester kneels on the floor and holds a sign.09:02 Protester leaves site.	Reported Internally Only
183.	06-Dec- 23	London	Activists from Fossil Free London assembled outside BP's London headquarters to protest Israel's approval of 12 new licences for natural gas exploration off the west coast of Gaza to six companies, including BP.	BP sees protests over its new gas licences off the coast of Gaza (thecanary.co)
184.	06-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	At 07:56 female protester from Christian Climate Action set up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. At 09:04 the lone protester packed up and left.	Reported Internally Only
185.	08-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	07:54 Protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. The protester kneels on the floor and holds a sign. 08:10 Another protester arrives at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. At 9:00 protesters leave.	Reported Internally Only
186.	08-Dec- 23	London	Activists from Fossil Free London protested in front of the Uganda High Commission in Trafalgar Square in solidarity with seven Ugandan student activists facing trial on Friday 8 December. The students' arrests came after they protested against the proposed East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).	https://www.thecanary.co/global/2023/12/10/eacopstudents-trail-uk-protests/
187.	09-Dec- 23	London	Protesters from Extinction Rebellion and other campaign groups joined a demonstration outside BP offices in London as part of a "global day of action" calling for countries to tackle climate change.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/london-protesters-urge-leaders-more-152436066.html
188.	09-Dec- 23	Southampton	Extinction Rebellion will be marching in Southampton to call for immediate action on climate change. The march is part of an international day of action by the Climate Justice Coalition, with events happening across the globe.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/j ust-stop-oil-plan-stop- 100635478.html

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189.	09-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	Protesters form outside Jubilee Gardens with strong lights shining a message on building which reads Fossil Free COP with one person filming on phone.	XRUK Actions on X: "Putting the spotlight on the #ClimateCriminals in the heart of London == #GetBigOilOutOfCop #Shell #BP #Perenco #ExtinctionRebellion #COP28 https://t.co/HoJrZbWXMK" / X (twitter.com)
190.	11-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	At 07:57 female protester from Christian Climate Action was setting up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. At 09:03 The lone protester packed up and left.	Reported Internally Only
191.	12-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	At 07:55 female protester from Christian Climate Action was setting up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. At 08:49 1 x Male protestor joins in. At 9:03 the protesters leave.	Reported Internally Only
192.	13-Dec- 23	Shell Centre Tower	At 07:53 female protester from Christian Climate Action was setting up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. At 08:00 1 x male protestor joins in holding a flag that reads " We are crucifying our planet". At 09:29 both protestors leave.	Reported Internally Only
193.	13-Dec- 23	Nottingham	Protesters from Nottingham Extinction Rebellion occupied St Peters Square holding banners stating 'COP 28 – Betrayal'.	https://westbridgfordwire.co m/xr-nottingham-in-cop-28- betrayal-protest/
194.	14-Dec- 23	London	JSO supporters gathered outside Keir Starmer's house to sing 'climate-criminal' Christmas carols. They were demanding that Starmer commits to cancelling all new oil and gas licences, including those already greenlit by the current government.	https://www.thecanary.co/uk /2023/12/15/just-stop-oil- starmer-carol-singing/
195.	18-Dec- 23	Cambridge	Two-hour Just Stop Oil protest march was held around Cambridge's ring road in response to "the dismal failure of COP28". The march included 14 people and the police were not involved.	https://www.cambridgeindep endent.co.uk/news/just-stop- oil-marches-on-cambridge- road-in-protest-at-disma- 9345165/

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196.	03-Jan- 24	Shell Centre Tower	07:55 lone female protester set up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road with 2 placards. At 09:00 the lone protester packs up and leaves the area.	Reported Internally Only
197.	05-Jan- 24	Worcester	Extinction Rebellion Malvern went knee-deep into the flood water at Worcester Bridge and on Hanley Road in Upton to show that "business is not as usual". The group had staged a scene showing workers in an office space and other protesters surrounding them, holding signs that read: "Extreme weather is already here. Government needs to act now".	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/c limate-change-protesters- set-scene-112802615.html
198.	06-Jan- 24	Welshpool	Extinction Rebellion Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (XR BCP) held their fifth since Perenco's oil spill on 26 March 2023. Activists assembled at 12:30 on 6 January 2024 at Poole Quay and held a peaceful, family-friendly protest and rally, with placards, banners, chalk art, a replica oil derrick and the XR BCP Rhythms Band. The action had been agreed with Dorset Police beforehand and protesters spoke to members of the public to explain why they were there.	"Unite to Survive"; green groups come together in response to Poole harbour oil spill - West Country Voices
199.	10-Jan- 24	Shell Centre Tower	07:56 lone female protester arrived outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. At 08:02 A male protester arrives at outside the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. At 09:04 both protesters leave the area.	Reported Internally Only
200.	15-Jan- 24	No physical location	Record 27 global institutions have co-filed a shareholder resolution at Shell, calling for Shell to align its emissions reduction targets with the Paris Climate Agreement. The resolution, led by Dutch activist group Follow This, has been backed 27 institutions, including Nest, Rathbones, Brunel Pension Partnership and Amundi.	https://www.heraldscotland.c om/news/national/24051651. record-27-investors-back- call-shell-align-emissions- target-paris/
201.	16-Jan- 24	Wyre Forest	Extinction Rebellion campaigners protested outside MP Mark Garnier's office urging him to reject a controversial bill in a move that they claim would increase the risk of future flooding.	Extinction Rebellion Wyre Forest protest outside MP's office Kidderminster Shuttle

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202.	17-Jan- 24	Shell Centre Tower	07:53 usual female protester from Christian Climate Action setting up outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. Officer from York Road positioned inside is moved to outside IBM entrance & IBM security was informed about the same. 08:14 1 x Male protestor joins in holding placard and a banner that reads "We are crucifying our planet". 09:05 Both Protestors pack up and left.	Reported Internally Only
203.	19-Jan- 24	N/A	Greenpeace target Shell on twitter in regard to Shell's lawsuit against them ("don't be like Greg")	https://twitter.com/Greenpea ceUK/status/1748268611683 172851
204.	20-Jan- 24	Cambridge	Environmental activists staged a sit-in at Barclays bank in Cambridge – calling for an end to the bank's funding of the fossil fuel industry.	https://www.telegraph.co.uk /news/2024/01/20/barclays- cambridge-israel-gaza- protest-war/
205.	22-Jan- 24	London	Fossil Free London, Just Stop Oil, Extinction Rebellion and Scientists for Extinction Rebellion are protesting in Parliament Square, urging MPs not to back the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill which would compel future Governments to hold annual licencing rounds for new North Sea oil and gas production projects.	Activists Protest Against UK Government's Push for Yearly North Sea Oil Exploration (edie.net)
206.	23-Jan- 24	N/A	Greenpeace release a video parodying Shell's lawsuit against Greenpeace using clips from the TV show 'Succession' ("don't be like Greg").	Succession writer Jesse Armstrong hands Greenpeace £25k to fight Shell lawsuit Greenpeace UK
207.	24-Jan- 24	Bishop Stortford	Extinction Rebellion took its fight against climate change to Barclays bank in Bishop's Stortford. Members of East and North Hertfordshire XR targeted the branch in North Street to highlight the institution's fossil fuel investments.	https://www.bishopsstortford independent.co.uk/news/exti nction-rebellion-takes-fight- against-climate-change-to-b- 9349931/
208.	25-Jan- 24	London	Climate activists have gathered at the headquarters of Havas London to protest the ad agency's relationship with Shell. Protest was spurred by a whistle-blower's tip-off that Havas would be meeting with Shell to discuss new work for the fossil fuel giant.	Havas London Targeted by Climate Activists Over Agency's Relationship with Shell - DeSmog

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209.	27-Jan- 24	Nottingham	Members of Extinction Rebellion will gather to protest at Nottingham Railway Station, before walking up to Market Square accompanied by drummers and carrying placards, flags and banners. The group say they want to give local people a positive message that another future is possible.	Dozens of people gather for protest about 'damaging' air pollution in Nottingham city centre - Nottinghamshire Live (nottinghampost.com)
210.	27-Jan- 24	Farnborough Airport	Greta Thunberg joined hundreds of local residents and activists to protest the use of private jets and the expansion of Farnborough airport. Protesters hold banners and placards that read "Ban Private Jets".	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/ greta-thunberg-joins- hundreds-marching- 164708366.html
211.	27-Jan- 24	Plymouth	Health professionals led a die-in protest in a call for an end to investment in fossil fuels.	Plymouth: Medics lead die-in protest over fossil fuels - BBC News
212.	31-Jan- 24	Shell Centre Tower	At 07:50 protester had arrived and was setting up their placard. At 08:00 a second protester arrives and also set up in front of Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. At 09:00 both protesters packed up and left the area.	Reported Internally Only
213.	01-Feb- 24	Shell Centre Tower	Greenpeace activists dressed as Shell board members partied around a burning sign reading 'Your Future' at a mock party outside the Centre Tower.	https://www.greenpeace.org. uk/news/activists-install- burning-your-future-sign- outside-shell-hq-as- company-announces-22-4- billion-annual-profits/
214.	01-Feb- 24	N/A	Greenpeace target Shell CEO Wael Sawan on Instagram after Shell release annual profits.	https://www.instagram.com/ p/C2zWuEDMv h/?utm sour ce=ig web copy link&igsh= MzRIODBiNWFIZA==
215.	01-Feb- 24	Science Museum, Kensington	Climate campaigner Greta Thunberg joined eco protesters to stage a demonstration at the Science Museum. Extinction Rebellion protesters interrupted a panel talk organised at the event on predictions for 2024 by hanging banners that said "2024, more droughts, floods and deaths - fuelled by Science Museum oil and gas sponsors".	Greta Thunberg and eco activists stage protest at Science Museum over 'oil and gas sponsorship' Evening Standard

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216.	03-Feb- 24	Southampton	Protesters from Extinction Rebellion lay outside Barclays on Above Bar Street to protest against the bank's alleged 'funding of fossil fuel expansion and companies.	Group pretends to be dead outside Southampton bank branch (yahoo.com)
217.	05-Feb- 24	London	Letter signed by hundreds of activists criticises minister for starting contempt of court action against activist Trudi Warner. Part of the 'Protest Our Jurors' campaign.	Solicitor general urged to drop prosecutions of jury rights activists UK news The Guardian
218.	10-Feb- 24	Shell Centre Tower	At 15:40 A van driver informed officer on Belvedere Road about three posters that had been put up on loading bay gates. 15:38 two individuals get off a tourist coach parked on Belvedere Road and stick 2 posters on the bins next to the water fountain and then came over to loading bay Gate to put up 3 posters before returning to coach.	Reported Internally Only
219.	10-Feb- 24	London	Members of Extinction Rebellion Wandsworth created a blockade at the junction of Putney High Street and Upper Richmond Road, armed with banners which read 'Air Pollution Kills' and 'End Fossil Fuels Now'.	Climate activists block 'world's most congested road' in day of protest – South London News (londonnewsonline.co.uk)
220.	10-Feb- 24	Reading	Activists from Extinction Rebellion protest outside Barclays Bank and campaigned against the banks investment in fossil fuels.	Reading: Anti-war and environmental groups protest outside Barclays bank - BBC News
221.	10-Feb- 24	York	Extinction Rebellion York marched through the centre of York calling for action against pollution in the River Ouse. The protesters held banners calling for Yorkshire Water to act and reduce the amount of raw sewage in the river.	https://uk.news.yahoo.com/ protesters-march-york- calling-action- 152500808.html
222.	12-Feb- 24	Isleworth	Just Stop Oil protesters stand outside Isleworth Crown Court during the trial of a JSO protester from the M25 incident. Part of the 'Protect Our Jurors' campaign.	(1) Just Stop Oil on X: " People are holding signs outside Isleworth Crown Court today, reminding jurors of their absolute right

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				to acquit a defendant according to their conscience. Cressie is currently on trial for climbing a gantry above the M25 in support of Just Stop Oil. Support people in https://t.co/0mA8BWLGCZ" / X (twitter.com)
223.	14-Feb- 24	London	Hundreds of Christian climate activists have begun a 240-hour vigil of protest and prayer outside Parliament in a bid to fight for "climate justice". Protesters assembled in front of Carriage Gates, New Palace Yard, on Wednesday – the first of a 10-day occupation which will see activists swap in and out every few hours to ensure a round-the-clock presence.	https://www.standard.co.uk/ news/environment/uk- government-parliament-new- palace-yard-fossil-fuels-lent- b1139224.html
224.	14-Feb- 24	Shell Centre Tower	13:57 Seventeen extinction rebellion protesters arrive at the front entrance of Shell Centre Tower building. 14:01 The Extinction Rebellion protesters leave the area.	Reported Internally Only
225.	21-Feb- 24	London	Over 100 people, including members of Extinction Rebellion, gathered within the central hall at the Royal Courts of Justice, London, to hold a series of peaceful People's Assemblies or 'Citizens Juries'.	https://www.thecanary.co/uk /news/2024/02/21/royal- courts-justice-assange/
226.	21-Feb- 24	London	More than 40 of the top insurance firms in the City of London were sent an ultimatum letter by Extinction Rebellion demanding that leading insurers 'pull the plug' on the fossil fuel companies by refusing to insure new and existing oil, gas and coal projects and infrastructure. Confirmed in Extinction Rebellion press release on 22 February 2024	Extinction Rebellion sends 'message from the heart' to global insurance leaders - Extinction Rebellion UK
227.	21-Feb- 24	Shell Centre Tower	07:59 Single Christian Climate Action Protester Arrives outside Shell Centre Tower on Belvedere Road. York Road reception officer moved to outside IBM Entrance. 09:03 Protester Leaves Site.	Reported Internally Only

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228.	22-Feb- 24	N/A	Greenpeace target Shell CEO Wael Sawan on Twitter.	Greenpeace UK on X: "When you see an oil executive smiling, it's time to worry. #StopDrillingStartPaying https://t.co/uA1oJCqyU7" / X (twitter.com)
229.	23-Feb- 24	Oxford	Just Stop Oil and other protesters targeted a fundraising event by Labour MP Anneliese Dodds taking place in Cowley. The protest started around 6.15pm, with various demonstrators wearing JSO high-vis jackets. Protesters were blocking the pavement, and around 10 police officers were initially present on scene.	Just Stop Oil and Palestine protests at Oxford Labour fundraiser – The Oxford Student
230.	23-Feb- 24	Oxford	The Oxford Climate Justice Campaign (OCJC) protested the University of Oxford's fossil fuel investments outside the Radcliffe Camera. The protest took place in Radcliffe Square at 2pm on Friday, with around 15-20 demonstrators present. Protesters handed out leaflets to passersby, and posed with signs and a banner calling for divestment. The signs and banners read "OUem is burning our future", "Oxford University greenwashing", and "Oily Oxford."	Fossil fuel investment protest outside RadCam – The Oxford Student
231.	27-Feb- 24	London	"XR will be at the forefront of a week-long campaign, focused on the City of London plus actions across the UK. At the same time as @CoalAction Network, hashtag#MothersRiseUp, Quakers in Britain , #StopEACOP Stop the East African Crude Oil Pipeline and Tipping Point, we will be targeting the global insurance industry – the people who could stop the fossil fuel crooks in their tracks overnight if they wanted to."	https://www.linkedin.com/po sts/extinction-rebellion- uk global-week-of-action- 2024-insure-our-future- activity- 7167944706377633792- GcC9?utm source=share&ut m medium=member deskto p
232.	27-Feb- 24	London	Extinction Rebellion protesters target the Square Mile as part of the co-ordinated campaign 'Insure Our Futures Global Week in Action'. They targeted five insurance firms' offices in London: Tokio Marine Kiln in Fenchurch Street; Probitas 1492 in Leadenhall Street; Talbot in Threadneedle Street; Zurich Insurance in Mark Lane; and Travelers in Creechurch Place. Nine people were arrested.	Leadenhall Market: Security 'fully briefed' on eco-activists plan to hassle Thursday drinkers (cityam.com)

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233.	27-Feb- 24	London	Fossil Free London protesters gather outside the Intercontinental hotel who are hosting the International Energy Week.	Fossil Free London on X: "BREAKING: BP, Shell and Equinor (alongside politicians and financiers) are gathering 'in search for an energy transition' International Energy Week will keep being weak while oil and gas are at the decision making table. #OilyMoneyOut https://t.co/Yl8fK1zGzs" / X (twitter.com)
234.	28-Feb- 24	London	Fossil Free London disrupted the lobby of the Intercontinental hotel who are hosting the International Energy Week.	Fossil Free London on X: "BREAKING: We just disrupted the lobby of the Intercontinental hotel because they are hosting climate criminals for International Energy Week. While Equinor were speaking as 'transition leaders' we know the truth: only 0.15% of Equinor's energy came from renewables last year https://t.co/O2YaBtbZRQ" / X (twitter.com)
235.	28-Feb- 24	London	Extinction Rebellion launch second day of action in the Square Mile, targeting the buildings of insurer Lloyd's of London. The police force said it made arrests in Tower Hamlets earlier in the day when they stopped a van which was linked to Extinction Rebellion. Following the arrests, the group announced that it had brought over 800 activists to form a blockade around the building insurer Lloyd's of London. The force added just after 1pm: A Section 11 has been authorised in the City and the highlighted areas below by D/Assistant Commissioner Andy Valentine until	https://www.cityam.com/extinction-rebellion-blockades-lloyds-of-london-building-as-city-police-make-arrests/

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			4pm. This gives officers the power to search for items which may be used with believed criminal intent, including lock on devices.	
236.	28-feb- 24	Gatwick Airport	Extinction Rebellion activists protest outside the Sandman Signature London Gatwick Hotel against Gatwick Airport's plans to increase passenger numbers to 80 million a year, at the start of a six month government planning inspectorate examination, which is sitting at the hotel.	Extinction Rebellion protests against 'climate blind' Gatwick Airport expansion - Extinction Rebellion UK
237.	28-Feb- 24	Shell Centre Tower	At 07:55 usual Christian climate protester was setting up on Belvedere Road outside Shell Centre Tower. At 08:13 a male protester joined and set up opposite with flag. Both are regulars and are with Christian climate. At 09:06 protesters packed up and left the area.	Reported Internally Only
238.	29-Feb- 24	London, AXA	XR and JSO protesters also gathered outside the offices of the AXA UK headquarters in London. "AXA is currently the sixth biggest insurer of fossil fuel projects in the world".	https://extinctionrebellion.uk /2024/02/29/extinction- rebellion-protest-in- solidarity-with-climate-and- human-rights-movements/
239.	29-Feb- 24	London, Liverpool Street	XR join other protesters and take over Liverpool Street train station. "Extinction Rebellion stand in solidarity with climate & human rights movements in protest against AXA for their part in climate and ecological collapse"	https://www.gbnews.com/ne ws/liverpool-street-station- extinction-rebellion-pro- palestine-protest-london
240.	29-Feb- 24	London, McCann	XR infiltrated the London HQ of global advertising and media agency McCann Worldgroup to protest about the "company's reported bid for another stint as top greenwasher for fossil fuel giants Saudi Aramco".	https://extinctionrebellion.uk /2024/02/29/dont- greenwash-the-climate- wreckers-extinction-
			The activists gained access to the lobby of the building where they unfurled banners saying "McCann Say No to Aramco" and "Ditch The Pitch" and called upon agency staff to rebel against their bosses' decision to re-pitch for oil company Aramco's advertising account.	rebellion-occupies-top-ad- agency-mccann-over-their- plans-to-keep-working-for- saudi-aramco/

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241.	29-Feb- 24	Middlesbrough	XR protest staged outside the AXA office in Middlesbrough today by Extinction Rebellion North East and Cumbria. AXA have not yet ruled out insuring the controversial West Cumbria Coal Mine, pictured.	https://extinctionrebellion.uk /2024/02/29/extinction- rebellion-protest-in- solidarity-with-climate-and- human-rights-movements/
242.	01- March- 24	N/A	Greenpeace target Shell on Instagram in regard to the Shell's law suit against them. Post encouraging the public to sign a letter addressed to Shell.	https://www.instagram.com/ reel/C37yGxGMjOE/?utm_so urce=ig_web_copy_link&igsh =MzRIODBiNWFIZA==
243.	01-Mar- 24	Glasgow	Members of XR Scotland have taken to the foyer of insurance company AIG's office in St Vincent Street in a sit-down protest against "carbon bomb" projects that will have a "catastrophic impact on the climate".	https://www.heraldscotland.c om/business hq/24155492.e xtinction-rebellion-activists- occupy-glasgow-office/
244.	01-Mar- 24	Birmingham	JSO supporters occupied the Colmore Building in coalition with XR on Friday 1. The building is home to three insurance companies: Allianz, Chubb, and Zurich. "Today's action is in solidarity with Students Against EACOP, a Ugandan based campaign group who are resisting the construction of the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), a project that has wrought huge environmental destruction and mass displacement of people across the African Continent."	https://www.birminghammail .co.uk/news/midlands- news/arrests-birmingham- just-stop-oil-28739425
245.	01-Mar- 24	Bristol	XR and JSO members climb the roof of the entrance lobby of Tokio Marine insurance company. Just Stop Oil spokesperson, Matt Cooper, said: "If Tokio Marine continue to insure fossil fuel projects, it is young people around the world who will be affected most. Their future is at risk.". Three People arrested.	https://www.bristolpost.co.u k/news/bristol-news/live- extinction-rebellion-just- stop-9134607
246.	01-Mar- 24	Leicester	Around 30 protesters from various groups, including Greenpeace and Extinction Rebellion, joined forces to protest outside the offices of Tokio Marine in Rearsby. The group demanded that Tokio Marine participate in an urgent transition from harmful fossil fuels to clean energy.	Climate protesters rally outside insurance company's Leicester offices (greatcentralgazette.org)

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247.	01-Mar- 24	South Wales	Members of XR South Wales protest outside Tokio Marines offices in Bridgend	https://twitter.com/XRUK Actions/status/1763610153155 264738
248.	01-Mar- 24	Manchester	Campaigners from XR, Greenpeace Manchester and Friends of the Earth visited the offices of AIG, Hiscox, Tokio Marine and Chubb insurance companies to demand they take immediate action to slow the climate crisis and support the urgent transition from dangerous fossil fuels to clean energy.	https://aboutmanchester.co. uk/manchester-campaigners- join-global-fight-demanding- insurers-take-action-on- climate/
249.	03- March- 24	N/A	Press release by Just Stop Oil outlining their intentions for 2024. "nonviolent civil resistance to a harmful state will continue, with coordinated, radical actions that reach out to new people and capture the attention of the world." "Just Stop Oil will continue to be the major focus until we win, but we have a new three part demand: No New Oil, Revoke Tory Licences and Just Stop Oil by 2030. In addition to disrupting high-profile cultural events and continuing our Stop Tory Oil campaign, focussing on MP's and those in power, this summer Just Stop Oil will commence a campaign of high-level actions at sites of key importance to the fossil fuel industry – airports."	We need a Revolution. What's the plan? – Just Stop Oil
250.	10- March- 24	n/a	Just Stop Oil war chest soars towards £1million (Sunday Express, 10 March 2024, Isaac Crowson, page: 24) Eco-activists from Just Stop Oil have raised £300,000 for disruptive actions in 2024, aiming for a total of £1 million. Funds will support protests at major events and against fossil fuel projects. The group plans radical actions to push the government towards greener policies. Despite criticism from Conservative MP Nigel Mills, the activists are determined to escalate their efforts. Met Police reports over £20 million spent on policing their actions	PressReader.com - Digital Newspaper & Magazine Subscriptions

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Climate protesters have gathered outside Norwegian oil giant Equinor's London offices to oppose the company's plans to develop the Rosebank oil and gas field.

Rosebank, which lies west of the Shetland Islands, is one of the largest such fields in the North Atlantic, capable of producing up to 500 million barrels of oil.

The International Energy Agency has previously said there must be no new investment in oil and gas if the world is to become net zero by 2050, while the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said emissions from existing fossil fuel infrastructure are already set to push global temperatures beyond safe limits.



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demand that Norway, a supposed climate leader, stop its state-owned oil company from developing all new fossil fuel infrastructure including Rosebank in the UK.

"Norway needs to set an example to the rest of the world and stop profiting off oil and gas during a climate emergency."

The plans to develop Rosebank must be approved by the UK Government and a decision is expected soon.

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Equinor offices targeted by climate protesters over Rosebank oil field

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Climate protesters want Norwegian oil giant Equinor to abandon its plans to expand oil and gas infrastructure in UK waters and elsewhere (Gabriel Davalos/Uplift/PA)





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Equinor spokesman

He added: "Rosebank is a project that can help counteract the decline in domestic UK oil and gas production.

"As long as there is a need for oil and gas, we think it is important that we continue to invest in fields that can contribute to energy security with a low carbon footprint while creating jobs and value for society.

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Protestors gather outside Biba conference

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'What we want is insurers to insure our future and stop funding our destruction,' says spokesperson

Activists have held a protest at the Biba conference to call on insurance companies to not insure the East Africa crude pipeline (Eacop).

Several protestors from the group StopEacop gathered outside the Manchester Central Convention Complex this morning (11 May 2023), holding up a banner calling on companies to "insure out future".

Eacop is a pipeline that is set to transport oil produced from Uganda's Lake Albert oilfields to the port of Tanga in Tanzania.

The official Eacop website states that the new corridor linking the two countries "will bring benefits, including the development of new infrastructure, logistics, technology transfer as well as improving the livelihoods of communities along the route".

However, StopEacop feel the move could result in "displacing communities and endangering wildlife".

Speaking to *Insurance Times*, a StopEacop spokesperson said: "What we are here to say to insurers is to please commit to not insuring Eacop because without you, the project can't go ahead.

"So, what we want is insurers to insure our future and stop funding our destruction."



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'Role to play'

According to the group, 22 insurers have made the commitment not to insure Eacop.

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The spokesperson said their protest was targeting those companies that had not.

She added: "We hope that we get more interest [from companies] to come on board, you've got a massive role to play and we are counting on our financial institutions to do the right things."

Just Stop Oil protestors plan 'go slow' march in Lancaster

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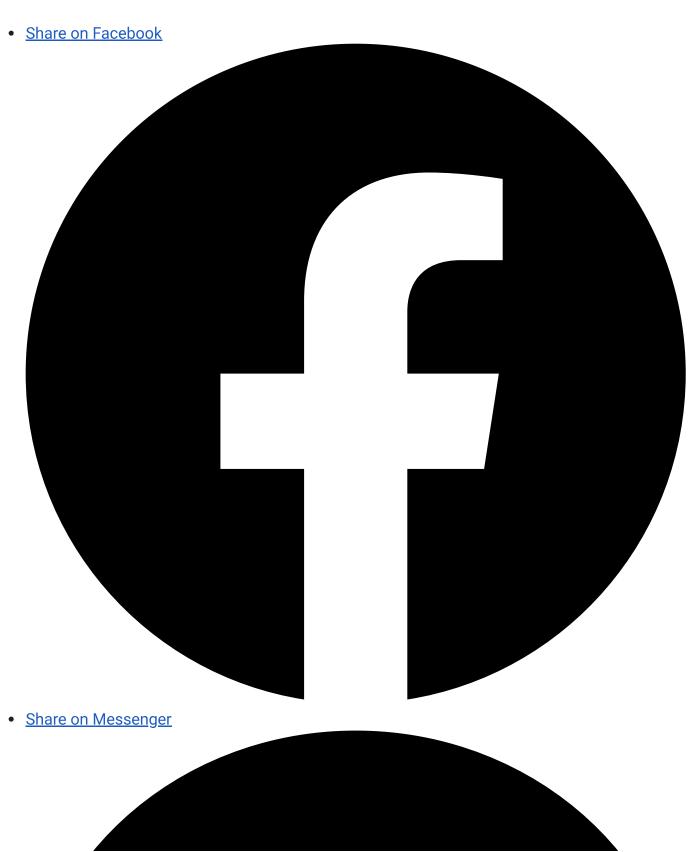






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The protest group Just Stop Oil will hold a 'go slow' march in Lancaster this weekend.

The march will take place tomorrow (Saturday May 13), going from Dalton Square at 10am.

The action is part of a nationwide campaign by the group to lobby the government to halt new fossil fuel licences being issued in the UK.

In March, protestors brought traffic to a standstill in Lancaster city centre during a similar event.

The Just Stop Oil group is campaigning for more action on climate change but their tactics, which include blocking busy motorways, have faced criticism.

The government plans to license more than 100 new oil and gas projects by 2025.

"Lancaster people like people all over the UK just got through a hellish winter with sky-high heating bills and food bills," said Fiona, one of the demonstrators, speaking at the March protest.

"Meanwhile our government is investing tax payers money, our money in fossil fuels - 236 million quid a week subsidising an industry that's rolling in money whilst destroying our future.

"Extreme weather events happening more often means crop failures and water shortages. We need that money investing in renewables which are currently nine times cheaper."

A government spokesperson said it remained "fully committed" to reaching net zero by 2050 however with "Russia weaponising energy across Europe, it must do so in a way that protected energy security".

"This includes increasing domestic gas supply, which we've always been clear will have a role in our transition to net zero. But we will also continue to drive forward our commitments on nuclear and renewables like offshore wind," it said.

"While we respect the right to protest, people's day-to-day lives should not be disrupted, and criminal activity will not be tolerated."

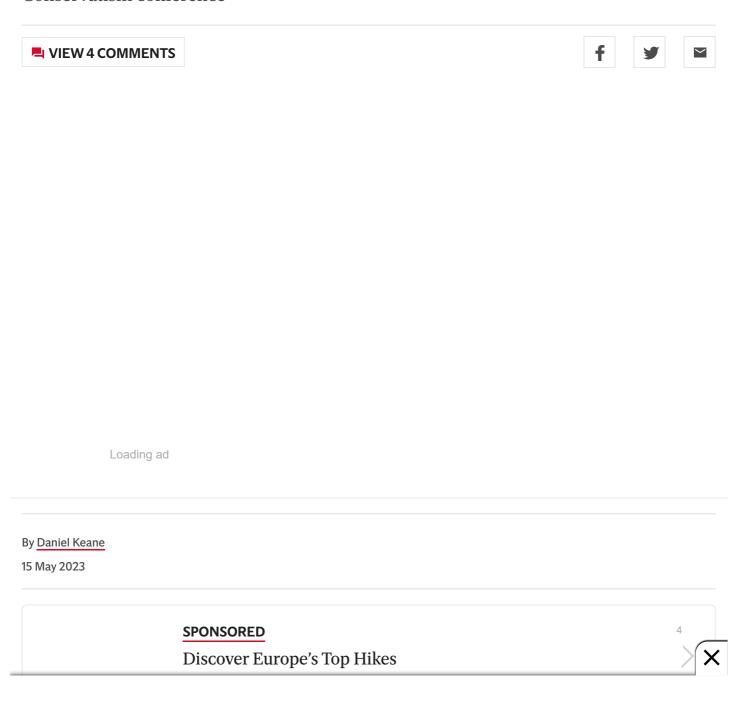
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Climate protesters interrupt Home Secretary twice during speech to National Conservatism conference



ome Secretary Suella Braverman was interrupted twice by protesters as she gave a keynote speech at the National Conservatism conference in Westminster on Monday.

The cabinet minister had barely begun speaking when a man in the middle row stood up and identified himself as a member of Extinction Rebellion.

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He was quickly bundled out of the hall by security as he shouted at Ms Braverman.

Moments later, a woman stood up and started asking the Home Secretary questions before she too was hauled out.

"Anyone else?" Ms Braverman said to applause.

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She added: "It's audition day for the shadow cabinet."

Extinction Rebellion later confirmed they were behind the protests, accusing the Government of "demonising migrants" and "criminalising peaceful protests".

It came just hours after Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg had his keynote speech interrupted by an activist protesting the Illegal Migration Bill.

Shortly after Mr Rees-Mogg began speaking, a man joined him at the lectern and said: "I would like to draw your attention to a few characteristics of fascism."

The protester was then hauled off stage by security.

One of the protesters, who was not named by Extinction Rebellion, said: "National Conservatism says it wants people to bind together over national identity to let them flourish, but we've heard our politicians and seen their policies.



The protest interrupted the speech / Supplied

"We know they let rich people get richer with obscene corporate dividends while our waters are filled with sewage and our NHS is underfunded.

"They scapegoat the voiceless when they should be tackling the climate emergency that spells immediate disaster to millions of people and animals."

During her speech, Ms Braverman claimed that Conservatives were "sceptical of self-

She told the conference that Tory members "prize experience, judgment and wisdom," saying she would rather be governed by the first 2,000 people in the telephone directory than by the Harvard University faculty.

"Measuring diversity only on the basis of skin colour, sex and sexuality is mindbogglingly myopic. Identity politics is the politics of grievance and division."

Elsewhere during her address, Ms Braverman argued that "mass and rapid migration is unsustainable in terms of housing supply, public services or community relations".

She added: "Absorbing more and more people means building more and more homes is another one of those unfashionable facts that the open-borders brigade would say means we're starting a culture war.

"It's not racist for anyone, ethnic minority or otherwise, to want to control our borders."

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Just Stop Oil protesters disrupt hearing into Met's coronation policing

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Watch: Groans as protesters interrupt Coronation arrests meeting

By Rachel Russell

BBC News

A hearing into the Metropolitan Police's treatment of protesters on Coronation day was briefly interrupted by Just Stop Oil activists. The Home Affairs Committee's hearing was paused about 25 minutes into proceedings on Wednesday morning.

Voices could be heard in the chamber, followed by people groaning and asking for security to intervene, before the video feed cut out.

Separately, eight Just Stop Oil members were arrested at Parliament Square.

<u>The Metropolitan Police said</u> they were detained after conditions to move out of the road in central London were not complied with.

Chief Constable Chris Noble, protest lead at the National Police Chiefs' Council, and Met Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist were answering questions from MPs during the committee session.

Behind them was a small group of activists wearing white T-shirts with Just Stop Oil written on them.

Before the group was removed, Dr Kush Naker, 33, a doctor of infectious diseases from London, said "our democracy is under threat" as he started to read a prepared statement.

The protest group said 28 people had been marching to Parliament as the hearing took place to call on the government to stop licensing new oil and gas projects "which they know will contribute to the deaths of millions."

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said removing the protesters from the committee room was "a continuation of the silencing of legitimate dissent we saw at the Coronation".

"This is clearly politically motivated and represents a massive overreach by the police.

"No evidence has been provided and now those wrongfully arrested are being prevented from giving evidence to the very committee that has been organised to assess the policing during the Coronation," the spokesperson said.

After the protesters were removed and the hearing resumed, MP Tim Loughton said: "To be clear, they were Just Stop Oil protesters who tried to undermine the activities of this committee with our witnesses today."

Committee chairwoman, Labour MP Dame Diana Johnson, said it was important that Parliament is open to members of the public, but "we also take very seriously that we should not be disrupted from our job of scrutinising, particularly what happened in this case".

She went on to thank security and police officers who acted quickly so the session could continue.

Before the hearing was interrupted, Mr Twist defended the policing of the Coronation, which saw 64 people arrested in London under the Public Order Act 2023. Those arrested included six people from the anti-monarchy group Republic, as well as three Night Stars volunteers for Westminster City Council.

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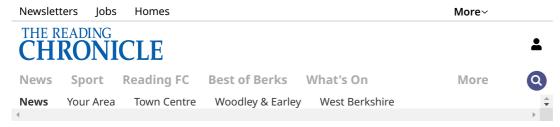
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Man risked jail by protesting outside London Crown Court at Insulate Britain trial (Image: Gwen Harrison)





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Simon Bramwell, 51, from Reading, was among 25 people - including seven medical professionals, a former Police Officer, a former lawyer, two teachers, and a Church of England priest – who risked jail this week for displaying signs around Inner London Crown Court.

Supporting Insulate Britain, the group sat on the pavement outside the court, on May 15 and 16, displaying signs in a "innocent" protest, informing the jury of their right to acquit based on their conscience.

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Indigo Rumbelow, 29, a spokesperson for Just Stop Oil, said the judge "faces a choice: either he orders the arrest of the legal and health professionals, Quakers and teachers; or he retreats and pretends to ignore us.

"This is the dilemma we are posing to him."

Insulate Britain was demanding that the Government insulates the country's houses, starting with social housing.

The defendants have been given gagging orders preventing them from mentioning the

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Shell CEO shielded by security as climate protesters try to storm shareholder meeting

By Shadia Nasralla and Ron Bousso

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Shell strategy wins 80% of shareholder vote

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Climate activist resolution wins 20% of votes

LONDON, May 23 (Reuters) - Shell (SHEL.L) 🗅 shareholders overwhelmingly supported the energy giant's strategy at a raucous annual general meeting disrupted by climate activists who tried to storm the stage.

Tuesday's meeting highlighted the growing tension Shell and its peers face as they try to navigate growing investor pressure to accelerate their shift away from oil and gas while other shareholders focus on profit after record earnings last year.

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 $Shell's\ climate\ strategy\ resolution\ won\ 80\%\ support\ from\ voting\ shareholders,\ according\ to\ preliminary\ results,\ in\ line\ with\ last\ year.$

A shareholder resolution filed by activist group Follow This, calling on Shell to set more ambitious targets for cutting greenhouse gas emissions, won support from a fifth of the voters, also unchanged from a similar resolution last year.

The activist resolution echoes a <u>Dutch court</u> ruling demanding that Shell ramps up its climate targets. Shell has launched an appeal against the ruling.

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"The silent majority is being very clear with us as to their expectations ... (to) find a balanced transition," Chief Executive Wael Sawan told reporters after the meeting.

Shell <u>aims</u> to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2050 and has set several short and medium-term emission targets but has so far rejected calls to set 2030 goals to reduce absolute emissions.

Sawan, who has signalled that Shell is reviewing plans to reduce oil output, is set to announce a strategy update next month.

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[1/11] A climate activist is removed after disrupting Shell's annual general meeting in London, Britain May 23, 2023. REUTERS/Ron Bousso Purchase Licensing Rights [7]

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The meeting started after an hour's delay caused by repeated disruptions by protestors who were carried out by dozens of security staff.

Security staff formed a human chain on stage to shield Sawan, Chairman Andrew Mackenzie and company directors after a group of protestors attempted to storm the stage.

"Go to hell, Shell, and don't you come back no more," a choir of about a dozen protesters sang as they called for Shell to stop producing fossil fuels, with Sawan and Mackenzie watching.

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"We've heard this point many times now," Mackenzie told the protesters. "Wouldn't it be nice to have this debate rather than saying the same thing over and over again."

He added that Shell's investment in lower-carbon solutions that earn smaller returns than oil and gas projects shows it is taking climate change seriously.

Shell, which reported a record \$40 billion profit last year, and other major hydrocarbon producers argue that they have to help cover ever-increasing demand for oil and gas.

A company spokesperson said the protestors were "not interested in constructive engagement."

ientists say the world needs to cut greenhouse gas emissions by about 43% from 2019 levels by 2030 to stand a chance of meeting the Paris agreement's goal of keeping warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial levels.



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Demonstrators condemn 'draconian' and 'authoritarian' protest laws

Hundreds of people gathered in Parliament Square on Saturday to protest against recent legislation including the Public Order Bill.





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Demonstrators condemned the Government's controversial laws on protests as "draconian" and "authoritarian" as hundreds of them marched through central London.

Supporters and volunteers for Just Stop Oil (JSO), <u>Extinction Rebellion</u> (XR), Republic, <u>Black Lives Matter</u> and more gathered in <u>Parliament Square</u> on Saturday to protest against recent legislation, including the Public Order Bill, which critics say could curb the right to peaceful protest.





Speeches and live music were heard on the green before protesters marched to <u>Downing Street</u> and back as part of the #NotMyBill demonstration, holding colourful banners and signs reading "No more police powers" and "Defend the right to protest".

The Public Order Bill introduced new offences including locking on – a tactic used in recent years by some environmental protesters to fasten themselves to a protest point – going equipped to lock on and interfering with key national infrastructure.

Member of anti-monarchy group Republic, Tom Lines, told the PA news agency he was protesting because of the arrests his group experienced on the day of the King's coronation.

Calling the incident an "outrage", the 68-year-old said he arrived late to the coronation protest, having travelled from his home in Brighton.

"If I had been (there) I probably would have been in the back of a van as well," he said.

Graham Smith, chief executive of Republic, was detained for 16 hours on the day of the King's crowning after officers deemed that straps in his organisation's van could be used to lock on.



That is what happened on the day but worse than that is that the

Government has passed this legislation that is going to allow that in the future," Mr Lines said.

Moyra Samuels, a volunteer for Stand Up to Racism, also condemned the Bill.

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"We have all come together to protest the Government's draconian authoritarian attack on our democratic rights," she told PA.

She added: "We want to protect our right to protest because how else can we challenge and hold them to account in all the issues that actually we need to protest about?"

Ms Samuels, from west London, referenced the Black Lives Matter protests sparked by the murder by a police officer of George Floyd in the United States.

"If you think about the George Floyd protests, how else could we express, could the world express, its outrage at police violence but through protest?

"How else will a government hear what its people are saying unless we take to the streets with our message, a loud message? So the silencing of us, I think, is very, very worrying."

She told PA she wants the Bill "kicked out" but is not hopeful the Government will do so.

"This is not a government that is in a listening mood because it's in crisis.

"So it's not ready to listen.

"But it has an election coming up so it may get a little bit worried that actually this may be... too far for some of the voters in the shires because Britain does have some tradition of democracy."

XR volunteer Sarah Montgomery, 72, accused the Government of pushing through "outrageous" and "undemocratic" laws.

She referenced the two year and seven month prison sentence given to Marcus Decker for scaling the Queen <u>Elizabeth II</u> bridge as an example of the Government "cracking down" on protesters.



Asked about her biggest concern, she told PA: "It's about being arrested for locking on to somebody else or for holding hands or for being seen to be walking towards a protest perhaps with a banner.

"Then you know you are had for conspiracy to protest. This is outrageous.

"We need to have a voice so at the very basic level it's about being able to protest."

In a statement, environmental campaign group JSO said: "The Government's plan to stop dissent is to ban bike locks and megaphones.

"This is no plan at all. It's like banning fire alarms instead of stopping fires."

Outside the gates of Downing Street, protesters chanted: "Rishi, Rishi, Rishi. Out, out."

The crowd thinned and calmed once it returned to Parliament Square.

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Just Stop Oil protesters storm Twickenham grounds throwing orange paint powder in protest

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Two people wearing Just Stop Oil t-shirts ran onto the pitch during the match. Credit: PA

Just Stop Oil campaigners stormed into Twickenham stadium, throwing orange paint onto the field and disrupting play.

The Gallagher Premiership final match was halted midway through the first half when two protestors wearing Just Stop Oil t-shirts ran onto the pitch.

The protesters threw orange paint powder onto the field as the crowds jeered them.

Fans cheered as they were escorted from the stadium by stewards a short time later.

A statement from Just Stop Oil said the men involved in the protest were Dr Patrick Hart, 37, a GP from Bristol and Sam Johnson, 40, a construction worker from Essex.

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"They are demanding a halt to any new licences for oil, gas and coal projects in the UK."

According to the statement, Dr Hart said: "I am doing this because it's my duty as a doctor. The climate crisis is the greatest health crisis humanity has ever faced.

"People are dying now and more will die every day unless we stop new oil, gas and coal.

Woman waters Just Stop Oil protesters with hose at the Chelsea Flower Show Committee on policing protesters interrupted by protesters

"In the same way, the tobacco companies lied to us that tobacco was safe, the scrum of fossil fuel companies and corrupt politicians have been lying to us. They are keeping us addicted to fossil fuels, even though they know it's killing us.

"I am not prepared to let them get away with mass murder. We are ordinary people. We are the doctors and nurses who care for you when you are sick. I call on everyone to come and join us in the streets and be on the right side of history."

Mr Johnson said: "I took action today simply because we have run out of time. We've got to tackle this now.

"We have known for longer than I've been alive what would happen if we kept burning fossil fuels and now we are seeing this catastrophe unfold in real time. The whole world knows that licensing new fossil fuel projects in 2023 will cause the deaths of millions of people.

"We are at the greatest crossroads humanity has ever faced and unless we act now we will lose everything we have ever cared about.

"I have a nephew who is seven years old, who I love to bits, and as long as I have breath in my lungs I will fight to protect his future."

A statement from Twickenham Stadium read: "Twickenham Stadium can confirm two people have been arrested and this is now a police matter.

"We would like to thank our stewarding team who acted decisively and swiftly."

Elsewhere, hundreds of protesters descended on London Bridge as they fought against expansion plans of Ultra Low Emissions Zones (Ulez).

'A dystopian nightmare': Met Police make 52 Police investigate after Just Stop Oil activist



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Labour mayor Sadiq Khan intends to expand the capital's ultra low emission zone to cover the entirety of outer London.

Last month, a High Court judge decided five Conservative-led councils could challenge the plan.

If it goes ahead, the Ulez expansion will see drivers in outer London pay a £12.50 daily fee from August 29 if their vehicles do not meet required emissions standards.

Hundreds had their say as they halted traffic driving across the city centre bridge in a bid to prevent plans to expand the Ulez reach to the whole of London.

It comes as earlier this week the campaigners hit headlines after throwing orange paint over a Chelsea Flower Show display minutes before they were sprayed with a hose.

Three women climbed over a rope barrier on Thursday, May 25, and smothered the RBC Brewin Dolphin Garden, designed by Paul Hervey-Brookes, an award-winning plantsman, with the paint.

Shortly afterwards Metropolitan Police officers arrested the women, named by JSO as Stephanie Golder, 35, Naomi Goddard, 58, a retired landscape engineer, and Rosa Hicks, 28, for criminal damage.

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Police drag eco-protesters off road after they try to block main route into west London in rush hour

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The police officer tried to drag the protester off the road. Picture: Twitter/Just Stop Oil



By Kit Heren @yung_chuvak

Police were seen trying to drag eco-activists off the road after they blocked traffic on the main route into west London during rush hour on Wednesday morning, causing huge traffic jams and chaos for commuters.

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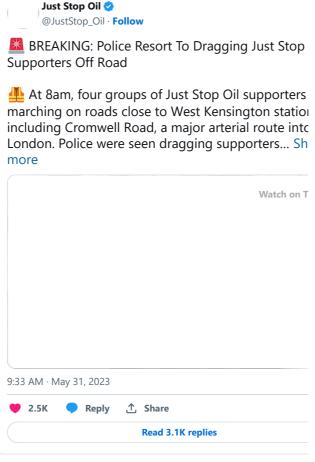
The Just Stop Oil protesters blocked the A4, the main road into west London, as well as two other roads, from 8am on Wednesday, causing caused "massive several mile tailbacks", according to one onlooker.

Footage from the scene shows frustrated motorists crawling along behind about a dozen protesters with banners.

The protest proved to be relatively short-lived, as police officers arrived to cleared the demonstrators from the road at about 8.45am.

A video posted online by Just Stop Oil shows an officer trying to pull one man from the road as the protester went limp.

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The frustrated officer gives up and leaves the man, who gets to his feet again.

Nevertheless officers were able to remove the protesters under Section 12 of the Public Order Act, which allows police to break up a 'public procession' if they believe "it may result in serious public disorder, serious damage to property or serious disruption to the life of the community".

Just Stop Oil: "At 8am, four groups of Just Stop Oil supporters began marching on roads close to West Kensington station, including Cromwell Road, a major arterial route into London.

"Police were seen dragging supporters in a futile attempt to get them off the road."



Just Stop Oil demands an end to all new fossil fuel projects.

The group has been holding a string of "slow march" protests in recent weeks, as Met Police say they have used 3,900 officer shifts to deal with the public disruptions.

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Activists are also conducting slow marches in Parliament Square every Saturday, vowing to continue "until we win".

Other events included an incident where protesters were thrown out of a Commons inquiry in Parliament looking into how protests were policed during King Charles's Coronation.

A small group of activists were removed from a Home Affairs Select Committee's meeting as they disrupted the hearing.

Five had been arrested on the day of the Coronation, their group said.

Dr Kush Baker, 33, one of the activists who was removed, began to read a prepared statement which read: "We, as supporters of Just Stop Oil, are here today because our democracy is under threat" – at which point he was removed.

Later, a frustrated man threw a Just Stop Oil protester onto the ground during a slow walk protest in central London.

A video posted to social media shows the man approaching the protesters as they walked down Mansell Street near the Tower of London on May 19.

He then snatches the banners out of the protesters' hands, before shoving the woman on to the ground.

The angry passer-by appeared to snatch a phone from one of the campaigners and throw it away, as he tries to push the other demonstrators out of the way of traffic.

Meanwhile, the woman picks herself up and goes to sit on the pavement.

There was also irritation as protesters threw orange paint over a garden at the Chelsea Flower Show, and disrupted the Gallagher Premiership rugby final at Twickenham by invading the pitch and throwing orange powder paint.

The police have warned the public not to intervene in the activists' demonstrations.

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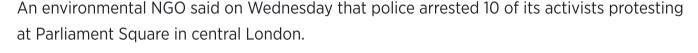












A video showed that police officers were arresting some protesters during the group's "slow march" which has been held by the Just Stop Oil every day since April 24.

Sharing the video, the group said that an 81-year-old and 73-year-old, who has been wheelchair-dependent for 15 years, were among 10 arrested by the police.

"Ten Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested at Parliament Square for peacefully marching in the road, demanding that the UK Government immediately halt all new oil and gas consents and licences," the NGO said on Twitter.

Earlier, the NGO shared another video footage showing police officers trying to drag the protesters off a central road, close to the West Kensington Underground Station.

Vehicles blocked by protesters trying to get past by honking their horns could also be seen in a video shared on Twitter.

The group has been staging protests either at events by pouring orange powder or blocking roads, causing traffic disruption to demand that the British government halt all licenses and consents for new oil, gas, and coal projects.

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England cricket team bus briefly held up by Just Stop Oil protest in London

Jonny Bairstow posts image of protesters in front of team bus Bus arrives at Lord's on time for Ireland match after short delay

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The England men's cricket team's Test summer got off to a difficult start after the team bus was briefly held up on its way to Lord's by Just Stop Oil protesters.

Jonny Bairstow, one of the 11 players selected to face Ireland in a one-off Test that begins on Thursday, posted a photo on his Instagram story which showed Just Stop Oil protesters and police in the road in front of their team coach. Bairstow's caption read: "If we're a bit late it's not our fault."

Day one of the match in London is set to start as scheduled at 11am, with the protest close to Hyde Park cleared quickly and not causing any significant delays to the team's journey.

It is not immediately clear whether the coach was intentionally targeted by the group of protesters. Just Stop Oil tweeted a short clip of the protest, with the caption: "Apparently that's the @englandcricket team bus. They might know a bit about a batting collapse, but the climate crisis is no oneday international - it's our biggest test."

In a further press release, the campaign group said: "At 8am, around 50 Just Stop Oil supporters, in five groups, began marching on roads around Hyde Park and Battersea Park. At around 8.37 a mini-march of four people walking on Kensington Gore was seen delaying the England cricket team, who were travelling by coach.

"Police arrived on scene within minutes and placed a Public Order Act (Section 12) notice on the march, ending it by 8.43. All teams were off the road by 10am. Further marches are expected later this morning."

BREAKING: Just Stop Oil supporters march In Kensington and Battersea.
• They might know a bit about a batting collapse, but the climate crisis is no one-day international - it's our biggest test. #JustStopOil #Cricket pic.twitter.com/RWlRpy1e8Z
– Just Stop Oil (@JustStop_Oil) June 1, 2023

A spokesperson for Just Stop Oil added: "No one is safe from climate collapse, it will destroy everything we care about. All we will have left is ashes. Oil and gas has had a good innings, but it's time to declare."

Climate crisis protesters were also seen at the Premiership rugby union final at Twickenham between Saracens and Sale last weekend. Two men wearing Just Stop Oil T-shirts invaded the pitch midway through the first half and threw orange paint power on to the turf before being removed by security staff.

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The most high-profile recent incident in sport occurred at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, during the World Snooker Championship in April. Robert Milkins' match against Joe Perry was interrupted when a protester jumped on to the table and tipped orange powder over the cloth.

England are beginning their summer red-ball campaign with a four-day Test against Ireland at Lord's, before the Ashes series against Australia gets under way on 16 June.

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Shell launches global media review, prompting protests at incumbent WPP's offices

Extinction Rebellion targets energy giant over its pitch.



Shell has launched a review of its global media account, currently with WPP's EssenceMediacom.

WPP has handled media planning and buying duties for the energy giant since 2005 and *Campaign* understands that multiple agencies have been invited to pitch for the account.

Shell is a significant advertiser and it has previously been reported that it spent in the region of £142m on marketing annually.

A Shell spokesperson told *Campaign*: "Shell routinely reviews its contracts to ensure our agreements align with our business strategy and current company needs."

News of the global review has been circulating in recent days and prompted activists from environmental campaigning group Extinction Rebellion to protest outside EssenceMediacom's offices on Theobalds Road in central London, urging the agency not to repitch for the account.



The activists, who provided this picture (*above*) to news media, handed out leaflets, which said "Don't do Shell's dirty work" and contained suggestions on how to stop the pitch.

These suggestions included: asking agency and network heads to boycott the pitch, sharing the leaflet internally, and whistleblowing information on the pitch to Extinction Rebellion's TruthTeller site.

Ian McDermott, one of the Extinction Rebellion protestors, said: "We understand that an agency has already refused to pitch for the Shell account on the grounds that it doesn't fit with their values and commitments to Net Zero."

McDermott added that the group wanted the agencies invited to pitch to take a "principled and brave stand" against working with Shell and avoid "forcing their creatives to be complicit in the accelerating climate emergency".

EssenceMediacom declined to comment on the review but shared that it was a "very peaceful" protest outside their offices.

Shell declined to comment on the protests.

The company previously announced a new strategy, called Powering Progress, to accelerate the transition of its business to net-zero emissions, in 2021.

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Edinburgh climate activists in city centre protest over pension investments

Around 20 protestors have been spotted with banners outside of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre as they demonstrate over a pension event that is being sponsored by BlackRock.





Extinction Rebellion outside of EICC protesting pension investment in fossil fuels.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) has targeted the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) as it hosts the The PLSA Investment Conference 2023 on Wednesday.

The climate action group have been spotted in front of the large glass building dressed in black whilst they sing protest songs ahead of attendees arriving at the event. It appears as though XR are protesting against pension funds investing in fossil fuels with the group singling out <u>BlackRock</u> in particular.

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They also have a banner in front of them which reads: 'No Future in Fossil Fuels.'

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Those at XR claim that BlackRock, who are taking part in the pension event at the EICC, are the second largest investor in coal, oil and gas in the world.

They are unhappy with BlackRock's involvement in the event as well as with a BP speaker that is due to address those in attendance at the pension conference.

"Our protests are targeted at pension funds and the need for them to divest from fossil fuels that are doing so much damage to our planet," Duncan, XR's media spokesperson said.



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Joan Forehand has helped to organise the protest.

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"Fossil fuel companies receive an enormous amount of investment from pension funds so we are calling on them to divest.

"This action follows on from various previous protests at the conference centre that called on them to stop platforming members of the fossil fuel industry.

"The building is owned by the council and the involvement of the fossil fuel industry goes against everything that they are working towards with their climate goals.

"The current pension conference is hosting BlackRock, who are the second largest investor in coal, oil and gas on the planet.



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Beth Cross outside of the EICC.

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"There is also a BP speaker at the event and that is why we are here protesting."

Five police officers were spotted monitoring the situation and there are also a number of security guards placed around the entrances to the EICC.

Joan Forehand, 58, who is an organiser from Extinction Rebellion and divest Lothian, is at the protest, she said: "We are here today with a clear message that big oil and pension funds don't mix.

"Pension funds are supposed to be safeguarding our future, not investing in private breakdown."

Beth Cross, 60, a protestor at the event said: "It's far too late to make changes, I am not going to have a pension if we don't change how we invest and I am not going to have a world to enjoy it in."

Andrew Magowan, 56, also a member of XR said: "We are here to get the pensions industry to think about its investment profile and where it invests its money and particularly to stop them from investing in oil and gas.



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"For an industry that bases itself on the long term future, it's not going to have a future if they don't stop investing in oil and gas.

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"With their investment decisions today they can have a huge impact in making a better future."

BlackRock say that divesting from entire sectors, or simply passing carbon-intensive assets from public markets to private markets, will not get the world to net zero.

They add that BlackRock does not pursue divestment from oil and gas companies as a policy.

They said that they do have some clients who choose to divest their assets while other clients reject that approach.

BlackRock add that 'foresighted companies' across a wide range of carbon intensive sectors are transforming their businesses, and that their actions 'are a critical part of decarbonisation.'

They believe the companies leading the transition present a 'vital investment opportunity' for their clients and that 'driving capital towards these phoenixes will be essential to achieving a net zero world.'

A BlackRock spokesperson said: "The money we manage is not our own – it belongs to our clients, many of whom make their own asset allocation and portfolio construction decisions

"BlackRock's role in the transition to a low-carbon economy is as a fiduciary: we provide choice to our clients; we seek the best risk-adjusted returns within the mandate our clients give us; and we underpin our work with research, data, and analytics."

Edinburgh Live has approached the EICC for a comment.

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Ocean Rebellion staged the demonstration in Dundee to highlight the risk of oil spills.

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Members of Ocean Rebellion take part in a protest opposing the Rosebank oil field (Jane Barlow/PA)



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Demonstrators smeared oil over a fake, human-sized gannet to protest against plans to develop the Rosebank oil and gas field.

Ocean Rebellion climate protesters staged the stunt near **Dundee** harbour on Thursday, pouring containers filled with fake oil over the mock bird until it became unrecognisable.



Norwegian oil and gas company Equinor has applied to the UK Government for approval to work on Rosebank, the largest undeveloped oil field in the UK, with a decision expected soon.

It lies west of Shetland and is capable of producing up to 500 million barrels of oil.

Demonstrators said the protest highlighted the impact the oil industry can have on wildlife, with seabirds often found covered in oil due to spillages.

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Fellow protesters stood behind the performers with a banner that read "Stop Rosebank".

The protest group said the planned development "is a slap in the face not just to nature, marine life and ocean ecosystems, but also to the UN secretary-general and the International Energy Authority, who have both said new oil and gas is incompatible with the Paris Agreement targets".

Mandy Cairns, from Ocean Rebellion, added: "Equinor state on their website that their environmental work is guided by their commitments to prevent harm to the environment, and yet they intend to develop an oil field which would involve a pipeline cutting through the Faroe-Shetland sponge belt, which is home to sensitive deep sea sponges and 400-year-old clams.

"A major oil spill from Rosebank could risk serious impact to at least 16 Marine Protected Areas."

Kate Treharne, Ocean Rebellion zoologist, added: "With a million seabirds calling Shetland home, an

A spokesperson for Equinor refuted the protesters' claims, stating: "Rosebank is a project that can counteract the decline in domestic production and improve energy security, with oil and gas produced with significant lower carbon footprint than the current average on the UK Continental Shelf.

"It will be developed in line with UK's North Sea Transition Deal and Equinor's net-zero ambition, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

"The numbers that the protesters refer to are not correct.

"The environmental footprint of the project has been thoroughly assessed in an environmental statement, published in August last year, and worst case impact assessments have been carried out to ensure that the field can be developed in an environmentally responsible way.

"New oil and gas fields in the North Sea can absolutely be in keeping with the UK's commitment to net-zero.

"For example, the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) uses an 'effective net-zero test' which looks at a range of factors including greenhouse gas emissions, lifetime production against UK future demand, and production emissions impacts when assessing applications for a new field.

"We have full confidence in our data, which show that the UK oil and gas industry is currently on track to meet interim emissions reduction targets agreed in the North Sea Transition Deal.

"Our 2022 Emissions Monitoring Report shows that achieving the 2030 goal of a 50% reduction in production emissions is the absolute minimum the NSTA expects from industry, which should aim to surpass it."

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A UK Government spokesperson said no decision has been made regarding Rosebank yet, adding it is the NSTA which will ultimately make a decision.

The NSTA said it does not comment on individual cases, but said in every case it "takes a life cycle approach to net zero regulation, including through our strategy, and our range of regulatory levers".

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Dale Vince and George Monbiot march with Just Stop Oil

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Just Stop Oil supporters are joined on the streets of central London this morning with Ecotricity Founder Dale Vince and acclaimed journalist George Monbiot. They are joining the countless others demanding that the UK Government halt all licences and consents for new oil, gas and coal projects. [1]

Shortly after 8am, 15 supporters in three 'mini-marches' began marching in the West End, Hammersmith and Fulham. A number of altercations occurred with members of the public and Louis Grieves, who was briefly detained by police on the 23rd May, after assaulting peaceful demonstrators, was once again seen forcibly removing Just Stop Oil supporters from the road. A Public Order Act (Section 12) notice was placed on all three marches and they were forced off the road by 8:50am.

At 11:30am, 47 Just Stop Oil supporters marched from Parliament Square, joined by Ecotricity founder and Forest Green Rovers FC Chairman, Dale Vince, as well as acclaimed journalist and author of Regenesis-George Monbiot.

"We're delighted to welcome George and Dale onto the road with us this morning. They have recognised, along with countless others, that allowing new oil, gas and coal projects in 2023 is complete madness. We all know that we have the solutions available to us, but our illegitimate government is not pursuing them because they have been bought by fossil fuel interests."

"Every significant moment of social change has been achieved through disruptive civil resistance. It's not comfortable for anyone, but this is how change happens. At this point it is not a case of if we will win, but when. It's time we were all on the streets. Join a slow march every Saturday at midday in Parliament Square."







a successful crowdfunder, which raised close to a million pounds for Just Stop Oil; with significant contributions from Dale Vince and Academy Award nominated director of 'Don't Look Up' - Adam McKay.

Dale Vince said:

"New oil and gas is a mad thing to even consider, whilst we're in the teeth of the climate crisis, that we know is happening and is only going to get worse. We signed up to the Paris Accord to keep warming to 1.5C and we know we can't have new fossil fuel projects and keep to those commitments. None of this makes sense to me."

"We have an illegitimate prime minister making these crazy decisions that will affect future generations of Britains to come. There's nothing right about what is going on at all. The right-wing media are trying to claim that the money I've given to Labour has influenced their policies when in fact it is science that has influenced their policy. We know we can't have new oil and gas. It's a globally known scientific established fact and common opinion. What Rishi and the tories are doing is completely counterfactual. If you're thinking about joining a slow march, don't think about it, do it."

George Monbiot said:

"This is one of the greatest crises on earth. Our burning of fossil fuels is going to bring earth's systems to an end. We have to leave oil, gas and coal in the ground. Our governments are not committed to doing that, and we'll keep protesting until they are. If we don't leave fossil fuels in the ground. We are properly cooked. So we are marching not just for ourselves, but for everyone on earth as well as the future generations of children and grandchildren that we haven't yet met. We owe it to them, as much as we owe it to everyone who's alive today, to protect this wonderful place we call home."

The actions today come as large swathes of the world continue to experience record-breaking temperatures. Puerto Rico is experiencing a heatwave that has "astonished" meteorologists, with temperatures hitting 51.6C, as the combined effects of a 'heat-dome' and a shift to an El Nino weather pattern is frazzling the island. [2]

Meanwhile in the UK, the first heat health alert of the year has been issued for the coming weekend in, where temperatures could reach a peak of 30C. [3]

In the U.S more than 55 million people across the Northeast, Midwest and mid-Atlantic in the US are under air quality alerts as wildfire smoke originating from Canada shrouds major US cities. There are more than 400 wildfires burning across all provinces in Canada. [4][5]

Since the Just Stop Oil campaign launched on 14th February 2022, there have been 2,200 arrests and 138 people have spent time in prison, many without trial. There are currently two Just Stop Oil supporters serving three year prison sentences for resisting new oil, gas and coal.

We stand with these political prisoners, with the 1,800 victims of the UK's broken criminal justice system, imprisoned for over a year without trial, and with the 1,700 murdered across the global south, for protecting

Just Stop Oil is calling on everyone to get off the sidelines and join in civil resistance against new oil, gas and coal.

The time is now. Join us and slow march while you still can. Our indefinite campaign of civil resistance is underway and will not end until our government makes a meaningful statement halting new fossil fuel projects in the UK.

Join Just Stop Oil on a slow march at midday every Saturday, at Parliament Square until we win.

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[1] Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects<u>. Climate Emergency Fund</u> is Just Stop Oil's primary funder for recruitment, training, and capacity building.

Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

[2] https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/historic-heat-is-roasting-puerto-rico-where-it-feelslike-125-degrees/ar-AA1cfVdR

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Extinction Rebellion protesters glue themselves to SLB Cambridge centre

The SLB Cambridge Centre (formerly Schlumberger) building on Madingley Road was targeted by climate change activists who glued themselves to the front door on Friday morning (June 9).

The action was an escalation of an 18-month joint campaign by Extinction Rebellion Cambridge (XRC) and Extinction Rebellion Youth Cambridge (XRYC) to demand that the University of Cambridge cuts ties with the company, which develops technology for fossil fuel companies including BP and Shell.



Extinction Rebellion Cambridge activists outside the SLB/Schlumberger facility on Madingley Road. Picture: Derek Langley

Around 20 people attended the protest, which began at the main entrance before staff arrived. Accompanying banners read 'SLB = TOXIC'. A number of activists dressed as climate scientists, wearing white lab coats and handing leaflets to Schlumberger staffmembers as they entered the building.

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Activists at the SLB (previously Schlumberger) building on Madingley Road, June 9, 2023. Picture: Amelia Halls

One of the 'glued-on' activists said: "The oil and gas expansion that SLB do is toxic and even the International Energy Agency has said that oil and gas must stop. That said, it's shocking to me that people with power want to put the burden of making change on to us."

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Two protesters glued themselves to the building. They were freed by 2pm and the 10 protesters still on site left.

Activists at the SLB (previously Schlumberger) building on Madingley Road, June 9, 2023. Picture: Amelia Halls

A Cambridgeshire police spokesperson said: "We were called at 8.38am today with reports of a protest at the Schlumberger Cambridge Research building on Madingley Road, Cambridge, involving at least 15 people."

There were no arrests. The University of Cambridge was invited to comment.

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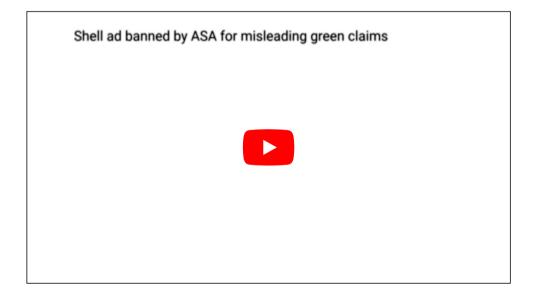
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Shell's "Powering Progress" campaign produced by Wunderman Thompson was banned by the UK's Advertising Standards Agency (ASA) for misleading consumers.

The ads said that 1.4 million homes in the UK used "100 per cent" renewable electricity from Shell, that the company was fitting 50,000 electric vehicle chargers nationwide by 2025 and working on wind power for a further six million homes. However, the ASA said that this gave the impression that low-carbon energy products made up a "significant proportion of the energy products Shell invested in and sold in the UK in 2022, or were likely to do so in the near future."

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As a result, the watchdog found that the ads misled consumers.

Shell, meanwhile, called the decision "shortsighted" and that consumers were "already well aware that Shell produces the oil and gas they depend on today. When customers fill up at our petrol stations across the UK, it's under the instantly recognisable Shell logo."

Following the ban, protestors from activist groups Adfree Cities, Glimpse, Greenpeace, Fossil Free London, Brandalism and Extinction Rebellion picketed Wunderman Thompson's offices in North London.

"We're telling Wunderman Thompson to drop the brief," said on Adfree Cities protestor on Twitter.

"Stop representing Shell, stop representing major polluters."



The protesters also handed out awards for "Best in Greenwashing" to Wunderman employees to "congratulate" the agency for its work.

"We're here today because advertising fossil fuels is toxic and wrong. It's increasingly a source of reputational, legal and regulatory risk. We think it has to end," Adfree Cities' Veronica Wignall told *Campaign*.

"Yesterday, Wunderman Thompson was called out by the ASA for adverts that talked up all of Shell's lower carbon initiatives, while failing to mention that they're vastly still invested in fossil fuels. More than 90 per cent of their business is still in fossil fuels. They're not winding down."

Andrew Simm's from anti-advertising group Brandalism added:

"We have a major problem in that some of the most polluting companies in the world are trying to pass themselves off as green. They're trying to create the impression that they're acting on the immediate challenge of the climate emergency. And that matters enormously.

"It's like, your house is on fire, and somebody is telling you that they're putting it out. But they're actually pouring more fuel on the flames."

Shell's global media account is also up for pitch at the moment. WPP's EssenceMediacom has held the account since 2005 and it is understood that a number of agencies have been invited to pitch. However, according to *Adweek*, agencies are unwilling to confirm whether they are pitching for the lucrative account.

Protesters from Extinction Rebellion gathered outside the EssenceMediacom in Central London and urged the agency not to repitch for the account.

"We understand that an agency has already refused to pitch for the Shell account on the grounds that it doesn't fit with their values and commitments to Net Zero," Ian McDermott, one of the protesters told *Campaign*.

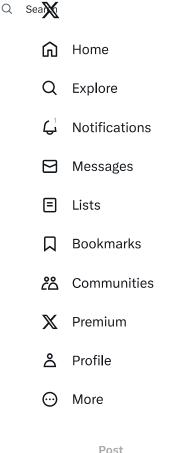
McDermott added that agencies should take a "principled and brave stand" against working with Shell and stop "forcing their creatives to be complicit in the accelerating climate emergency."

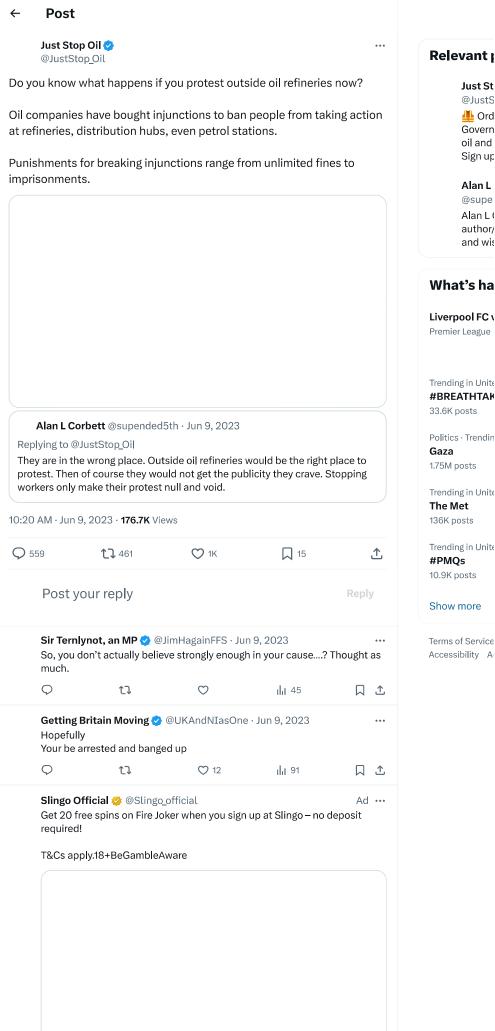
EssenceMediacom said that the protest was "very peaceful" but declined to comment further. Shell made no comment on the protests.

Closer to home, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has started cracking down on perceived greenwashing in advertising. The Australian Association of National Advertisers (AANA) has also brought forward its review of the environmental claims code.

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Hundreds of demonstrators will descend on beaches and take to the sea across Scotland to protest against the planned development of the Rosebank oil and gas field.

Activists from all over the country will set out on boats, kayaks and paddleboards on Saturday to highlight their concerns over the potential impact drilling into the reservoir 80 miles north-west of the Shetland isles could have on local marine life.

Water sports enthusiasts plan to stage a paddle out in Aberdeen and leave "Stop Rosebank" messages in the sand, while in Oban campaigners from Time for Change Argyll & Bute will take part in a massive beach clean.

UK Energy Security Secretary Grant Shapps is expected to reach a decision soon on whether to approve the development of Rosebank, which is believed to be the UK's largest undeveloped oil and gas field and thought to be capable of producing



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Campaigners estimate burning through that amount of oil would generate more CO2 emissions than 28 low-income countries produce in a year.

Dozens of climate and marine organisations, including Friends of the Earth Scotland, Surfers Against Sewage and Greenpeace UK, are demanding that Equinor, Norway's state-owned oil company, shelves its plan to develop Rosebank and that the UK Government rejects the project.

Izzy Ross, who is joining the Aberdeen paddle out with Surfers Against Sewage, said: "I'm taking part today with surfers, divers, and others from across the UK who live by the coast to ask the Government to protect Britain's seas and stop Rosebank.

"We are finally starting to appreciate how rich, diverse and important Britain's waters are, and in particular the seas around Scotland.

"Now is the time to protect and restore them, not continue to pollute and industrialise them for the sake of oil and gas industry profits.

"Rosebank won't help lower our bills, or make the UK any more energy secure, as most of its oil reserves will get put in tankers and sold overseas.

"People are demanding that our politicians put the health of our seas and amazing marine life first."

Activists claim Equinor will have to run a gas export pipeline through the Faroe-Shetland Sponge Belt – a UK Marine Protected Area (MPA) – to develop

They argue this will threaten marine life on the seabed, including rare, deep sea sponges and quahogs – an endangered species of clam that can live for up to 500 years.

Campaigners say cold water coral gardens in the area could also be impacted by the development, as well as the UK's populations of whales and dolphins.

Modelling also shows a major oil spill from Rosebank could risk serious impact to at least 16 UK MPAs, campaigners say.

Scott Herrett, just transition organiser at Friends of the Earth Scotland, who will also be taking part in the Aberdeen event, said: "Drilling for more oil and gas will cost us the earth and will continue to lock millions of people into unaffordable energy across the UK.

"It's time for Aberdeen to go in a new direction towards clean renewable energy that has minimal impact on our marine life and can provide good quality green jobs for the long term."

Rowan Aitchison, who is organising the Oban event, said: "We all want to be able to continue to enjoy our coast and sea in Argyll for years to come, and for future generations to be able to enjoy it and live in harmony with it too.

"For this to happen, we need to halt climate change and make sure that the oil and gas industry can't continue to pollute our seas and damage marine ecosystems.

"The UK Government must put a stop to Rosebank and all new oil and gas projects now."

Responding to claims made by activists during a separate protest against Rosebank in Dundee earlier this week, a spokesperson for Equinor said worst case impact assessments have been carried out to ensure the field is developed in "an environmentally responsible way".

A UK Government spokesperson added no decision has been made regarding Rosebank yet, and that it will be the North Sea Transition Authority which ultimately decides whether to approve the field.

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Meanwhile, more than 30 leading UK marine conservation organisations and campaigners have written to Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer to urge the party to hold firm on its recent pledge to end oil and gas developments in UK seas.

Led by NGOs Oceana and Uplift, the letter's signatories highlight the overlap of oil and gas licensing with designated MPAs and ask for recognition of the crosscutting benefits for ocean protection.

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ENVIRONMENTALIST groups including Extinction Rebellion will be protesting in Dorset this weekend against oil company, Perenco.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) groups from across the county will be marching to Poole Quay on Sunday, June 11, alongside other Dorset environment groups.

After a **march to Wytch Farm on May 1**, the groups will be returning to Poole Quay calling for oil company Perenco to lose its license.

It has **previously been revealed** that Perenco were the cause of the major oil spill in Poole Harbour, where 200 barrels of reservoir fluid was released into the water column on March 26.

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I beg to move,

That the draft Public Order Act 1986 (Serious Disruption to the Life of the Community) Regulations 2023, which were laid before this House on 27 April, be approved.

The regulations propose amendments to sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986. These sections provide the police with the powers to impose conditions on harmful protests that cause or risk causing serious disruption to the life of the community. These regulations have been brought forward to provide further clarity. I want to place on record my thanks to the Minister for Crime, Policing and Fire, my right hon. Friend the Member for Croydon South (Chris Philp), and to policing colleagues and officials for their hard work on this issue.

People have a right to get to work on time free from obstruction, a right to enjoy sporting events without interruption and a right to get to hospital. The roads belong to the British people, not to a selfish minority who treat them like their personal property. The impact of these disruptors is huge. Over the past six weeks alone, Just Stop Oil has carried out 156 slow marches around London. That has required more than 13,770 police officer shifts. That is more than 13,000 police shifts that could have been spent stopping robbery, violent crime or antisocial behaviour, and the cost to the taxpayer is an outrage, with £4.5 million spent in just six weeks, on top of the £14 million spent last year. In some cases the protests have aggravated the public so much that they have taken matters into their own hands. They have lost their patience. The police must be able to stop this happening and it is our job in government to give them the powers to do so.

Jim Shannon >

(Strangford) (DUP)



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Just Stop Oil protesters interrupt opera at Glyndebourne festival

Three activists use glitter cannons and air horns during performance of Poulenc's Dialogues des Carmélites

Nadeem Badshah

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Just Stop Oil protesters have interrupted a performance during the Glyndebourne opera festival in East Sussex by letting off glitter cannons and blowing air horns.

The disruption took place during a performance on Thursday of Francis Poulenc's Dialogues des Carmélites at the festival near Lewes.

The incident occurred at about 5.30pm and the opera restarted after a delay of about 20 minutes.

A Glyndebourne spokesperson said the incident was formally reported to police but officers were not on site and no arrests had been made.

The stage was cleared and ushers peacefully escorted the three protesters from the theatre within a minute, she said. The audience remained inside and were given regular updates.

"We are very sorry to everyone whose visit to Glyndebourne was affected by the protest action today," the spokesperson told the BBC.

"Our highest priority was the safety and security of everyone on site and we would like to thank our staff and performers, whose calm and professional response kept everyone safe, and disruption to a minimum."

Just Stop Oil posted video footage of the protest on social media and tweeted: "Three Just Stop Oil supporters briefly interrupted @glyndebourne opera festival with the old news that new oil and gas is incompatible with a liveable future, and that our government want to go ahead with it anyway.

"Glitter cannons and air-horns were set off during 'Dialogues des Carmelites', an opera featuring numerous characters condemned to death. Sound familiar?

"We are running out of time. Take action with Just Stop Oil."

Earlier on Thursday, more than a dozen Just Stop Oil protesters were arrested during slow marches through London as new legislation came into force giving police officers greater powers to intervene and prevent disruption.

Fifty-four supporters, across four groups, marched on the A406 at Hanger Lane, west London, and at Battersea Bridge in south London.

Nine of the activists were arrested by police after refusing to comply with a section 12 order, which places conditions on protests if they are deemed to be causing "serious disruption".

The marches continued later by Vauxhall Bridge, where police arrested seven more people for the same offence.

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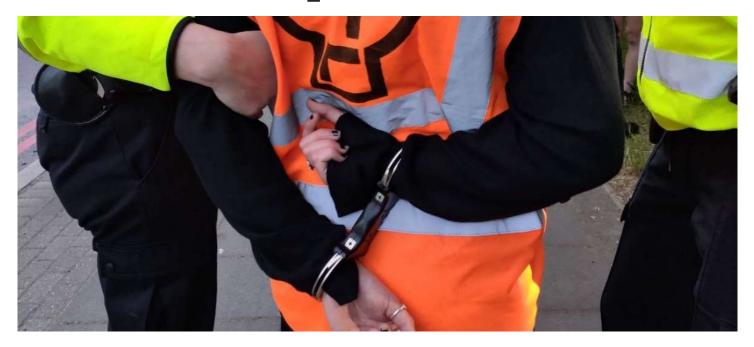


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Just Stop Oil threatens escalation after 15 held under new protest laws



CTIVIST group Just Stop Oil said today they could escalate
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their action, after 15 environmental protesters were arrested
under tougher protest regulations.

Dozens of activists carried out "slow-walk" marches in central and west London during this morning's rush-hour.

Met Police said seven arrests were made in Vauxhall Cross, with further arrests in Hanger Lane for failure to comply with the new section 12 regulations under the Public Order Act.

The regulations, voted through in the Lords on Tuesday, have lowered the threshold for what kind of protest activity is considered "serious disruption."

Asked about potential escalation of protests, a spokesman for Just Stop Oil told the Morning Star: "We can't rule anything out as a result of the new police laws.

"All options are on the table, we will do whatever is non-violently necessary to see the changes we all want to see."

He said eight were arrested in Hanger Lane under section 12, adding: "It reveals how weak the government is, that they are entirely illegitimate."

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Eco-protesters strike again, causing more disruption across London - including around St James' Palace

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By EJ Ward

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Eco-protesters have hit London again, with 42 supporters of the Just Stop Oil group "slow walking" on roads and bringing parts of the capital to a standstill on Friday morning.

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The four groups struck on Friday morning marching through the City, and south, east and west London, as part of their continued campaign to demand that the UK government halt all licences and consents for new oil, gas and coal projects.

The groups marched on Borough High Street and Newington Causeway in Southwark, Princes Street in the City, Warwick Road and High Street Kensington in west London, Piccadilly in the West End and St James' Street near Buckingham Palace, and West India Dock in Canary Wharf.

The Met Police were quickly on the scene with the force tweeting their officers were engaging with the protesters.

All the roads were cleared by about 10.30am and one protester was arrested on St James' Street.



A protester being arrested on Thursday. Picture: Alamy

One of those on the road, Jessica Upton, 53, a veterinary surgeon, foster carer and mum of two, from Oxfordshire said: "I'm a vet, foster carer and mum. I do not stop caring in my time off, so I'm in the road to get our government's attention.

"They need to step up and do what's right and stop issuing any new fossil fuel licences. The United Nations agrees with me on this!

"I'm on the road and I'm frightened, but it beats being at home doing nothing. The solutions ARE out there to ensure jobs, clean energy and prosperity for all, but our corrupt government seems to be blind to them."

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Just Stop Oil earlier this week. Picture: Getty



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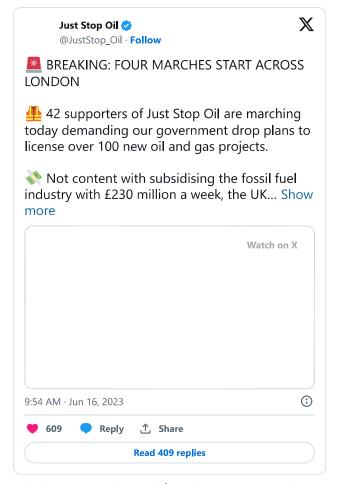
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It comes ahead of Trooping the Colour in the area around Buckingham Palace and Horse Guards Parade near St James' Park on Saturday.

During the procession, Charles will take the salute as Colonel in Chief of the seven regiments of the Household Division.

Riding with the king on horseback will be Prince William, Princess Anne and for the first time, Prince Edward.

Queen Camilla, the Princess of Wales, Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis will also take part to view the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards Troop their Colour at Horse Guards Parade.



Friday's protest was the group's latest disruption, coming after three of the eco-protester hit the opera at Glyndebourne on Thursday night, purchasing tickets for Dialogues des Carmelites.

One hour into the exclusive east Sussex show, the protestors jumped up from their seats, started shouting and let off a confetti bomb.

They also set off an air horn, with the play's actors immediately ushered off the stage.

The protestors were eventually restrained by security and escorted off the premises.

Just Stop Oil have been protesting on and off since February 2022, in an attempt to halt new oil and gas exploration. Some 2,200 people have been arrested and 138 people have been jailed.

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Cop28: Activists gather outside UAE's London embassy to protest climate conference



Human rights activists came together in London on Monday to protest against the decision to hold the Cop28 climate conference in the United Arab Emirates.

The event organised by ALQST, which monitors human rights abuses in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab countries, took place outside the UAE's embassy and was attended by activists from FairSquare, Amnesty International, PEN International and the MENA Solidarity Network.

"Having the world climate conference happen in a country that contributes majorly to the climate crisis is just a farce. It renders the event farcical," Julia Legner, executive director of ALQST, told Middle East Eye.

There are concerns that the petrostate's own economic interests will inhibit it from making any real progress in the fight against climate change.

In a speech given at the protest, James Lynch, founding co-director of FairSquare rights group, said: "The UAE autocracy is funded and fuelled by fossil fuels, so there is an inextricable link between fossil fuels and the autocracy of the UAE. The UAE will fight to keep fossil fuel on the agenda, to preserve its own power."

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In a widely criticised move, Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber, the CEO of the UAE's national oil company, Adnoc, has been appointed president of this year's summit.

He has been outspoken about the need to phase out emissions from oil and gas production, but has not committed to phasing out the UAE's production and use - something criticised by Amnesty

International.



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Experts at Climate Action Tracker, an independent scientific project, have concluded that the UAE's plan for an increase in fossil fuel production and consumption is inconsistent with limiting global heating to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the overarching goal of the 2016 Paris Agreement.

Monday's protest not only focused on the UAE's climate policies, but also its poor human rights record.

The event started by marking the two-year anniversary of Alaa al-Siddiq's death in a road accident. She was ALQST's former executive director and a prominent Emirati human rights defender.

Her father, Mohammed al-Siddiq, remains detained in the UAE despite his prison term having expired in April 2022. He was convicted as part of a 2013 trial dubbed the "UAE 94", which saw 94 lawmakers, professors, activists and students who had petitioned for democratic reforms tried for plotting to overthrow the government.

The event then ended with the handing over of a petition to the embassy in support of prisoners of conscience still being held in the UAE.

'The UAE is going to make Egypt look almost pluralistic in the way that the Cop runs'

- James Lynch, FairSquare

Speakers at the protest expressed fears that the UAE's restrictions on the right to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly will prevent the free participation of civil society in the conference, threatening its success.

Lynch said this Cop conference comes at "a really pressing moment in the fight against climate change", and needs to be directed by a presidency that "is trusted, and that is genuine in its intentions to ensure a real dialogue".

"But what we have instead is a Cop presidency that has proved itself, as a state, closed off to perspectives that it doesn't agree with," he added.

Lynch told MEE: "Anyone who has tried to dissent has either been put in prison, or forced to go into exile, or has seen what the red lines are and has completely stopped any even mild criticism of the state."

Reflecting on Cop27, held last year in Egypt amid a brutal government crackdown on dissent, he added: "The UAE is going to make Egypt look almost pluralistic in the way that the Cop runs."





Just Stop Oil supporters march as government paves way for 19th Century energy policies

Press / June 21, 2023

Just Stop Oil supporters are once again slow marching on the streets of central London, in their ninth week of daily action to demand that the UK Government halts all licences and consents for new oil, gas and coal projects. [1]

At around 8 am, 38 Just Stop Oil supporters, in four groups, began marching on key roads in Hammersmith and Bow. They continued for around an hour, before police issued S12 notices. All the marches ended by 9 am. Further marches are expected later this morning.

One of those on the road this morning, Linda Lancaster, a grandmother of three, from Bognor said:

"I am marching this morning out of concern for my grandchildren. Rishi Sunak thinks that he can licence over 100 new fossil fuel projects, destroying not only my grandchildren's futures, but his own daughters' "What Just Stop Oil is calling for, is a sensible basic first step in dealing with the breakdown of our climate, improving our energy security and reducing our sky-high energy bills. It will free us from dependence on international energy markets. Get on with the job Rishi! It's what everyone (apart from oil company CEO's) wants you to do."







Another of those taking action this morning, Claire Brook, 56 a therapist from Brighton, said:

"I am taking action today to demand a safe future for all young people. While our government continues to invest in new oil, gas and coal projects, they are choosing profit over life."

"We have so little time to make the changes needed to avert the full extent of the climate catastrophe. I believe that engaging in civil resistance is the only course of action we have left. It's time to pick a side and be on the right side of history. Sign up to march at <u>juststopoil.org</u>."

This morning's marches come as the government attempts to implement further regressive policies that bear resemblance to 19th century ideas, rather than ideas fit for the 21st century. It was announced that the government plans to remove a ban on opening new coal mines from a bill that is going through Parliament. Green MP Caroline Lucas called the decision "reckless" and Lord Teverson said it was "totally and absolutely obvious" that building a new coal mine "would be a really stupid thing for a country to do".

Meanwhile, in a transparent attempt to hamper progress away from the dirty energies of the past, the government is planning to ditch measures put in by the House of Lords that would enable small community renewable energy projects to sell electricity directly to local consumers. [2]

Just Stop Oil supporters have completed up to seven marches a day, six days a week since the 24th April. Over 600 ordinary people from all over the UK have taken part. To date there have been over 100 arrests and 40 people have been charged with failure to comply with Public Order Act (section 12) conditions.

Since the Just Stop Oil campaign launched on 14th February 2022, there have been 2,200 arrests and 138 people have spent time in prison, many without trial. Just Stop Oil supporters Morgan Trowland and Marcus

We stand with these political prisoners, with the 1,800 victims of the UK's broken criminal justice system, imprisoned for over a year without trial, and with the 1,700 murdered across the global south, for protecting all our lives. Thousands are dying every year from unnatural temperatures and extreme weather events, and this will soon rise to millions. Ordinary people must come together to resist this criminal government and hold them to account for their genocidal policies. [3][4]

Just Stop Oil is calling on everyone to get off the sidelines and join in civil resistance against new oil, gas and coal.

The time is now. Join us and slow march while you still can. Our indefinite campaign of civil resistance is underway and will not end until our government makes a meaningful statement halting new fossil fuel projects in the UK.

Join Just Stop Oil on a slow march at midday every Saturday, at Parliament Square until we win.

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[1] Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects. Climate Emergency Fund is Just Stop Oil's primary funder for recruitment, training, and capacity building.

Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

[2] https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-65950291

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It's been a hectic couple of months and it's hard to tell which part I'm still recovering from, but here's the installation of the <u>Hell Bus</u> crashing into a Hell petrol station at Glastonbury, Shangri-La this year. It was weeks and weeks of work and all over in 5 days.

I barely had a chance to pick through the photos and videos in the aftermath as I was dealing with Hell Bus admin (my favourite!) after I played chicken with the insurance company and lost leaving the bus stranded in the field for a couple of weeks. The bus insurance costs £4000 a year:/ something I hadn't accounted for when starting all this, but I'd hoped to get a better deal this year but ran out of time and road.

Apparently negotiating insurance premiums with half a brain the day after Glastonbury when you actually need the insurance to drive the bus that same day is not a great strategy. But who could have known?!

But it did eventually get sorted and the bus is currently back at my studio where I plan to fix it up and make some repairs and new additions before it goes on a UK tour of universities in October. More on that below.







This installation was only possible with the time and skills of multiple people and <u>I thank them here on my website</u>, rather than going over it all again here. (I started this email complaining about bus insurance so need to keep the tempo up.)

But special thanks to the Hell Bus crew of Danny, Chris, Em, and pictured here, Kes and <u>Kieran Thomson</u>. Kieran's been doing his summer student placement at my studio the last few weeks and put a ton of time and skill into the flaming petrol pump. It's been great having him on board.

The response to the bus and petrol station was fantastic. People loved the petrol pump churning out fake fire and there were some of the biggest queues the Hell Bus has ever seen. That did lead to some breakages however, the perspex to the Lego diorama broke, as did the water vaporiser steaming out of the Shell oil barrel. So it's going to need some repairs before the tour in October.

To see a video of the petrol pump in action see the video at the end of this page!



HELL BUS CROWDFUNDER



In order to pay for some Hell Bus repairs and renovations, as well as adding some new exhibits to the Hell Bus before it goes on tour I'm running a <u>small crowdfunder on my website</u>.

You can donate directly or order some Hell merch, all proceeds go towards making the Hell Bus even better/worse and keeping it on the road for another year.

Massive thanks for any and all support!





I returned from a trip to the Nigeria last week after being invited by Ogoni climate activists from <u>LEDEF</u> to speak at the first climate change conference in the Niger Delta.

While there we went to visit two Shell oil spill sites in the Niger Delta with Ogoni activists, local community leaders, and West African climate experts. It might be the saddest and most enraging thing I have ever seen.



While there I filmed Ogoni community leaders, activists, students and doctors, explaining the situation and the

suffering of these communities, and captured footage of the ecological devastation Shell and other oil companies have brought to their homes. See below for one of these videos, the rest I need time to edit and upload, and I've edited a short film which I'll post next week.

Shell has been attacking the people of the Niger Delta from both ends. People here are having their lives ruined and dramatically shortened by the spills and leaks and toxic fumes of oil production in their communities



but they're also some of the most heavily affected by climate change. Already floods in this part of the world are far deadlier and more severe than they were ten years ago. Life expectancy in the Niger Delta is now just 41 years old.



I have to admit I was a little bit sceptical of how useful me coming out here would be, like all the information about these spills is available online, photos, videos and data are all out there. But something happened as I filmed Bariara Kpalap speak, an Ogoni community leader (video below), and he was describing how their water wells had now become oil wells they were so contaminated, but the people had no choice but to drink that water /ay, and as he was speaking I looked down and there was oil literally running between my feet and I don't

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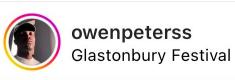
The video above is part of a short > 8 min documentary I made about Shell's oil spills in the Niger Delta, which I'll be posting on my <u>YouTube channel</u> next week.

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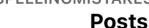


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Just Stop Oil called 'out of control' after protest near major hospital

Protest group denies blocking entrance to King's College Hospital with demonstration at Denmark Hill in south London

By Catherine Lough 26 June 2023 • 8:20pm



Just Stop Oil has been described as "completely out of control" and "irresponsible" after staging a protest close to the entrance of a major hospital on Monday.

The group blocked Denmark Hill in Camberwell, south London, on which King's College Hospital is located. A motorcyclist drove through the protest and knocked a Just Stop Oil banner to the ground before police intervened to clear the way.

Tim Loughton, a Conservative MP, told The Telegraph: "It has become patently clear that the JSO cult groupies are completely out of control and seriously damaging the environmental causes they profess to

want to promote.

"Apparently they have absolutely no regard to the dangers of carrying out their idiotic disruption next to hospitals, where the potential to hold up ambulances and people trying to get urgent treatment is very real and utterly disgraceful and irresponsible."

A Just Stop Oil spokesman said: "We understand that the Just Stop Oil supporters entered the road on Denmark Hill at a point past the junction with Daneville Road and Coldharbour Lane, about 400 metres from the hospital entrance, then walked away in the direction of Camberwell Green. At no point did they block the hospital entrance."

King's College Hospital said there was no disruption to patient care.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said officers had issued "a Section 12 condition to move out of the carriageway to Just Stop Oil Protesters" on the road at 8.28am, adding that the road had been cleared two minutes later.

In May, a driver who said he was on his way to hospital mounted the pavement to get past a Just Stop Oil protest on the Old Kent Road. An activist said he "did not believe" the motorist had a medical appointment.

A cyclist tried to crash through a protest in London | CREDIT: Thomas Bowles Photography

Also on Monday, in Islington, north London, a cyclist tried to push past protesters, telling them to "f------move".

Just Stop Oil posted footage of the cyclist challenging protesters and shouting at them to "go and protest

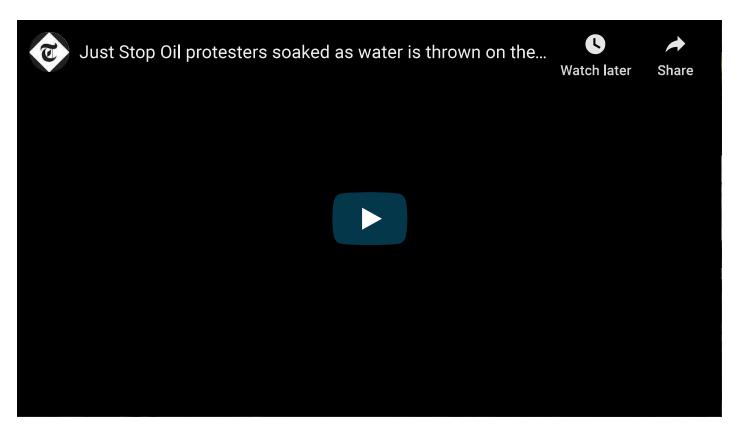
properly". The group said: "What are we supposed to do in a crisis caused by our government? Sit tight and wait until they decide to call an election?"

Lee Anderson, the deputy chairman of the Conservative, said: "Hard-working people are fed up of being held hostage by these metropolitan eco-loonies.

"Every day that Just Stop Oil take to the streets an ambulance is delayed, a hospital appointment is missed, a grieving relative can't get to a funeral. It's a slap in the face to Brits trying to get on with their lives."

Just Stop Oil has The group has found it more difficult to protest in recent weeks because of the police's ability to enact Section 12 conditions, which mean activists can be arrested <u>if they stay in the road</u>.

Members of the public have shown increasing frustration with Just Stop Oil's actions, while one of the group's donors has recently said its actions <u>are "counterproductive"</u>.



Trevor Neilson, a Californian businessman who co-founded the Climate Emergency Fund which is a primary funder of both Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion, said that he felt the protests had become "disruption for the sake of disruption".

Mr Neilson told The Sunday Times that "working people are trying to get to their job, get their kid dropped off at school, survive a brutal cost of living crisis... there's a certain hierarchy of needs that they have".

He added: "If, at the same time, they have a pink-haired, tattooed and pierced protester standing in front of their car, so that their kid is late for their test that day, that does not encourage them to join the movement. It's just performative. It's not accomplishing anything."

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Jonny Bairstow carried the protestor off (Image: Sky Sports)

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England star carries Just Stop Oil protester off Ashes pitch after invasion

England wicket-keeper Jonny Bairstow reacted fastest after protestors from Just Stop Oil invaded the pitch at Lord's during the opening minutes of the second Ashes Test vs Australia

By Felix Keith, Sports Reporter

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Jonny Bairstow carried a protestor from Just Stop Oil off the ground after they invaded the pitch at Lord's during the first Ashes Test.

The Test started at 11am on Wednesday morning, with James Anderson opening the bowling to Australia batter David Warner. The first over started with little drama, with Warner hitting a boundary to leave the score at 4–0.

Before Stuart Broad could bowl the second over to Usman Khawaja, two protestors ran onto the field carrying orange paint dust. Bairstow reacted fastest, picking one of them up and marching them to the boundary edge.

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Jonny Bairstow marched the protestor off (Image: Ryan Pierse/Getty Images)

Mirror Sport's cricket correspondent Dean Wilson tweeted from Lord's: "Looks like an attempt at a **Just Stop Oil** protest at Lord's, but they didn't account for Jonny Bairstow who just picked one of them up and carried them off the pitch. Extraordinary scenes. Groundstaff clearing the orange powder that did not get onto the pitch."

England captain **Ben Stokes** and Warner were seen trying to stop one of the protestors, who was wearing a white T-shirt with 'Just Stop Oil' written on it. He was then tackled by a Lord's steward amid a chorus of loud boos from the crowd.

The incident failed to disrupt the cricket much, with the pitch unaffected. Bairstow went off to change his shirt, reappearing through the famous long room not long after. Play resumed after a short interruption.

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A Just Stop Oil protestor was tackled by a steward (Image: Getty Images)

Just Stop Oil want the UK government immediately halt new oil, gas and coal projects in the UK and want Lord's to release a statement demanding an end to new fossil fuels.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "Cricket is an important part of our national heritage, but how can we enjoy England vs Australia when much of the cricketing world is becoming unfit for humans to live in? We can no longer afford to distract ourselves when the sports we play, the food we eat, and the culture we cherish is at risk."

"It's time for cricket lovers and all those who understand the severity of this situation, to get onto the streets and demand action from this illegitimate, criminal government. When our children ask us 'what did we do' to avert this crisis, we better have a good answer."

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Just Stop OII (JSO) is a protest group with a big but simple demand – calling for the UK Government stop licensing all new oil, gas and coal projects. The group launched in February 2022 and has been holding protests and stunts ever since. Last month the group's arrest count had topped 2,100, with 138 of their number having spent time in prison, they claim.

Why are they making this demand?

Like other protests groups such as Extinction Rebellion and Insulate Britain, JSO members are concerned about the rapidly deteriorating state of the climate. They argue time is running out to stop the natural world falling apart even more and that a 'tipping point' - when the rate of damage done gets much faster and cannot be undone - is getting near. JSO argue the only way to avoid this is to massively reduce the production and use of fossil fuels.

How do they make their point?

The group has caught headlines by performing eye catching, often very controversial and very public stunts. These include throwing soup on paintings, handcuffing themselves to goalposts during Premier League football matches, and running onto the pitch at Lords during the Ashes.

Are the protests working?

It is very difficult to measure the success of groups like JSO. In one way, they generate a lot of headlines with their stunts which helps them get their message across. From another perspective they enrage potentially sympathetic members of the public and allow those opposed to their message – such as Conservative chairman Greg Hands – an easy means of criticism without seeming to be uncaring about environmental concerns.

Lord's owners Marylebone Cricket Club released a statement from its chief executive Guy Lavender: "MCC condemn in the strongest possible terms today's pitch incursion and the behaviour of the protestors involved.

"Their actions not only endanger themselves and those who work at the ground, but they have consistently shown complete disregard for the people who pay to attend events, not just here at Lord's but around the country at other sporting venues."

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Just Stop Oil has published a list of demands for the organisers to consider in order to stop any protest disrupting the event



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Ahead of the event on Saturday, Just Stop Oil issued a list of demands for the organisers to consider in order to stop any protest disrupting the event.

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Directed to a representative of the board of directors of the event, the protest group demands clarity on where Pride sources its money from, that the organisers make a statement to demand an end to new oil and gas projects, and lastly, that Pride set up a meeting for its volunteers about joining in civil resistance against new oil and gas.

The letter concludes by stating a response is required by 4pm on Thursday.

It added: "Beyond this time or not meeting these demands will mean we may or may not take action at this weekend's events."

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Earlier this week, <u>Sadiq Khan faced questions from London Assembly members for failing to show "climate leadership" by not criticising the event's sponsorship decision</u>.

At a Mayor's Question Time session, Mr Khan defended himself against claims of "rainbow-washing" with Zack Polanski, the Green Party's deputy leader asking: "Does the headline sponsor of Pride in London this year demonstrate leadership in tackling the climate crisis?"

The Mayor responded by saying that the event draws "support from all sorts of businesses, charities and organisations", and that this was "a positive thing, as standing together is a key element of the movement for LGBTQI+ equality".

Mr Polanski went on to claim Mr Khan was allowing "a big carbon polluter to greenwash, or rainbow-wash in this circumstance, using Pride".

The Mayor was also questioned about City Hall's own relationship with United Airlines after it was revealed

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from London to New York, New York to San Francisco, San Francisco to Los Angeles and Los Angeles back to London.

A spokesperson for the Mayor of London said: "London's Pride celebrations are a highlight of our year as more than 1.5m people join together in solidarity and support of our LGBTQI+ communities.

"The Mayor doesn't want to see these wonderful celebrations disrupted. The event attracts all sorts of businesses, charities and organisations, and Pride in London select sponsors of the event against their core values of visibility, unity, equality, and a commitment to social and environmental responsibility.

"The extreme weather events London has experienced in recent years show how much more needs to be done to tackle the climate emergency, but any potential protestors should consider whether their methods risk turning public opinion against a vitally important cause."

A spokesperson for Pride in London said: "The safety of others is paramount to Pride in London. This year we are highlighting trans+ joy, ensuring that the community knows that with us, they #NeverMarchAlone.

"We call on all individuals, groups and organisations to give this space the respect and focus it deserves in an increasingly hostile and unsafe world.

"Pride in London is tomorrow, celebrating and protesting for visibility, unity and equality for all LGBT+ people everywhere. All are welcome to attend and mark Pride with the other 1.5 million attendees.

"Our first priority is the safety of our diverse cohort of volunteers, participants including representatives from across the globe. We welcome dialogue with Just Stop Oil after the event and wish everyone a safe and happy Pride."

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Just Stop Oil protesters disrupt London Pride over 'polluting' sponsors

Met police make arrests after activists block parade in Piccadilly by sitting in front of Coca-Cola truck

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Sat 1 Jul 2023 15.00 BST

Just Stop Oil protesters have disrupted London's Pride march in protest over the event accepting sponsorship money from "high-polluting industries".

A number of protesters were arrested after blocking the road in front of a Coca-Cola truck.

The Metropolitan police said protesters sat in the middle of the road on Piccadilly at 1.30pm, causing the parade to stop.

After 16 minutes, police arrested seven protesters for public nuisance offences and the parade continued again one minute later.

Video posted online showed officers picking up protesters and carrying them away.

Just Stop Oil has previously warned it would take action as it called on organisers of the major event to ban floats from "high-polluting" sponsors and to condemn new oil, gas and coal.

In a statement, LGBTQ+ members of the group said: "These partnerships embarrass the LGBTQ+ community at a time when much of the cultural world is rejecting ties to these toxic industries."

LGBTQ+ people were "suffering first" in the "accelerating social breakdown" caused by the climate crisis, they added.

"Pride was born from protest," the statement continued.

"It speaks to how far we've come as a community that high-polluting industries and the banks that fund them now see Pride as a useful vehicle for sanitising their reputations, waving rainbow flags in one hand whilst accelerating social collapse with the other."

Just Stop Oil said earlier on Saturday: "If London Pride fails to take these basic steps necessary to protect our community, we will have to consider potential escalations which may result in the disruption of Pride.

"We will also call for the entire LGBTQ+ community to join us in protest and boycott - for the safety of LGBTQ+ people everywhere."

The protest came after the London mayor described Just Stop Oil as a "really important pressure group" despite the activists' threats to disrupt Pride in the capital.

Speaking before the parade on Saturday morning, Sadiq Khan said:

- "I agree with protesting in a way that is lawful, safe, and peaceful. I think that Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil are really important pressure groups trying to put power on those who have power and influence.
- "I fully support the right to protest. It's really important to recognise the joy of a democracy is protest.
- "I am somebody who feels quite passionately that we have to tackle the climate emergency. And I feel quite passionately about encouraging people to join the movement to tackle the climate emergency. In my view, protest should be peaceful, lawful, and safe."

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Well, 2023 didn't exactly go to plan, did it?

Here in the UK, the prime minister, Rishi Sunak, had promised us a government of stability and competence – not forgetting professionalism, integrity and accountability – after the rollercoaster ride of Boris Johnson and Liz Truss. Remember Liz? These days she seems like a long forgotten comedy act. Instead, Sunak took us even further through the looking-glass into the Conservative psychodrama.

Elsewhere, the picture has been no better. In the US, Donald Trump is now many people's favourite to become president again. In Ukraine, the war has dragged on with no end in sight. The danger of the rest of the world getting battle fatigue and losing interest all too apparent. Then there is the war in the Middle East and not forgetting the climate crisis ...

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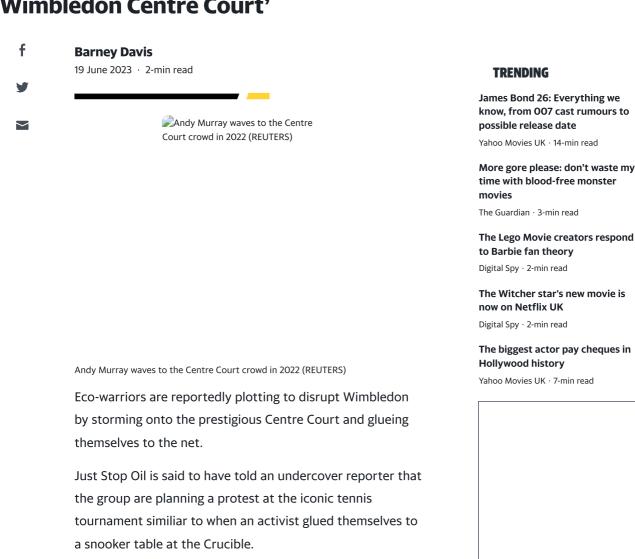


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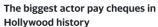


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Activists are volunteering to be part of the protest to form

One activist told The Sun: "An image of someone's hand glued to something on Centre Court would be amazing.

an "inspiring image" broadcast to the entire world.

"That would be very inspiring. There's a lot of people up for that."

One protester said: "Wimbledon is a bit of an open secret. It would be an iconic image. It would be an even better photo

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A Just Stop Oil protester jumped onto the table and threw orange powder during a World Snooker Championship match between Robert Milkins and Joe Perry (PA)

In April, an activist wearing a "Just Stop Oil" T-shirt interrupted the World Snooker Championship in Sheffield by jumping onto one of the tables and tipping out orange powder.

Activists have been staging demonstrations every day since April 24, mainly marching slowly on major roads in London, but also disrupting high profile events like the Chelsea Flower Show, Gallagher Premiership rugby final at Twickenham.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson told the Standard: "Just Stop Oil supporters will continue to do whatever is nonviolently necessary to end new oil and gas.

"This government is destroying everything we know and love, to enrich themselves. But you can't eat money: we are on a course for mass hunger and societal collapse if we do not act urgently.

"The sports industry has failed to admit this truth and failed to address the urgency of action. It is immoral for them to stand by and watch whilst our society faces inevitable collapse."

They added: "The only way for sporting events, like Wimbledon, to be sure that there will be no disruption is for them to make a statement demanding that the government end new oil, gas and coal. Those working in the sports industry must join in civil resistance against this criminal and illegitimate regime."

Extinction Rebellion targets Wood offices in Aberdeen and Staines



XR targeted Wood's offices in Staines (pictured) and Aberdeen today.

Extinction Rebellion activists have been targeting the offices of Wood Plc (LON: WG), formerly known as Wood Group, in Aberdeen and Staines.

In Aberdeen this morning, activists knelt to the ground and had fake oil poured on them outside the firm's offices.

Meanwhile the Wood base in Staines, Surrey was sprayed with fake black crude oil.

Extinction Rebellion cited a "green future loan" – from international banks and guaranteed by the UK Government – worth £430m which Wood received in 2021.

A report from the Guardian last month noted that, in the intervening period, oil and gas operations from Wood increased, while renewables shrunk.



Since the five-year loan was issued in 2021, Wood has repaid two-thirds of the loan.

Discussing its action today, Extinction Rebellion said Wood has been "announcing 20 new major contracts working on oil, gas and petrochemical infrastructure and the sale of a key environmental business".

It's understood Wood has had at least 20 low-carbon contracts since the loan was announced.

The Aberdeen-headquartered firm has also a new executive team, which launched a new strategy in November – which aims to significantly increase sustainable solutions revenue via hydrogen and carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Extinction Rebellion also cited Wood's founder, the billionaire Sir Ian Wood, for its action.

They pointed to Sir Ian, who has not been a part of the business for years, for his Maximising Economic Recovery (MER) recommendation in the Wood Review, which led to formation of the NSTA industry regulator.

Wood reply

A company spokesperson said: "Wood remains committed to playing a critical role in the energy transition, in the short, medium and long term. We have leading expertise across clean energy solutions such as green hydrogen, CCUS and support the mineral production critical to resourcing the energy transition. A significant part of our role is also supporting our oil and gas and wider industry clients to decarbonise their operations.

"The KPI measures of the loan centre on reducing our own scope one and two emissions and growing our sustainable revenues. We are pleased that we achieved a 65% reduction in our scope one and two emissions. Wood's business was repositioned following the sale of the Built Environment business in 2022 and following this change, we paid down two-thirds of the bank loan value.

"This change was a contributing factor to the reduction in our sustainable revenues in 2022, however we have stated that we anticipate significant growth in sustainable revenues from sectors such as Hydrogen and CCUS through to 2025 and beyond."

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Three people have been arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass and criminal damage after Just Stop Oil protesters twice disrupted matches at Wimbledon.

The first time, eco-activists threw orange confetti and jigsaw pieces on Court 18, and one of them sat on the ground during a match between Grigor Dimitrov and Sho Shimabukuro.



Just Stop Oil removed by Harrods security after attempting slow march in luxury London store

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Screenshot from video shared by Just Stop Oil of private security removing them from Harrods

Just Stop Oil (JSO) supporters have marched through luxury department store Harrods in the latest stunt in the group's ongoing protest action.

The activists were pictured holding placards on an escalator in the Knightsbridge shop, before security bundled a photographer out of the building, JSO said.

A number of slow marches were held on Wednesday including 34 supporters who marched in six groups in Hammersmith, Victoria, Westminster, Kensington and Tower Bridge from around 8am, with a further four from 10am including Parliament Square.

Four people were arrested on Wednesday including one supporter, named by JSO as Reverend Bill White, who has been arrested three times this week while taking part in slow marches.

It is the latest in near daily protest action that has been organised by JSO since April 24, as it calls on the government to end new fossil fuel licences.

Policing the demonstrations has cost the Metropolitan Police more than £5.5 million so far, on top of the £7.5 million it spent dealing with JSO protests between October and December last year.

Security has been tightened at Wimbledon in a bid to avoid the group disrupting play with their trademark orange powder paint, after a number of other high-profile sporting events were disrupted.

England cricketer Johnny Bairstow carried one demonstrator off the pitch during disruption of the second Ashes test at Lord's, following protest action at the Gallagher Premiership rugby final at Twickenham and the World Snooker Championship.

JSO also disrupted the Chelsea Flower Show and the London Pride march.

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Four arrested after Extinction Rebellion chain themselves to pink boat outside mine accused of operating unlawfully

Protestors were seen chaining themselves to a large pink boat in front of the controversial mine

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Four people have been arrested after climate action protestors blocked the entrance of Ffos y Fran mine using a pink boat (Image: Extinction Rebellion Cymru)

Four people have been arrested after climate action protestors blocked the entrance of a huge coal mine. Extinc Rebellion protestors have been occupying an area outside the main gates of Ffos y Fran in Merthyr Tydfil, the largest opencast coal mine in the UK, on Thursday.

The climate group posted on social media on Thursday saying a number of police vehicles had arrived at the mine, which was ordered to close after 15 years when Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council voted in April to refuse Privacy

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disruption to their lives. Since then, campaigners claim mining has continued unlawfully at the mine. Merthyr (South Wales) Ltd, which operates the site, recently made a last-ditch appeal against the decision to stop operations there.

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Extinction Rebellion wrote on <u>Twitter</u> on Thursday that police had arrived at the mine where some protestors had chained themselves to a large pink boat in front of the mine's entrance. It is believed they have been at the site since Wednesday. It is the first action by members of Extinction Rebellion using 'lock ons' since the Public Order Act (2023) came into effect in May. Under the Act, locking-on is now an offence which can result in 51 weeks in prison.

The group claims the mine is continuing to operate despite planning permission running out in September. Recently barristers for climate action <u>claimed that continued coal extraction at Ffos y Fran was illegal</u>. The company behind the mine, Merthyr (South Wales) Ltd, confirmed on Wednesday that an appeal has been lodged with Welsh ministers, adding: "It would not be appropriate to comment further whilst the appeal process is ongoing."



<u>South Wales Police</u> has confirmed four people were arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass on Thursday. Three women, a 43-year-old from Exeter, a 45-year-old from Dorset and a 75-year-old from Llanidloes, as well as a 68-year-old man from <u>Caerphilly</u>, have been taken to Merthyr Tydfil police station.

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O Protestors have been at the mine site since Wednesday (Image: Extinction Rebellion Cymru)

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"In doing so we note the views of the protest group that the mine is operating unlawfully. We have engaged with the mine operator and other stakeholders across our communities in order to balance the respective rights of the parties involved.

"The protest group has engaged in acts of trespass and have deployed lock on tactics at the location. A number of protestors chained themselves to the entrance gate. Officers have spent considerable time negotiating with the protestors to offer them the opportunity to voluntarily relocate and remove their own lock on equipment. This option was declined or ignored. As a result, four people were arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass."

Meanwhile, calls have also been made for Welsh Government to intervene to tell operators of Ffos y Fran to stop mining coal there. Friends of the Earth Cymru have written to Julie James, the climate change minister, asking <u>Welsh Government</u> to use its powers to stop what it says is unlawful coaling.

It wrote to both Welsh Government and Merthyr Tydfil Council requesting a stop notice be issued without delay. Friends of the Earth Cymru said the council have not issued a stop notice to date and are now urging Welsh Ministers to do so as soon as possible.

They said an enforcement notice against the operator of Ffos-y-Fran was due to take effect on Tuesday, June 27 which would have given them 28 days to stop mining, but at the last minute the operator appealed the enforcement order. In their letter, Friends of the Earth Cymru said: "It is imperative [Welsh Ministers] take this action immediately to stop any further extraction and to limit any further, irrevocable, harm to the climate. As you will know we are in a worsening climate emergency. The continued coaling will only add to this, to the detriment of current and future generations."

Friends of the Earth Cymru said that Coal Action Network have calculated that over 1000 tonnes of coal is being taken from the ground every day, which is "the CO2 equivalent of burning 1.5 million litres of petrol." Friends of the Earth Cymru said that the appeal process could take many months – during which it is feared that mining will continue at the site if action is not taken.

Merthyr Tydfil Council has been contacted for comment. To get more Merthyr stories straight to your inbox, subscribe to our daily newsletter <u>here.</u>

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Just Stop Oil vows to keep disrupting major events despite backlash after Wimbledon chaos

The climate group says its Wimbledon protest was 'insignificant disruption' compared to the scale of the climate crisis





A Just Stop Oil demonstrator is escorted from court 18 after disrupting the women's singles tenr Wimbledon last week (Photo: Glyn Kirk/AFP)



By Ellen O'Dwyer

July 9, 2023 4:25 pm

Just Stop Oil has vowed to carry on disrupting major sporting events such as Wimbledon while new fossil fuel licenses are being granted, as the shadow chancellor blasted the climate group's tactics as "pathetic" and "counter-productive".

Activists this week disrupted play at Wimbledon – where they threw confetti and puzzle pieces – and stormed the pitch at Lord's during the Ashes.







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Just Stop Oil spokesperson James Skeet told i they did not know whether it was a protest, after the woman – not thought to be an invited wedding guest – was ushered away by security.

He said the group's protesters claim responsibility and wait to be arrested after their protests, with protests accompanied by a press release from the group, adding: "I don't know what that lady's aims are. Sadly we can't claim credit for her actions."

If it was a protest, Just Stop Oil would applaud it and thank the person involved, he added.



Just Stop Oil have say it was not responsible for this protest (Photo: Stefan Rousseau/PA)

Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves criticised the group on Sky News's Sophy Ridge On Sunday: "I have got no time for Just Stop Oil".

Ms Reeves said she thought it was "pathetic and quite tedious" to disrupt events, calling their processes "counterproductive" and "rude".

"People paid to go to Wimbledon, it may be the one time in their life that they get to Wimbledon, they don't want to be disrupted by a load of protesters," Ms Reeves said.

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer was also keen to distance himself from the group, calling the group "arrogant" in "interrupting iconic sporting events".

Mr Skeet said Ms Reeves was "entitled to her opinion", but that they would continue their protests until the Government makes a "meaningful statement" to halt any new licenses or consent for fossil fuel exploration in the UK".

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"The secretary-general of the United Nations this week saying the climate crisis is out of control, we just had the hottest June on record, the average world temperature record was broken, not once this week, but twice."

"Someone like Rachel Reeves needs to get on concentrating on the bigger picture and actually fulfil her duty of protecting the British people."

The spokesperson did not deny protests could continue for years if new licenses for fossil fuel exploration and production weren't stopped.

"The protests will continue, I can guarantee they will continue until the Government makes that statement."



Bairstow removes a Just Stop Oil protester during a Test match at Lord's (Photo: PA)

Mr Skeet said the disruption at Wimbledon and the Ashes was "insignificant" compared to the scale of the climate crisis.

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He added: "Under any normal circumstances this sort of disruption would be entirely unacceptable, however as I've alluded to, we are not in normal circumstances.

"An area the size of Portugal burnt down in Canada, New York was covered in smog, people couldn't leave their homes. A quarter of a million people were displaced in Somalia, 33 million people were displaced in Pakistan last year, the list goes on and on."

Sporting organisers told ministers at a summit at Downing Street last week that they would be stepping up security in light of the protests.

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action at Lords. In a statement following the event, the All England Club which hosts the tennis tournament said it was "disappointed three individuals sought to interrupt" the enjoyment of others.

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Five arrested as Just Stop Oil supporters begin 12th week of continuous civil resistance

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Just Stop Oil supporters are slow-marching again in London this morning. They are demanding that the government halts all new licences and consents for oil, gas and coal projects in the UK. [1]

Starting at 7:59am, 60 supporters in 3 groups began marching in Kensal Rise, Hampstead, and Kensal Green. They were issued Section 12 Notices and were off the road by 9:00am. At 10:00am Just Stop Oil supporters began marches in Holborn, The Strand, and Oxford Street, causing disruption to the West End. Five were arrested for breaching Section 12 Notices that were placed in Holborn and Oxford Street. One of those arrested was Sue Parfitt, an 81-year-old vicar from Bristol.

Sophie Holland, 52, a speech therapist and mother-of-three from Bristol was one of those in the road today. She said:



step, and instead what we see is their criminal negligence with continued licensing and new deals for profit."

"I am also here in solidarity with hundreds of thousands of mothers in Somalia who are watching their children die in one of the worst humanitarian crises the world has ever seen. These scenes of starvation will be replicated in the UK before the end of this century unless we see radical action."

"I will not stay quiet while our children's future is stolen. I know I will look back in five years and wish I had done more. It is life or death, and it is happening on our watch."









and demonstrating, and willing to be arrested - there is civil disobedience growing in communities around the world." [2]

Also in the road today was Matt Cooper, 48, a father-of-two from Bath. He said:

"Today at 1.2 degrees of global heating, the impacts of climate breakdown are everywhere and are becoming harder to ignore. We're on course for my children to see nearly 3 degrees of heating in their lifetimes, and the implications of that are terrifying. Yet the UK government continues to issue licences for new oil and gas. Resisting this is the most important thing I can do."

Just Stop Oil supporters have completed up to seven marches a day, six days a week since the 24th April. Over 800 ordinary people from all over the UK have taken part. Including arrests at the Coronation and cultural and sporting events there have been around 235 arrests this year.

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It's time to pick a side and join in civil resistance to end new oil, gas and coal. We are inviting everyone to come and march with us every day in London from the 16th-23rd July. Sign up for action at juststopoil.org.

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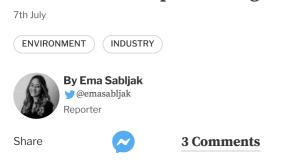
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The campaigners are set to hold what they have dubbed a "festival of resistance" within Grangemouth in an action against energy giant INEOS.

Activists will join a **climate change** camp which will teach direct action skills from July 12 until July 17 at the site near Falkirk.

A day of direct action is planned for Saturday of next week - which The Daily Record reports is aimed at preventing fuel supplies from leaving the site.

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Just Stop Oil launches 'mum's march' in Hamleys

Around 15 women take part in demonstration demanding a 'liveable future' for their children

By Telegraph Reporters
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Just Stop Oil (JSO) has targeted Hamleys toy shop as part of a "mum's march" protest as the group continues to cause <u>disruption in central London</u>.

Footage shows bemused shoppers looking on as a woman, who identified herself as Lorna Johnson, shouts "I want my son to grow old and die in his bed" at the top of an escalator in the shop.

Other protesters were pictured holding signs saying "what future for our children?" in the <u>Barbie section of the</u> store.

A spokesman for JSO said that at around 1.15pm a group of around 15 mothers began marching around Hamleys holding signs such as "give our kids hope" and "scared for my son".

The protesters were removed by security less than half an hour later at 1.40pm.

Protesters hold a sign saying 'what future for our children?' in the Barbie section of Hamleys | CREDIT: Guy Bell / Alamy Live News

In separate footage posted on Just Stop Oil's Twitter page, Ms Johnson, a dedicated member of the group, said she was in civil resistance against the Government.

She said she was taking part in the mum's march to demand a "liveable future for our children".

"Last summer, 61,000 people died in Europe alone because of extreme heat," she said.

"The <u>climate crisis</u> is here, it is real and it is now and we must unite and act fast."

Lorna Johnson shouts 'I want my son to grow old and die in his bed' while holding a sign | CREDIT: Maciek Musialek / Story Picture Agency

Ms Johnson previously went viral when she gave an interview about climate change while being carried away by police.

Darcy Mitchell, 48, a mother from Totnes, Devon, was another of those taking part in the protest on Wednesday.

She said: "I'm a parent, so I have to be here. This crisis has killed hundreds of thousands of children, and it's getting worse in front of our eyes.

"I won't let our government prioritise donations from fossil fuel interests over human lives. That's my responsibility as a parent. My children know I will protect them."

Protesters stand in front on Hamleys \mid CREDIT: Guy Bell / Alamy Live News

As well as the Hamleys protest, JSO supporters were continuing their <u>slow march campaign across London</u>.

At 8am, around 71 Just Stop Oil supporters in eight groups began marching in Southwark, Lambeth, and the City of London.

Police removed all the protesters, which included doctors, surgeons and GPs, by 9am.

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Six arrested as Just Stop Oil dads march through Selfridges

Press / July 13, 2023

Just Stop Oil supporters are on the streets of Central London today, demanding that the government halts all new licences and consents for oil, gas and coal projects in the UK. [1]

At 8:00am, around 43 Just Stop Oil Supporters in four groups began marching in the City, Lambeth and Westminster. One mini-march at Hyde Park Corner was issued a Public Order Act (Section 12) notice and off the road by 8:30. At around 9:30 five supporters were arrested on Clapham Road in Stockwell, for breach of Section 12. All other marches were off the road by 9:30am.

Hannah Hunt spoke to camera as she was led away by police. She said:

"I've got more faith in the people I've marched with today and been arrested with than our government to look after the people in this country, because these people and myself have picked a side, we've not







Further marches began from 10:45am around the City. At 11am a group of nine dads marched through Selfridges. This follows a march through Hamey's Toy Store by a group of mums yesterday. The dad's marched through the store with signs saying 'fathers for a future' and 'will our children survive 3.5 degrees?' at one point posing next to a Delorean, the iconic car from 'Back to the Future'. The dads were muscled out of the store by security by 11:15am. At 11:30 a sixth person was arrested for breach of Section 12 on The Highway in E1. Further marches are currently under way.

One of the Dad's marching in Selfridges today, Adam Beard, 54, a Gardener from Stroud, said:

"The famous clock above the entrance to Selfridges depicts mother time. This clock and statue was designed 80 years ago by Gilbert Bayes, my great great uncle. In 80 years time, if we carry on putting carbon into the atmosphere as we are now, we will likely have seen three degrees of warming, tipping points passed and runaway climate collapse bringing untold misery and death around the planet, as well as the complete breakdown of our society. I wonder what Gilbert would think about the legacy that we're leaving our grandchildren"

Sally Webber, 66, a former eye surgeon of 20 years, and a mother and grandmother, said:

"I'm a scientist and I've spent all my professional life caring for my patients and helping train the next generation of surgeons. After I retired I became increasingly aware of the climate emergency and the madness of continuing to burn fossil fuels. If our children, grandchildren and doctors of the next generation are to survive we must JUST STOP OIL."

"We already have all the technology, creativity, energy and caring that's required. It needs everyone to demand that our politicians, banks & the fossil fuel industry give the next generation a future. Political change comes when enough people demand it. Everyone needs to ask "what am I doing to protect the lives of our children?" and "is it enough?"

Today's action comes amid reports that Europe's record breaking heatwave has claimed its first life this summer, prompting health warnings for tourists. The European Space Agency suggests that the heatwave

Europe. ESA reports that yesterday land surface temperatures reached over 50°C in Sicily, and Spain saw land surface temperatures reach 60°C. [2][3]

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Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

Protestors stage sit-in at Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

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Fossil Free London stage sit-in at Department for Energy Security and Net Zero offices.

Fossil Free London has staged a sit-in at the offices of the UK Government's Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to protest the Rosebank oil field.

The group claims that around 20 activists have "occupied" the offices in the capital.

Equinor's proposed development west of Shetland is the largest undeveloped oil field in the North and is currently waiting for approval from UK regulators.

Joanna Warrington, a spokesperson for Fossil Free London, said: "Rosebank is a threat to global climate security. We demand that it be stopped."

Protestors made their way into the building and brandished banners that read "#StopRosebank" and began chanting.

Despite recent reports that the verdict on the controversial development would be imminent, on Tuesday it was revealed that a decision on Rosebank's approval would be delayed until after parliament's summer recess.

Ms Warrington added: "We're already seeing the impacts of climate breakdown – last Tuesday was the hottest day in recorded history, and this week saw floods across the UK.

"Scientists are clear: we cannot start any new oil and gas projects if we want a liveable future. Yet Rishi Sunak and Grant Shapps have chosen to disregard those warnings."

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero has been asked for comment.

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Recently, the House of Commons saw members of parliament debate the merits of the west of Shetland field, with Green party MP, Caroline Lucas, saying the decision to approve Rosebank would "actively reduce the UK's energy security".

However, the UK energy security minister, Graham Stuart, countered arguments to reject Rosebank, saying that only in a "parallel universe" would it make sense to do so.

Mr Stuart added that denying Rosebank "would remove the very supply chain that we need for transition."

The debate around the project's approval has been raging for some time, with both sides of the argument making their opinions clear.



We just occupied the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to tell them to not licence the Rosebank oil field, which would be a climate bomb!

Join @fossilfreeLDN for the Demo this Saturday 2PM outside Department of Energy Security & Net Zero to force them to: #stoprosebank pic.twitter.com/Vjaq8rqXzb

– ashok kumar (@broseph_stalin) July 13, 2023

The Fossil Free London spokeswoman added: "Millions of people in the UK have been struggling with rising energy costs this year – yet all our government has to offer is a publicly subsidised climate time bomb.

"We need affordable fossil-free energy, not a dead-end project that will wreck our net zero targets, stuff the pockets of Equinor and leave our energy bills as high as ever."

Earlier this year, climate group Uplift argued that approval of the field would result in the country's exceeding its carbon budget, however, the UK regulator, the North Sea Transition Authority, said it has "full confidence" in data which shows the sector is "on track" to reach its emissions reduction target by the end of the decade, if not surpass it.

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About 25 Just Stop Oil protesters took part in today's demonstration inside John Lewis

Just Stop Oil eco clowns were completely ignored by shoppers today as they staged a bizarre silent protest at John Lewis in what one person described as the 'most baffling middle class thing I've ever seen'.

In scenes that have been branded 'hilarious', about 25 activists 'marched' through the department store in Oxford Street, central London.

Activists took over three floors of the retailer, which was the latest outlet to be targeted by the eco warriors as part of its campaign of mayhem in the capital.

Standing silently, campaigners dangled orange banners from the railings and held placards, with one appearing to saunter into the video with a bag for life. Later, one armed with a megaphone started ranting at customers.

But protesters' hopes of eliciting some sort of reaction from shoppers appeared to fall flat, with customers simply getting on with their shopping and a couple of women not even glancing at the group as they strolled past demonstrators.

Just Stop Oil were mocked by Twitter users after sharing the footage online, with people accusing the rabble of protesting in the shop to 'avoid the rain'.

Speaking of the video, one man tweeted: 'This is the most baffling middle class thing I've ever seen. Literally no-one in the shop cares! Hilarious.'

The demonstration is the latest in a string of surreal protests which have seen Just Stop Oil zealots targeting high street stores across the capital.

On Thursday, members of the eco mob were filmed staging a protest in Selfridges - before being chucked out by security.

The rabble of activists were seen being escorted out the renowned Oxford Street store by guards in suits, who told the activists: 'You're trespassing.'

At one point, a small scuffle appears to break out as one of the protesters was shoved onto the elevator.

'Easy, easy, there's no need to get violent,' shouted one man.

The day before, on Wednesday, the group was out again, this time moaning at shoppers in the Barbie aisle of Hamleys toy store.

Just Stop Oil activist Lora Johnson - who was yesterday filmed being detained by police with a tag attached to her ankle - was among those taking part in the Hamley's display.

The mother from Southwold, in Suffolk left customers at the iconic store perplexed as she stood at the top of an escalator and shouted 'I want my son to grow old and die in his bed' while raging about climate change.

She was back today at the protest in John Lewis, once again shouting at shoppers using a mega phone. 'Two years ago it was a code red for humanity,' she yelled. 'Forty degree heat in the UK is not normal.'



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Just Stop Oil activist Lora Johnson was filmed using a mega phone to yell at customers in John Lewis on Friday. It came after she staged a similar protest in the Barbie aisle of Hamley toy store earlier in the week





And last week, the group performed a bizarre escalator stunt in Harrods before being thrown out of security.

Speaking of the slew of shop demonstrations, a spokesman from the group insisted it was all about promoting 'discourse' about their efforts to raise awareness of climate change.

'We don't take action in any of these shops because we dislike them. It's about forcing public discourse,' the spokesman told MailOnline.

'We're at a pretty critical precipice. Last week the record temperature for the plant was broken not once, or twice but three times. The secretary general of the United Nations says there is a climate crisis.

'If it's this bad in 2022 how bad is 2050 going to look if we continue on this path. It's a pretty unsettling.'

Asked whether he felt today's display in John Lewis - which was largely ignored by customers - was working, the spokesman added: 'Is it working? Well, you're writing about it in the Mail, aren't you.'





As well as protesting in the Oxford Street store, activists once again took to blocking roads across the capital with their latest round of tiresome slow marches.

About 30 eco clowns marched in through Marylebone Road, in central London, causing rush hour mayhem before they were forced off the highway by police.

Activists then split into smaller groups marching in Gloucester Road, Chapel Street, Westminster, and Orchard Street and Paddington Street, Marylebone between 9am and 10am.

Demonstrators also held up traffic in Edgware Road and around Marble Arch.

On all occasion, the Met Police said activists complied with Section 12 orders demanding they leave the highway.

No arrests have been made so far.

Today's action is the 12th week of continuous protest in London by the climate change group.	

























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Climate activists arrested at Grangemouth oil refinery

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A total of five people have been arrested during an environmental protest at a Scottish oil refinery.

Climate Camp Scotland said they "occupied" the Ineos gas power station, which powers the Grangemouth refinery, on Saturday afternoon.

It followed a "day of resistance" from the group, which has set up a protest camp at Kinneil Estate in Bo'ness.

Police Scotland confirmed that five people had been arrested following the protest in Grangemouth near Falkirk.

Images emerged of four people holding a banner from the roof of the Ineos plant reading "Climate Justice for Grangemouth".

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It followed an earlier demonstration when 200 activists marched from the temporary protest camp to the oil terminal a mile away.

A smaller number came face-to-face with a wall of police officers, but held a peaceful protest before returning to the camp.



Protesters staged a demonstration at the gates of the Ineos plant before returning to their camp

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Ineos pumps out about 2.4 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per year, according to figures campaigners obtained from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (Sepa).

Activists said that the site could be renewed with sustainable jobs and industries.

Climate Camp organiser Jess Johannesson said 150 people from many different climate groups and backgrounds had come together to stay at the camp.



About 200 people set off on the protest march on Saturday

She said: "We're protesting against Scotland's biggest polluter - by quite a margin - the Ineos site at Grangemouth.

"The camp is an opportunity for local community members, climate activists, industry workers and people who are concerned about the climate crisis to come together and think about how to move forward to a just future for everyone.

"Grangemouth is a perfect example of why the current energy system we have doesn't work for anyone except for CEOs of energy companies.

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Organiser Jess Johannesson said the space was family friendly, and everyone was welcome

She added the group had invited locals to speak about the impact of living next to the petrochemical site, as well as a former worker in the oil industry.

"We want to start a conversation so we no longer talk about the cost of living crisis separate from the climate crisis," she said.

"Both are very much one thing and they affect the same people the most and the same people also profit from it."

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The activist said the protest camp was the third the group had organised, following similar sites at Mossmorran and Aberdeen.

Assistant Chief Constable Emma Bond said: "A small group of protesters climbed onto the roof at Ineos. Officers engaged with the group and they were later safely removed.

"No arrests were made and enquiries into the incident are ongoing.

"In total following the protest in Grangemouth, five people were arrested for offences under Section 12 Public Order Act. Breach of the Peace and section

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The climate camp was set up on Wednesday with action planned over the weekend

An Ineos spokesperson wished those taking part in the event a "safe week".

They added: "This is our home, where we operate a safe, sustainable business that serves the Scottish economy well, provides skilled jobs and essential products while meeting its climate responsibilities."

The spokesperson said Ineos was one of Scotland's last remaining large-scale manufacturing companies.

They continued: "We provide many of the basic raw materials that are essential to many of the products that we all use on a daily basis, from mobile phones, to water and gas pipes, to medical products, cars, buses and trains, tents, waterproofs and training shoes.

"Even wind turbines and solar cells need the products made here by thousands of skilled workers."

The company said it was working towards being a net zero manufacturer by 2045 and was making "good progress".

Ineos added that it had reduced emissions by nearly 40% since it bought the

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Just Stop Oil protesters interrupt Proms concert and live broadcast of TV comedy show The Last Leg

Two people were quickly removed from the stage at the Proms, as around two hours later three others from the environmental group walked on to the set of The Last Leg.

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Just Stop Oil protesters have invaded the stage during the first night of the Proms - as other activists later interrupted a live broadcast of Channel 4's The Last Leg comedy show.

In the Proms incident at London's Royal Albert Hall on Friday evening, the environmental group tweeted that two demonstrators had set off confetti cannons and sounded air horns, and attempted to address the audience before being forcibly removed.

Pic: @alexcohengrin/Twitter

The pair were booed by some people in the audience as they were bundled off stage after unfurling banners.

The BBC, which airs the annual classical music event, said "there was no disruption to the concert or the broadcast during the few seconds the protesters were on stage". It also denied air horns and confetti were used.

Around a couple of hours later, just minutes into the airing of The Last Leg talk show, three activists wearing Just Stop Oil t-shirts ran on to the set and handed hi vis orange vests to the programme's stars.

Host Adam Hills cheered and said: "This is not part of the show."

One of the protesters, who called himself William, even hugged Hills as the TV star then tried to put the bright top on over his jacket before deciding against it. The trio were soon led off stage by staff.

<u>Just Stop Oil</u> said the Royal Albert Hall demonstrators were Kate Logan, a 38-year-old mother of two, and Pia Bastide, a 29-year-old community worker - both from London.

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"I refuse to accept that my future is being sold away, one new oil licence at a time, and do nothing," said Ms Bastide in a statement.

The protest group wants the government to stop licensing all new oil, gas and coal projects and has tried to disrupt numerous high-profile events to highlight its cause.

Pic: Just Stop Oil

In response to the Royal Albert Hall incident, Culture Secretary Lucy Frazer tweeted: "Eco zealots shouldn't disrupt sports events, weddings or the Proms.

"My message is this: Leave people to enjoy the events they love, and stop damaging your own cause."

<u>Confetti and jigsaw pieces were thrown on a court</u> at Wimbledon last week, while England cricketer <u>Jonny Bairstow carried off a protester</u> at the Ashes in June.

Orange powder was also thrown on a table at the snooker world championship in April, while the Chelsea Flower Show was targeted in May.

Two members of the group were jailed for more than two and a half years a few months ago after climbing the bridge at the Dartford Crossing in October.

New powers to crack down on activists **came into force this month**.

They give police new rights to move static protesters, such as those who attach themselves to objects or sit in the road.

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Members of Extinction Rebellion York at the protest today (Image: XR York)



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A spokesperson for the group said the peaceful, non-disruptive action drew attention to the impact of the new anti-protest law and showed that climate activists in York will "continue to take action", despite the new legislation.

The Public Order Act 2023 gives the police more power to restrict public protest, including 'locking on' to structures, buildings, or people using any kind of chain, lock or other device.

The spokesperson said the Act "threatens to limit freedom of expression and freedom of speech" and enables the police to act with "disproportionate power".

XR York exercised the right to protest by 'mocking on' during the public picnic.

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Members of the group mocked on to tables, trees, each other and a gazebo using paperchains – an activity which is now illegal under the newly passed Act.

The protest was also attended by local families from the new XR York Families group launched earlier this year.

Explaining the reasons for the action, XR York member Chris Brace said: "Protest is a fundamental human right which is being steadily eroded by our current government.

"We need to take a stand against legislation like the Public Order Act and its ridiculous attacks on our liberty."

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Just Stop Oil targets think tank over role in protest crackdown

Activists targeted Policy Exchange after openDemocracy revealed it received Big Oil funding and helped draft law

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Protesters said they targeted the think tank because of its Big Oil funding. | Just Stop Oil

ust Stop Oil activists have targeted a think tank that helped draft "draconian" new laws cracking down on climate protesters.

Two members of the direct action group threw orange paint on the headquarters of Policy Exchange, a right-wing think tank that the prime minister last month credited with helping draft a controversial bill that handed new anti-protest powers to police.

The protesters said they took action against Policy Exchange after openDemocracy <u>revealed the think</u> <u>tank secretly received funding</u> from oil giant ExxonMobil prior to recommending restrictions on climate protests.

One of the protesters, Ella Ward, 20, an environmental science student from Birmingham, said: "We have painted the Policy Exchange because they have been instrumental in implementing laws to restrict climate protesters.

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"The prime minister praised Policy Exchange for their draconian and anti-democratic lobbying. They criminalise peaceful protesters for exercising their right to march for a liveable future. Meanwhile, the criminals in Parliament and in board rooms are getting away with murder.

"Policy Exchange received thousands of pounds from fossil fuel companies, that is unacceptable."

Although Policy Exchange does not declare its donors, openDemocracy found ExxonMobil Corporation donated \$30,000 to its American fundraising arm in 2017.

Two years later, a report by the influential think tank titled 'Extremism Rebellion' said the government should implement new laws to target environmental protest group Extinction Rebellion (XR).

In June, <u>Sunak confirmed</u> at the think tank's summer party that its report "helped us draft" what became the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022. The prime minister worked at Policy Exchange before becoming an MP, and some of its supporters also donated to his leadership campaign.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, which has been condemned by civil rights groups, gave police new powers to restrict the duration and noise level of static protests, or shut them down if they cause a "serious disruption".

Policy Exchange, which was co-founded by housing secretary Michael Gove and others in 2007, <u>has also received \$1.4m from the National Philanthropic Trust</u>, a funder of climate denial groups in the US, through its US fundraising arm.

Several leading UK oil and energy companies, including the industry lobby group Energy UK, have also given donations to Policy Exchange to sponsor events at the Conservative Party's annual conferences.

The think tank has been approached for comment.

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Just Stop Oil protest disrupts play on day two of Open Championship

Woman escorted off 17th green by Billy Horschel Latest in series of incursions at sporting events this year

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The Open Championship is the latest sporting event to be interrupted by Just Stop Oil after the activist group took responsibility for invading the 17th green at Hoylake on Friday, with the American golfer Billy Horschel helping to escort a woman into police custody.

The woman was one of four protesters who were arrested after spreading orange powder over the 17th green before Horschel and nearby marshals intervened, despite a previous instruction by the Royal & Ancient for players and caddies not to take action if any protest occurred.

"We can confirm four people have been arrested following an incident at the Open," read a police statement. "A small amount of powder was discarded on to the playing surface and it was reported that one person had a smoke pyrotechnic. Two males and two females were quickly detained by both stewards

and officers, and they were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit criminal damage and public nuisance. They will be taken into police custody to be questioned.

"Merseyside police respects the right to protest and expression of views but antisocial, criminal behaviour or disorder will not be tolerated and will be dealt with robustly."

The campaigners were largely booed by the watching crowd, and Horschel was roundly cheered for his part in apprehending one of them. British television coverage did not broadcast any of the protests, with commentators mentioning only "a break in the golf" and how Horschel was "going to tackle" the challenge of the 17th hole.

Police were seen taking a sample of the powder before greenkeepers used leaf blowers to clear the putting surface. Play was able to resume shortly afterwards.

A statement from Just Stop Oil read: "Supporters have disrupted the British Open - they demand that the UK government halts all new oil and gas projects. There will be no more holes in one when our society collapses. We must stop our government's 100 new oil and gas licenses before they go on to cause more harm."

Two of the protesters were identified as Noah Crane, 18, a community coordinator, and 19-year-old student Hailey Birch.

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"I'm disrupting the Open today, not because I want to, but as a young person, I feel I have no other choice," said Crane. "This government is knowingly taking action that will kill hundreds of millions of people and destroy my future. They have made it clear that they value the profits of the few over the lives of the many. So now we must make it clear that we will not stand for that; that we will not roll over and allow them to sell our lives to line their pockets."

Sporting events have increasingly been targeted by Just Stop Oil. This month three people made it on to Court 18 at Wimbledon, showering the grass with orange confetti and pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. During the men's Ashes Test at Lord's, a protester was removed from the field of play by the England wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow. In April, play at the World Snooker Championship was delayed after a man released powdered orange paint into the Crucible and sat kneeling on a baize table.



▲ A member of the groundstaff clears the orange powder from the 17th green. Photograph: Phil Noble/Reuters

It is not the first time Hoylake has been hit by protests. In 2006, Fathers 4 Justice campaigners threw dye on the 18th green as Tiger Woods approached.

Martin Slumbers, the chief executive of the R&A which hosts the Open, had said before this year's tournament there were "significant security procedures" in place with police to stop protesters - including plainclothes officers and stringent security checks on arrival - in light of a "very credible threat" being made at last year's Open by environmental protesters.

Regarding Friday's incident, the R&A released a brief statement: "Play was not disrupted and we would like to thank the marshals, players and other spectators for their vigilance and understanding as the protesters were removed."

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Activists scale The Kelpies in latest protest against fossil fuels

Activists from This Is Rigged scaled the 100ft steel equine sculptures between Falkirk and Grangemouth at 5am on Sunday.



Kelpies: This is Rigged activists scaled the tourist attraction on Sunday morning.

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Two climate campaigners have climbed to the top of The Kelpies tourist attraction as part of action targeted at the fossil fuel industry in Scotland.

Activists from This Is Rigged scaled the 100ft steel equine sculptures between Falkirk and Grangemouth at 5am on Sunday.

They said they would "not be lured underwater" by the fossil fuel industry, in reference to Scottish folklore where kelpies were shape-shifting creatures that charmed young children before drowning them.



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Climate Protestors Vandalized a Portrait of King Charles in Scotland

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A portrait of King Charles III was vandalized by climate activists at the National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh on Wednesday, the Herald Scotland reported.

The protest was staged by two members of the climate action group This is Rigged. The activists spray-painted This is Rigged's logo in neon pink across the king's body, along with the phrase "the people are mightier than a lord."

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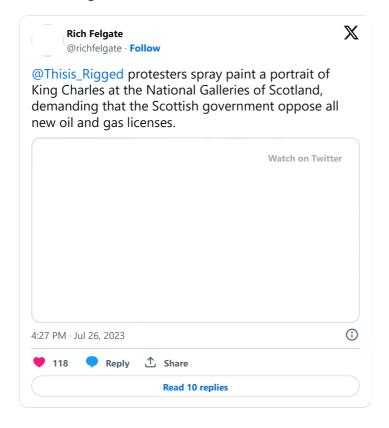
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even opposing them?" one of the two protesters stated as they glued their hands to the floor and sat in front of the portrait. "If we want a future—if the Scottish government want young people to have a future—they need to oppose all new oil and gas licenses."



Following the protest, a gallery for modern portraits was

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Now ANOTHER Just Stop Oil activist interrupts own graduation ceremony as they are booed during impromptu speech about climate change before being dragged away

- · Callum Goode, 24, gives speech about climate change at Lancaster University
- · Activist is booed then dragged out of building by security guards to applause

By MARK DUELL

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A Just Stop Oil activist was booed today while interrupting their own university graduation ceremony - in the second such stunt in less than a fortnight.

Callum Goode, 24, of Ashbourne, Derbyshire, started giving a speech about climate change in front of fellow graduates during the event at Lancaster University.

The protester tried to sit on the floor but was removed by two security guards, to the applause of some guests in the audience while others booed and heckled him.



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Mr Goode held some notes and told the crowd: 'I'm going to talk for a few minutes. Our degrees are pointless in the wake of the climate crisis. We have no future.

'It doesn't matter how sustainable our university is. It doesn't matter what qualifications you have. We won't have jobs. We won't be able to feed ourselves.

'I don't want death. I don't want other people to suffer and die from the effects of the climate crisis. Make a difference. We are winning but we are running out of time.'

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Members of the audience applaud as Mr Goode is removed from the ceremony today

Mr Goode has previously been involved in Just Stop Oil stunts such as protesting at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Warwickshire and slow-marching through London.

Today's stunt got a mixed reaction on Twitter after Just Stop Oil posted a video of it, with one user saying he 'interrupted his own graduation because he felt he was not getting enough attention'.

Another commenter tweeted: 'How selfish - hope his classmates objected but then again these places seem to encourage this liberal ideology.'

But a third claimed he was the 'opposite' of being selfish because he was

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'sacrificing his own graduation to get this important message across for everyone'.

A fourth said: 'That is very brave. Imagine facing that wall of disapproval. And still, he is right and right to disrupt because we are indeed out of time.'

A fifth added: 'There is a sense of irony here, since Lancaster University is home to the Lancaster Environment Centre.'

Lancaster University has not yet issued a statement about the protest.

Mr Goode's stunt comes 11 days after **Just Stop Oil protester Edred** Whittingham ruined his own University of Exeter graduation ceremony with a paint-loaded fire extinguisher.

Mr Whittingham shouted 'Just Stop Oil' as he was arrested for spraying the college courtyard orange after collecting his BA in philosophy, politics and economics.

The 25-year-old student, who was jailed last year for blockading Kingsbury, sprayed paint while dressed in his robes. Biden's trans health secretary Dr Rachel Levine praises Alaska gender-affirming care clinic which wants word 'mother' replaced with phrase EGG PRODUCER





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In the tweet publicising the video of Mr Goode today, Just Stop Oil also said it was planning a 'mass youth training' event in London on September 1 and 2.

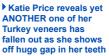
The group's stunts in recent months have included targeting major sporting events such as the tennis at Wimbledon, the golf at The Open and cricket at The Ashes.

They have also held demonstrations at the Chelsea Flower Show and Glyndebourne opera festival – and even targeted George Osborne's wedding earlier this month.

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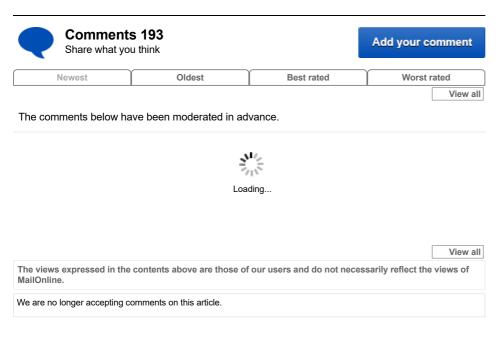


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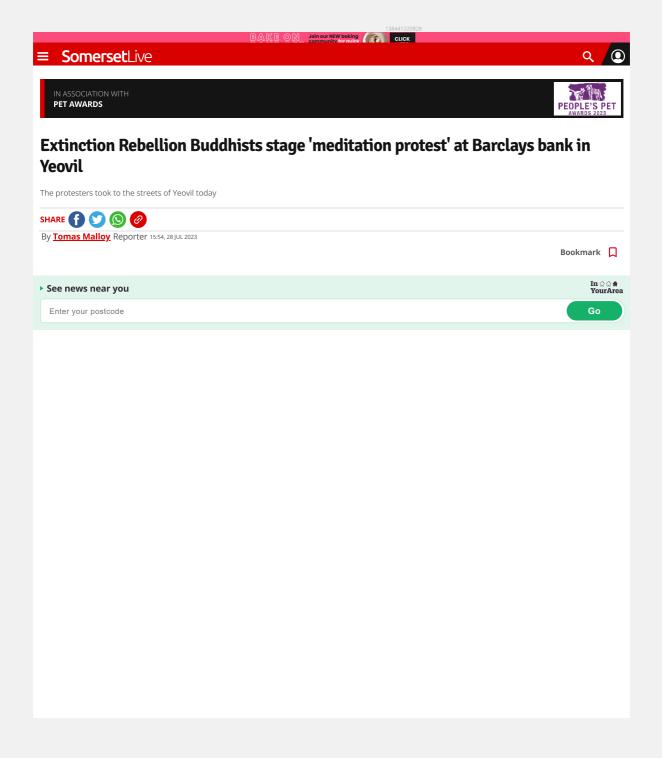


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Extinction Rebellion members staged a protest at a Yeovil bank today (July 28). Extinction Rebellion Buddhists, a sub-group of the climate activist organisation, took part in a "meditation protest" at Barclays bank on <u>King George Street.</u>

The group is "calling on the bank to divest away from investments in fossil fuels and to transition to renewable energy investments", according to a statement. The protesters, wearing placards stating "Barclays - funding climate chaos", performed a "slow meditation walk" through the town centre, before sitting in meditation outside Barclays bank for around an hour.

One of the protesters passed a handwritten letter to staff inside the bank, while leaflets were also handed out to passers-by outside. There was little disruption to shoppers in the town centre.

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There was a police presence at the scene to ensure the protest passed smoothly. Two police officers and two police community support officers watched on from both sides of the street as the protest took place.

Andy Wistreich, from Extinction Rebellion Buddhists, said: "This last June was the hottest June ever recorded. This is scary.

"There are rapidly increasing climate driven disasters across the globe now, including the recent wildfires in Canada which devastated over 23 million acres of land and made 255,000 people homeless, and huge floods in Bangladesh. The UN chief said last year that 'we are on a highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator'.

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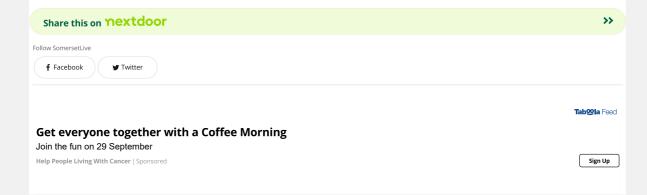


"And Barclays is one of those companies who are doing more than most to propel us toward disaster. They are clearly aware of the impacts of what they are doing.

"I'm here because the situation is becoming increasingly unbearable, and it's important to actually do something, rather than sit at home and watch it on TV. Most people don't realise that their money is being used to deprive them of a livable future, so we are here to let them know, and to help them switch their bank accounts to an ethical bank."

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Climate activist group, This is Rigged, has taken responsibility for the demonstration, which they say is in protest of "political failure" to oppose all new oil and gas.

It is understood four protestors are involved.

Police Scotland confirmed that officers were in attendance.

On social media This is Rigged said the action was in direct response to Rishi Sunak's announcement that he will back licences for 100 new oil and gas projects in the North Sea.

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The group said the Scottish government's silence over the matter was "deafening" and called on it to "vocally oppose" the move.

This Is Rigged has previously staged protests at the <u>Grangemouth</u> petrochemical plant and Rothesay Dock oil terminal in Clydebank.

A spokesperson for the Scottish Parliament said the group had "repeatedly targeted the Scottish Parliament and its democratic functions".

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'Police matter'

The public gallery in Holyrood was cleared during due to repeated interruptions from protestors.

The spokesperson added: "Up to 1,000 people visit Holyrood a day at this time of year, and many will have been severely inconvenienced - not just those who had booked on to tours but other members of the public who wish to visit and engage with their national parliament.

"This is now a matter for Police Scotland."

• Sunak defends granting new North Sea licences

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak confirmed support for the Acorn Project in St Fergus, Aberdeenshire, on the programme on Monday, ahead of a visit to the site.

It is one of four carbon capture projects which will share up to £20bn of funding.

Mr Sunak said the announcement would support thousands of jobs across the UK.

He said granting the new oil and gas licences was "the right thing to do". The prime minister also said it made "absolutely no sense" to import energy supplies with "two to three times the carbon footprint of what we have got at home".

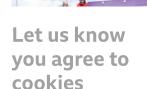
Mr Sunak said the government was determined to transition to net zero in a "proportionate and pragmatic" way.

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'We will not die quietly' say Just Stop Oil Cambridge protesters after North Sea drilling go-ahead

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"We will not die quietly," said Just Stop Oil protesters as they marched through the centre of Cambridge this morning in protest against the UK government's recent licensing of 100 new oil and gas fields in the North Sea.

Lou Lancaster, 57, from Barton; and Chiara, 24, Alison, 62 and engineer Andrew Dames, 61 from Cambridge were among the outraged citizens who walked slowly through the city centre.



Just Stop Oil protesters take to the streets of Cambridge following government's go-ahead for 'hundreds' of new oil and gas licenses. Picture: Ams Hall

"Our government is betraying us all," said former teacher Louise. "I feel compelled to let people in Cambridge know how seriously damaging this is - so many lies are being told to conceal the deadly truth."

Monday's announcement from the Prime Minister was mainly a commitment to undertake future licensing rounds for North Sea oil and gas projects, in essence agreeing in principle to allow the fossil fuel industry to undertake new projects. It intends to grant hundreds of new licences for producing oil and gas in the North Sea. It has so far received more than 100 bids for exploration and Privacy

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said that investing in new fossil fuels is "moral and economic madness".

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"I'm doing this for my niece," said Chiara, a Cambridge student. "I will not stand by and let her chances for a livable future be set on fire. This criminal government is knowingly choosing a world of famine, drought and war for the sake of greed. New oil in 2023! It is not normal. We will not let it be normal."

Cambridge resident Alison said: "I'm marching today because Rishi Sunak is issuing a hundred new oil and gas licenses, which will have a detrimental effect on our climate. I volunteer with young children and it breaks my heart to think what the future holds for them if we don't act now, before it's too late."

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Arrests after Greenpeace protest at Rishi Sunak's North Yorkshire home

3 August



Activists covered the front of the property in black sheeting on Thursday morning

By Stuart Harratt & Andrew Barton & PA Media

BBC News

Five people have been arrested after activists climbed on the roof of the prime minister's home to protest at 100 new North Sea oil and gas licences.

Campaigners had unfurled "oil-black fabric" on the house in a North Yorkshire village, Greenpeace said.

Two men and two women were arrested on suspicion of causing criminal damage and public nuisance after they returned to ground level at about 13:00 BST.

A third man was also arrested on suspicion of causing a public nuisance.

North Yorkshire Police said all those arrested remained in police custody.

Rishi Sunak's office confirmed neither the prime minister nor his family were present at the time.

One of the protesters had earlier told the BBC they had scaled the building to "bring home to the prime minister the really serious consequences of a new drilling frenzy in the North Sea".



Protesters targeted the prime minister's home in his Richmond constituency

North Yorkshire Police said the force had been made aware of the incident at Mr Sunak's constituency home at about 08:05.

Officers had "contained the area" and no-one had entered the building, a spokesperson said.

A large cordon was put in place and specialist police liaison officers were used to bring the protesters down from the roof of the property, they added.

Assistant Chief Constable Elliot Foskett, said: "There was no threat to the wider public throughout this incident which has now been brought to a safe conclusion."

When asked about the incident, Deputy Prime Minister Oliver Dowden said he thought the British people were "sick of these stupid stunts".

Labour's shadow home secretary Yvette Cooper said the incident was "disgraceful".

"This is against the law and rightly the police are taking enforcement action.

"The prime minister's home and family should never be targeted in this way."

'Under assault'

Meanwhile, the Conservative chair of the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee Alicia Kearns said the action by Greenpeace was "unacceptable".

She said the family homes of politicians should "not be under assault".

"Before long police will need to be stationed outside the home of every MP," she said.

Responding to the protest, a No 10 source said: "We make no apology for taking the right approach to ensure our energy security, using the resources we have here at home so we are never reliant on aggressors like Putin for our energy.

"We are also investing in renewables and our approach supports 1000s of British jobs."

A police cordon was in place at Rishi Sunak's home in North Yorkshire on Thursday

A former deputy chief constable of North Yorkshire Police said he was "absolutely astonished" by the incident.

Peter Walker, who left the force in 2003, told **BBC Radio York**: "You really have to wonder how people have been able to gain access to the prime minister's residence without hindrance."

Mr Sunak purchased the house after becoming the MP for the rural Richmond constituency in 2015.

The Grade II listed property was built in 1826 and has extensive gardens.

In 2021, **planning permission was granted** for an annex with a swimming pool, gym and tennis court.

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Hampshire-based green groups recently held a protest over the revival of plans to investigate oil and gas at Avington.



Campaigners gathered yesterday (Sunday, August 6) at the well site on the Matterley Estate east of Winchester.

The proposal, from IGas Energy Ltd, is for the 'retention of wellsite and existing surface and subsurface infrastructure for a further period of five years in order to allow for further appraisal of oil and gas'.

The plans, at the well near Matterley Farm, were refused by the South Downs National Park in 2020, however it was overturned at an appeal in 2021.



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Appraisal of the site had taken place from 2009 to 2017 but ceased due to fluctuating international oil prices.

Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC) chairman Dr Alex Clayton previously described it as a threat to the environment.

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Cycling Road World Championships

World Cycling Championships road race in Scotland interrupted by protesters

Men's race blocked on road in the Carron Valley area Five protesters arrested after near-hour delay to race

Jeremy Whittle

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Sun 6 Aug 2023 13.35 BST

The oil and gas activists This Is Rigged claim to have disrupted the 271km UCI Cycling World Championships men's road race in <u>Scotland</u>, forcing the peloton to stop for almost an hour on the approach to the Crow Road, near Glasgow.

After the race was neutralised a little over 190km into the action, a statement from the UCI read: "Further to Police Scotland's confirmation of a protest in the Carron Valley area, which has temporarily interrupted the men's road race, we are working closely with all relevant authorities to minimise disruption to the race and also to ensure the safety of riders as our paramount concern."

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It was reported that a group of protesters had glued themselves to the road, in theory allowing enough room for the riders to pass, but preventing vehicles in the convoy, including support cars and ambulances, from passing. Police Scotland said five protesters had been arrested.

Subsequently, This Is Rigged posted on social media: "The fact that Ineos has been allowed to sponsor a team in the race around the Campsie Fells - which were engulfed in wildfires last month - is a disgrace and an insult to both the cycling community and the people of Scotland."

The world championships are raced on a national federation basis and the Ineos Grenadiers-sponsored team are not competing, although some of their riders are riding under their national flags. It was reported that a spokesperson also said the protest "isn't about cycling".

The statement continued: "We cannot continue with business as usual while our country burns and our futures are ruined. Time is of the essence and we need to act like it. The Scottish government must stand up to Westminster and oppose all new oil and gas, and implement a fair transition now."

Britain's Owain Doull and Ireland's Rory Townsend were part of a nine-strong breakaway that had gone seven minutes clear of the main peloton, and were the first to be stopped by officials as the race was neutralised. After the road was cleared, the race resumed at 12.15pm, meaning a delay of about 55 minutes, and the breakaway riders were given a head start to reclaim their advantage.

The Men's Elite Road Race has been neutralised due to a protest **X** pic.twitter.com/kRKAbMyTER

- Eurosport (@eurosport) August 6, 2023

The 2022 Tour de France was subject to environmental protests and activists were quickly removed and then held overnight. There have also been a series of recent protests at major sporting events by Just Stop Oil in the UK, including those by Just Stop Oil. Last month the Open Championship was interrupted briefly at Hoylake, while three people made it on to court 18 at Wimbledon, showering the grass with orange confetti and pieces of a jigsaw puzzle. During the men's Ashes Test at Lord's, a protester was removed from the field of play by the England wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow. In April, play at the World Snooker Championship was delayed after a man released powdered orange paint into the Crucible theatre in Sheffield and sat kneeling on a baize table.

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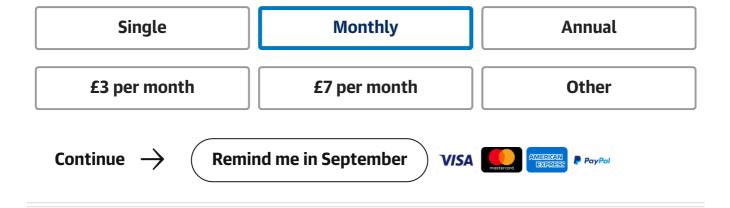
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'The Prem's our Holy Grail': Just Stop Oil plan to disrupt a Premier League game every weekend this season

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By Kit Heren
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Just Stop Oil activists plan to disrupt a Premier League game every weekend this season, as they branded England's top football league their "Holy Grail".

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Protesters will slow march around stadiums before games, before attempting to invade pitches to break up the play.

Premier League games are often watched by millions of people in the UK and around the world on television, so these stunts would likely get a lot of attention.

A top Just Stop Oil activist said: "The Prem's our Holy Grail. We're going to go for it.

"We're looking to mobilise properly so we can target one match every weekend this season.

"We'll be travelling all over the country."

Read more: Gloating Just Stop Oil activists 'recorded boasting of influence over Labour policy' after Parliament Square march

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Just Stop Oil as LBC reveals £7.7m bill to police disruption



Just Stop Oil plan to disrupt Premier League games every weekend this season. $\it Picture: Getty$

Just Stop Oil have invaded Premier League games before. Activist Louis McKechnie attached himself to the goalposts with zip ties at an Everton vs Newcastle game in March last year.

McKechnie, who later compared himself to Martin Luther King, was jailed for six weeks for aggravated trespass.

Protesters also disrupted a Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham United game, and a match between Arsenal and Liverpool, in March 2022.

The eco-activist revealed the latest Just Stop Oil plans in front of an undercover reporter, who had infiltrated a meeting of the group.



Louis McKechnie was jailed for six weeks. Picture: Alamy

He went on: "It's all about being organised, getting the people to the games and in the right positions. We can offer more advice on this at a later date."

The man, who is in his 50s, added: "We want to be in a position where people expect disruption. We want to get into the minds of fans, players and staff that each weekend we've got something on.

"We're very organised with our slow marches and we can mobilise like that for the Premier League."We want to ram home our message."

The unnamed activist went on: "We need to get tighter around our social media planning and around ticket purchasing for the matches.



A Just Stop Oil activist at a game last year. Picture: Getty

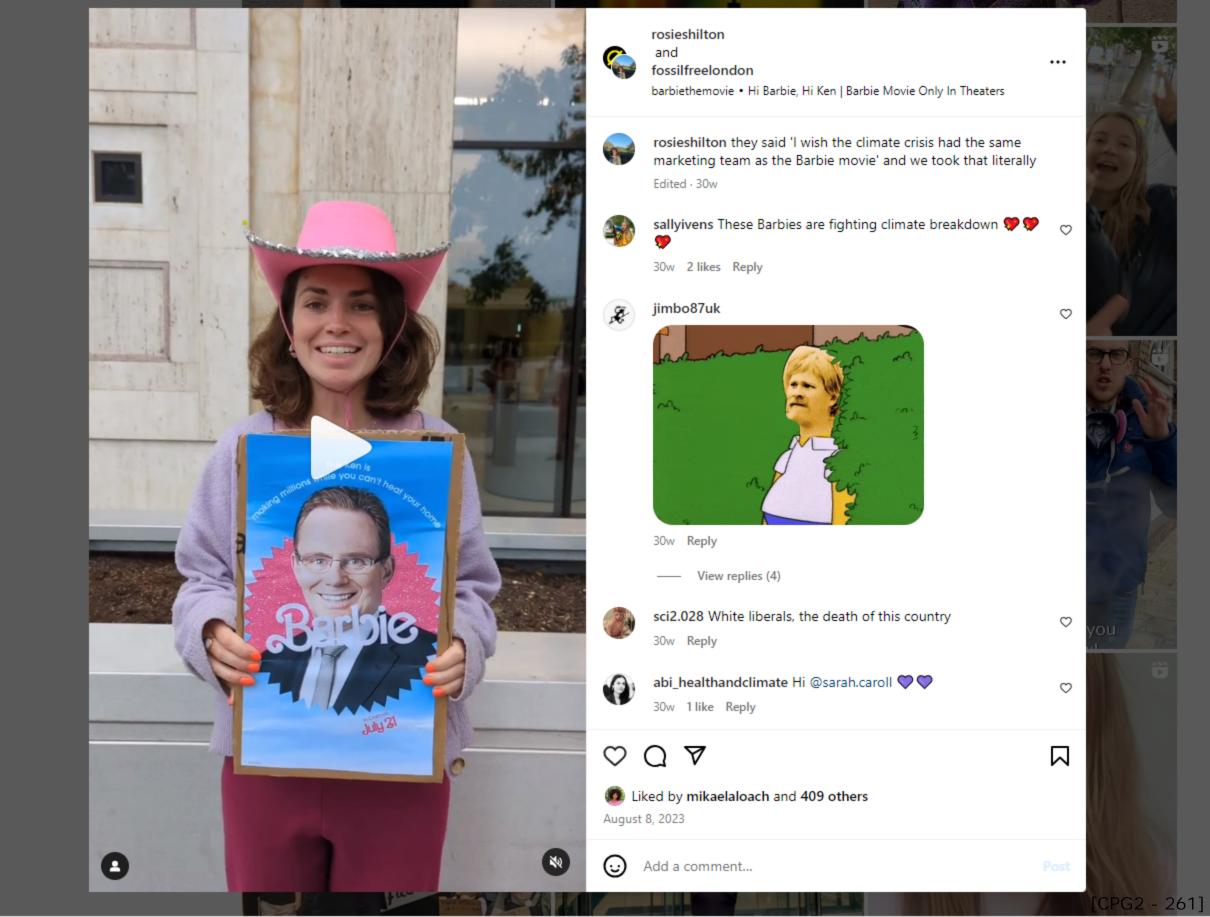
"We know the clubs will be aware we will be targeting them so we need to stay one step ahead. Once we're in, there's a lot of opportunities like glueing ourselves to the ticket turnstiles on the gates. That would cause chaos.

"Or getting on the pitch to glue ourselves to the grass or goalposts. We can slow march in the streets around stadiums on match days to cause local traffic chaos."

Just Stop Oil have been regularly causing chaos with a 13-week round of traffic protests earlier this year.

The group have also disrupted sporting events like the Ashes, Wimbledon, the British Grand Prix and the Snooker World







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Open Letter Calls On British Museum to Drop BP Name

Tuesday, August 8, 2023



An open letter signed by 80 artists and activists including Nan Goldin draws parallels between the oil giant and the Sackler family, whose name has been removed from institutions worldwide.

Following BP's announcement of more than £ 2 billions profits in Q2 of 2023, more than 80 artists, museum directors, writers and researchers, as well as climate groups, have written to the outgoing British Museum Director Hartwig Fischer, urging him to re-name the Museum's BP Lecture Theatre as a final act before leaving his role next year.

The open letter in full:

Dear Hartwig Fischer, Director of the British Museum,

We welcome the news that the British Museum's existing sponsorship deal with the oil and gas company BP formally ended (https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2023/jun/02/british-museum-ends-bp-sponsorship-deal-after-27-years) in February and has not been renewed.

Last November, your Chairman George Osborne said (https://www.britishmuseum.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/Speech_by_George_Osborne_Annual_Trustees_Dinner_British_Museum_2022.pdf) that, 'Our goal is to be a net zero carbon museum – no longer a destination for climate protest but instead an example of climate solution.' We now urge you, as part of fulfilling that goal, to pledge that the Museum will accept no further funding from sponsors or donors involved in fossil fuel production. Multiple organisations have concluded that (https://www.climateaction100.org/company/bp/) BP and other oil and gas producers are not aligned with a pathway to 1.5°C, the goal set out in the Paris Climate Agreement. Partnering with such companies lends them an undeserved and dangerous social legitimacy and influence.

We know you have a vision of creating an inclusive museum that brings people, particularly young people, together. When the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) ended its own BP sponsorship deal, it acknowledged (https://www.rsc.org.uk/news/archive/we-are-to-conclude-our-partnership-with-bp) that, 'Young people are now saying clearly to us that the BP sponsorship is putting a barrier between them and their wish to engage with the RSC. We cannot ignore that message.' Any new partnership with the fossil fuel industry would put a clear barrier between the Museum and the visitors of tomorrow that you seek to welcome.

However, opposition to BP's sponsorship of the Museum in recent years was not just because the company's current business plans do not deliver the rapid phase-out of fossil fuels we so urgently need, but also because its past record is one of huge emissions, environmental destruction and human rights violations. Over the 27 years that BP was a sponsor of the British Museum, it lobbied against (https://www.france24.com/en/livenews/20210420-bp-lobbying-to-weaken-eu-green-investment-watchdog) crucial climate legislation, funded industry groups that spread disinformation (https://www.desmog.com/2021/10/29/congress-exxonmobil-shell-bp-chevron-american-petroleum-institute-climate-disinformation/), and profited from close ties to repressive rulers in countries such as Russia (https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/vladimir-putin-thanked-bps-bernard-looney-for-his-role-in-the-russian-geographical-society-hv6wshx8h) and Egypt (https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2022/oct/11/british-museum-urged-to-drop-bp-sponsor-deal-for-egypt-exhibition). The British Museum continued to partner with BP even as its oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico, while its gas flaring caused toxic pollution for communities in Iraq (https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-63560279), and as climate impacts intensified around the world.

We therefore call on you to now disassociate the British Museum from this record of criminality and environmental destruction by removing BP's name from the Museum's lecture theatre. Just as cultural institutions around the world have removed the Sackler Family name as evidence of the harmful ways their money was made came to light, the damning evidence on BP's past – and present – can no longer be ignored. Renaming the lecture theatre would send a powerful message about the future the Museum wants to see, by visibly allying itself with future generations.

Many of your peers across the culture sector have now cut their ties to fossil fuel sponsorship and are taking ambitious climate action. By pledging an end to funding from fossil fuel companies and by renaming the 'BP Lecture Theatre', you would be demonstrating the kind of climate leadership that is now so urgently needed, as the Museum seeks to move into a new era.

Kind regards,

Signed,

- Nan Goldin, Artist
- Megan Kapler, Sackler PAIN
- Katherine McAlpine, Director Brunel Museum
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- Jason Scott-Warren, Professor of Early Modern Literature and Culture, University of Cambridge
- Mel Evans, Head of Climate, Greenpeace UK
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- Claudia Campero, Activist
- Bill McGuire, Professor Emeritus of Geophysical & Climate Hazards, UCL.
- Emma de Saram, President of Exeter Students' Guild
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Muswell Hill's Extinction Rebellion hold climate protest

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The sun beat down as mothers, grandmothers and children held a silent vigil about the climate emergency as European countrie battle wildfires.

Members of Mother's Rebellion took part in an hour-long sit-in in Muswell Hill Road, on July 29, organised by Muswell Hill's Extinction Rebellion.

The group were motivated by reports of extreme temperatures and wildfires currently taking place in Europe.

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Sat in a horseshoe, within which there was a play area for children, the group of 20 women were called to silence at midday by the rin of a Buddhist bell.

Others talked to passers-by about the purpose of the event.







An hour later the bell chimed, calling an end to the protest.

Chrissy Kelly, one of the organisers, said: "We are grateful to all those passers-by who showed their support and who stopped to write own messages.



Mothers Rebellion activists hold silent climate vigil letting placards do the talking (Image: Gregory Wocial)

"Some children also enjoyed the play area.

"There are now daily reports of extreme temperatures and wild fires in the newspapers and on television news that show we must act whatever way we can to ensure governments take the necessary steps to avoid climate breakdown."

Another vigil is planned on Saturday (August 12) near the playground in Priory Park, gathering from 11.40am to begin at 12pm.

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Update to the movement, summer 2023

August 11, 2023 by Extinction Rebellion

Dear Rebels,

It's been a few months since we all came together for The Big One in Westminster. We certainly haven't been sitting still since then, and exciting things are in the making! We've forged alliances and friendships with other movements, organisations and groups, and are looking to build more connections with our community assemblies throughout the UK.

We know from history that successful civil disobedience movements are highly disciplined with robust organisational infrastructures. The Big One was arguably our most successful rebellion since April 2019 with over 100,000 on the streets and more

than 200 organisations coming together. The tireless commitment from everyone involved was a real testament to the strength and resilience of rebels, and our self-organising system (SOS) which enabled us to successfully achieve such a complex and immense task.

Since The Big One, we've released a new Movement Strategy for 2023-2024 (<u>Here Comes Everyone</u>) as well as an Actions Strategy. Our strategies focus on relationship building and developing community bases of power. This work flows from the spirit of The Big One and is absolutely vital if we want successful action on the climate and ecological emergency that is fair and inclusive for all life on earth.

A key to this is trust, transparency and accountability. We are demanding this from our government, the fossil fuel industry, people in power, and we must demand it from ourselves too. For this reason, lots is happening all around the movement in terms of rejigging groups, mandates, and importantly: our financial structure.

Our financial structure still dates back to XR UK's very early days and needs a refresh for the movement we have become over the last five years. Guided by our principles and values and taking strength from our SOS we mitigate power and resist hierarchy. Our SOS creates a level playing field where no-one is above the rules, and that includes a corporate financial structure that does not serve us.

Moving forward, there is still a lot to do within our movement and we want to share each step of this journey with all of you. We've all come from the toxic system that has created the crises we face, and we need to unlearn bad habits and ways of thinking. This is hard, but we're doing it together. As we look to build relationships, we must continue our work on breaking down barriers such as racism, colonialism, speciesism, and inequality. This is the work we need to do.

Love and rage,

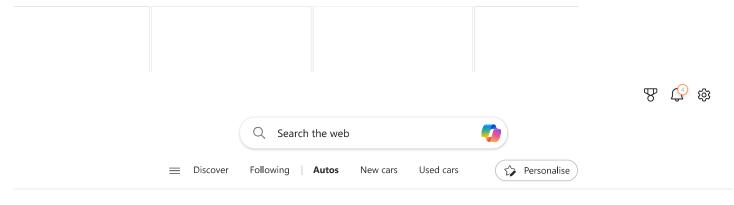
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'Just Stop Oil' take the climate fight to town high street - or do they?

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Just Stop Oil protest in Caerleon (Image: Social Media)
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PROTESTS by pressure group Just Stop Oil have become a common sight in national headlines in recent times - but a recent protest a bit closer to home might not be all it seems.

Images widely circulated on social media at the weekend appear to show a pair of protestors, clad in the famous orange t-shirts, sat in the middle of the road in Caerleon.

The pair appear at first glance to be members of the climate activist group Just Stop Oil, who have hit headlines nationally in recent months for their fight against the fossil fuel industry and its impact on the planet.

The rumors about Rod Stewart have been confirmed.



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There have been high-profile actions taken at Wimbledon, the Crucible and even the Chelsea Flower Show.

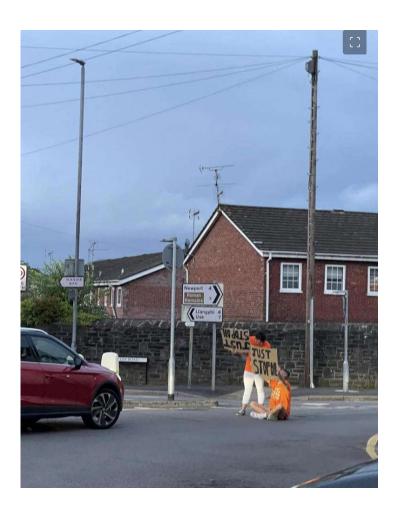


L South Wales Argus: 'Just Stop Oil' protest in Caerleon
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Now, the fight has even reached Caerleon High Street.

On Saturday, August 12, at around 9pm, the pair were pictured sat in the road stopping traffic.

They were sat on a pedestrian crossing near Minstrels Sports Bar.



South Wales Argus: 'Just Stop Oil' protest in Caerleon
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Caerleon has hit headlines in the past due to issues with pollution.

Placards held by the pair read "Just Stop Oil" as did their t-shirts.

However, the group say they are unaware of an official affiliation of the Caerleon Two with Just Stop Oil.

When asked if the Caerleon incident was one they'd planned, a spokesperson said: "I don't believe these folks are affiliated with Just Stop Oil.

"We're not aware of any planned demonstrations in the area, so it could be a copycat action or locals being dared by their mates, we've seen a few of those recently."

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Photos: Protesters invade green during final round of 2023 AIG Women's Open





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Lilia Vu is the story of the day in women's golf as the 25-year-old <u>claimed her second</u> <u>major title</u> of the season and third win of the year on Sunday at the 2023 AIG Women's Open at Walton Heath near London.

However, on the 17th hole, a group of protesters from Just Stop Oil invaded the green with flares to speak out against the UK government from licensing all new oil, gas and coal projects. The group similarly protested last month's Open Championship at Hoylake during the second round. A sign carried by one of the protesters read, "stop insuring climate crisis."

Charley Hull had just hit an approach to the green when two invaders ran onto the putting surface with smoke flares. After the protesters were cleared, Vu finished her hole

and went on to win the tournament.

"What a bunch of idiots," Hull said after the round.

"I suffer from asthma, but didn't have my inhaler on me and that stuff was really thick, so no it was not nice. I wasn't scared when it happened, just thought they were idiots," she said. "Someone said they are protesting about oil, but how did they get here today? Drove probably."

Hull shot a 1-over 73 to finish six shots behind Vu for her second runner-up finish at a major championship this season.

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to oil giants have appeared across London's bus stops.

The Prime Minister is shown shaking an oil-soaked hand next to a Conservative logo with the words: "A helping hand for those in need: £3.75 billion public money to oil company Equinor if Rosebank oil field goes ahead."

The spoof ads have been spotted in Hackney, Southwark and Tower Hamlets so far, and come after Fossil Free London campaigners last week delivered giant gifts to the Norwegian embassy to represent the £3.75bn tax breaks developers of the North Sea's Rosebank field could receive.

Norway's state-backed oil and gas giant Equinor would be among the firms set to profit while the taxpayer picks up almost all the costs of the development.

Earlier this month Mr Sunak claimed a planned expansion of oil and gas drilling in the North Sea was "entirely consistent" with the government's goal to reach net zero by 2050.

Granting more than 100 new oil and gas licences off the coast of Scotland will "boost British energy independence" and "reduce reliance on hostile states," Number 10 said.

Fossil Free London spokeswoman Joanna Warrington said: "Rosebank would be a double disaster. It would cost us, the UK taxpavers. billions of pounds. while doing absolutely nothing to

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Just Stop Oil protesters cause disruption in Somerset

Scores of demonstrators took to the streets

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Just Stop Oil protesters have taken to the streets of Wells in a march against oil and gas exploration in the North Sea. Around 20 activists headed through the city to protest against the government's recent announcement of 100 new North Sea oil and gas licenses were granted.

Campaigners said that extracting more fossil fuball through the UK's climate commitments". I new licences was "entirely consistent" with ne

om the North Sea would "send a wrecking me Minister Rishi Sunak said granting the commitments.

The protest is part of the Just Stop Oil Campaign of slow marching to demand that the government stops licensing new oil, gas and coal exploration in the UK.

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Marianne Sorrell, a 78 year-old retired languages teacher who lives in Wells said: "I slow march with Just Stop Oil because I can't stand by and let this beautiful earth be destroyed by vested interests whose only concern is making huge profits. Life on earth is collapsing around us and to quote UN Secretary General Guterres, 'we're on the highway to climate hell with our foot still on the accelerator.'

"The Prime Minister's recent granting of 100 new oil and gas licences is not in our interests and will not give us energy security. Quite the opposite – it will add to our insecurity by pouring more oil on the fire that is consuming our planet. We are no longer experiencing global warming but global boiling and everyone must pick a side now. We owe it to the young."

Ana Heyatawin, a 60-year-old retired bus driver from Binegar, near Wells, said, "It is not just about us as individuals any more. If we continue as we are now doing food supplies will be devastated. We could transition to sustainable green practices, creating many millions of jobs globally. The government needs to choose."

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The Just Stop Oil Campaign says that marches will continue until the government reverses last week's decision.



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Exeter slow march rallies local opposition to new oil and gas licences

Press / August 19, 2023

Just Stop Oil supporters slow-marched in Exeter city centre today, as they asked the public to join them in civil resistance to end new oil, gas and coal.

Around 30 supporters marched for an hour, from Sidwell Street to Northernhay Gardens, talking to passers-by and handing out flyers to invite more of the public to join Just Stop Oil.

Within 15 minutes, Devon and Cornwall Police ordered the marchers off the road, by issuing a section 12, Public Order Act notice. These powers are intended to prevent 'serious disruption to the life of the





Gilly Robinson, 59, a retired environmental educator from Dawlish who was on the march today said:

"I was evacuated from my home in Dawlish twice during the storms of February 2014, The sea wall was breached and the railway line in front of my house left dangling. Climate change? Can't prove it. But highly likely. People tell me to get my voice heard in a 'more democratic' way. All the while, the ice shelves melt, the seas continue to rise, wildfires creep ever closer – and nobody in power is doing a thing about it. Honestly? I'm terrified. And this is why I slow-march."

Instead of acting to prevent climate change, UK prime minister Rishi Sunak plans to 'max out' the UK's oil and gas reserves, including approving 100 new oil and gas licences. Just Stop Oil is asking people who are concerned to join us in fighting his criminal intentions and to support our demand that the government halts all new licences and consents for oil, gas and coal projects in the UK. [1]

Just Stop Oil is hosting a talk at the Exeter Phoenix at 6:30pm on Monday evening August 21st about how everyone can help make these demands. We invite all those who are concerned about these developments to attend, and sign up at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/welcome-talk-how-to-just-stop-oil-exeter-tickets-699128822127

Maurice Spurway, a 69-year-old grandad from Exeter who joined the slow march today said:

"We are on the brink of climate collapse, and the government still refuses to listen to the sciencelt's ignoring its own advisors in maxing out on fossil fuels. Cheaper, safer and faster alternatives exist, and it seems that only civil disobedience will force the government to see sense. I don't like disrupting people's lives, but I don't know what else I can effectively do."

Exeter is the home of the Met Office, which clearly explains that burning fossil fuels causes the CO2 emissions that are boiling our planet. [2] Extreme temperatures are driving more frequent adverse events, for example with July 2022's UK heatwaves killing more people and widely damaging property. [3] During that period, there were over 3,000 excess deaths according to the UK's Office for National Statistics. [4]



Mathew, 36, from Exeter said:

"Studying environmental science, I learned that the ecological and climate crisis we are facing is not a scientific or technical problem, but a political one. We have had the solutions for decades, but politicians have instead maintained the wealth and power of fossil fuel corporations and the billionaire-owned media. We now urgently need radical systemic change to have a hope of a sustainable future."

We will not let the status quo stand. We refuse to die quietly. Civil resistance is no longer an option, it is a necessity. Starting in late October, thousands of people will join Just Stop Oil in London to march on the roads, and we will not stop until we win. Sign up for action here: https://actionnetwork.org/forms/take-action-with-just-stop-oil/

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Just Stop Oil stages slow march through Leeds

Press / August 26, 2023

Over 30 supporters of Just Stop Oil [1] staged a slow march in Leeds today, starting just after 11am from the Art Gallery.

Those taking part in the march are demanding that the government heed the advice of the International Energy Agency, the United Nations and a majority of the UK public and cease granting licences for new oil and gas projects immediately. [2][3][4]

Just Stop Oil is hosting online talks every Sunday at 5pm and most Tuesdays at 7pm (details at juststopoil.org) and invites all those who are concerned about Rishi Sunak's pledge to "max out" the UK's oil



about keeping them safe when people are fighting for food. We need to resist new oil and gas while we still can.

"We've had enough of this government's lies. We all know that we cannot continue adding carbon into the atmosphere without consequence. The consequences are already unfolding around us. Panicking holiday makers in flip flops fleeing wildfires on Greek islands, floods and storms sweeping away houses and cars in China, India banning rice exports after heavy rains have decimated crops: nowhere is safe."

Another attendee from Leeds said:

"Politics is broken, it seems incapable of getting us out of this mess. The government is literally risking our survival for short term profits while offering nothing but culture wars and divisive rhetoric against NHS workers and vulnerable refugees. We are all struggling to get by while oil and gas companies are making record profits and giving millions in illegal donations to the Conservative Party.

"We all need to get on the streets and march together in solidarity. We have much more in common than the fossil fuelled media would have us believe. We are many and they are few and we will win, while this criminal government will be charged with crimes against humanity. It is only a matter of when. "

At the end of July, the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak pledged to "max out" the UK's oil and gas reserves while announcing 100 new oil and gas licences. Since then there has been near universal condemnation across parliament and civil society. Fifty MPs and peers, from all major parties, have written to the energy secretary to demand a rethink. Conservative MP and former Science Minister Chris Skidmore said that the decision was "wrong" while the rest of the world was experiencing record heatwaves and that history will not look favourably on it. He said he would ask the speaker for an emergency debate when parliament returns from its summer break. [6] [7]

The civil service union, PCS, has said that "statements made by senior politicians which argue that increasing domestic fossil fuel extraction is compatible with the UK and global net zero commitments are not correct." They suggest that if the Prime Minister was a civil servant he would stand in breach of the Civil Service Code as his announcement was not rooted in evidence and is in fact misleading. [8]

A spokesperson from Just Stop Oil said:

"The government plans to licence over 100 new oil and gas projects despite mounting evidence that this will impose unimaginable suffering and destroy the lives and livelihoods of billions of people. New oil and gas will push the world past irreversible tipping points, destroy our ability to grow food and risk the collapse of human civilisation. Everything we know and love is threatened. To pursue new oil and gas, in full knowledge of these consequences, isn't just a crime against humanity. It is the greatest crime in human history."

"We will not let this stand. We refuse to die quietly. Civil resistance is no longer an option, it is a necessity.



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Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

- [2] No new oil, gas or coal development if world is to reach net zero by 2050, says world energy body: https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/may/18/no-new-investment-in-fossil-fuels-demands-top-energy-economist
- [3] In 2022, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called new fossil fuel expansion "moral and economic madness" and said that "the truly dangerous radicals are the countries that are increasing the production of fossil fuels". https://press.un.org/en/2022/sgsm21228.doc.htm
- [4] Recent public opinion polls

60% of the UK public list either wind, solar or nuclear as the form of energy generation they support the most versus only 6% who favour oil or gas. https://yougov.co.uk/topics/science/trackers/which-form-energy-generation-has-the-most-support

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- [5] Climate change is out of control says UN https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2023/jul/07/first-thing-climate-change-out-of-control-un-says
- [6] Rishi Sunak's approval of hundreds of new North Sea oil and gas licences has been met with widespread condemnation amid the growing possibility of climate litigation.

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Judge bars unlawful protests against Esso oil pipeline project

Mr Justice Julian Knowles on Thursday granted a 'permanent injunction' after an application by lawyers representing Esso.



Extinction Rebellion protests

A High Court judge has barred "unlawful protests" against an Esso oil pipeline project between Southampton and London.

Mr Justice Julian Knowles on Thursday granted a "permanent injunction" against a named protester, Scott Breen, and "persons unknown" after an application by lawyers representing Esso.

The judge, who had considered evidence at a High Court hearing in London, outlined his reasoning in a written ruling and referred to a "campaign of protest".

Another judge had previously granted an interim injunction.

Mr Justice Knowles heard that the pipeline would stretch more than 60 miles (more than 100km) between Hampshire and a west London terminal in Hounslow when complete.

Esso said there had been 15 "incidents" which had "affected" the construction of the pipeline between December 2021 and August 2022.

Timothy Morshead KC, who led Esso's legal team, had argued that there was a "continuing need" to "restrain unlawful protests".

Mr Morshead said "activities carried out by some protesters" had gone "far beyond" what "might reasonably be regarded as lawful and peaceful" protest – and given rise "to serious health and safety concerns".

He told the judge that the "risk of repetition" was "obvious".



A permanent injunction was granted (Ian West/PA)

Mr Justice Knowles said he had taken into account protesters' human rights to free speech and peaceful assembly and was "satisfied" that Esso was entitled to the injunction it sought.

"The campaign of protest which the pipeline has attracted is plainly intended to impede (Esso's) ability to construct the pipeline and to harm it economically," he said.

"Having considered the issues and the evidence, the balancing exercise I have performed comes down very clearly in (Esso's) favour given the importance of the works and the threat posed by the protesters to disrupt and cause damage."

The judge said neither Mr Breen nor any other protester had appeared at the hearing.

He heard that Esso operated a network of oil pipelines from its refinery in Fawley, near Southampton, to fuel terminals across England.





Romeo and Juliet ballet performance interrupted by climate change protesters

The group stormed the stage in London and unfurled a banner that demanded an end to Barclays' sponsorship of the theatre.



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Climate activists interrupted a ballet performance of Romeo & Juliet at Sadler's Wells theatre.









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Climate protesters interrupted a performance of Romeo and Juliet on Thursday night at London's Sadler's Wells, demanding an end to the theatre's partnership with Barclays.

The group ran on to the stage during Matthew Bourne's ballet adaptation of the Shakespeare classic and unfurled a banner that said "drop Barclays sponsorship".

In video filmed by the group known as Fossil Free London, performers were seen immediately leaving the stage before the safety curtain came down, drawing a mixture of cheers and boos from the audience.

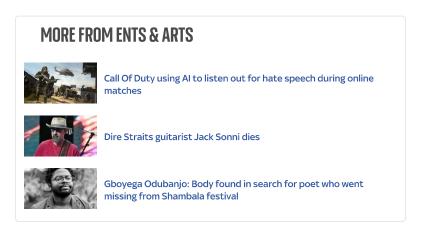
The noise from the audience appeared to try to drown out the protesters, who spent several minutes chanting "drop Barclays sponsorship".

Additional protesters could be seen in the wings holding cardboard signs - one of which demanded an end to money linked to oil in arts and culture organisations.



Protesters were then spoken to by security and the performance later continued.

A spokesperson for Sadler's Wells told Sky News: "We respect the right of individuals to air views on these matters, but a disruption to dedicated musicians and young dancers at an eagerly awaited performance during this sell-out run of Romeo and Juliet is wholly unacceptable, and we are supporting police to investigate the matter."



Sky News has contacted the Metropolitan Police.

Spokesperson for Fossil Free London, Joanna Warrington, said: "Like doomed star-crossed lovers, Barclays and Sadler's Wells are trapped in a deadly romance as they exchange money for social acceptance, except in this version, after the worst effects of climate breakdown ricochet across the world, we all die.

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"By taking their dirty money, Sadler's Wells is helping Barclays to launder its dirty image and is complicit in their climate-wrecking investments. It's time to cut oily money out of the arts."





Protesters on stage with security. Pic: Fossil Free London



Pic: Fossil Free London

The group claims Barclays is investing in new oil and gas projects, saying the bank has spent more than \$190bn (£150bn) on fossil fuels since the Paris Climate Accord was signed in 2016.

Barclays said in a statement: "We believe that Barclays can make the greatest difference as a bank by working with customers and clients as they transition to a low-carbon business model, focussing on facilitating the finance needed to change business practices and scale new green technologies.

"This includes many oil and gas companies that are critical to the transition, and have committed significant resources and expertise to renewable energy. Where companies are unwilling to reduce their emissions consistent with internationally accepted pathways, they may find it difficult to access financing, including from Barclays."

Fossile Free London says it is a "grassroots climate group campaigning for a London beyond fossil fuels, imagining a cleaner, greener city for residents and for people worldwide who are experiencing the loss and damage of climate crises made in London".

It comes after several months of disruption aimed at sporting and cultural events, mostly in London, with group Just Stop Oil **spraying**

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Dorset Extinction Rebellion activists protest outside oil company's London HQ

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Extinction Rebellion marched to Wytch Farm on May 1. (Image: Newsquest)

EXTINCTION Rebellion activists from Dorset have travelled to London to protest outside the headquarters of Perenco.

Protesters, accompanied by the 'Grim Reaper', are demanding the oil and gas company do not expand further in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Colombia.

Activists took to the streets in London, Moanda, DRC, and La Morena, Colombia in solidarity.

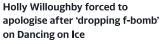
Members of XR BCP trekked to London after three protests in Dorset calling for its operating permits and licence be revoked from the Perenco site at Wytch Farm.

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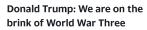
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Daniel Glennon, a customer service trainer from

Bournemouth, said: "I've come to Perenco's London HQ

today to demand they give us the full truth about the leak in

Poole Harbour in March.

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"We observed oil on the water 24 hours before Perenco admitted to there being a leak.

"Why did they hire private security to keep local people away from parts of the harbour and stop them filming during the clean-up? What was Perenco trying to hide?"

Ralph Doe, a retired bookshop owner from France, said: "I was shocked when 200 barrels of reservoir fluid from Perenco's oil drilling site at Wytch Farm leaked into environmentally sensitive Poole Harbour, and even more shocked when I found Perenco is harming indigenous people and causing environmental damage in 14 countries.

"It's time for them to pay for the loss and damage."

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The protestors were demonstrating with large banners against expansion plans into Nganzi or Matamba-Makanzi in the DRC and La Morena, Colombia.

In a statement read outside Perenco's HQ in Moanda, activists said: "We ask the Congolese State to abandon the sale of other oil fields in the Moanda area and not to allow

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Broadmead climate activists sing Spice Girls protest song outside Barclays

Barclays says it is 'clear that addressing climate change is an urgent and complex challenge'





Protesters gathered outside Barclays in Broadmead on September 4, 2023 (Image: Yvonne Deeney)

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Climate activists staged a protest outside a Bristol bank while dressed as The Spice Girls, 'corporate-rats' and Jacob Rees-Mogg. The group protested outside Barclays' <u>Broadmead</u> branch yesterday (September 4) to oppose the bank's investment in fossil fuels.

Wearing outfits to mimic members of the 90s girl band as well as North East Somerset's MP, they sang a parody protest song and gave out leaflets to customers urging them to switch to a 'more ethical' bank. The local action organised by Bristol and Bath Climate Choir follows on from an Extinction Rebellion (XR) campaign in 2022, when 110 branches were targeted with sit-in protests.

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Yesterday, activists targeted Barclays in Broadmead and Bath. They performed a parody of the Spice Girls 1998 single *Stop*, replacing the original lyrics with a version that urged the bank to stop investing billions in oil and gas.

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They were joined by two mock Barclays bank managers wearing rat masks, describing themselves as 'corporate rats' and another protester dressed up as Mr Rees-Mogg who has <u>supported policies in favour of fracking, new oil and gas extraction.</u>

The man wearing a mask with the face of the controversial MP lay on the floor in the centre of the group, lounging just like Mr Rees-Mogg famously did in 2019 during a session at the Houses of Parliament. Protester Ben, who describes himself as an 'ecological activist', said the group had a positive response in Broadmead yesterday.

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He said: "Barclays invests billions and billions of pounds to make profits from fossil fuels and we're asking them to stop doing that but more so for people to change their accounts.

"They can look it up online and go with banks and building societies that don't invest in fossil fuels. We've had a really good Privacy ple going in there, they take a leaflet, they didn't know, they haven't been hostile at all. People are becoming aware



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Greg Cooper, who was dressed in a suit and a rat mask, said: "We are highlighting the fact that Barclays is the biggest fossil fuel funder in Europe and we want them to stop funding fossil fuels. I am dressed as a Corporate Rat or a Corp-Rat [to represent] a business that puts profit before people and the planet."

The group handed out 'Sharklays' leaflets, which were produced in 2022 as part of a campaign to target Barclays. Campaigners set up a whole <u>website</u> dedicated to highlighting concerns that Barclays investments are damaging the environment and undermining the 2015 Paris agreement.

While Barclays says it is committed to become 'net zero' by 2050 and is currently working with oil and gas companies as they transition to greener technologies, Sharklays protesters dispute the bank's claims around sustainability.

What does Barclays say?

A Barclays spokesperson said: "As one of the first banks to set an ambition to become net zero by 2050, we are clear that addressing climate change is an urgent and complex challenge. We are using our entire franchise to support new green technologies and infrastructure projects that will build up low-carbon capacity and capability, having provided over £87bn of green finance since 2018.

"We have set a target to facilitate \$1trn in Sustainable and Transition financing between 2023 and 2030 and we have set a mandate to invest £500m of our own capital into global climate-tech start-ups by the end of 2027.

"Integrating the IEA NZE2050 1.5°C-aligned temperature rise scenario, we have set 2030 targets to reduce the emissions that we finance in five high emitting sectors in our financing portfolio, including the Energy sector, where we have achieved a 32% reduction in our financed emissions since 2020.

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"We believe that Barclays can make the greatest difference as a bank by working with customers and clients as they transition to a low-carbon business model, focussing on facilitating the finance needed to change business practices and scale new green technologies.

"This includes many oil and gas companies that are critical to the transition, and have committed significant resources and expertise to renewable energy. Where companies are unwilling to reduce their emissions consistent with internationally accepted pathways, they may find it difficult to access financing, including from Barclays."

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak backed new oil and gas licences in July this year <u>after reportedly receiving more than £140,000</u> during his leadership campaign from donors with ties to oil and gas.

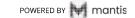
The policy had previously been advocated by Mr Rees-Mogg, who had <u>reportedly called for people to stop 'demonising' oil and gas</u> in a 2022 meeting with the United Arab Emirate's state investment company during his time as business and energy secretary.

The recent policy move implemented by the Conservative government has been criticised by Friend's of the Earth, **who stated that it was 'absurd'** to expect the UK to reach net zero by 2050 by digging up new gas and oil, which campaigners say is **contrary to the Paris agreement**.

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While MPs like Mr Rees-Mogg have claimed that fossil fuels are needed to reduce energy bills, environmental campaigners have instead called for better insulation of homes, which they say has been declining since <u>changes to energy efficiency schemes in 2013</u>. Critics claim that new oil and gas will make no difference to UK energy prices.

'We still need oil and gas'

A spokesperson for the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero said: "We are fully committed to our legally-binding target of achieving net zero by 2050 – and are leading the world to achieve it. In fact, between 1990 and 2021 we cut emissions by 48 per cent while growing our economy by 65 per cent – decarbonising faster than any other G7 country.

"However, the transition to non-fossil forms of energy cannot happen overnight and even when we're net zero, we will still need some oil and gas, recognised by the Independent Climate Change Committee, alongside the necessity, not option, of increasing carbon capture, usage and storage".

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Protesters unravelled a 15-metre "Stop Rosebank Oil Field" banner in the heart of London yesterday morning to protest Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's decision to grant new fossil fuel licences in the North Sea.

The group, Fossil Free London, said it is initiating a campaign building up to three days of action at the Oil & Money Summit in October which coincides with the Energy Intelligence Forum.

The forum is expecting to host some of the energy industry's top executives, including the president and chief executive of Saudi Aramco and the chief executive of Shell.





Protesters unveil the 15-metre banner (Picture: Fossil Free London)

The stunt, which took place on MPs' first day back after the summer break, comes after critics suggested the new licences would result in £3.75billion in tax breaks for the Norwegian energy company Equinor, which recorded £15billion in profits in the first half of this year.



Joanna Warrington, a spokeswoman for Fossil Free London, from Brixton, said: "Rishi Sunak wants to give billions of pounds of public money to a giant oil company in exchange for the climate time bomb, which will do absolutely nothing to lower our energy bills. It's reckless and absurd."

The group also said the emissions from the Rosebank oil field, located 130 kilometres west of the Shetland Islands, which has faced multiple delays by regulators, would be equivalent to the 28 lowest emission countries combined.

In response to the protests, a Department for Energy Security and Net Zero spokesman said: "The UK is a trailblazer in its ambitions to reach net zero by 2050 – forging ahead of





"The transition to non-tossil forms of energy cannot happen overnight and even when we're net zero, we still need some oil and gas - the industry also significantly boosts the Scottish economy, estimated to support around 90,000 jobs."

Pictured top: A protester holds up a sign against the Rosebank oil field (Picture: Fossil Free London)

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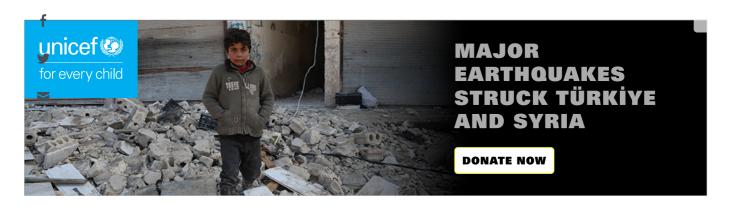
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Climate protesters disrupted a speech by a Government minister at an artificial intelligence festival in London.

Science and Technology Secretary Michelle Donelan was addressing the CogX conference when activists from Fossil Free London staged a noisy protest.

Footage shared by the group shows a man interrupting the minister's speech by shouting: "Michelle Donelan does not care about the future.

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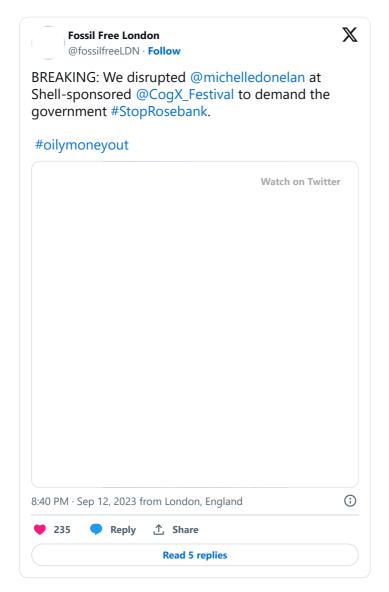
Conservative Party are ensuring that we will not have a future".

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They demanded that the Government stop the controversial Rosebank oil field near Shetland, which is currently being considered by ministers.

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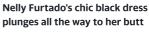
Fossil Free London spokesperson Joanna Warrington said: "This Government wants to hand billions in public money to their chums in the oil industry... we can't let them get away with it. Rosebank would be an extortionate climate calamity: pouring petrol on the bonfire of climate breakdown while doing absolutely nothing to lower our out-of-control energy bills.



"CogX is meant to be a festival of the future, but if Shell get their way, there won't be a future for any of us. It's inexcusable that this conference is giving a platform to

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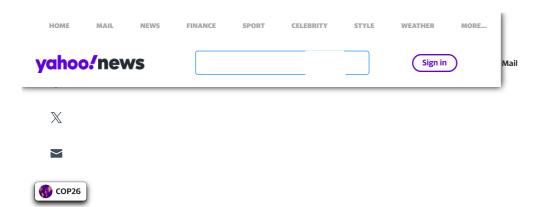




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Climate change protest at West Yorkshire Pension Fund's offices in Aldermanbury House, Bradford (Image: Newsquest)

A group in Bradford took part in a global weekend of climate change protests by urging pension fund bosses to stop funding oil companies.

The West Yorkshire Pension Fund (WYPF), administered by Bradford Council, has faced renewed calls to cut off investments in Shell and BP.

As world leaders attended the United Nations Climate
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But fossil-free campaigners believes investments must

stop in light of the wildfires and flooding seen in parts of

Bradford Telegraph and Argus:

Wakefield councillor Hilary Mitchell, who is a member of West Yorkshire Pension Fund's Investment Panel, said: "All summer, we've seen the terrifying reality of climate change. Wildfires and floods across the world have been on our television screens every week. We know that burning oil and gas destroys our climate and we know we must - and we can - switch to clean energy.

"What's more, we can do this in a way that's fair for workers in high carbon industries by supporting them to transfer their skills, pay, terms and conditions into new industries - like making wind turbines, fitting solar panels and super-insulating peoples' homes, to cut carbon and energy bills.

"Yet the West Yorkshire Pension Fund still invests around £500 million in companies like Shell and BP, who make vast profits - at our expense - by selling oil and gas to be burned which pollutes our climate. This simply has to stop."

A spokesperson for WYPF said it recognises both recognises the risks of climate change to its investments and the concerns of those arguing for divestment from fossil fuel companies.

It comes after WYPF set out its plans to address these issues in its Responsible Investment Policy and its TCFD Statement, published on its website wypf.org.uk.

The fund says it is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions for its investments by 2050 and is signed up to

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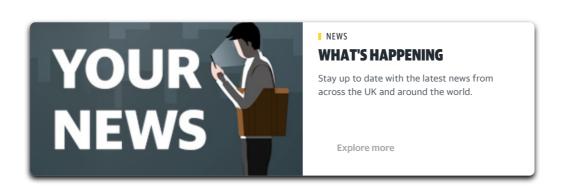
and sustainable infrastructure has increased significantly over the last few years, a spokesperson said.

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The spokesperson said: "WYPF's transition to Net Zero will happen by helping the companies in which it invests to adjust to the new realities of climate change.

"The Fund's ability to influence companies is derived exclusively from its economic interest: as fractional owners of companies, managements are the fund's agents and the fund has the ability to remove managers through voting if they fail to act.

"Conversely, there is no realistic roadmap of how divestment leads to better corporate behaviour. Divestment has no real-world impact on reducing carbon emissions. If WYPF sells an asset, then someone buys and nothing else changes. The new owner of the asset may not share WYPF's responsible investment and stewardship principles. Divestment is therefore both a missed opportunity to enact real change and arguably an abdication of responsibility."



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Campaigners against a planned fossil fuel pipeline brought the voices of Africa to Manchester this morning as part of a protest outside Chubb Insurance offices in Manchester.

The activists were calling on the company to commit to not insuring the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

EACOP is planned to take oil from Uganda's Lake Albert oilfield to the port of Tanga in Tanzania. Campaigners from Stop EACOP oppose the project because of the pipeline's contribution to climate change, the effect on wildlife and the impact on local communities in Africa. They also question the financial viability of the scheme as the world moves away from fossil fuels. (1)

Protesters started to gather outside the Chubb Offices in Abbey House on Booth Street from 8AM this morning. As well as banners and placards, they brought recorded messages from people in East Africa affected by the pipeline.

Opposition to the pipeline has already resulted in 22 insurance companies (2) ruling out insuring EACOP and it is hoped that Chubb will make the same commitment. The project is already several years behind schedule.

Support for the protest came from campaigners in East Africa. Abduh Twaib Magambo from Stop EACOP Uganda said "EACOP is a climate bomb project fraught with perilous consequences including but not limited to, putting in danger the livelihoods of forty million people around Lake Victoria and putting in danger animal species in Queen Elizabeth national park.

These include elephants, zebras, giraffes and many more. The project has further gone an extra mile of putting people's lives in danger due to displacements and threats from state." \times

Local campaigner Martin Porter said

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"The consequences of climate change are with us now and it's only going to get worse. The seven hottest days of the last 100,000 years happened this summer resulting in heatwaves and floods around the world. Africa is the continent that has contributed least to climate change but it is set to suffer the most. Even the International Energy Agency has said the age of fossil fuels is over. Continuing with this pipeline is now madness. We hope Chubb Insurance agree and will pledge not to insure it."

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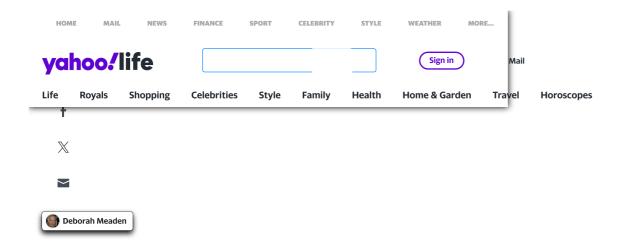
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He added: "The days of politicians being able to blame their climate timidity on business are well and truly over."

Thousands of business professionals and industry stakeholders are concerned about climate change and future business security, the organisers say.

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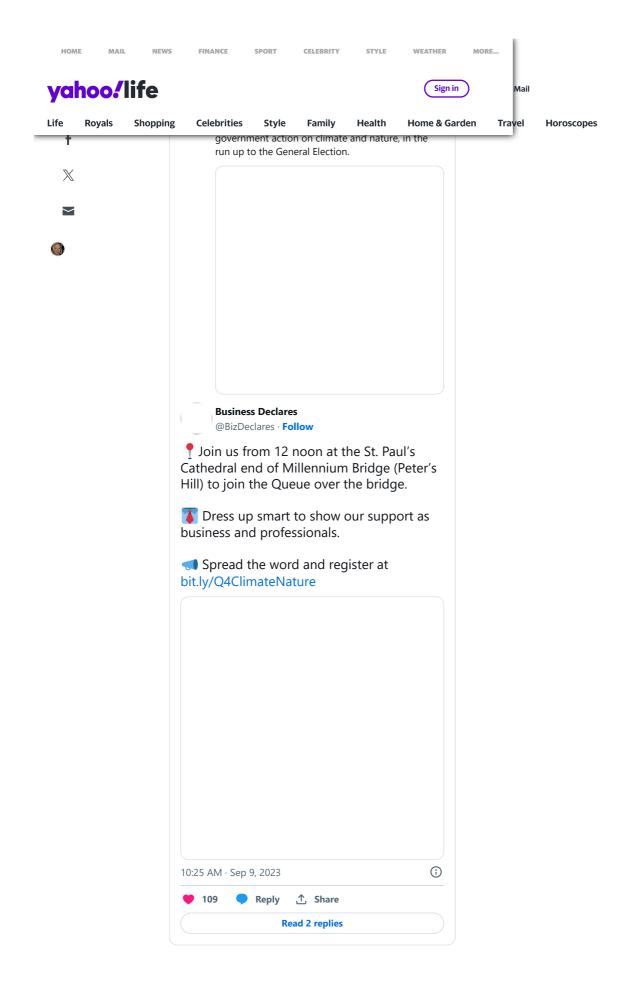


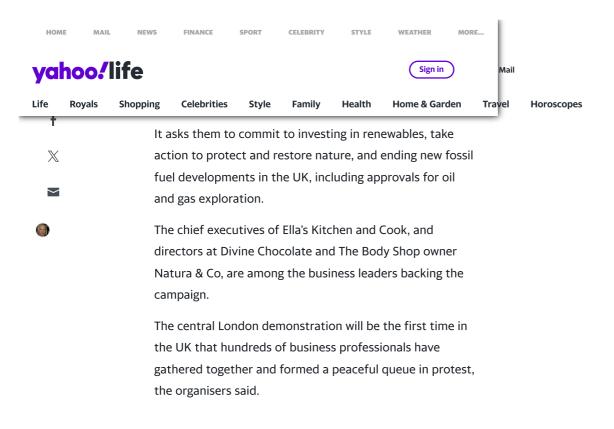
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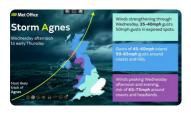


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Call to Action for all University Vice Chancellors in the UK

Press / September 18, 2023

Just Stop Oil students are calling on all University Vice Chancellors in the UK to read this open letter, and then sign the ultimatum that we've included below so that we may send it on to Rishi Sunak and Gillian Keegan. New oil and gas is genocide, and we are demanding that universities do not continue to be complicit.

Dear Vice Chancellors,

We are the student wing of Just Stop Oil. We are writing to you because we are disgusted by your failure to act to stop mass murder being committed by the UK government as it plans to "max out" the UK's oil and gas reserves.

On 15th September the education secretary, Gillian Keegan, wrote a letter urging you to warn your students of the consequences that engaging in civil resistance could have for their futures. This letter urges you to face up to the far worse consequences coming down the line as a result of the government's genocidal policies.

Paper after academic paper spells out the annihilation that we now face: hundreds of millions starving to death, billions of people being forced to leave their homes. Students and young people face a future of global economic collapse, war, and social breakdown.

You are complicit in this genocide. By partnering with fossil fuel companies, undertaking research for industrial agriculture, auto, aviation and defence industries, and sending delegates to useless COP conferences, your universities give the government and carbon corporations the veneer of respectability, and the social licence to carry on their project of mass death. You have failed to speak the truth about what is happening, and you have utterly failed to uphold the duty of care you have for your students.

Contrast your cowardice with what happened in Norway, in 1942. Ten thousand teachers went on strike in resistance to the occupying Nazi regime. One thousand were rounded up and imprisoned, many sent to concentration camps, but they refused to comply. The resistance movement wrote in a pamphlet: "The calling of the teacher is not only to give them knowledge but also teach them to believe and strive for what's true and right. Therefore they cannot, without failing their calling, teach what contradicts their conscience".

They knew that there are lines no government must ever cross.

Now comes your moment to stand up against evil. It is time for you to put your head above the parapet and publicly announce that the government's policies are criminal and condemn the next generation to obliteration. It is time for you to tell the truth, that new oil and gas means the end of everything. It is time for you to engage in civil resistance.

In November, thousands of students will be arrested for marching in London. Many may be imprisoned. We demand that you sign the attached letter* which gives the government a clear ultimatum: either they stop new oil and gas licences, or you will be duty bound to join your students in slow marches across London to the point that you too will be arrested and imprisoned.

If you do not <u>sign and return the attached letter</u> by Friday 22nd September, students will have no choice but to bring a wave of civil disobedience to their campuses.

It is time for you to pick a side. Either you side with the government, and the education secretary who is responsible for allowing the UK's places of education to physically crumble into disrepair – or you side with your students as they take action to protect their lives and their futures.

You knew this moment was coming. We will not be complicit. Will you?

Yours sincerely,

JUST STOP OIL STUDENTS

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Extinction Rebellion in oil and gas protest at Labour party HQ

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Body

Extinction Rebellion activists have poured fake oil over the steps of the Labour headquarters to protest against the party's position on oil and gas licences.

Two activists climbed onto the Labour head office in Southwark, south London, and set off smoke grenade canisters. Meanwhile another chained himself to a handrail to demand Labour cancel new fossil fuel licences and fund the transition to renewables.

The protest on Monday followed an XR protest in Parliament Square on Saturday involving an effigy of Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer dressed as Margaret Thatcher.

Labour has already committed to not granting new fossil fuel licences, but activists for the group want the party to go further by cancelling any awarded

by the Conservative government before the next election, should the party win power. The government has said it would issue more than 100

new licences for oil and gas exploration in the North Sea.

However, Starmer has scaled back his proposals to borrow £28 billion a year to spend on green industries as the party eyes its economic credibility.

While Labour objects to Rosebank, the UK's largest undeveloped oil field, it is understood Starmer would not block drilling should he be the next prime minister as it would open the government to legal challenges. The Sunday Times reported that

he has privately reassured its Norwegian owners.

The party has accepted £1.5 million in donations over a decade from

Just Stop Oil funder and renewable energy businessman Dale Vince

. Starmer has repeatedly criticised the group.

Big oil companies have turned their back on the North Sea in the face of more environmental scrutiny and dwindling returns. In May, <u>Shell</u> announced that it was selling its 30 per cent stake in the

Cambo field — the second-largest undeveloped

oil and gas discovery in the North Sea — which is awaiting regulatory approval.

The government is seeking the views of the industry on a "long-term fiscal regime" for the North Sea, which "delivers certainty, supports investment, protects jobs and the country's energy security".

Sunak has insisted that the new fields would not jeopardise Britain's net zero commitments, arguing that existing projections showed oil and gas would still be needed to supply about a quarter of the UK's energy needs, albeit mitigated by carbon sequestration.

Marcus Bailie, a 68-year-old XR activist from south Wales, said: "We demand an end to all new fossil fuel licences, including cancelling any awarded by this zombie Tory government before the next election.

"Emissions must peak by 2025. Opening a huge new oilfield like Rosebank would make that impossible. Starmer should be warning fossil fuel companies now that any new licences will become stranded assets."

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Just Stop Oil supporters urge councillors to stop supporting the oil industry and wasting public money to crack down on peaceful protesters

Press / September 21, 2023

Just Stop Oil supporters gathered outside the North Warwickshire Borough Council offices in Atherston today to draw attention to the council's waste of public money in bringing the Kingsbury injunction and to ask councillors to ditch the injunction. [1]

North Warwickshire Borough Council (NWBC) has spent a whopping £137,000 of public money on an entirely unnecessary injunction to prevent peaceful protest by Just Stop Oil supporters outside the Kingsbury Oil Terminal near Tamworth. The Council has recently applied to the High Court to finalise the injunction which will mean yet more taxpayers money being spent.[2]

the profits of the oil industry by effectively outlawing any protest activity near the Kingsbury Terminal, the largest inland oil storage depot in the country.[3]





This injunction was totally unnecessary because one of the main operators on the site, Valero Energy, had already been granted a High Court injunction to prevent the terminal being blocked. [4]

Meanwhile, ordinary people who have a right to peaceful protest are being penalised. 159 ordinary people are named on the interim injunction and they may have to pay for NWBC's legal costs in bringing the injunction even if they have never breached its terms. [5]

Breaching an injunction can lead to a contempt of court conviction, which is punishable by up to two years' imprisonment, an unlimited fine and the seizure of assets. More than 50 Just Stop Oil supporters were sent to prison on one day in September 2022, after peacefully stopping traffic outside the Kingsbury Oil Terminal last year.[6]



Credit: Vladimir Morozov



Just stop Oil supporter, Xandra Gilchrist, 72, a retired Social Worker from Warwickshire said:

"I've lived in Warwickshire for 40 years and I'm appalled about this waste of money. If everyone knew about the huge amount of money being spent on this injunction, I'm sure the majority of people would be enraged. I certainly am."

"There is a need to address the difficult issue of the climate emergency which will affect everyone on the planet to a level that we may not yet fully appreciate until it is too late."

"The best way to stop disruptive protests on this matter is to address the concerns over climate change for the benefit of all who do not have a vested interest in the future of the oligarchs and oil companies."

Just stop Oil supporter Paul Sheeky, 48, a call centre operator from London said:

"I just think it's disgusting that the local council is using taxpayers' money to help out a massive oil company that makes obscene profits. I'm sure there's local services that really could have made a much better use of that money than just punishing protestors, who at the end of the day, just want a liveable future for us all."

Dr Clare Walters, 66, a grandmother, councillor and CEO said:

"Why am I and other peaceful protestors being punished by NWBC? It seems like a waste of our council tax money. Let the oil companies pay for their own security measures."

Just Stop Oil supporter, Karen Wildin said:

"Why would NWB councillors agree to spend local taxes on trying to stop protestors from standing up for human survival? Look at the floods happening everywhere! We can all see that climate collapse is real. We need to all be onside together for everybody's sake!"

Jeannie Donald-McKim, 59, Special Needs teacher said:

"Local people need to be aware of what their taxes are being used for – a cynical ploy by fossil fuel companies to further curtail any voices of dissent while they destroy our liveable future. But why did NWBC agree to be their puppets?"

Meanwhile, Prime minister Rishi Sunak has been hatching a U-turn on the climate that has left other countries and green experts aghast. It is no longer possible to ignore the accelerating climate emergency after a summer of devastating wildfires and catastrophic floods around the world. [5] [6] [7]

The government plans to licence over 100 new oil and gas projects despite mounting evidence that this will impose unimaginable suffering and destroy the lives and livelihoods of billions of people. New oil and gas will push the world past irreversible tipping points, destroy our ability to grow food and risk the collapse of human civilization. Everything we know and love is threatened. To pursue new oil and gas, in full knowledge of these consequences, isn't just a crime against humanity. It is the greatest crime in human history.

We will not let this stand. We refuse to die quietly. Civil resistance is no longer an option, it is a necessity. In late October, thousands of people will join Just Stop Oil in London to march on the roads, and we will not stop until we win. Sign up for action here: https://actionnetwork.org/forms/take-action-with-just-stop-oil/"

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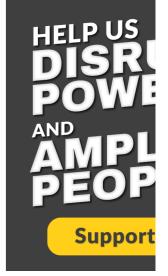


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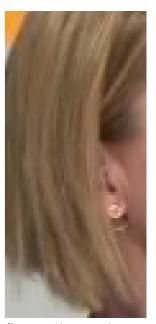




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Fossil fuel conference dressed up as 'energy intelligence'

The **Energy Intelligence Forum**

(https://www.energyintelligenceforum.com/2023/about) is the world's largest annual gathering of energy companies. It's happening from 17 to 19 October. The forum says on its website that:

In 2023 the Energy Intelligence Forum returns to London – bringing together decision-makers, thought-leaders and innovators from the worlds of energy, finance, politics and business to debate, discuss and develop sustainable solutions to the world's energy challenges.

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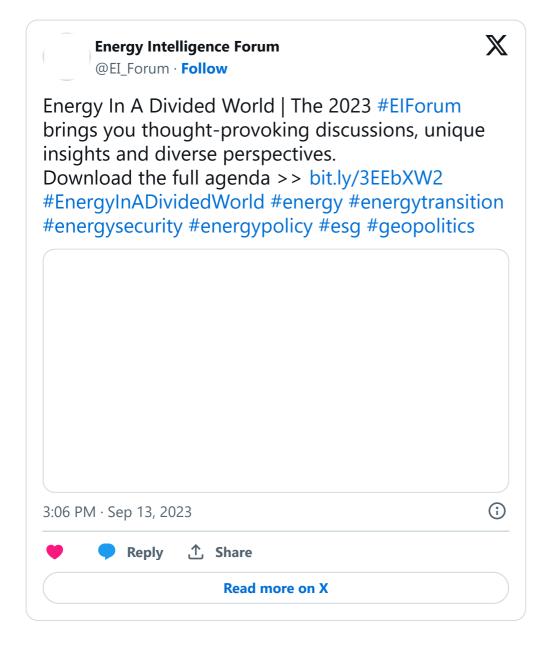


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Some of the discussions at the conference include debating <u>net zero</u> (https://www.thecanary.co/?s=net+zero) – something Rishi Sunak <u>will probably</u> <u>appreciate (https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2023/sep/23/the-worst-kind-of-culture-war-tories-attack-rishi-sunaks-reversal-on-net-zero</u>):





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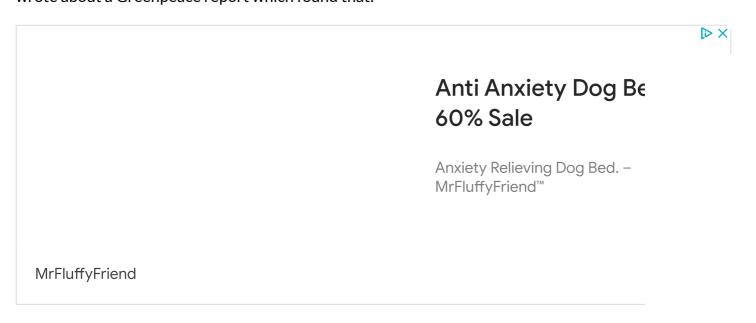
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One of the problems with the conference is that it will be discussing topics including the viability of "clean energy (https://www.energyintelligenceforum.com/2023/agenda)", while having fossil fuel companies in attendance. As the Canary's Hannah Sharland previously wrote (https://www.thecanary.co/global/world-analysis/2023/08/25/european-fossil-fuel-majors-generated-just-0-3-of-energy-production-from-renewables-in-2022/), corporations like Shell and TotalEnergies are claiming to be transitioning to renewables. However, in reality they're doing nothing of the sort. Sharland wrote about a Greenpeace report which found that:

Compounding all this is the attendance of the UK government, with UK energy



Specifically, the group identified that the companies funnelled 92.7% of investments towards their fossil fuel operations in 2022. Conversely, they directed just 7.3% towards sustainable energy and low-carbon power production.



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It's no surprise, then, that the upcoming London event used to be called the "Oil and Money conference (https://www.energyintelligenceforum.com/2023/about)". So, on 22 September activists from campaign group Fossil Free London showed their anger at the conference taking place.

'Oily money out' of London

The Wellington Arch is just a few minutes' walk from the Intercontinental Hotel on Park Lane. It will be hosting the Energy Intelligence Forum. So, Fossil Free London chose to adorn the arch with banners while the Changing of the Guard took place:



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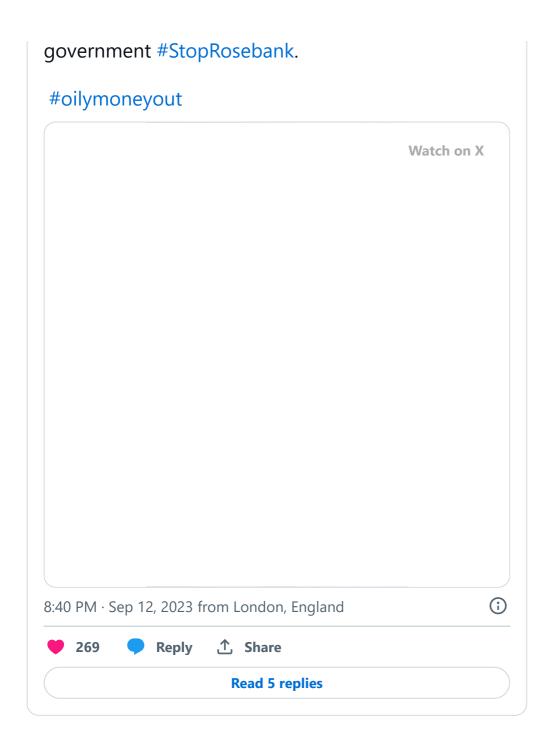
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The stunt is the latest in a series of protests by Fossil Free London. As *Sky News* reported, on 31 August the group disrupted a performance of <u>Romeo and Juliet at the Sadler's Wells Theatre (https://news.sky.com/story/romeo-and-juliet-ballet-performance-interrupted-by-climate-change-protesters-12951963). It was over Barclay's sponsorship of the venue. The bank has <u>financed \$150bn into fossil fuels (https://www.thecanary.co/uk/2023/08/10/kings-lynn-xr-barclays-verdict/)</u> since 2015.</u>

Then, Fossil Free London also disrupted science minister <u>Michelle Donelan's</u> speech at the CogX AI festival

(https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/shetland-government-london-shell-conservative-party-b2410213.html), over Shell's sponsorship of it, as well as the government's plans to open a new oil field:



On the group's action at the Wellington Arch, Joanna Warrington of Fossil Free London said in a press release:

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The bosses of these giant oil companies will be schmoozing with the president of COP28 and the UK's climate minister at the Oil & Money summit. It's an oily stitch-up!

The fossil fuel industry sits at the polluted heart of the climate emergency. We want them and their oily money out.

Out of our politics. Out of COP28. Out of our lives and futures. That's why we're targeting the biggest annual gathering of fossil fuel companies and inviting everyone concerned about the climate emergency to join our disruption at Oily Money Out.

We will not sit by as oil companies destroy our communities and burn our only home for the sake of profit.

Fossil fuel companies: not to be trusted

As Sharland <u>previously summed up (https://www.thecanary.co/global/world-analysis/2023/08/25/european-fossil-fuel-majors-generated-just-0-3-of-energy-production-from-renewables-in-2022/)</u> for the *Canary*:

you can't put fossil fuel companies in charge of the greenhouse. Invariably... their relentless pursuit of profit means that they only know how to turn up the heat and set the world on fire.

So, Fossil Free London is right to start its protests to the Energy Intelligence Forum now – and it will likely stage more of them at the conference itself.

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West Norfolk resident and climate activist Dr Charlie Gardner is setting off on Sunday (24 Se Cambridge to Norwich... almost entirely on land that is threatened by rising sea levels.

The walk, which will last 15 days, to the 8 October, will take Dr Gardner from Cambridge through the Fens to King's Lynn, round the coast to Great Yarmouth, and then through the Norfolk Broads to Norwich.

Sea levels are expected to rise significantly over the coming decades as a result of climate change, and could rise by one metre or more before the end of the century, inundating vast inland areas like the Fens and the Broads, and accelerating erosion on Europe's fastest-retreating coastline around Happisburgh in Norfolk. This would leave tens of thousands of people at risk of losing their homes in the region.

However, while the threat to coastal communities from sea level rise is widely known, Dr Gardner is concerned that few people are aware that the flood risk stretches into the heart of low-lying inland cities such as Cambridge and Norwich.

He warns: "In other words, the landscapes of eastern England that we're so familiar with could be completely transformed, within the lifetimes of people already born, unless serious and urgent action is taken on climate change."

Dr Gardner hopes that his walk will help raise awareness of this critical threat amongst people living in vulnerable areas, and encourage communities along Britain's threatened coastline areas to take action to help save their homes and other much loved places.

The walk's website, walkinginwater.com, contains a number of resources to help concerned to by talking about the threat with their friends and family, reducing their own carbon footprin campaigning for urgent government action.

"Our homes and many of the places we love are threatened by climate change," says Dr Gardurgent warnings of the global scientific community.

"We know what needs to be done to keep us safe, we need to stop burning fossil fuels, yet the and gas exploration in the North Sea, opening new coal mines, and holding us back from morthings."

"I feel like we've been abandoned by the people who are in charge of keeping us safe, but the turn the situation around. That starts by recognising the threat and talking about it, so I hop conversations," he adds.

The Ashwicken, West Norfolk resident, who is an associate senior lecturer at the University o local residents and campaigners, as well as several councillors on Norfolk County Council.

Journalists are invited to walk any stretch of the walk, or to meet Dr Gardner and other walker oute.

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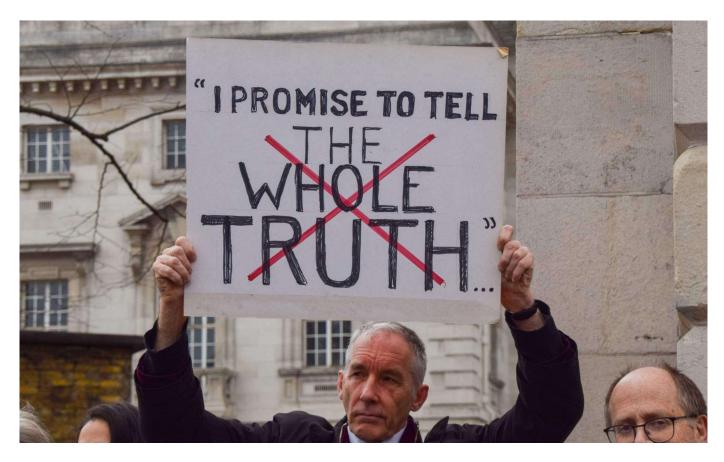


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Courts to Face Wave of Protests as Climate Campaigners Say Right to Jury Trial 'Under Attack'

Climate campaigners say the right to jury trial faces unprecedented threats — with several activists facing court proceedings for telling jurors of their 'right to acquit' on conscience

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Lawyers stage a protest outside the Inner London Crown Court this July, in response to the judge's ruling that climate activists on trial cannot speak about climate change. Photo: Vuk Valcic/Alamy

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ver a dozen protests are being planned to stand up for the right of juries to acquit climate activists on issues of conscience – a right those participating in direct action say is increasingly under attack.

A new campaign – Defend Our Juries – will stage demonstrations outside more than a dozen crown courts in England on 25 September, in a national day of action. London, Bristol and Manchester are among cities likely to see protests near courts.

Recent years have seen several high-profile criminal cases against climate activists dropped after more than 80% of jurors voted to acquit them on the basis of their convictions.

In April 2021, the 'Shell 7' faced trial for criminal damage. Two years before, they had protested at Shell's London HQ, pouring fake oil onto the steps and walls of the oil major's building in Waterloo. They broke windows, painted messages like "Shell Kills", and then waited for police to come and arrest them.

The jury listened to their motivations – the urgent need to tackle fossil fuel giants and the climate crisis – and, as is their centuries-old right, opted to decide based on their conscience. Six of the seven were acquitted.

This January, a jury also acquitted Insulate Britain campaigners who had blocked the M4; and in February a jury acquitted 'Burning Pink' campaigners for "unsolicited redecoration" – covering in paint – the Conservative and Labour HQs.

However, groups like Extinction Rebellion and Plan B say there is now a concerted backlash in the courts coming from the Government against the right to acquit.



Big Oil Billions and The Real Cancel Culture Threatening Brits With Prison for Telling the Truth

How the legal system is silencing climate activists fighting for their right to speak up about the crisis

Josiah Mortimer

Trudi Warner, a 68-year-old retired social worker, was the first person to hold up a sign outside a climate trial informing jurors of their 'right to acquit' a defendant based on their conscience. She now faces potential contempt of court proceedings, as well as a threat of trial for "perverting the course of justice", which in theory has a maximum sentence of life in prison.

When 24 people replicated Trudi's action in May outside the Inner London Crown Court, all were referred to the Attorney General for contempt of court. They included Quakers, health professionals, a priest, gold medal Olympian Etienne Stott, legal professionals and a retired police officer.

Three people who put up posters displaying the same message along the road by the same court were also arrested for perverting the course of justice. They are awaiting charges, a spokesperson for Defend Our Juries said.

Forty activists subsequently wrote to the Attorney General saying that, if they sought to prosecute Trudi Warner, "you need to prosecute us too" – because they had done exactly the same thing. They plan to repeat Warner's actions of holding up signs outside court buildings during climate trials.

A similar action took place at Isleworth Crown Court this 17 July, where another major direct action trial was taking place. The next day, the jury was discharged before it could consider a verdict, in response to the protest. A few days later, campaigners held blank signs outside instead – the international symbol of state silencing and repression.

Several current climate action trials have court orders meaning that they cannot be reported on.

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The Defend Our Juries campaign argues that it would be "politically impossible" for the Government to remove the right to acquit based on conscience – a right that dates back to the Magna Carta. "So the courts have surreptitiously sought to undermine the substance of jury trial, while preserving its appearance," it says.

The group alleges that, over the past year, courts have banned those engaged in campaigns of "political resistance" from explaining their motivations and beliefs to the jury, including disallowing or ignoring relevant evidence and witnesses – including expert testimony on the Government's failures on the climate crisis.

Several judges have also told jurors that protestors' motives are "irrelevant" and must be ignored. And a number of activists have gone to prison for breaching court bans on saying phrases like "climate change" or "fuel poverty" during proceedings – in other words, explaining their motives.

One campaigner alleged that jury trials are being turned into "sham trials" due to the heavy-handed restrictions.

More information about the new campaign can be found <u>here</u>.

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Solicitor General's prosecution of Trudi Warner for holding sign sparks mass public resistance

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More than 250 to replicate her action on Monday as civil society, legal and mental health professionals rally round



Public and civil society to defy Solicitor General's attempt to deter sign holding outside court

If Michael Tomlinson KC, the Solicitor General, hoped that <u>prosecuting Trudi Warner</u>, a 68 year old retired social worker from Walthamstow, East London would deter others from doing the same thing, it's not going to plan for him.

On Monday, 25 September, a matter of days after the announcement of his decision to apply for the committal to prison of Ms Warner, for holding up a sign, more than 250 members of the public are replicating her action outside criminal courts around the country (including in London, Bristol and Manchester) as part of the growing public campaign, <u>Defend Our Juries</u>. Meanwhile many others, including the Climate Psychology Alliance and a Professor of Law have spoken out.

One of those risking prison by holding a sign on Monday, Dr Abi Perrin, a scientist, said:

"In 2023 telling the truth is being treated as a criminal act, with people prosecuted for displaying facts in public, and imprisoned for explaining their motivations in their own defence in a court of law. I am deeply afraid of a world where truth, science and morality are not important, or where we are not free to fight for them."

Three generations of women from one Bristol family plan to hold signs outside Bristol Crown Court. Of her decision to attend, Sarah MacDonald (56) said:

"I love it that I can attend with my mother and my daughter, representing the power and continuity of Life, which we are all committed to serving and protecting."

Renee Slater (grandmother, 84) said:

"The repression of legitimate protest must still, and always be resisted."

Vivi MacDonald (granddaughter, 19) said:

"The continuous measures by the government to limit protest are threatening everyone's freedom and ability to take action or express their opinion based on our own conscience in the light of the urgent need for social, political and environmental change"



Civil Society, legal and mental health professionals rally round

Alongside those replicating Trudi Warner's action directly, others have expressed support in public statements. More than 50 members of the <u>Climate Psychology Alliance have publicly written</u> to Mr

In the current context, we consider that Trudi Warner's action was both appropriate and proportionate and we would be prepared to act in a similar way."

The Barrister magazine has published an article by Richard Vogler, Professor of Comparative Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, University of Sussex, "We are All Trudi Warner! Promoting the Rights of Jurors in the Twenty First Century", which begins:

"George Orwell noticed the tendency of repressive law to degenerate into farce, when truth becomes a lie and common sense is heresy. This is worth remembering today, when the Solicitor General, Michael Tomlinson KC, has concluded that it is a prosecutable offence for a climate campaigner, Trudi Warner to hold up a sign outside a criminal court, simply proclaiming one of the fundamental principles of the common law; the right of a jury to decide a case according to its conscience."

More than 150 people have signed a petition on change. org, "<u>Please charge me" in solidarity with Trudi Warner</u>."

Others have spoken out on social media. Dr James Dyke, Associate Professor in Earth System Science at Exeter University, <u>said</u>:

"This would be laughable if it were not so frightening. People are facing arrest & prosecution for silently holding up signs that simply state the legal rights of juries – one of the central pillars of the UK criminal legal system!",

Paul Powlesland, a practising barrister and member of the Bar Council, said:

"It's absurd overreach and an appalling assault on freedom of speech for the police to threaten members of the public with serious criminal charges just for holding up signs with the law on them. This will have a chilling effect on the right to freedom of expression everywhere."



Backdrop of escalating repression

This show or public resistance comes against a background of increasing repression in Britain. In March, The Times warned that "Protest laws 'put UK on a par with El Salvador'". In April, the UN urged the British government to reverse its 'deeply troubling' new laws clamping down on freedom of assembly and expression. And in August it emerged that German courts are refusing to extradite to the UK over human rights violations in British prisons. The US journalist, Amy Westervelt, has recently linked this rising repression to the influence of fossil fuel industry think–tanks, such as Policy Exchange, on the British government.

Dilemma for the authorities as members of public launch <u>Defend Our</u> <u>Juries</u> campaign

Monday's united front from the public presents Mr Tomlinson, the police and the courts with a dilemma. If holding these signs is really a serious criminal offence, amounting to interference with the course of justice, punishable with life imprisonment, then all who do so should be arrested and prosecuted. But arresting so many people for upholding simple and truthful signs risks further backlash.

In a recent consultation, <u>over 80% of the public cited trial by jury as a fundamental British right</u> (alongside access to free healthcare).

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Actions expected at the following Crown Courts: Birmingham, Brighton & Hove, Bristol, Cambridge, Derby, Exeter, Gloucester, Kingston, Leicester, Lincoln, London – Inner London, London – Old Bailey, London – Southwark, Manchester, Nottingham, Oxford, Reading, Sheffield, Southampton, St Albans, Swansea, Truro, Wolverhampton, Worcester (including some solo actions).

The aims of the *Defend Our Juries* campaign are:

- 1. to bring to public attention the programme to undermine trial by jury in the context of those taking action to expose government dishonesty and corporate greed
- 2. to raise awareness of the vital constitutional safeguard that juries can acquit a defendant as a matter of conscience, irrespective of a judge's direction that there is no available defence (a principle also known as 'jury equity' or 'jury nullification')
- 3. to ensure that all defendants have the opportunity to explain their actions when their liberty is at stake, including by explaining their motivations and beliefs.

"Fears over right to protest after woman with sign at climate trial prosecuted" (Guardian, 19 September 2023)

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It comes after a State of Nature report warned 16% of the UK's wildlife species are at risk of extinction.

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More than 40 wildlife charities and climate activist organisations have gathered outside the Government's environment department demanding ministers take stronger action to restore nature.

It follows a landmark report showing 16% of the UK's wildlife species are at risk of extinction, with numbers continuing to fall despite political pledges internationally and at home.

Unsustainable farming and fishing as well as climate change were identified as being the main causes of the loss of wildlife, with habitats from woodland to peatlands and the sea floor having been significantly degraded.

Outside the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs building in Westminster, representatives of organisations including the Wildlife Trusts, WWF, the RSPB, Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil and Green New Deal Rising blocked the road with large colourful banners and listened to speeches from scientists angered by the State of Nature report's findings.

Naturalist and TV presenter Chris Packham, who organised the protest with two other people in nine days, said: "When a report says that 16% of your monitored species are in danger of extinction – one in six – you are in deep trouble.

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"We have to act far more rapidly, and that's why I'm keen to motivate these charities to ask their membership to stand up and be counted to take more action than we have done.

"I'm afraid these days that means taking to the streets in a peaceful, democratic way as we have done this morning. No paint, no powder, no gluing ourselves.

"People have been motivated by love, deep rooted affinity and concern for nature. And they're running out of patience when it comes to nature's recovery."

The State of Nature report, led by the RSPB and supported by more than 60 conservation and research organisations, is the

Its authors said the problems and solutions have never been better understood but what is missing is action on a large scale, citing examples of restorative work that have brought back life to degraded habitats but which need to be replicated and expanded.



Richard Benwell, chief executive of the Wildlife and Countryside Link, said the report's findings contain "heart-stoppingly horrible figures".

He said: "We know that we've got to change the way we behave in every corner of society and every inch of the economy.

"That means in particular, change for farming to shift to regenerative models, change for developments to build nature into the way we plan our homes and infrastructure. and we need to change the way that corporates operate so that the polluter pays and invests in nature.

"Have we seen those things in the Environmental Improvement Plan? No.



It doesn't matter whether you're into bats, bumblebees, butterflies, birds, bugs or badgers - ultimately, we need to come together

Chris Packham

"The Government has the answers on the page in front of it, now we're looking for political bravery before the election to see which one of the parties will put the cash put the regulation and do the enforcement."

Environment Secretary Therese Coffey said the Government has legally committed itself to protecting 30% of the UK's natural environment by 2030.

In response to the report, she said: "The UK's nature is a crucial part of our islands.

"That is why we put in law the requirement to halt the decline in nature and protect the abundance of species, why we are committed to increasing the amount of habitat for nature to thrive, and why we were one of the first countries to pledge to protect 30% of our land for nature by 2030.

"At the start of this year, I published our comprehensive Environmental Improvement Plan, setting out how we will create and restore at least 500,000 hectares of new wildlife habitats, starting with 70 new wildlife projects including 25 new or expanded National Nature Reserves."

Packham said Government agencies tasked with protecting nature such as Natural England and the Environment Agency have had their funding cut so much that they are incapable of doing their job sufficiently, and he is asking members of wildlife charities to take to the streets.

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Speaking of the group gathered behind him in Westminster, he said: "I know that these people have the capacity to come

"But this is our time. So it doesn't matter whether you're into bats, bumblebees, butterflies, birds, bugs or badgers – ultimately, we need to come together."

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Just Stop Oil: Protest halts traffic in Portsmouth city centre as climate activists hold "slow march" demonstration

Climate activists halted traffic this afternoon as part of a Just Stop Oil demonstration in Portsmouth city centre.

By Joe Buncle

Published 28th Sep 2023, 13:35 GMT











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<u>Police</u> were called to the scene of the "slow march" protest – which saw participants donning orange hi–vis vests hold hands and walk in front of vehicles – after it kicked off at 10.00am this morning (September 28.)

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Members of the movement marched from Alfred Road, at the junction for Unicorn Street, towards Goldsmith Avenue in <u>Southsea</u> via Anglesea Road and Winston Churchill Avenue. <u>Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary</u> officers redirected traffic during the disruption.

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Now the council has applied to the High Court to finalise the injunction - something the protesters claim is a 'waste of council tax payers money'. Mitch, who spent eight days in prison with an additional suspended sentence for her part in protests at the oil terminal, and Dr Barber reportedly stood up in the meeting with with signs that read 'Injunction Injustice" and £137, 000 local taxes wasted."

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Both then protested about the council spend on the injunction with Mitch saying: "You are using thousands of pounds of your constituents' money to do the oil companies' dirty work for them. Does that sit ok with your constituents?"

"Put the money instead into public transport. Please don't send ordinary mums and grandmas like me to prison any more." It was the second protest held by Just Stop Oil after a demonstration outside the council offices last week.

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Councillor David Wright, Leader of North Warwickshire Borough Council, said on Thursday: "The risk posed from some of the more extreme elements of the protest simply could not be ignored by the council. Our action has no bearing on steps we are taking to reasonably manage our emissions nor on any national debates about the balance to be struck between protests and the rule of law.

"8,000 residents live in the immediate vicinity of the terminal, together with a number of sensitive environmental assets including the catchment area of the River Tame, 8 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, 7 Local Nature Reserves and 27 non-statutory sites of local environmental interest. As a result, therefore, there would be a very severe cost to people and the environment if the risks were not managed.

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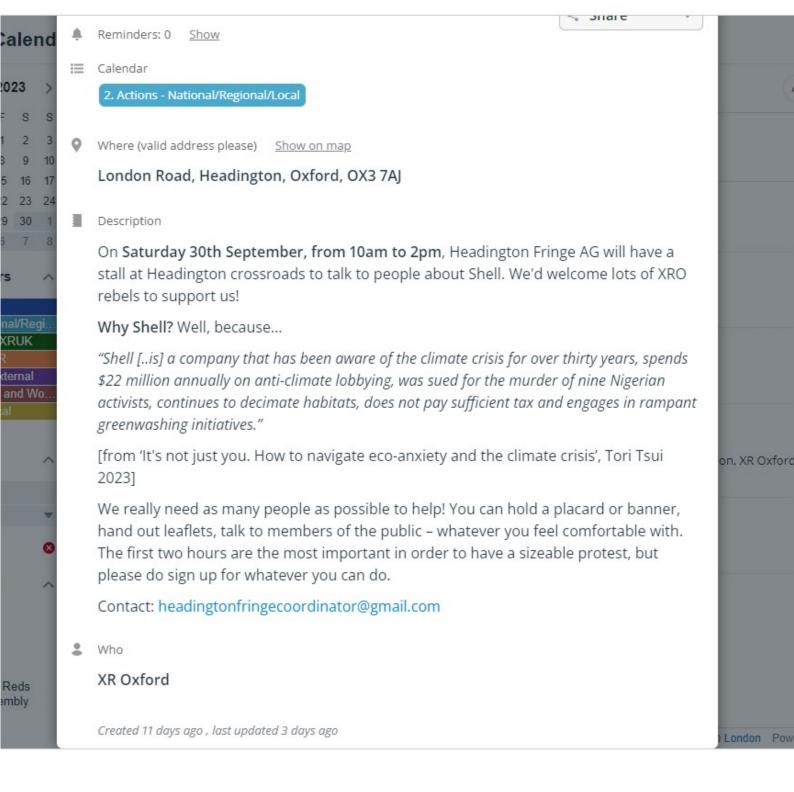
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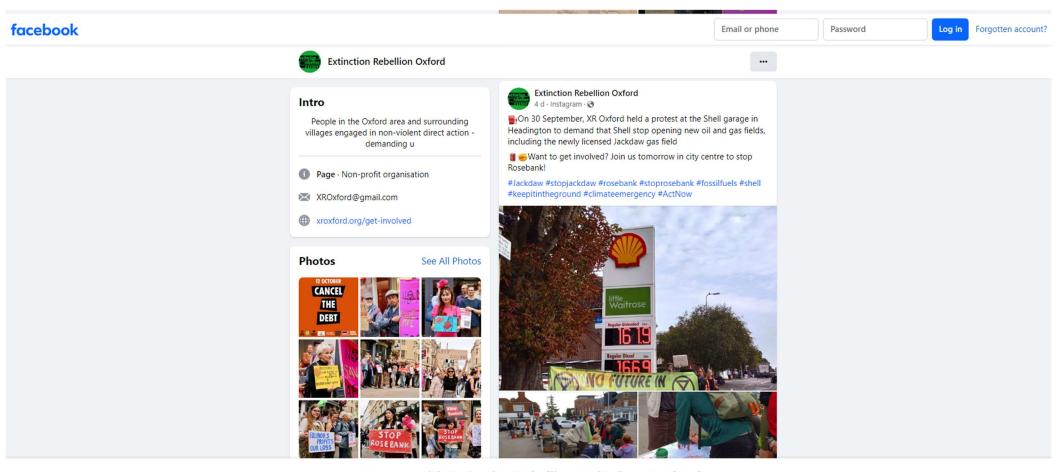
"Councillors are aware of the action being taken and given that it is the protesters that have caused us have to spend a considerable amount of money, it is galling that they are accusing us of being the reason this money has been spent. No council would want to have to take this action but the issues of public and environmental safety are taken very seriously by North Warwickshire Borough council.

"Our Chief Executive met with the protesters last week in order to discuss this matter with them and we have space on our agenda for the public to ask questions. The action last night therefore to disrupt the meeting of democratically elected councillors is not justified and I am grateful for the swift actions of Warwickshire Police in keeping the disruption last night to a minimum."

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Extinction Rebellion protest at Shell filling station against new gas field



XR Oxford protesters held placards and banners outside the Shell station in Headington (*Image: XR Oxford*)

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XR Oxford protesters held placards and banners outside the Shell station in Headington (*Image: XR Oxford*)

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Extinction Rebellion Oxford protested outside a Shell filling station to "condemn its profiteering from massive oil and gas investment".

Protesters held placards and banners outside the filling station in Headington, Oxford, on Saturday (September 30) and ran a stall at Headington crossroads.

Dozens of people have signed a letter to East Oxford MP, Anneliese Dodds, calling for Labour to cancel the proposed Rosebank oil and gas field if in Government.

Dr Hazel Dawe said: "Why did I spend hours on a Saturday challenging the Shell corporation? Because the International Energy Agency has warned that no new coal, oil or gas projects can be developed if we are to limit global warming to 1.5°C in order to avoid climate collapse.

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"But Shell is opening a new gas field in the North Sea. The Jackdaw Gas Field is expected to start production during this decade."

She added: "In 2022, Shell increased its annual profits to 19.3 billion dollars [£15.8billion], mostly by gaining from increased gas prices that caused a cost-of-living crisis for ordinary people, and undermined both public and private sector finances.

"This is against any reasonable idea of sensible climate and environment policies.

"We should all take to heart this statement by UN Secretary General António Guterres, in 2022: 'It is moral and economic madness to fund new fossil fuel projects.""



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UK: Environmental activists to protest in several cities across UK Sept. 30 to denounce government approval of North Sea oil drilling project

Environmental activists to protest in several cities across UK Sept. 30. Heightened security, localized transport disruptions likely.

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Activists plan to protest in several cities across the UK on Sept. 30 to denounce state approval of an offshore oil drilling project in the North Sea. As of late afternoon, Sept. 28, rallies were scheduled for:

- Cambridge: Senate House, Trinity Street 12:30
- Edinburgh: Queen Elisabeth House, 1 Sibbald Walk 16:00
- Liverpool: Barclays Bank, 48-50 Lord St. 10:30
- London: Department of Energy Security and Net Zero building, 3
 Whitehall Place 12:00
- Sheffield: Town Hall, Pinestone Street 14:00-16:00

It is unknown how many participants may attend the demonstrations.

Additional protests are possible in other urban centers across the country.

Heightened security and localized transport disruptions are possible near any protest sites. Low-level confrontations between demonstrators and law enforcement officers are possible. 24

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Hundreds protest in London against Rosebank oilfield approval

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People take part during a protest in central London Credit: PA

Hundreds of demonstrators gathered in Whitehall to demand a rethink of the approval for the controversial Rosebank offshore development.

Robin Wells, of the Fossil Free London campaign group, said: "We are used to U-turns and the government can do a new one over Rosebank."

She led more than 200 climate activists in chants condemning the scheme outside the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's central London offices.

A protester dressed as a skeleton held a banner which read "100 licences to kill" while demonstrators who stood on the steps of the government department wore crowns of paper roses and joined the crowd in shouts of 'stop Rosebank'.



Located 80 miles west of Shetland, Rosebank is the UK's largest untapped oil field and is estimated to contain up to 300 million barrels of oil.

It was given the green light by the UK Government's regulator the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) on Wednesday.

Development and production approval has been given to owners Equinor and Ithaca Energy, following reassurances over environmental concerns.

Green Party deputy leader Zack Polanski told the Whitehall crowd, before they set off on a march to protest outside the Norwegian Embassy, that public opinion could help stop the scheme.



Protest after the controversial Equinor Rosebank North Sea oil field was given the go-ahead Credit: PA

He told them "we are not just here in anger, we can also be here in hope" and added: "Let's subsidise the people who are the poorest and most vulnerable in society and let's stop subsidising fossil fuel giants."

The plan has faced widespread criticism due to its expected impact on climate change.

Supporters of the project say it is vital for the energy security as it will reduce reliance on imports.

Mr Polanski said: "The only liveable future we can have is one where fossil fuels stay in the ground – that is a future where we stand together in solidarity, where we talk with authenticity, compassion and care and where we also talk about the science."



To cheers, she said "the decision is dire but we have a plan" which includes "fighting the government and Equinor here on the streets but we are also going to fight them in court".

Actor Sam Swan, of the Equity for a Green New Deal campaign, urged the protesters to "get involved" to help ensure the firms they work for do not invest in fossil fuels.

Earlier this week Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said that using every last drop of oil in Scotland's North Sea was "absolutely the right thing to do".

In an interview with STV News, he stood by the decision to give the go-ahead for drilling at the Rosebank oil field.

Campaigners angered as Rosebank oil field worth billions gets goCritics said the development will damage net zero ambitions.

Environmental Secretary Therese Coffey insisted the new oilfield was part of a

transition as the UK "gradually" divests from fossil fuels.

head Ms Coffey told C4 News: "We're still on a journey of transition and it's important that we still have sources of oil as we make our way to net zero."

She also defended a reported multimillion-pound taxbreak being handed to the company behind Rosebank.

"It's important that we continue to attract investment as part of getting towards net zero, that will be done in a variety of ways, one of those is about supporting some of these energy companies in that regard," she said.

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CAMPAIGNERS GATHER IN BRISTOL TO OPPOSE ROSEBANK

By MARTIN BOOTH, Monday Oct 2, 2023

Protesters gathered on College Green to demand that the government reverse their approval of a new oil and gas field in the North Sea.

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Suzy Shingler and five-year-old Milo – photo: Martin Booth

Green Party co-leader and Bristol Central prospective MP, Carla Denyer, was among the speakers on College Green on Saturday afternoon.

She said: "Thank you for being here today to stand up for what's right and to call out what's wrong.

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"Thank you for being here today to take a stand for the only kind of liveable future which is possible – one where fossil fuels stay in the ground.

"One where we work together to limit climate chaos, here and in every part of our shared world."



Campaigners gathered on College Green – photo: Martin Booth

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Just Stop Oil protesters storm stage at Les Miserables show in London's West End

During the song Do You Hear The People Sing?, members of the group stormed the stage with banners emblazoned with Just Stop Oil.



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Just Stop Oil halts Les Miserables show in the West End









Just Stop Oil protesters have halted a West End performance of Les Miserables after invading the stage.

During the song Do You Hear The People Sing?, members of the group stormed the stage with banners emblazoned with **Just Stop Oil**.

Footage showed the actors on stage continue to perform the song briefly before stepping back, with the safety curtain then coming down.

Some members of the audience booed and shouted at the protesters, while a member of Just Stop Oil addressed the auditorium.

The activists then locked themselves to the set, prompting the Sondheim Theatre to be evacuated.



Protesters storm the stage. Pic: Just Stop Oil

The Metropolitan Police said five people have been arrested.

William Village, chief executive of Delfont Mackintosh Theatres, told Sky News: "During the first half of our performance of Les Miserables, individuals from Just Stop Oil invaded the stage, abruptly stopping the show.

"Following our safety protocols, the audience were asked to leave the auditorium and the Met Police attended.

"Regrettably, there was insufficient time to enable us to complete the rest of the performance. Whilst we recognise the importance of free expression, we must also respect our audience's right to enjoy the event for which they have paid."

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Refunds will be offered to audience members, the theatre group has said.



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Addressing the group's latest protest, Just Stop Oil member Hannah Taylor said: "The show starts with Jean Valjean stealing a loaf of bread to feed his sister's starving child. How long before we are all forced to steal loaves of bread? How long before there are riots on the streets?

"The show cannot go on. We are facing catastrophe. New oil and gas means crop failure, starvation and death. It is an act of war on the global south and an utter betrayal of young people."



Pic: Just Stop Oil

Poppy Bliss, who also took protest action, added she was "absolutely terrified for my future".

"I don't want to be disrupting people's evenings out, but I have been left with no other choice," she said.

"Our government is betraying the young and putting everyone's futures on the line for the sake of a few votes.

"I am doing this because I am desperate."

Videos showed Just Stop Oil members explaining why they took the action, wearing t-shirts saying: "The show can't go on".

It is the latest in a string of public protests for Just Stop Oil, which has previously disrupted high-profile sporting events including The Ashes and Wimbledon, as well as carrying out walking protests through the capital during rush hour.

The group was also **accused of causing criminal damage** by a government minister after spraying the Department for Energy and Net Zero with orange paint.

Last month, Fossil Free London carried out a similar protest at Sadler's Wells theatre during a performance of a ballet version of Romeo & Juliet, demanding an end to the involvement of Barclays in the production.

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Just Stop Oil protestors marched through Exeter city centre. Credit: Just Stop Oil

A Just Stop Oil protestor was allegedly struck by a vehicle during a march in Exeter.

The climate activists caused long tailbacks as they protested in the city centre on Saturday 7 October.

Western Way was brought a halt as the group protested against government's net zero policy and Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's approval of new oil field exploration.

Members slow-marched from Magdalen Street to the Heavitree Road roundabout on Western Way.

According to the group, around 19 marchers entered the road at Hotel du Vin at 12.10pm, at which point an overtaking driver struck one of them, causing a minor injury.



Last week, the UK government approved the massive new Rosebank oil field. Protesters say it will cause unacceptable greenhouse gas emissions.

It is demanding the government reverse this decision and halt all new licences and consents for oil, gas and coal projects in the UK.



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Those taking part in the march have justified their actions.

Mia Fidge, aged 20 and a University of Exeter student, said: "I am marching with Just Stop Oil because I cannot live with the guilt anger and grief that I feel in the face of such selfishness and greed from those in power both in the UK and worldwide.

"The government has, and continues to, declare a war on the young.

"My generation has no choice but to fight against the genocidal decisions that the UK government is making, in an attempt to protect our loved ones and the future for all."

The University of Exeter's Pierre Friedlingstein, who leads the Global Carbon Budget project, has said the country is not stopping burning fossil fuels fast enough.

Marilyn Spurr, a retired economics teacher from Exeter, was also marching. said: "I find slow marching with Just Stop Oil rather scary but the climate crisis is even scarier. I really do not want to make people's lives difficult.

"Other forms of protest have not worked and the media only reports disruption. I am doing this for all life on earth including us and our children."

Dave Kilroy, 64, a former software developer from Plymouth, added: "I am walking in the street today to raise awareness of the coming climate disaster.

"For decades I have tried all the usual routes, such as voting, signing petitions, protesting - and our fossil fuel emissions continue to get worse and worse."

But not everyone is happy with the protest which has now wound down.

One said: "Should all be arrested and fined maybe a jail sentence if caught more than once causing problems to the public."

Another added: "About time the police did their job, arrest them."

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Activists covered in oil outside bank in York in protest over new oil and gas field

Dylan Connell

Sun, 8 October 2023 at 3:30 pm BST · 3-min read



Activists from XR York covered in artificial oil during the demonstration outside Barclays bank in Parliament Street, York (Image: Dylan Connell)

Activists were covered in artificial oil outside a bank in York today (Sunday, October 8) in protest over a new oil field being given the go-ahead in Scotland.

Members of Extinction Rebellion (XR) staged a demonstration outside Barclays in Parliament Street criticising the bank for financing the Rosebank oil and gas field in the North Sea.

At 1.30pm they were covered in the black liquid while sitting underneath the Barclays sign.

Crowds gathered around the protest, which lasted around one hour.



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Activists being covered with artificial oil outside Barclays bank in Parliament Street (Image: Dylan Connell)

 \mathbb{X} Activists were joined by silent performance artists from the Red Rebel Brigade.

XR York member Adam Myers said the demonstration joined similar action this weekend across the country.



York Press: XR York member Adam Myers speaking at the protest

XR York member Adam Myers speaking at the protest (Image: Dylan Connell)

He said Barclays has "decided to make money by the exploitation of the planet" and urged the bank to disinvest in Rosebank.

Barclays says addressing climate change is an "urgent and complex" challenge and that the bank aims to become net zero by 2050.



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York Press: The demonstration outside Barclays bank in Parliament Street

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The demonstration outside Barclays bank in Parliament Street (Image: Dylan Connell)

A spokesperson for the bank said: "We are using our entire franchise to support new green technologies and infrastructure projects that will build up low-carbon capacity and capability, having provided £99 billion of green finance since 2018.

"We believe that Barclays can make the greatest difference as a bank by working with customers and clients as they transition to a low-carbon business model, focussing on facilitating the finance needed to change business practices and scale new green technologies.



York Press: The Red Rebel Brigade at the protest

The Red Rebel Brigade at the protest (Image: Dylan Connell)

"This includes many oil and gas companies that are critical to the transition and have committed significant resources and expertise to renewable energy.

"Where companies are unwilling to reduce their emissions

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JUST STOP OIL ACTIVIST ARRESTED AFTER TARGETING BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

By **CHARLIE WATTS**, Monday Oct 9, 2023

A student Just Stop Oil supporter has been arrested after spraying orange paint across a University of Bristol building.

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Just Stop Oil activist Ben Meehan has been arrested after targeting Bristol University – photo: Just Stop Oil

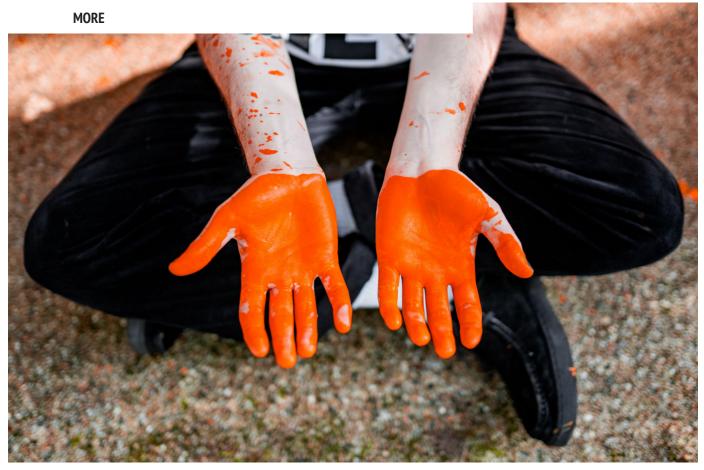
Speaking ahead of the action, Meehan, who lives in Clifton, said "I'm taking action because I can't stand by while universities continue to foster the very systems that are destroying us.

"Most people act like the world is just going to carry on, but it's not and we haven't got long. The very thing that gives us life is collapsing before our eyes. There is no bigger threat.

"I call on every academic to wake up to what their students will face and get out of their labs and lecture halls to join us on the streets this autumn, to call for an immediate end to all new oil and gas."

The action comes within a week of fellow environmental group Extinction Rebellion launching a campaign for the university to cut ties with Barclays, which is among the biggest financiers of fossil fuels.

Just Stop Oil are calling on academics and university staff to join them on the streets of London in November to demand the government immediately ceases the licensing for all new oil and gas projects.



The 21-year-old sprayed then Queen's Building with orange paint to demand academics join Just Stop Oil on a march through London – photo: Jamie Bellinger

A University of Bristol spokesperson said: "The University of Bristol plays a key role in tackling environmental change through its research, its teaching and how it operates.

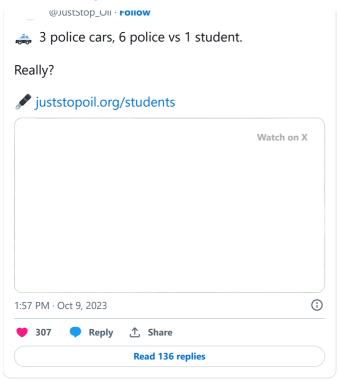
"We know how important this is, not just to our staff and students, but to the whole world, which is why sustainability remains one of the central strands shaping the University's vision of the future.

"We were the first university in the UK to declare a climate emergency in 2019, reaffirming our strong and positive commitment to take action on climate change and, a year later, in 2020 we completely divested from all investments in fossil fuel companies.

"All our partnerships undergo stringent due diligence checks and ethical review first, ensuring the University is using its expertise to influence positive change. We continue to actively engage with our major suppliers, including banks, to see where positive improvements and changes can be made.

"We respect our staff and students' right to raise concerns about issues they feel strongly about in a lawful way, and we will continue to listen to and engage with their views, however we ask that these are discussed with us directly and through appropriate channels."

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An Avon & Somerset Police spokesperson added: "We received a call at approximately 12.15pm today (Monday 9 October) in relation to a criminal damage incident in Bristol.

"On arrival, officers found one of the University of Bristol's buildings, in Woodland Road, had been damaged with paint.

"One man has been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage."

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Just Stop Oil strikes at Exeter University as activist arrested after climbing building doorway in threehour paint protest

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A protester occupied the university main building entrance. Picture: Ben



By Jenny Medlicott @JennyMedlicott

The University of Exeter has become the latest target of Just Stop Oil after an activist climbed and occupied the university's entrance and painted the glass exterior.

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A mechanical engineering graduate climbed the doorway of the Exeter University 'Forum' building on Tuesday, occupying the area for three hours in what marks the latest string of Just Stop Oil action.



George Simonson, 23, a mechanical engineering graduate from the University of Edinburgh, used buckets of paint and spray cans to paint the glass facade on the university campus.

Perched on the lobby entrance, Mr Simonson held a Just Stop Oil banner in front of the activist group name also painted on the glass.

Swathes of students gathered outside the building as police cordoned off the area and the "heights" team and attempted to bring him down.

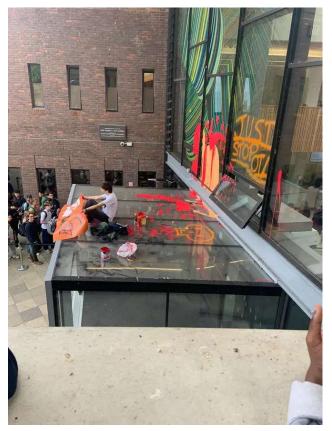
After occupying the Forum doorway for almost three hours, Mr Simonson was arrested by police at around 3:30pm.

Devon and Cornwall police said in a statement: "Officers attended and arrested a male on suspicion of criminal damage. He is currently in police custody.

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The protester occupied the doorway for three hours. Picture: Ben

"Police were called to Exeter University this afternoon following reports of a male on the roof of a building, which was believed to be as part of a protest."

Speaking ahead of his demonstration, Mr Simonson, who lives in London, said: "Studying engineering taught me that we already already have the solutions to address the climate crisis, what we lack is the political will.

"The politicians have been bought, and educational institutions are absolutely complicit in allowing them to continue this genocide.

"Universities are accepting tens of millions in dirty money and letting the fossil fuel companies come to careers fairs to give out free pens! Students have a duty to step up and show teaching institutions we won't stand for it anymore."

Mr Simonson called on Exeter students and staff to march alongside the activists in November.

He continued: "Taking action gives me hope. One person has the power to put shockwaves through the system and challenge the status quo.

"If you feel powerless and terrified by what's happening across the world right now, it only takes a small number of people taking action to show them that this can't continue. This is what

students across the country are doing, step up and march with us in November."



The activist held up a banner and painted the glass exterior of the building. Picture: Ben

It comes after recent reports revealed that UK universities have accepted funding from major fossil fuel companies.

The University of Exeter has received the most from fossil fuel firms since 2022, having signed a £14.7m, five-year deal with Shell in November for a project on "carbon storage and sequestration".

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said of Mr Simonson: "Police and campus security are still attempting to bring him down from where he currently sits on top of the Forum lobby. People on the ground have reported that a large crowd has gathered to watch."

Oxford University was also reportedly targeted by Just Stop Oil on Tuesday after two recent A-Level graduates used a fire extinguisher to paint the historic Radcliffe Camera building.

Oxford University was found to have received £1,209,221 in fossil fuel financial commitments since 2022.

It comes after Sir Keir was accosted this afternoon by a protester belonging to a Just Stop Oil-affiliated group called People Demand Democracy.

The heckler threw glitter over the Labour leader, before was removed from the stage by security guards.

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Environmental activist group Just Stop Oil has sprayed its signature orange paint at the Radcliffe Camera today.

The police have arrested activists Daniel Knorr, 21, and Noah Crane, 18, who were taking part in a sit-down protest outside the library and confiscated the paint they used. The Radcliffe Camera is a Grade 1 listed building.

Protestors were handing out flyers advertising welcome talks the group will be running today and in the next few weeks.

This comes a day after a student at the University of the West of England sprayed the University of Bristol's Queen's Building with orange paint, urging "students and faculty staff to join in civil resistance' for Just Stop Oil.

Daniel Knorr is a student at the University, studying Biochemistry. He protested at Lord's during the Ashes cricket series this summer and became famous after being carried off the pitch by wicketkeeper Jonny Bairstow. He

commented:

"I am taking action to resist the destruction of my generation. Oxford academics are fully aware of the scale of the climate crisis – this year Oxford scientists said that in a few years climate breakdown will routinely expose people to unsurvivable heat and humidity. In other words, hundreds of millions of people will be forced to move, or die. This is mass murder. It is genocide. It is no good to study the annihilation of everything we care about and do absolutely nothing about it, we have to act!"

Just Stop Oil identifies itself as "a coalition of groups working together to ensure that the government commits to ending all new licences and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK".

It garnered attention and criticism from its use of direct action to protest, including throwing soup over Vincent van Gogh's famous Sunflowers painting in the National Gallery.

One student remarked that she could "see the point of defacing buildings", but was uncertain as to whether this was the best approach. She expressed that it "tends to alienate people from the cause", and that this contributes to the view that all climate protesters are "making trouble rather than making any positive change".

Another student expressed her support for the cause, saying she was "really happy" that "Oxford students are getting involved".

A student spokesperson for Just Stop Oil emphasised the need to protest, describing the university as "one of the pioneers in climate science" and the effect of fossil fuels, and expressing that it is "egregious" that the university is taking donations of £100m from INEOS to fund the Life and Mind Building. They also criticised the university for hosting companies such as Equinor at the careers and finance fairs, which "goes directly against the science they are publishing".

A few hours after the event, University staff were spotted attempting to wash the paint off using hoses.

A spokesperson for the University of Oxford commented:

"One of Oxford's library buildings, the Radcliffe Camera, was vandalised with orange spray paint during a Just Stop Oil protest today. The University does not support illegal action, including any unlawful protesting, and may, within its powers, take any steps it considers appropriate against any student guilty of such behaviour. Access to the library has been temporarily redirected and steps are under way to remove the paint."

A spokesperson for the Bodleian Libraries commented:

"Earlier today, the Radcliffe Camera was defaced with spray paint, during a Just Stop Oil protest. As a result, library access was temporarily redirected to avoid the damaged parts of the building. Our priority at this time remains ensuring that readers have access to our collections, removing the paint and restoring the building to its previous state."

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Students Participate in Banana Protest Outside Radcliffe Camera

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A man statue made out of trash was left on the top of the Radcliffe Camera this morning with the sign "WHAT HEIGHT WOULD U GO 2 4 THE WORLD OX RISE UP" next to it. The event was reported in a recent Oxfess that said: "Shout out to the…

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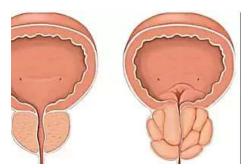
A university building has been sprayed with orange paint by Just Stop Oil.



Oscar Denman-Gould used a fire extinguisher to spray the University of Sussex library orange this afternoon as part of a **national** action from climate campaigners Just Stop Oil.

The activist is calling on the government to halt new oil and gas projects in the country and for students and staff at the university to march with the group in London this November.

Five universities were targeted across the country by student protesters including Falmouth, Oxford and UCL.



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Two arrested in Falmouth after Just Stop Oil protestors cover university buildings in paint

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Just Stop Oil said the supporters covered two buildings at Falmouth University with paint. Credit: Just Stop Oil

Two people have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage following a Just Stop Oil protest at the University of Falmouth.

It comes after a man and a woman were pictured at the campus using spray cans and buckets to paint two buildings orange.

The campaign group said at around 11am on Wednesday 11 October, Ethan Paul, 22, covered the walls of the university's Stella Turk building at Penryn.

They added that Holly Astle, 28, used a fire extinguisher to daub the Falmouth Link building with paint at the same time.



Just Stop Oil said both the supporters were graduates of Falmouth University.

In response, the University of Falmouth has said: "This morning, there was a peaceful demonstration on Penryn Campus.

"We respect peaceful and lawful protest. However, this event was escalated by a small number of individuals who caused criminal damage to two buildings.



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"This will now be investigated by police and through our internal processes."

This is the third protest that the campaign group has staged at universities across the West Country this week.

On Tuesday 10 October, a man was arrested on suspicion of criminal damage, after he covered **The Forum building at the University of Exeter** in orange paint.

Paint was also thrown in an incident at the University of Bristol's Queen's Building on Monday 9 October.

Ben Meehan, a student at the University of West England, has been charged with criminal damage and has been released on bail.

The 21-year-old is due to appear at Bristol Magistrates' Court on 5 December.

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Cambridge activists to disrupt London's annual oil chief meeting

Activists promised to disrupt next week's 'Oil & Money' conference in London and criticised the university's links with Schlumberger



Cambridge students have promised to disrupt London's annual meeting of oil executives, as protests against the university's continued ties to Schlumberger hit Cambridge last weekend (30/01).

Activists said they would conduct their "biggest and boldest action yet" at next weekend's "Oil and Money Conference", a major meeting of executives from companies like Shell, BP, Total and Saudi Aramco.

Having run since 1980, the "Oil and Money Conference" was rebranded in 2020 as the "Energy Intelligence Forum".

The conference is taking place just weeks ahead of COP28's November opening, and will also host Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber, who holds the presidency of the UN climate talks in Dubai. Sultan Al-Jaber's appointment has been scrutinised, given his role as chief executive of the UAE's national oil company.

Several protestors committed to the action after Just Stop Oil, Extinction Rebellion, Cambridge Climate Justice, and Schlumberger Out, amongst others, gathered for an "emergency" protest' outside Senate House last weekend.

The protest was organised in reaction to Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's approval of the UK's largest oil and gas project in years, at the North Sea's Rosebank oilfield.

One Cambridge PhD student, who organises for Fossil Free London, said the group will "make London inhospitable to the fossil fuel industry and financiers by tarnishing their image using direct action, creative stunts and disruption".

"We will be holding our biggest, boldest action yet and encourage people to join us to shut down the exclusive summit", they said.

"We will not let these climate criminals continue to roll in profits while we and our beautiful planet drown and burn", they continued, stating climate groups will be "demanding oil money out of our politics, out of our lives, and out of our futures".

Other activists who did not commit to the disruption in London also spoke at the Cambridge protests. Speakers criticised the government's Rosebank expansion as well as the presence of oilfield services company Schlumberger's research facility in West-Cambridge.

Chiara Sarti, a Cambridge Just Stop Oil activist, said she was "disgusted by the failure of the universities to meaningfully call out the government on the genocidal plans for new oil and gas".

"The university is deeply complicit through working with Schlumberger, taking grants from fossil fuel companies, and sending delegates to UN COP", Sarti stated.

Peach Rose, an activist from the Schlumberger Out campaign, said: "despite being rated red by the university, it (Schlumberger) is still on campus."

The University of Cambridge and Schlumberger were approached for comment.

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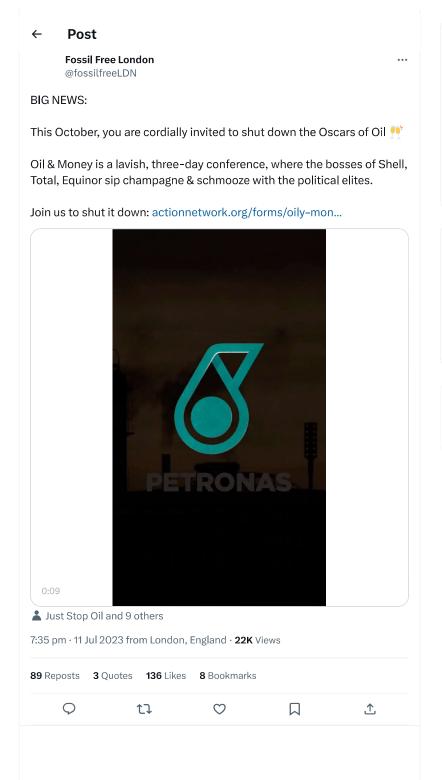
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Join us to shut down the Oil & Money conference

14-20 October, London

"We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it."

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THE SITUATION

Our planet is burning. By the end of this decade, an estimated 130 million people will be forced into extreme poverty due to the impacts of climate breakdown. Rising sea levels. Unprecedented heatwaves. Raging storms. Widespread water shortages. If we don't phase out fossil fuels now, it will be a death sentence for countless people globally.

The fossil fuel industry sits at the polluted heart of the climate emergency.

Oil companies have a chokehold on our planet and our politics. There were more than 600 fossil fuel lobbyists at the COP27 climate conference, outnumbering any frontline community affected by the climate crisis. This year, the COP28 Presidency has been given to the head of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company.

We want oily money out. Out of our politics. Out of COP28. Out of our lives and futures.

That's why we're targeting the biggest annual gathering of fossil fuel companies and inviting everyone concerned about the climate emergency to join our disruption. We will not sit by as oil companies destroy our communities and burn our only home for the sake of profit.

OIL & MONEY

In October, the biggest names in the fossil fuel industry will gather in a luxury London hotel for the exclusive Oil & Money summit, nicknamed the 'Oscars of Oil'.

There the CEOs of Shell, Total, Equinor and Saudi Aramco will be schmoozing with the chair of COP28 (who is himself the CEO of an oil company), just weeks before the climate talks begin.

The luxury summit only officially rebranded itself as the 'Energy Intelligence Forum' last year - but it remains an oil industry stitch-up.

Join us to shut it down.



WORKSHOPS (14-16 OCTOBER)

In the run-up to the summit, we'll host workshops, training and socials to build practical skills and connections across the movement. **This programme is provisional** and will be edited.

Date	Workshops 10:00-11:30	Workshops 11:45-13:15	Lunch 13:15- 14:15	Workshops 14:30-16:00	Workshops 16:15-17:45	Briefings / wellbeing 18:00-19:00	Dinner 19:15- 20:15	Evening activity 20:30
Sat 14th October	Why do we want oily money out? Fossil Free London	Energy for All Fuel Poverty Action		Unifying across movements - lessons from Kill the Bill Bhavini Patel	Drumming workshop Extinction Rebellion Drummers	Emotional perma- culture Izzy Barr		Social
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Sun 15th	Global South Debt Cancellation Debt 4 Climate Those who sing together take action together: protest songs from past and present Fossil Free London	together take action		Skills for taking action		Book talk and discussion Mikaela Loach		We want to laugh Comedy fundraiser for activists
			Digital security for activists Fossil Free London	Aviation, private jets and climate justice Stay Grounded				
	How to get oil out of the arts: a story of creative action BP or Not BP?	Solid Sustainability Research Mapping Fossil Ties		Climate crisis: made in London - walking tour Fossil Free London				Shy Radicals Film screening and Q&A
		Use your voice: speaking about taking action Fossil Free London		Zine-making workshop and drop-in Reimagine London				
Mon 16th	Co2lonial finance and how to fight it ShareAction	Legal briefing		Skills for taking action		Action briefing		Affinity groups and grounding exercise
	Oil and gas 101: understanding the UK's oil and gas industry and how to fight back Stop Rosebank	The Niger Delta and resisting extractivism on the frontlines LEDEF		Migrant Justice is Climate Justice No Borders in Climate Justice	StopEACOP film screening and discussion Tipping Point UK			
	Affinity group building drop-in			The Colonial History of Climate Change Climate in Colour	Red-Green Action: How do we unite workers and environmentalists? rs21			



Tues 17th	ACTION DAY Crafting, welfare and discussion space at main hub						I Am More Dangerous Dead Film screening and Q&A
Wed 18th	ACTION DAY Crafting, welfare and di Digital security and tecl	Action briefing	Social				
Thur 19th	ACTION DAY Festival of Resistance Assemble at Marble A Crafting, welfare and discussion space at main hub Festival of Resistance Assemble at Marble A 16:30					ch from	Social
Fri 20th	Wellbeing and regen space	Debrief		Debrief	Open space		PARTY! Ninth Life

ACTIONS (17-19 OCTOBER)

Throughout the conference, we will undertake three days of disruptive action. The details will be shared with participants closer to the time. Every group and person that gets involved will help make this a success.

There will be actions at varying levels, including those which are designed to be more inclusive and family-friendly. Although we recognise that arrest can be a consequence of effective disruptive action, arrests are not the objective of Oily Money Out and we will do all we can to provide a safe environment.

However, especially in the context of new police powers, arrests are not predictable. We are providing legal briefings and we'll be on hand to answer any legal questions and provide full support for any arrestees.

On Thursday 19 October, we will stage a mass Carnival of Resistance, marching through central London. It will be loud, lively and family-friendly. Bring props, signs, friends and your best chanting voices.

There is a detailed legal briefing at the end of this document.

AFFINITY GROUPS

We encourage everyone to form 'affinity groups'. If you're travelling with other people, you may wish to form them before you arrive. If not, we will run a session to help people form them.

An <u>affinity group</u> is a small group of people who come together to prepare for and take direct action. They make decisions together, and support each other during and after action. The 'affinity' between people in the group is something that they have in common, i.e. they are interested in taking the same kind of action or using the same tactics.



We would like you to be in affinity groups based on your risk level - willingness to risk arrest/ willingness to peacefully engage with security and the police.

We will offer space to enter into affinity groups at Oily Money Out.

ACCOMMODATION

This is a city-based action without a camping option. If you have friends or family who can host you, or are able to book accommodation, we encourage you to do so. Otherwise our network of hosts can offer spare bedrooms or sofas to activists visiting from out of London.

- If you need to request somewhere to stay, please fill in this form as soon as possible.
- If you can offer a place to stay, please fill in this form as soon as possible.

The deadline for requesting a place to stay is 7 October.

TRANSPORT

We invite people from across the UK & Europe to join us¹ and we're eager to help with travel logistics and costs where we can. Please do not fly to Oily Money Out.²

UK MAINLAND

Buses are likely to be the cheapest way to get to London - and if you travel in a group they can be good fun! Check <u>Busradar</u>, <u>Flixbus</u>, <u>Megabus</u>, <u>Omio</u> and <u>National Express</u> websites.

KEY COACH ROUTES

England, Scotland, Wales

¹ Although please be aware we do not have the capacity to offer translation. All sessions and action will be in English. ² We are a flight free organisation, and signatories to the <u>Stay Grounded position paper</u>. This is because the aviation industry is a leading perpetrator of climate violence and injustice, and supporting it runs contrary to the need to eliminate fossil fuel use and the influence of polluters on politics. Therefore, while we are pleased to help fund low carbon travel, we are not able to fund flights under any circumstance, and would ask that nobody fly to participate in Oily Money Out. Check out <u>shameplane.com</u> about the impact of flying.

Global South Distance is often a barrier to connecting the climate movement around the world, especially those from frontline and Global South countries. To ensure that these voices remain a strong part of our action, we would be thrilled to collaborate with anyone from these groups to design creative ways to ensure they are represented. This could include contributing to hybrid workshops remotely, sending recordings, videos or statements for us to share with attendees or on social media, or co-designing actions with us which spotlight Global South demands.

Global North If you are unable to reach Oily Money Out by land, we encourage you to organise your own resistance to the fossil fuel industry in your area and amplify the London action. We would be really pleased to hear about and amplify any solidarity actions that happen.

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Edinburgh, UK	Flixbus	£10-20 on way	
Bristol	Flixbus	£2-5 one way	
Glasgow	Flixbus	£18-25 one way	
Manchester	Flixbus	\$8	
Leeds	Flixbus	£2-9	
Cardiff	Flixbus	£7	
Birmingham	Flixbus	£6-10	

OVERSEAS

If you are traveling from overseas there are several options available to you. Below we have provided information on key coach routes, interrail passes, and ferries. We can help with travel costs – see section below. We advise you choose the cheapest viable travel option.

KEY COACH ROUTES

Pricing will vary from day to day on buses and trains

Location	Links	Est. Cost As of 5 Sep 23	Notes
Paris, France	FlixBus	€20-40 one way	You can sometimes get bus tickets for as cheap as €10
Tours, France	FlixBus	€50-70 one way	Depending on when you buy your tickets, interrail could be cheaper
Brussels, Belgium	FlixBus from Brussels	€50-120 one way	
Amsterdam, Netherlands	FlixBus from Amsterdam	€50-120 one way	
Dublin, Ireland	<u>Dublin</u>	€141 (flexible pass)	This is a ticket that includes both the ferry and a bus into London
Belfast, Northern Ireland	Belfast	£122 (flexible pass)	This is a ticket that includes both the ferry and a bus into London

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Berlin, Germany	<u>Flixbus</u>	€70 one way	
Barcelona, Spain	Barcelona with Omio	€152 round-trip	
Madrid, Spain	Madrid with Omio	€172 round trip	
Vienna. Austria	<u>Omio</u>	€149 round trip	
Milan, Italy	<u>Omio</u>	€137 round trip	
Zurich, Switzerland	Flixbus	€70-80	
Copenhagen, Denmark	Flixbus	€82 one way	

INTERRAIL

If coaches aren't a feasible option get to Oily Money Out, it's worth looking into the different Interrail passes as this will be a fixed cost regardless of your travel route.

You can be any age to buy an interrail pass.

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- Aged under 27s £171 or €195 (+ £35 booking fee each way across English Channel)
- Aged 27 to 59 £226 or €258 (+ £35 booking fee each way across English Channel)
- Aged 60+ £203 or €232 (+ £35 booking fee each way across English Channel)

Though your interrail pass is valid on the Eurostar, there is a <u>reservation fee</u> of \in 30. There may be other seat reservation fees on your route. You need to book your Eurostar reservation *straight away*. They sell out very quick.

It's likely more cost effective to get the FlixBus from Paris to London.

FERRIES

Ireland

Irish Ferries offer a sail & rail option to London, with a ferry from Dublin to Holyhead in Wales and then train(s) to London from there. It's an easy trip in a day. More info: https://www.irishferries.com/uk-en/Travel-to-Britain/



Mainland Europe

Calais to Dover: P&O Ferries (foot passengers) (vehicle passengers)

Dunkirk to Dover: **DFDS** (vehicle passengers only)

CARPOOLING

You can look into sites like <u>BlablaCar</u> but rides tend to go up 2-3 days before departures so we advise using more reliable transport options.

HELP WITH TRAVEL COSTS

We have a limited amount of funding to help activists cover their travel costs.

If you are able to fund your own transport, please do so, so that those that would otherwise not be able to attend can access that funding.

We are able to cover 50% up to £200 of your travel and encourage you to take the cheapest possible option for this reason.

Process

- When you book you must keep a screenshot of your receipt(s). Then email oilymoneyout@gmail.com with 'Expenses: Travel costs from X' in the subject line to ask for an expense form.
- Attach the receipt to the form, send it back, and we will reimburse you as soon as we can.
 Usually 5 working days.
- If, even with the above support, costs still prevent you from attending please outline your situation and what you intend to contribute at the event in an email titled 'Travel bursary request' at oilynoneyout@gmail.com.

COMMUNICATIONS

This action is a crucial opportunity for us to get our message across and influence public discourse. Our communications team is currently working on a messaging guide which will be added to this doc soon.

CHECK-LIST:

- Make sure you've signed up for updates here.
- Book time off work or studies, if you need to Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th October are the action days.

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GENERAL LEGAL BRIEFING

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DISCLAIMER

This written briefing is intended to accompany in-person briefings during Oily Money Out. This document is not legal advice, nor a substitute for it. It is a compilation of information which may be useful for those interested in taking protest action with Oily Money Out. This document does not reflect any details or likely outcomes of our actions - only information that we hope helps fully inform participants of protest law in the UK before taking any kind of protest action.

We are all responsible for ourselves. While we support each other as best we can, your actions are your own. It's important to prepare yourself for all eventualities before attending an action. At a protest, we cannot guarantee what measures the police will choose to enforce, so it is not possible to predict with certainty whether you will be arrested or not.

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OILY MONEY OUT ACTION PRINCIPLES AND APPROACH TO ARRESTS

Oily Money Out will comprise a range of protest actions - nobody will be expected to do anything they are not willing to. Arrests are not an objective of Oily Money Out, though they cannot be ruled out. As far as possible, we intend to offer accessible, family-friendly protest options, and we will take precautions to avoid arrests being made where we can. There is also safety in numbers - your presence at a mass action will reduce risk to other activists - and will likely make for a more effective and successful action overall.

As well as taking responsibility for ourselves, we have a responsibility to others taking protest action with us - keep everyone safe by not sharing information with police or security, including not identifying organisers. We also support the use of protest code names.

If participating in any protest at Oily Money Out, you will be given a bustcard (small card with key information about your rights and relevant contact numbers). You should also write the name of a recommended protest solicitor on your body, alongside the number of the Oily Money Out back office as this will be the best place to notify in case of arrest. Back office will arrange support for you and ensure you are met and safe if released from custody.

'Back office' – Climate Action Support Pathway (CASP) +447783176190

Please only contact this number in unlikely case of arrest and they will ensure you are met from custody, supported and safe – this number will be on your bustcard, and ideally on your body. **Do not use this number for any other purpose.**

ARRESTS AND FIRST-TIME OFFENCES

Arrests are not an objective of Oily Money Out, though they cannot be ruled out.

If police do begin the process of carrying out arrests, they may warn participants at risk of arrest beforehand, but they don't have to. If they do, they would inform you of the grounds of arrest and give you a chance to cease any arrestable action, meaning you are likely to have a chance to remove yourself from a situation without being arrested.

If you are arrested, these resources go through in detail what to expect:

https://informeddissent.info/being-arrested and https://informeddissent.info/arrest-flowchart



If you were to be convicted with a first time offence, the sentencing would likely be light and without prison time - usually a fine, conditional discharge or suspended sentence. You would be supported by the Oily Money Out team to access the right support and resources if you were arrested, charged or convicted.

Read a guide about the potential impacts of convictions by Seeds for Change - https://seedsforchange.org.uk/convictions

USEFUL RESOURCES

The following resources are from trusted and recommended organisations, useful to those who wish to know more about legalities and practicalities associated with protesting. Please use these to search for the answers to any further questions you have after reading this briefing. If you still have questions please contact the Oily Money Out team.

Green and Black Cross - https://greenandblackcross.org/guides/

Netpol - https://netpol.org/resources/

Informed Dissent - https://informeddissent.info/

Impact of convictions, Seeds for Change - https://seedsforchange.org.uk/convictions

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - 5 KEY MESSAGES - IF YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING, REMEMBER THESE!

1. NO COMMENT

You do not need to answer police questions, so don't. You might accidentally incriminate yourself or someone else - even if you think you are sharing harmless information. Just say "no comment" (or "I won't be answering any questions, thank you") to all police questions – during 'informal chats', in the police van and especially in police interviews unless specifically advised otherwise by a recommended protest solicitor.

2. NO PERSONAL DETAILS

You do not have to give personal details to police before or at the point of arrest. We recommend not giving your details when inside the police van / car or being transported to the police station. Sometimes the police will arrest you without grounds and primarily for the purpose of obtaining your personal details. They also sometimes just release activists after driving a few roads away (before reaching the station). In this case, there is usually no record of your arrest and so it is best to keep yourself anonymous at this point.

Typically people only give their details when checked in at the custody desk at the police station. This allows you to be released within 24hrs - if you withhold personal details at the police station it's likely you'll be kept in until you can be taken to a Magistrates' Court.

3. 'UNDER WHAT POWER?'

If the police ask you to do something, ask them "am I legally obliged to do that?" and if they say something along the lines of "yes", then ask "under what power?" to challenge the police to act lawfully. Police officers rely on you not knowing the law. Make a note of what was said and by whom (badge number / shoulder number) as soon as possible afterwards.

4. NO DUTY SOLICITOR

The "duty solicitor" is the solicitor who is present at the police station. They are unlikely to know about protest law. If arrested and in custody, use the solicitor with protest experience identified on your bustcard at no cost. You just need to remember the firm's name so you can give it to the police (it is good to write this on your body just in case). The police will call your solicitor for you.

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Extinction Rebellion protest at Gatwick: climate campaigners stage walk around perimeter over airport expansion plans

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Climate campaigners took part in a protest walk around Gatwick Airport perimeter on Saturday, October 14. Photo: Dorking, Reigate and Redhill Extinction Rebellion

The walk, which took place on Saturday, October 14, was organised by local Dorking, Reigate and Redhill Extinction Rebellion activists.

It was supported by Campaign Against Gatwick Noise Emissions (CAGNE) and Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) . Visit cagne.org/stop-gatwick-expansion or www.gacc.org.uk/gatwick-expansion.php.

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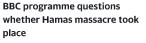


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Extinction Rebellion campaigner The Reverend Helen Burnett from Reigate, who is vicar of St Peter and St Paul's Church in Chaldon, said: "Today we are walking close to the perimeter of Gatwick Airport to draw attention to areas that will be absorbed into the airport footprint should expansion go ahead."



Climate campaigners took part in a protest walk around Gatwick Airport perimeter on Saturday, October 14. Photo: Dorking, Reigate and Redhill Extinction Rebellion

She said: "At a time when CO2 emissions need to be cut drastically immediately to even contemplate expansion is counter to all scientific advice on reaching net zero. We walk in solidarity with all those already suffering the devastating effects of climate change- it cannot be just that their lives are threatened by our desire to fly, pursue our bucket list, see the world when the very world people feel entitled to see is in danger of extinction."

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Extinction Rebellion said two police officers accompanied those on the walk, which began at Riverside Park in Horley and went around the airport perimeter.

London Gatwick Airport is proposing to bring its existing Northern Runway into regular use alongside its Main Runway. Members of the public, residents and stakeholders, have until 11.59pm on October 29 to register with the Planning Inspectorate and provide a summary of their views. Visit www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/future-plans/northern-runway. The airport recently said it could support more than 28,000 additional jobs across the UK, through a 61 per cent increase in inbound tourism, if the runway plans were approved. The

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growing source of climate emissions worldwide and is the highest carbon emitting form of transport'. They said aviation is responsible for around 10 percent of UK emissions, which is 'far higher than the global average'. Extinction Rebellion are concerned that a second runway would add over one million tonnes of extra carbon a year, plus other greenhouse gases, soot, and vapours.

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'This isn't a game': Just Stop Oil disrupt Tekken final at UK's biggest gaming event

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Three Just Stop Oil supporters coated a giant screen with orange paint at major games expo EGX 2023. They are demanding the UK Government halts all new oil and gas projects, and are calling on gamers to march with Just Stop Oil in London this November. [1]

Today at 15:48pm, cosplaying as 'Ghostbusters' characters, the three used adapted water pistols to target a viewing screen for the Tekken 7 tournament winner's final being held at 'The Arena' stage in London's Excel conference centre. They were escorted out by venue security, before being arrested for Criminal Damage by the Metropolitan Police.

A Just stop Oil spokesperson said:

"Video games let us escape into new and exciting dimensions, but real world physics are about to deliver the deaths of billions. Put more carbon into the atmosphere at this point and it's game over. Gamers cooperate to win, and we need these skills to survive. Everyone must step up and join in civil resistance against new oil and gas, because this isn't a game. Let's unite to make this world safe, so that we can get back to exploring cyber worlds. Join Just Stop Oil on a slow march through London from 29th October"





Idris, a 20 year old artist from London, was one of those taking action today. They said:

"It is vital that we draw as much attention as possible to the genocidal decisions the government is making. I won't stand aside while billions are sentenced to death and neither should you."

"When I hear about the climate crisis and the number of people who will be displaced and die I can't fit the numbers into my head. Instead, I think of my Mam, Dad, Brother, and friends. All the people I love who are threatened by the climate catastrophe are the reason I am committed to civil disobedience."

EGX 2023 is sponsored by Barclays Bank, who have been described at the "Europe's number 1 financier of the climate crisis". They have financed around \$167 billion in fossil fuels. Moreover, Shell sponsors popular game Fortnite as well as gaming influencers. Children and teen players are directed to fuel up at digital Shell stations, in a promotion for a new petrol product. Shell's planned emissions from 2018 to 2030 are estimated to account for close to 1.6% of the global carbon budget. [2] [3] [4]

Another of those taking action today was Luke Watson, 32. The handyman from Essex said:

"There's been 30 years of consensus on what needs to be done and we've done almost nothing in that time. Hope is something you have to earn and we haven't done enough. If you believe in hope what will you do?"

"The Dutch have just had a massive win using civil disobedience, we can do the same. We just have to live and act as if something depended on it because everything does."

Just Stop Oil supporters are not prepared to stand by and watch while the government plans for millions to die and destroys everything we care about. It's up to all of us now to come together and resist. We cannot let them divide us. Together we can be the real opposition this country needs and we will win. We will stop

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Notes to Editors

[1] Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects. Climate Emergency Fund is Just Stop Oil's primary funder for recruitment, training, and capacity building.

Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

- [2] https://marketforces.org.uk/barclays/
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Greta
Thunberg,
20, arrested
by police at
Fossil Free
London
protest after
blocking

entrance to luxury hotel hosting oil bosses

- The Swedish activist, 20, was led to a police van after protesting in Park Lane
- Eco-activists blockaded the Energy Intelligence Forum oil and gas conference

Greta Thunberg was arrested by the Metropolitan Police for 'refusing to move' when told to by police officers during a protest against an oil and gas conference in central London, according to eyewitnesses.

The 20-year-old Swedish activist could be seen smiling as she was detained by officers and led to a waiting police van after joining a protest outside the Energy Intelligence Forum (EIF) – formerly the Oil and Money conference – at the Intercontinental Hotel Park Lane.

In footage shared on social media, officers could be seen frogmarching the campaigner to the van as other protesters were told to stand back. The Met Police said it had arrested 21 protesters today.

Fossil Free London, which organised the demo, told the PA news agency that Thunberg was arrested while linking arms and changing with other activists; she was reportedly taken to Wandsworth police station.

It's the latest arrest for the campaigner, who rose to fame after she began 'striking' from school in 2018 over what she said was inaction by world governments to tackle climate change.

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Greta Thunberg, wearing a large badge reading 'Oily Money Out', is led away from the Intercontinental Hotel Park Lane by two Met Police officers



The 20-year-old Swedish activist was led to a police van as activists watched on



Other protesters were told to stand back while Ms Thunberg smiled from the back of the police van



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Ms Thunberg was crowded by officers as she was detained and led to thevan



Ms Thunberg spoke at the Fossil Free London protest outside the Energy Intelligence Forum conference in central London, where she hit out at 'spineless' politicians

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She had earlier spoken outside the hotel as part of a protest organised by Fossil Free London against the EIF event, urging eco-activists to 'reclaim the power' and hitting out at 'spineless' politicians for failing to act on global warming.

The Met said it arrested 14 activists under section 14 of the Public Order Act to prevent 'serious disruption' to the community; it did not name Thunberg.

Fossil Free London activists banged drums and chanted 'oily, oily money, out, out, out' as they blocked the hotel entrance; members of Greenpeace later dramatically rappelled down the side of the building to unfurl a banner reading: 'Make big oil pay.'

Speakers at the conference include COP28 President-delegate Dr Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber, net zero minister Graham Stuart, former climate change minister Charles Hendry and senior figures from energy firms BP, Shell, Repsol and ExxonMobil.

Its agenda includes a discussion on whether the COP climate change gathering is 'still relevant'.

Speaking at the guerilla protest prior to her arrest, Ms Thunberg said: 'Behind these closed doors at the Oil and Money conference, spineless politicians are making deals and compromises with lobbyists from destructive industries – the fossil fuel industry.

'People all over the world are suffering and dying from the consequences of the climate crisis, caused by these industries, who we allow to meet with our politicians and have privileged access to.

'The world is drowning in fossil fuels. Our hopes and dreams and lives are being washed away by a flood of greenwashing and lies.

'The people in power are knowingly leading us to the edge of the precipice. They know very well the invaluable things they are sacrificing in order for them to continue squeezing out profits from a dying planet.

'We cannot let this continue. The elites of the Oil and Money conference, they have no intention of transition. Their plan is to continue this destructive search of profits.

'That is why we have to take direct action to stop this and to kick oily money out of politics. We have no other option but to put our bodies outside this conference and to physically disrupt.

'We have to do that every time. We have to continue showing them that they are not going to get away with this. This is only the beginning of this fight and we are going to stay and we are going to come back time and time again until we see real action.'

Activists from Greenpeace rappelled down the side of the hotel later and unfurled a banner reading: 'Make Big Oil Pay'

Met police officers move among protesters as they sit outside the hotel on Park Lane. Fencing draped in white sheets was put up outside the hotel as a protective measure

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Thunberg added: 'We cannot rely on politicians and the people in power to save us. They have proven time and time again that they always prioritise the fossil fuel industry and destructive industries above people, above their own citizens.

'We have to reclaim the power, and that is what we are doing today. We have to kick oily money out.'

Protesters outside the Intercontinental, some of whom brought banners associated with Extinction Rebellion, chanted and set off flares as they called for the conference to be 'shut down'.

Some held up photographs that they said showed the effects of oil and gas drilling on communities around the world.

A white fence surrounded the hotel entrance keeping protesters out while police smuggled conference attendees through the crowd of chanting activists and a samba band.

Later in the morning, activists from Greenpeace abseiled down from the roof of the hotel to unfurl a banner reading 'make big oil pay', while a strong wind billowed the message and the protesters against the side of the building.

Maja Darlington, a campaigner at Greenpeace UK, told the PA news agency: 'Oil bosses are toasting each other in a luxury hotel and plotting how to make even larger profits, while millions struggle to rebuild after a summer of extreme weather.

'Big oil is profiting from humanity's loss and those who have done the least to cause climate change are being forced to pay the price.'

Police said they were 'working out' how to bring them down safely and arrest them 'if appropriate'.

Fossil Free London says it is 'blocking' the conference in protest at 'climate criminals conspir(ing) over canapés'.

Resistance' gathering at Marble Arch on Thursday afternoon and a 'Rave and Resist' after-party at the end of the week. Director Robin Wells previously said: 'The main purpose of protesting this forum is to make it clear that the industry is not welcome to come to our city, is not welcome to schmooze our politicians, is not welcome to profit at the expense of the collective survival and the health of the one home that we all share.' Met Police officers could be seen monitoring the protest in Park Lane on Tuesday morning. Fossil Free London has accused oil producers of being 'climate criminals conspiring over canapés' at the event, formerly known as the Oil & Money conference A climate activist is dragged away from the Fossil Free London protest by Met Police officers

The action is part of a series of 'action days' organised by the eco-group, which has

It plans further action tomorrow, Thursday and Friday – including a 'Festival of

carried out several protests across London in recent years.

Extinction Rebellion protesters brought a display of pink umbrellas emblazoned with eyeballs, and a banner reading: 'We are watching you'

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The force said it arrested six people on suspicion of obstructing a highway after receiving reports of the protest at 7.18am on Tuesday.

It arrested 14 more protesters in the afternoon for breaching section 14 of the Public Order Act and a further one for criminal damage.

A spokesperson for the force said: 'Officers have been on scene since this morning with a group of protesters in the road outside a hotel in Park Lane, W1.

'We have had continued discussions with the protesters and there have been interventions by officers to enable members of the public safe access in and out of the venue. Six people were arrested for obstruction of the highway.

'Officers on scene have kept this under constant review and at 1232 imposed conditions on the group under section 14 of the Public Order Act given to prevent serious disruption to the community, hotel and guests.

'Officers asked the protesters to move from the road onto the pavement, which would enable them to continue with their demonstration without breaching the conditions.

'A number of protesters failed to do so and we have now made a further 14 arrests for section 14 of the public order act and a further one for criminal damage. Officers remain on scene.'

The Energy Intelligence Forum says it is a 'platform for fostering debate...and finding answers to the big questions facing the energy industry'.

Speakers at the conference include the CEOs of Saudi Arabia's Aramco and Norway's Equinor, the German ambassador to the UK and Graham Stuart, UK energy security and net zero minister.

Mr Stuart has previously said that allowing oil and gas companies to continue drilling the North Sea for resources is necessary for energy security.

Discussions during the three-day event include whether the annual COP conferences are 'still relevant', 'how far' renewable power can go, and whether net zero 'will remain the standard'.

Tickets for the conference started at £3,650 per person – plus VAT. MailOnline contacted the conference for comment on Fossil Free London's action.

Fossil Free London has disrupted events such as BP's annual shareholder meeting and an assembly of industry body UK Oil and Gas last year.

Meanwhile, Thunberg was fined by a Swedish court earlier this month for disobeying police during an environmental protest in July.

Ms Thunberg, who already had been fined for a similar offence, took part in a July 24 environmental protest at an oil terminal in Malmo, where activists temporarily blocked access to the facility by sitting down and were removed by police.
On September 15, she was charged with disobedience to law enforcement for refusing to obey police asking her to leave the scene. She then was dragged away by two uniformed officers.
Net zero minister Graham Stuart is among those attending the conference, alongside the CEO of the United Arab Emirates' state-owned oil firm, who is President-delegate at COP28
Other attendees at the Energy Intelligence Forum include Dr Sultan Ahmed Al-Jaber (above) – who is both the CEO of the United Arab Emirates' state-owned oil company and president-delegate of the COP28 conference

The Malmo District Court ordered her to pay a 2,250 kroner (£169) fine.

Thunberg pictured at Malmo District Court in Sweden last week, where she was fined 2,250 kroner (£169) after disobeying police during an environmental protest

The eco-activist, who rose to fame by 'striking' from school each week in protest at climate change, had to be forcibly removed from the entrance to an oil terminal in July

Thunberg admitted to the facts but denied guilt, saying the fight against the fossil fuel industry was a form of self-defence due to the existential and global threat of the climate crisis.

After the verdict, she said: 'We have the science on our side and we have morality on our side.

'Nothing in the world can change that and so it is. I am ready to act based on the conditions that exist and whether it leads to more sentences.'

On June 24, the same court fined her 2,500 kroner (£188) for refusing to obey police orders when taking part in a similar demonstration the previous month.

Earlier this year, Thunberg also pulled out of an appearance at the Edinburgh International Book Festival after accusing sponsors, investment firm Baillie Gifford, of 'greenwashing'.

Tuesday's action comes weeks after the UK government green-lit the controversial Rosebank oil field in the North Sea.

Around 350million barrels of oil are said to lie untapped in the oil field off the coast of the Shetland Islands, and Tories have hailed its approval as a means of reducing the UK's reliance on Russian oil and gas – but opponents say the project amounts to 'environmental vandalism'.

Lauren McDonald, a campaigner against Rosebank, said at Tuesday's protest: 'The only reason that they continue to pursue this is for profit, there is no justification for this.

'So as we head into another round of climate talks, we are demanding that Norway – that wealthy happy country that is powered by green energy at home – we are demanding that Norway stops putting the brakes on other countries' energy transitions.

'We are demanding that Norway stops profiteering while others around the world are struggling to pay their bills, struggling to live and struggling to survive in our destabilising climate.'

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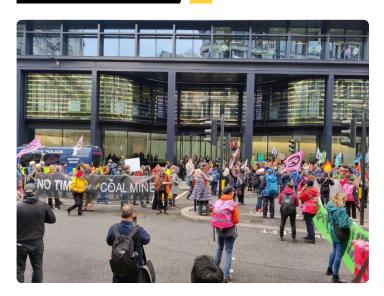
Extinction Rebellion climate protestors occupy City of London offices of 10 insurers

f Lydia Chantler-Hicks

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Hundreds of Extinction Rebellion protesters have occupied the offices of 10 City of London insurance companies.

The activist group is calling on the companies to stop insuring West Cumbria coalmine and East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline.

The protesters gathered outside Standard Bank, where they marched to three high-profile buildings including the Walkie Talkie.

In a "coordinated swoop, activists began "causing disruption" in the office foyers of Ascot, Talbot, Chaucer, Markel, Allied

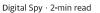
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some glued themselves to the moors while others staged a sit-in and refused to leave.



(Extinction Rebellion)

Outside the buildings, protesters could be seen waving banners saying "Don't Insure EACOP" and "Don't Insure West Cumbria Mine".

Claude Fourcroy, a spokesperson for Money Rebellion said: "We are calling on all the banks and insurers behind the West Cumbria mine and East Africa Crude Oil Pipelines to cut their ties now.

"Both of these projects will fuel climate breakdown. Lloyd's of London and the insurers in its market sit at the centre of a web of climate wreckers in the City of London, alongside Barclays and HSBC."

Fossil Free London was understood to be simultaneously disrupting the Canary Wharf offices of Total Energies, a majority shareholder in EACOP.

Joanna Warrington, campaigner with Fossil Free London said: "We can't allow London to welcome the climate-wrecking elite when droughts, floods, and wildfires rage across the world.

"London's banks and finance sector have been ignoring all the warning signs while pouring billions into fossil fuel expansion. Their profit is our loss. Financing new fossil fuel developments is incompatible with a safe future."

The Met Police has been approached by the Standard for comment.

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Met police arrest Just Stop Oil co-founders Roger Hallam and Indigo Rumbelow in dawn raids after eco zealots announced three more weeks of slow marches across London

The co-founders of Just Stop Oil have been arrested in a series of dawn raids by the Metropolitan Police this morning.

Roger Hallam and Indigo Rumbelow and were arrested in separate busts after cops 'forced entry to their homes, searched belongings and confiscated papers', the eco group said in a statement.

Footage shared by Just Stop Oil on X (formerly Twitter) showed the moment police raided Mr Hallam's home. Being led away by one officer, the eco-zealot gives a thumbs up and says 'all good' after being asked about the raid by the cameraman.

Police are seen searching through the property, using torches to check drawers, before being quizzed by a Just Stop Oil supporter about the items they are seizing.

The arrest came after Just Stop Oil announced it would carry out three more weeks of daily slow marches in London, beginning on October 30 - in a fresh blow for Londoners following months of disruptive protests by activists.









Following the raids, a defiant Just Stop Oil insisted it would 'not be intimidated' and that it would continue with its planned slow-march protests in London.

'We will not be intimidated by our criminal government. Not content with cheering on war crimes in Gaza, by maxing out our oil and gas reserves they are complicit in the greatest crime in human history,' the group said in a statement.

'New oil and gas will result in unimaginable suffering and destroy the lives and livelihoods of billions of people. No one has ever voted for this, there has never been a democratic mandate to destroy the habitable world.

'Just Stop Oil supporters are deeply committed to stopping all new oil and gas. If our government refuses to do what is right to protect humanity, then people will step up to do what needs to be done.

'The painful truth right now is that our politicians and corporations have no intention of acting in accordance with the fundamental interests of either our young people or the country as a whole.

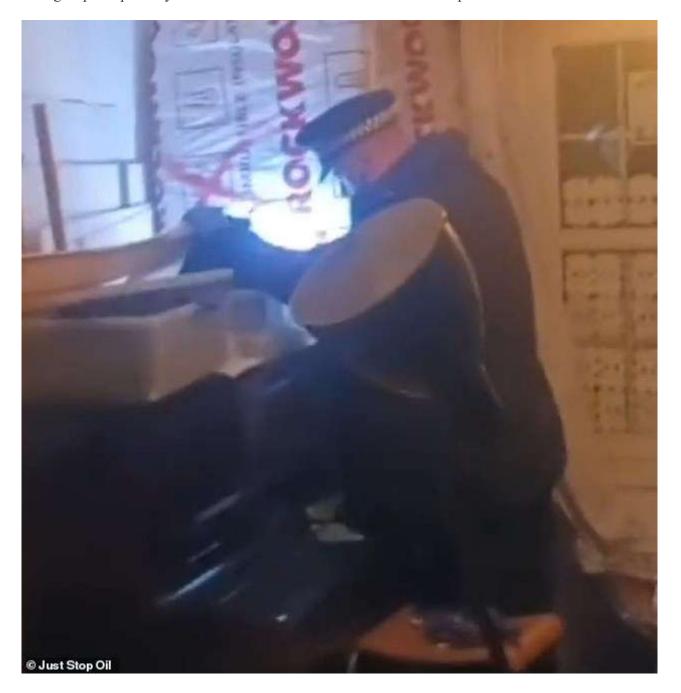
'Whether those in charge realise that they are committing the crime of genocide, is not the question.

'For this is how it will be seen by the next generation and all future generations. Our friends in police custody and languishing in prison understand this very well as do we.'

The Met Police confirmed a man, 57, and woman, 29, were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to cause a public nuisance. They both remain in custody.

A Met spokesman told MailOnline: 'Officers have arrested two people as part of an operation aimed at preventing serious disruption by Just Stop Oil ahead of more protests expected in London later this month.

'The group has publicly stated that it wants to cause maximum disruption.'





News of the pair's arrest comes after the force charged eco-activist Greta Thunberg with a public order offence after a protest outside a central London hotel.

The 20-year-old was one of 26 people charged following Tuesday's rally outside the InterContinental Hotel in Park Lane which was hosting a major meeting of oil executives.

Scotland Yard said protesters were asked to move from the road onto the pavement to avoid breaching the conditions.

Thunberg - whose address was given by police as 'Dorset' - was charged with failing to comply with a condition on public assemblies.

The Swedish activist could be seen smiling as she was detained by officers and led to a waiting police van after joining a protest outside the Energy Intelligence Forum (EIF) - formerly the Oil and Money conference.

In footage shared on social media, officers could be seen frogmarching the campaigner to the van as other protesters were told to stand back.

She had earlier spoken outside the hotel as part of a protest organised by Fossil Free London against the EIF event, urging eco-activists to 'reclaim the power' and hitting out at 'spineless' politicians for failing to act on global warming.



Thunberg has been charged with failing to comply with a condition imposed under Section 14 of the Public Order Act.

Officers said they asked the protesters to move from the road onto the pavement which would have allowed them to continue protesting legally.

They said they had imposed conditions to 'prevent disruption to the public'.

She was bailed to appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court on November 15.

A Met Police spokesman said: 'We have charged 26 people after a protest outside a hotel in central London.

'Officers responded to the protest on the morning of Tuesday October 17 and imposed conditions to prevent disruption to the public.

'The protestors were asked to move from the road onto the pavement, which would enable them to continue with their demonstration without breaching the conditions.'

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Thunberg became the face of young climate activists worldwide after staging weekly protests in front of the Swedish parliament in 2018.

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A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "We know that our government plan for new oil and gas is going to lead to more people being displaced from their homes.

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"Forced from where they have lived for generations due to the actions of our failing politicians.

"People coming to the UK must be met with common humanity, and not housed in prison ships.

"Not on our watch. We are taking action today to show love and solidarity with all people coming to this country.

"Responding to displaced people with cruel schemes like Bibby Stockholm, the Rwanda plan, or filthy barrack housing is not a solution.

"The best way to prevent people from being forced out of their homelands is to stop our governments from planning and implementing climate disasters while protecting people's right to move and seek safety. The first step is stopping new oil and gas."

Three men were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage following the protest.

A spokesperson for Dorset Police said: "Dorset Police received a report at 12.43pm on Thursday, October 19, of a protest on Portland Beach Road.

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Climate activists were joined by Greta Thunberg in a protest outside banking and finance offices in Canary Wharf today.

Led by Fossil Free London, JP Morgan employees were met by chants of "their profit, our loss" as protesters criticised a "crisis of inequality" resulting from the cost of fossil fuels and increasing household bills.

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The protest then moved to Barclays.



Barclays and JP Morgan are some of the biggest global funders of fossil fuels since the Paris Agreement in 2015, according to this years <u>Fossil Fuel Finance Report</u>.

The action is part of a series of disruptions to the Energy Intelligence Forum to protest the climate records and political influence of the fossil fuel companies and banks attending.

JP Morgan is being represented at the Energy Intelligence Forum this week by former Labour MP Chuka Umunna.

Today's protest follows <u>Greta Thunberg's arrest on Tuesday</u>, at a Fossil Free protest, where she was charged with a public order offence.

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Just Stop Oil brings Southsea to standstill and promise protests will continue until use of fossil fuels ends

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Just Stop Oil protestors carrying out a slow march in Southsea to spread their message about fossil fuels destroying the planet. Traffic was slowed down to a crawl. Picture: Just Stop Oil.

Larisa Vilceanu, a nurse by trade, joined other environmentalists to carry out a slow march in Southsea on Saturday (October 21), and said demonstrations will continue nationally. Traffic was brought to a standstill in the Anglesea Road area shortly after 11.45am, as protestors linked arms to block cars.

Police said they had to close Landport Terrace. Hampshire Terrace and Cambridge Road to ensure the safety of the demonstrators and motorists. Ms Vilceanu, of Portsmouth,

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created a little bit of inconvenience for people. Some of them were a bit aggressive towards us.

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Footage showed that one protestor was pushed by a member of the public. Picture: Just Stop Oil.

"Our demands are simple: no new oil or gas licences. We are bringing attention to the public that we cannot continue with the rhetoric, and business as usual.

"There is no future for me or for anyone in a world which relies on fossil fuels. We must stop our reliance today, not by 2050. I really hope that more people will join us in mass civil resistance this November."

Video footage provided by the activist group shows a member of the public pushing a protestor as they walked down the middle of the road. Motorists belted their car horns in frustration at being held up, with some hurling verbal abuse at them.

Just Stop Oil have garnered criticism for their methods, which have included slow marches, members gluing themselves to road surfaces, blocking routes out of factories, and disrupting sporting events such as this year's Wimbledon and the World Snooker Championship. A previous demonstration blocked much of Portsmouth city centre in September.



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people are aggressive and we expect this to happen. We understand the public, it's not something we enjoy doing, but unfortunately, it is the only way that the government will listen to us.

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"We always try to talk to them (the government), but they never listen. We have to find effective ways in which our opinions are heard, and this is one of those ways."

The nurse said she joined Just Stop Oil because she agrees with their message and wants to make her voice heard. "I'm really scared for my future," she added.

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"I want my children to grow old and enjoy retirement, and I believe it won't be possible if the government keeps investing in fossil fuels. People keep telling us to get jobs, but most of us have respectful careers. We are not going to have any jobs in the future if we destroy the planet.

"These methods are necessary. While we create this inconvenience, we hope that they will stop and think about the planet. If nothing is made inconvenient, the government will only ignore us like they always have."

Ms Vilceanu said no future demonstrations are currently planned in Portsmouth. A police spokeswoman said officers attended to monitor the protest, prevent crime and disorder and minimise disruption.

She added that no arrests were made, and the road closures were lifted just before 12.40pm.





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Extinction Rebellion die-in near Stirling city centre bank branch

The action urged UK Government to stop the Rosebank oilfield as well as Barclays bank, claimed to be 'Europe's largest fossil fuel funder'.





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They said the 'bodies' symbolised the dead and the dying in the global south and future deaths that will occur following the UK Government's de to grant the licence for the Rosebank oilfield.

The groups said, in light of the war in the Middle East and Ukraine, "much thought" was given to this action, however the decision was made to ξ "seriousness and urgency of the climate crisis"

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The action had two key messages to the UK Government and the public: 'Stop Rosebank' and 'Stop Barclays'.

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Environmental scientist Dr Sandy Winterbottom, from Dollar, said: "The science on climate change driven by the burning of fossil fuels has been years. Oil companies knew this but chose to prioritise profits and shareholders, investing in a campaign of denial, distraction and greenwashing

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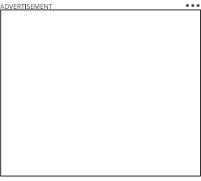
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"Even on the brink of catastrophic climate breakdown, they continue to do so with the support of banks like Barclays. This is nothing short of a c humanity."

The protesters say Rosebank will produce 200 million tonnes of carbon dioxide - more CO2 than the combined emissions of all 28 low-income co world including Uganda, Ethiopia and Mozambique - but the government claims this is consistent with staying within 1.5 degrees of global warm

Stirling farm owner Val King said: "How many fires, droughts and floods have to happen before the UK Government and banks like Barclays call fossil fuel emissions?



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Just Stop Oil protestors in the streets of Oxford (Image: Just Stop Oil)

Just Stop Oil protested through the streets of Oxford bringing city centre traffic down to a crawl.

The campaigners gathered at Oxpens Meadow from 10am on Sunday and marched to the Westgate shopping centre, along Queens Street and Cornmarket.

Then they went into Broad Street and to the Radcliffe Camera, which was recently spray-painted orange by a student Just Stop Oil supporter.

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Anne Taylor, 74, a retired teacher from Oxford, said: "I can't bear to read about climate disasters in the press.

"The government is taking decisions that are only going to make these disasters worse.

"Even more new oil and gas projects have been given the goahead, in full knowledge of the consequences.

"It's all so utterly awful. I have no other choice but to take action with Just Stop Oil. I have four young grandchildren. I'm just terrified for their future. I have to do all I can for them."

Ollie Sworder, 20, a student at Oxford University studying biology said: ""I spend my days learning first-hand from experts in their fields, about climate breakdown causing the destruction of everything.

"Every lecture is another lesson in another way we are breaking nature.

"I'm taking action with Just Stop Oil because at this point, I have no future.

"This late in the game, nothing less than coming together to demand dramatic change is going to fix our future."



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Just Stop Oil protesters spray Grade I listed Wellington Arch with orange paint

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Three protesters were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage after the protest action on Wednesday.

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Wellington Arch in central London after Just Stop Oil protesters sprayed the building with orange paint

Just Stop Oil (JSO) protesters have sprayed orange paint on Wellington Arch in central London in their latest stunt objecting to new fossil fuel licences.

Three supporters set off smoke flares near the monument at around 10.15am on Wednesday, before spraying the Grade I listed structure with orange paint using fire extinguishers, JSO said.

One of the activists, Joe Hogan, 40, from Hertfordshire, said: "Traditional, managed, sanitised forms of protest have done nothing; the only way forward is through sustained, disruptive civil resistance."

The trio were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage.





Just Stop Oil protesters sprayed orange paint on the historic structure at Hyde Park Corner on Wednesday (Just Stop Oil/PA)

In an entry on the Met Police Events X account, the force said: "Police were made aware of Just Stop Oil protestors spraying paint on Wellington Arch today at 10:19am.

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"Officers that were nearby immediately responded.

"Three people have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage."



One of the protesters holding two orange JSO banners (Just Stop Oil/PA)

The protest comes after three other JSO supporters were each given a 12-month community order and 60 hours' unpaid work for invading the pitch at Lords cricket ground.



Judit Murray, 69, Daniel Knorr, 21, and Jacob Bourne, 27, were sentenced at Westminster Magistrates' Court on Tuesday for stopping play during the second Test between England and Australia on June 28.

England player Jonny Bairstow carried Knorr off the pitch, champagne corks and fruit were thrown by cricket fans at Bourne as he was led off the field, and Murray was tackled before she could reach the wicket and held down on the grass.



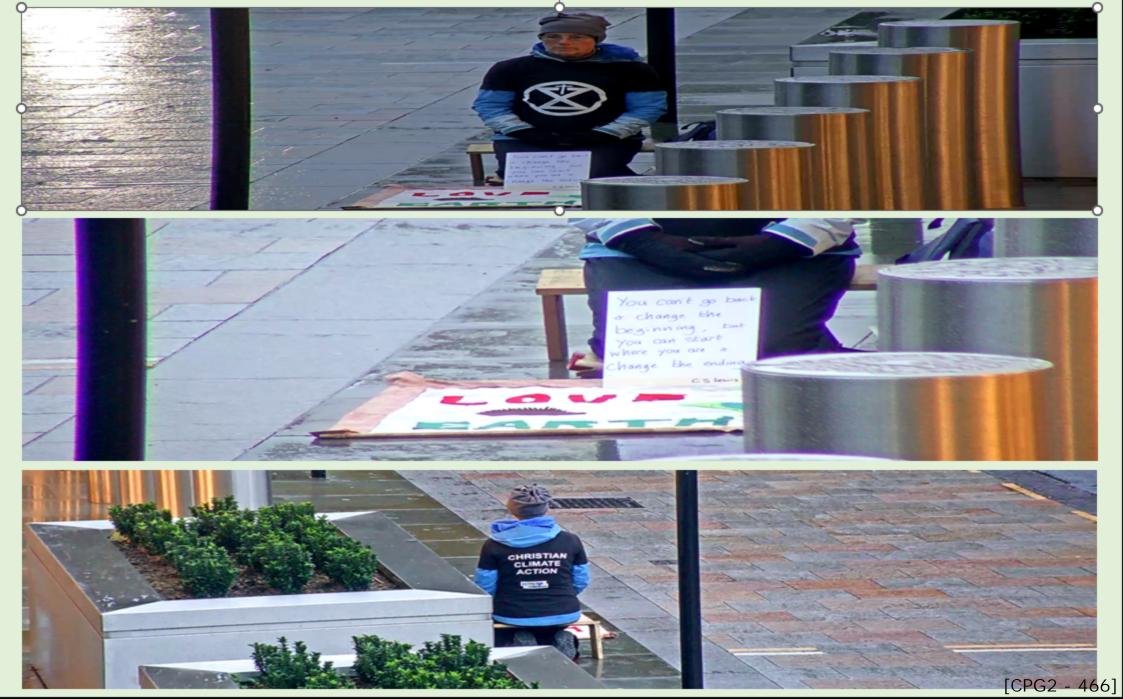
England's Jonny Bairstow removes a Just Stop Oil protester from the pitch during day one of the second Ashes Test match at Lords, London, in June (Mike Egerton/PA)

In a separate case at the High Court, 12 JSO supporters are accused of breaching a court injunction by staging protest action on the M25 in November last year.

On Tuesday 76-year-old grandmother Gaie Delap, from Bristol, told the judge in the hearing, Mr Justice Soole, that she had climbed on to a motorway gantry because the "climate emergency" was not being taken seriously enough.

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Two Just Stop Oil activists arrested after spray painting dinosaur in protest at Natural History Museum



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Two medics belonging to the Just Stop Oil protest group have sprayed orange paint over a dinosaur skeleton at the Natural History Museum.

Consultant gastroenterologist Will Stableforth and physiotherapist Steve Fay used a children's powder paint fountain to cover a reproduction Titanosaur skeleton in orange cornstarch just before 2pm on Thursday, the environmentalist group said.

The pair then displayed a banner which read "For health's sake- Just Stop Oil" before sitting down at the world famous London musuem and waiting for police to arrive.

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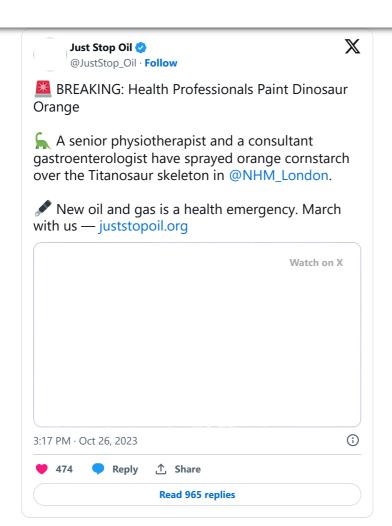
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A force statement on X, formerly known as Twitter, said: "Two people have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage at the Natural History Museum.

"Two activists from Just Stop Oil vandalised one of the exhibits with orange paint. They are in police custody."

Stableforth, from Truro in Cornwall, said beforehand: "As an NHS medical consultant I've spent many years looking after patients with diseases which, at their root, are caused by fossil fuels.

"I have done everything legal I can to get our message across. Most of that has been ineffective, so it's time to break the law. I cannot see another way at this time.

"The climate crisis is a healthcare emergency for every single one of us. We demand an end to any new fossil fuels and immediate climate action prioritising public health rather than big business."



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BANGOR PROTEST MARCH AGAINST NEW OIL FIELD

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Climate groups in Gwynedd will be marching in Bangor on Saturday 28 October, to demand the Westminster government revoke the decision to approve the new Rosebank offshore

development.

The oil field, backed by oil giant Equinor, would be the biggest in the North Sea, and would see the UK government going back on their net zero targets, and would mean it would be even more unlikely that the UK could reach their legally agreed net zero targets.

The event in Bangor organised by Extinction Rebellion Bangor is part of a national day of action by more than 100 organisations, including Friends of the Earth, The Quakers, RSPB, Extinction rebellion, and UNISON calling on Rishi Sunak to scrap Rosebank and move away from polluting, climate wrecking oil and gas and instead set the UK on a trajectory for a cleaner more secure future.

The climate impacts of the emissions from burning oil and gas from Rosebank would be would be more than the annual CO2 emissions of the 28 lowest-income countries combined. In other words, this one UK field would produce more pollution than the world's 700 million poorest people produce in a whole year.

Rowan Thompson, a gardener from Penmachno, said: "I'm joining the protest against Rosebank's drilling for oil because it won't do anything to lower our energy bills, or make our energy supply safer. In fact, a project like Rosebank is designed to make oil giants even richer at our expense. New fields only make us more dependent on expensive, polluting oil and gas for longer, when we should be investing in renewable energy instead."

Francis Taylor, a retired teacher, of Groeslon, said: "At a time when so many households across the UK are struggling with the cost of living, Rosebank's owners Equinor and Ithaca Energy are set to receive a tax break worth £3.75 billion. Rosebank oil is 90 percent for export. The best way to secure energy and to bring down bills is to rapidly expand energy efficiency measures, whilst boosting reliable and cheap renewables that are in harmony with nature's recovery"

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Ayeisha Hughes, a Disability Needs Assessor from Llanberis, said: "This is the biggest oil field yet, and every new oil field pushes us closer to our world becoming uninhabitable. Scientists have said time and again that we can't have any new oil and gas if we want to stay within safe climate limits. Spending billions of tax-payers money on this delays the transition away from fossil fuels to decent green jobs.

"Join us at Bangor Clock Tower at 12:00pm on Saturday 28th October for a march in solidarity with actions taking place all across the UK to ask for no more tax breaks for oil giants, and no more skyrocketing energy bills. Everyone is welcome. You are invited to wear black and bring with you a rose or placard."

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South West England is uniting to take action and organise against the triple threats to the planet





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Groups from across the South West are coming together on Saturday 28 October – not only to protest but also to organise. They'll be demonstrating against the triple threat of the crises that we now face: nature, climate, and social justice. The organisers say that the only way we can address these multiple issues is to come together – and leading the charge is Extinction Rebellion (XR).

XR: uniting to survive

The XR South West-led event on 28 October is called 'Unite to Survive'. The group will be there to demand action, and also to foster what they describe as "community resilience".

The day will consist of various parts. A press release from the organisers said:

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The protest rally will begin at 10am at the top of Cow Lane in Victoria Park (BA1 2LZ) in Bath, with stalls, workshops, speeches and performers – plus satellite actions nearby – with a march through the city centre starting at 12.30, a 'Discobedience' mass dance afterwards and then a Community Assembly at 2.30pm.

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The list of groups involved in the day of action is huge. Joining XR South West will be:

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The organisers have noted that the Labour and Green parties are also supporting the action – presumably in the form of their local groups.

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The climate crisis: from Bristol to the world

XR South West and its fellow organisers' objectives apply to the South West, but also the UK and globally. For example, in Bristol the government has given the go ahead for an <u>expansion of Bristol airport (https://www.euronews.com/green/2023/02/01/were-staying-hopeful-why-the-4-year-fight-to-stop-bristol-airports-expansion-isnt-over-yet)</u>. It will increase the site's capacity by two million passengers a year.

The airport has said that it aims to be carbon net-zero by 2030. However, as *euronews* reported, this commitment excludes all of the CO² caused by flights. Moreover, the additional capacity will emit another 484,000 tones of equivalent CO² every single year. So actually, the net-zero claim is classic greenwashing.

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Of course, this is in line with the government's broader climate-wrecking policies. It's already issued another 100 new North Sea oil and gas licenses. This includes the Rosebank field https://www.thecanary.co/trending/2023/09/27/government-greenlights-climate-wrecking-rosebank-oil-and-gas-field/). Over its lifetime, exploration of this could produce 500m barrels of oil. This is equal to the annual greenhouse gas emissions of the world's 28 lowest-income countries.

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emissions next year, as well.

But the climate crisis is far from the only problem that our society is facing right now. The organisers of Unite to Survive said in a press release that:

The cost of living crisis, social injustice, the climate crisis and nature emergencies are all linked. We cannot thrive – or survive – on a planet that is overheating and suffering severe species loss, and habitat destruction. We must all come together to demand clean jobs, fair pay for all and environmental protection. Together we can create change. Join us!

Overall, the groups aim to:

build unity amongst similar groups, raise continued public awareness and increase pressure on governments at all levels to listen to the public and scientists, and act now to hold a binding Citizens Assembly to create the changes we need to tackle the crises we face.

Some of the groups involved involved have commented ahead of the day of action.

Bringing climate, Nature, and social justice together

Karen Grattage from <u>Parents for Future (https://parentsforfuture.org.uk/)</u> said:

CA Reals for the Future is joining Unite to Survive because as parents we feel our place is to protect (https://www.thecanary.co/)
workershibtren by acting on the climate and nature crises. Research shows that if 25 per cent of people engage with the emergency, we can reach a social tipping point to help secure a safer, fairer world for children everywhere

Sara Venn from Edible Bristol (https://ediblebristol.org.uk/) said:

The reason we are keen to be involved in Unite To Survive is that Edible Bristol and community gardens are places of connection and community where we work to create resilient futures for people and to bring them together using food and growing as a mechanism for that, whilst growing in a way that challenges both climate and biodiversity crises. Bring climate and social justice together.

As the organisers summed up:

The impacts of the climate and nature crisis are likely to hit the poorest and most vulnerable the hardest. Let's show we care and stand together in the name of equality and humanity.

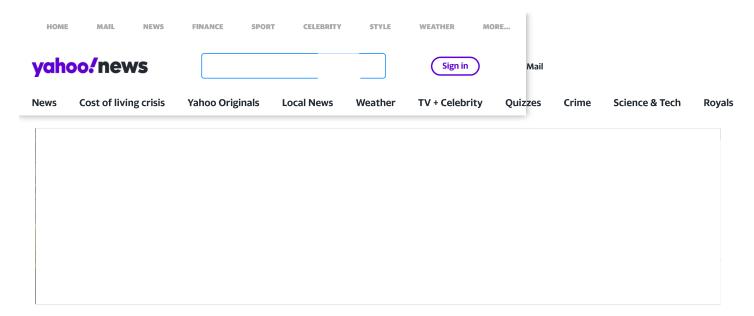
The groups' approach is to be commended – tackling the triple threat of nature, climate, and social justice crises is the only way we can solve any of them. Moreover, strengthening unity between groups is also important – so, the day looks set to be a promising start to XR's Unite to Survive organising.

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Just Stop Oil founder Roger Hallam is preparing for the group's biggest protest yet at the end of this month, planning to block roads in London on an "unprecedented scale".

Starting on the last Sunday in October, Just Stop Oil are planning three weeks of action in the capital. They are currently signing up and training activists: a survey on their asks volunteers whether they are prepared to get arrested in the cause.

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peacefully to demand no new oil, gas or coal. As the disruptions grows what will the Government do? Concede to our demand, or crack down and arrest us all?"

"This is how civil resistance works: applying nonviolent pressure until we force change to happen" the message goes on, comparing their fight to that against segregated buses in the 1960s and Martin Luther King's battle for civil rights. "No-one's going to save us, we need to come together to do that for ourselves" it declares.

The group are currently running a series of online courses, this week focusing on signing up students. One in August featured environmentalist and presenter Chris Packham, who recently discussed how he is conflicted over whether breaking the law in protests is justifiable in the face of the climate crisis.



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In Spring, Home Secretary Suella Braverman gave police special powers to ban slow walking in traffic by protesters after a series of protests. In previous years, Just Stop Oil and Insulate Britain, another group inspired by Hallam, have been engaging in various acts of public disorder, including glueing themselves to roads and disrupting sports events. This month, protesters have sprayed University buildings in Manchester and Cambridge, and also disrupted a gaming convention.

Hallam has been on something of a media tour of late, speaking to the BBC's Nick Robinson for his show Political Thinking last week. Hallam attacked Robinson for failing to Rose Matafeo recalls excruciating Meghan Markle exchange at **Royal Variety Performance**

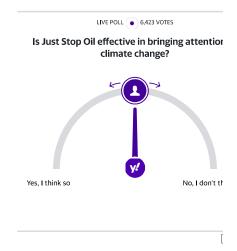


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Hallam also spoke at the left wing festival of ideas The World Transformed in Liverpool last week. But he failed to win over the audience, repeatedly telling the crowd they were "f***ing c***s" if they didn't help, which frustrated some.





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Police arrest 62 protesters at Just Stop Oil demonstration in Parliament Square





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Police have arrested 62 Just Stop Oil protesters after a demonstration in central London.

Dozens of demonstrators lay down in the road near Parliament Square in Westminster at about 10am.

The Metropolitan Police said officers arrived four minutes after receiving a report and have subsequently arrested 62 people under section seven of the Public Order Act.

The protest group said around 65 activists were marching on Monday morning to demand an end to new oil and gas.

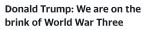
A spokesman added: "Ordinary people are in the road at Parliament Square, calling out our government's genocidal

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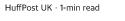




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to a number of Just Stop Oil activists in the road. "



"Officers will respond quickly to minimise disruption for Londoners," the Metropolitan Police added.



It came as Just Stop Oil activists who took part in M25 protests await a High Court judge's ruling after being accused of being in contempt.

Mr Justice Soole is due to announce a decision on Monday after considering evidence at a hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice in London last week.

One protester accused of breaching a court injunction by climbing on to an M25 gantry is a 76-year-old grandmother.

Retired teacher Gaie Delap, from Bristol, told the judge that the "climate emergency" was not being taken seriously enough and her "heart was breaking" for the future of "my six grandchildren".

Ms Delap is one of 12 people accused of taking part in M25 protests in November 2022 and breaching a court injunction.

Lawyers representing National Highways told the judge that protesters caused "considerable delays" and are in contempt of court.

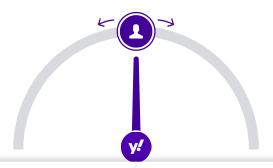
The protesters have all mounted arguments in their defence.

Three other people aged over 55 – Paul Sousek, 72, Theresa Norton, 65, and Paul Bleach, 56 – feature in the litigation.

Others protesters accused of contempt at the hearing were: Charlotte Kirin, 54; Daniel Johnson, 25; Joseph Linhart, 22; Luke Elson, 30; Mair Bain, 36; Paul Bell, 23; Rosemary Jackson, 25; and Theresa Higginson, 25.

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Met uses new anti-protest powers to arrest climate protesters for first time

Force makes first use of section 7 of Public Order Act to curtail slow march protest outside parliament

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Police have arrested more than 60 climate activists taking part in a slow march outside parliament in the first use of draconian new anti-protest powers.

The Metropolitan police used section 7 of the Public Order Act 2023, which bans any act "which interferes with the use or operation of any key national infrastructure in England and Wales", to order an immediate end to a Just Stop Oil protest on Monday morning.

After forming a line and attempting to direct protesters off the road, police began making arrests, according to Just Stop Oil. Pictures and video circulated by the campaign showed officers kneeling on and handcuffing protesters, and carrying them into waiting police vans.

A spokesperson for Just Stop Oil said the campaign would not be deterred by the police's response, and its supporters would continue until its demand – a moratorium on new oil and gas licences – was met.

"Just Stop Oil supporters are willing to slow march to the point of arrest today and every day until the police take action to prosecute the real criminals – the people who are facilitating new oil and gas when they know that to do so will kill hundreds of millions of people," the spokesperson said.

Just Stop Oil said 65 of its supporters began marching in the road circling Parliament Square at 10am. "At 10:10am, a number of Metropolitan police arrived and began pushing the Just Stop Oil supporters back and forming a chain across the road," the campaign said in a statement.

"Immediately the police began making arrests, arresting 65 people by 10.37[am]. Officers dragged peaceful Just Stop Oil supporters across the pavement, kneeling and sitting on them to detain them."

Posting on X, formerly known as Twitter, the Met said its officers had arrived within four minutes of receiving a report of the protest and began making arrests. The force said it arrested 61 people, all of whom were still in custody on Monday afternoon.

The Met's use of the new Public Order Act's powers on Just Stop Oil's marches marks a significant escalation in its efforts to tackle the climate protest campaign. Previously the force had used section 12 of the old Public Order Act, which gives senior officers the

power to place conditions on a protest march.

Netpol, which monitors protest policing, wrote on X: "Earlier this year the Met relied on powers to impose 'conditions on public assemblies' but now is opting for the new offence under the Public Order Act 2023 of 'interference with use or operation of key national infrastructure' (ie the road network).

"This may not seem immediately obvious; but if you decide to protest on public highways without prior permission, then police may arrest you for interfering with 'key national infrastructure'. Not every time - but more likely if you're part of a group seen as 'aggravated activists'.

"This will immediately shut down a protest and criminalise everyone involved. That is what makes these new offences so repressive."

Jun Pang, the policy and campaigns officer at rights group Liberty, said: "The use of this new power is a dangerous escalation of the attack on the right to protest, with protesters potentially facing up to a year in prison for standing up for what they believe in.

"We all have the right to make our voices heard on issues that matter to us, but these arrests are a clear attempt to criminalise people for exercising that right. The government, in passing these new laws, has tried to make it even harder for the public to stand up to power. Protest is a fundamental right, not a gift from the state."

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Extinction Rebellion Shrewsbury will call on Shropshire Council to 'Stop The Chainsaw Massacre' in a protest outside Shirehall as the North West Relief Road goes to a planning committee for a final decision on Halloween.

By **Sue Austin** Published Oct 26, 2023 Last updated Oct 26, 2023



The Red Rebels at the Darwin Oak photos Ray Jacobs and Pete Griffith

The protest, which will be held outside the Northern Planning Committee meeting at Shirehall, will feature a 'chainsaw maniac' in Halloween costume attacking the 550-year-old Darwin Oak.

Protesters will also hand out bottles of 'Relief Road Water' to councillors as they enter the meeting to highlight a potential risk the road poses to Shrewsbury's drinking water supply.

The meeting will debate the planning application for the road on Tuesday.

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Jamie Russell from Extinction Rebellion Shrewsbury said: 'The North West Relief Road is an environmentally-destructive nightmare, so it's fitting the planning meeting is on Halloween. If this road gets the go-ahead, councillors will be committing an unforgivable Shropshire chainsaw massacre.

"We will lose four kilometres of biodiverse hedgerows, over ten hectares of vital agricultural land and over a thousand trees, including several veterans like the 550-year-old Darwin Oak.

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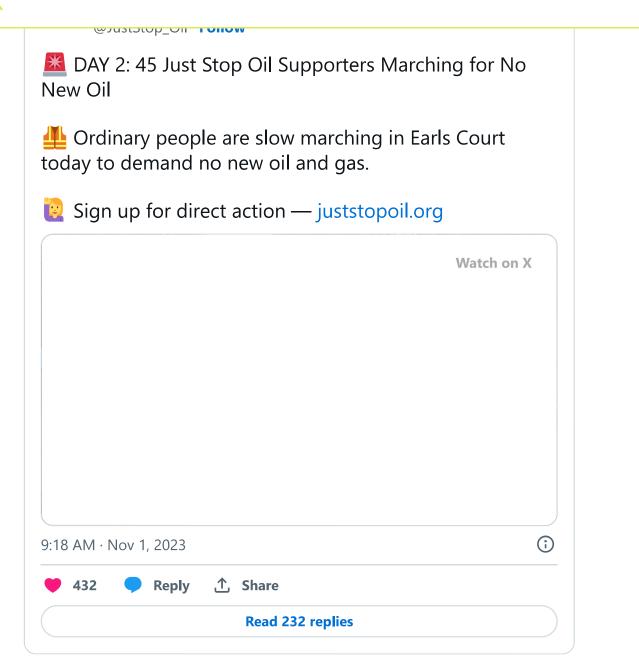
Just Stop Oil protesters in Parliament Square on Monday. Credit: PA Wire/PA Images

Dozens of **Just Stop Oil protesters** have been arrested after blocking Cromwell Road in South Kensington on Wednesday morning.

Demonstrators were deliberately "going floppy" making it harder for police to remove them from the road.

Around 45 supporters marched at around 9am on Wednesday, with about 40 arrested after refusing to leave the road when asked by police, JSO said.





This follows a protest in Parliament Square on Monday when 62 JSO members were arrested, again refusing to leave the road and going floppy – a tactic used to make it more difficult for police officers to move demonstrators.

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JSO is staging ongoing protest action in a bid to stop the government granting new fossil fuel licences.

The Metropolitan Police said officers arrived on the A4 within four minutes, and just over half an hour later all protesters were out of the road.



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Greenpeace brought a giant octopus activist to Parliament to expose the government's lack of ambition on ocean protection.

Ministers have just announced they're backing a temporary ban on deep-sea mining, which is welcome news, but they're already undermining that by delaying the ratification of the Global Ocean Treaty and by unleashing more oil and gas drilling.

These decisions pose serious threats to the ocean and marine life, so our Octo-actvist Coral and her friends don't have the time to wait on political leaders.

She was placed on the riverbank at the foot of the Houses of Parliament by Greenpeace UK's co-executive director Will McCallum, a week before the King's Speech – a crucial marker of the government's priorities for the year ahead.

It's important that this treaty – one that millions of people campaigned for and the UK government signed at the UN – becomes legally binding before the next election.

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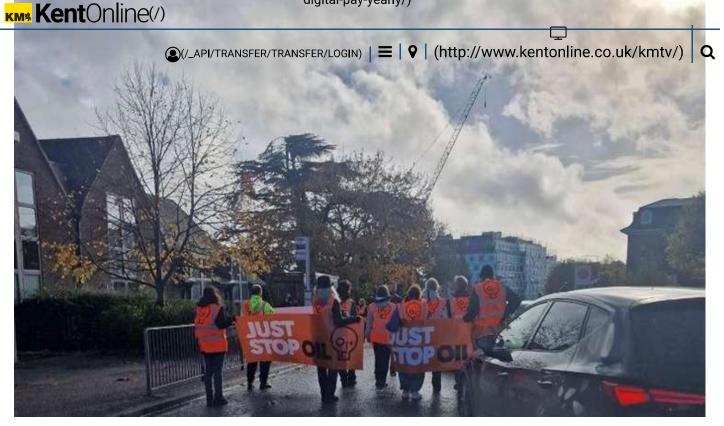
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Members of a controversial activist group have been spotted blocking part of a town centre road.

Multiple Just Stop Oil protestors were seen with banners in St John's Road, **Tunbridge Wells** (https://www.kentonline.co.uk/tunbridge-wells/).

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Just Stop Oil activists were spotted in St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells. Picture: Pete Wood

Up to a dozen people could be seen in orange hi-vis jackets wearing clothing with the group's name yesterday (Saturday).

Pete Wood, who captured an image of the protest, said: "There were approximately 10-12 people stood in the lane of the road heading towards the centre of Tunbridge Wells.



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Climate activists blocked an entrance to Farnborough Airport on Saturday, November 4 in protest at the proposed expansion that could nearly double private jet flights to 70,000 annually, despite concerns about its environmental impact.

Protestors, including members of Extinction Rebellion, released smoke flares and displayed banners with messages like 'Flying to Extinction' and 'Private Flights Cost The Earth'.



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The demonstration included campaigners from Extinction Rebellion (XR) Waverley and Borders, Farnborough Noise campaign group, Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth, Alton Climate Action Network, a representative of Surrey and Hampshire Borders Quakers and local residents.

The protest followed a consultation period on Farnborough Airport's expansion plans which ended on October 18 and which has drawn fierce opposition from local residents and environmental campaigners.

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Just Stop Oil protesters have targeted the National Gallery Museum in central London before (Daniel LEAL)

Climate protesters on Monday smashed the glass cover of the "Rokeby Venus" painting by Spanish artist Diego Velazquez at London's National Portrait Gallery, in the latest protest against fossil fuels.

Two Just Stop Oil protesters in their twenties attacked the painting that suffragette Mary Richardson slashed in 1914, the group said in a statement.

"At around 10:45 am (1045 GMT) Hanan, 22, and Harrison, 20, used safety hammers to smash the

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X	The Metropolitan Police confirmed on X (formerly				
\sim	Twitter) that two Just Stop Oil activists had been				
	arrested for criminal damage.				
	"The glass protecting a painting at the National				
	Gallery has been vandalised," it said, adding that				
	more activists were slow marching on Whitehall, the				
	road that hosts many UK government buildings.				
	Hanan, a student from London, said: "Over 100				
	years ago, the suffragette Mary Richardson attacked				
	the Rokeby Venus portrait for the unjust				
	imprisonment of Emmeline Pankhurst. Today I have				
	used similar methods in the fight for climate justice."				
	The gallery said the pair "appeared to strike" the				
	glass protecting the painting with "what appeared to				
	be emergency rescue hammers" and that the room				
	was cleared of visitors.				
	"The painting is now being removed from display so				
	it can be examined by conservators," it added.				
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	The Rokeby Venus was completed between 1647 and				
	1651 and depicts the goddess Venus lying on a bed				
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	In 1914, in a protest against the imprisonment of				
	fellow suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst, Richardson				
	left seven slashes on the painting, though all were				
	successfully repaired.				
	Just Stop Oil protesters have conducted regular				
	protests around the UK, blocking traffic and				
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Last year protesters glued their hands to the frame of the painting "The Hay Wain" by English artist John

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Just Stop Oil activists 'block ambulance on blue lights' on Waterloo Bridge - as police make arrests

The Metropolitan Police released pictures of the incident in central London and said they estimate more than 40 people were arrested.

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Just Stop Oil (JSO) activists have been accused of blocking an ambulance with "blue lights on" as it tried to make its way through a demonstration on a bridge in London.

Police said they estimate officers made more than 40 arrests after activists failed to move out of the road on Waterloo Bridge, with some slow marching towards The Strand.

The **Metropolitan Police** said the march was causing traffic to be held up on the bridge, including an ambulance with "blue lights on".

Shortly after, **JSO** posted on X (formerly Twitter) claiming that it was police officers who appeared to be blocking the ambulance "so they can blame it on a protest march going in the other direction".

Two photos shared by the Met appeared to show the congestion.



Pic: Metropolitan Police

"This is some of the congestion which JSO are causing on Waterloo Bridge," police said.

"One of the vehicles is an ambulance on blue lights which is not able to get past.

"Officers are continually telling the activists to move out the road so it can pass while making arrests."

Police had earlier warned activists slow marching on Waterloo Bridge that if they did not move out of the road to continue their demonstration, they would make arrests.

A group of five JSO activists, who were part of the original demonstration on Waterloo Bridge, then moved the slow march to The Strand, officers said.

"These are the final activists in the road. Officers are with them and making arrests," they added.

Police later confirmed all activists were out of the road.

They said the number of those arrested would be confirmed in due course.

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It comes after 44 JSO activists were charged following disruption in London on Monday.

The charges include two people who allegedly smashed the glass cover of a painting once famously slashed by a suffragette at the National Gallery, the Metropolitan Police said.

Harrison Donnelly, 20, of Sillitoe Way, Nottingham, and Hanan Ameur, 22, of Hornsey Road, Islington, north London, were charged with causing criminal damage.

The other 42 activists were charged with obstruction of the highway.



Just Stop Oil protesters in Whitehall on 6 November

On Monday, police made **around 100 arrests in Whitechapel** as activists took part in a slow march, some of which was held around the Cenotaph.

The campaign group was accused of targeting the war memorial - which it strongly denied, saying activists had been moved to its base by police officers after shutting down traffic on the road.

JSO is calling on the government to stop all new gas and oil projects in the UK in order to tackle the climate crisis.

It is currently carrying out a four-week campaign of demonstrations.

On 1 November, **35 people** were arrested after marching down West Cromwell Road in Kensington, and a **further 60** were arrested in Parliament Square two days before, on 30 October.



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Extinction Rebellion 'Stop Selling Lies' campaigners occupy Daily Telegraph newspaper office

Extinction Rebellion today (10 November) peacefully occupied the offices of the Daily Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph newspapers to protest about their campaign of lies and disinformation aimed at stopping urgent action to tackle the accelerating climate crisis.

Eight XR activists with a giant banner saying 'Stop Selling Lies' entered the lobby of Telegraph newspapers HQ in Victoria, London, at 8am, defying security guards ordering them to leave.

For 40 minutes, they occupied the lobby, handing out 400 leaflets to arriving staff and members of the public that called out a relentless daily campaign by the billionaire-owned Telegraph to the UK's commitment to reach Net Zero by 2050.

Ed Allnutt, 32, a gardener and one of the XR team, says: "The Telegraph pretends to be a newspaper. It's really a propaganda unit for the very rich that promotes a deadly form o Business As Usual that will kill billions of us by making the worst case climate crisis scenarios into a reality.

"Every day it spouts disinformation to convince its influential readers – including many of our political, financial and business leaders – that the climate and ecological emergency is either not real or not serious and easily solved by fantasy technologies.

"The disinformation spread by these newspapers – alongside other billionaire-owned titles such as The Sun and The Daily Mail – are one of the main reasons why millions aren't on the streets of the UK demanding government action.

"We're here to say to the Telegraph's editors and journalists that their words are literally helping to kill people all over the world right now and will help kill millions more in the near future. We want to ask them: are you ok with this?'

In recent weeks, Telegraph newspapers have campaigned daily to water down the UK's Net Zero commitments, to drill for more oil and gas, and in opposition to renewable energy, such as domestic heat pumps and wind and solar, and alternative transport such as cycling and electric vehicles.

Today's Extinction Rebellion leaflet pointed out that 80% of the articles published in the Telegraph's new Net Zero section negatively portray new green technologies aimed at cutting the carbon emission heating up the planet – and none are positive about them.

'Could it be because the Telegraph's new energy editor previously worked for an oil and gas trade association?' the leaflet asked.

Calling out distorted or untrue recent Telegraph climate coverage, it revealed:

- A news story about a noisy net zero power SUB station failed to say the noise levels WERE largely caused by construction work and traffic building it.
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- A news story claiming electric car tyres produce carcinogenic particles failed to say that SUV petrol or diesel cars produce even more, and that EVs produce far fewer particulates from brake linings than petrol or diesel cars.(2)

The Telegraph occupation was the latest action in a weekly campaign by XR to draw public attention to the climate denialism and delayism that dominates the national newspapers read by millions and owned by billionaires Rupert Murdoch (The Sun, The Times), Viscount Rothermere (Daily Mail and Mail on Sunday) and Frederick Barclay (Telegraph and Sunday Telegraph).

Every Friday for the past four weeks, XR activists have leafleted the Daily Mail's offices in Kensington, London, to point out to the untruths, distortions and inaccuracies in their newspaper's recent climate coverage.

For more information, to arrange interviews, or for photographs of the action, please email press@extinctionrebellion.uk or call the XR UK Press Team on +44 (0)7756 136396.

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Furious motorist tries to ram through Just Stop Oil mob and man rips banners from their hands as they hold up traffic AGAIN: Protesters 'wearing red and white poppies' are arrested during 'march for peace' on Remembrance Sunday

Just Stop Oil continued its campaign of slow marches across London today as eco-zealots held up traffic during a march on Remembrance Sunday.

Activists were seen marching on Holloway Road in north London earlier this afternoon as thousands of people have gathered in the capital to pay tribute to the nation's fallen soldiers.

The group said 40 of its members, who were wearing red and white remembrance poppies, took part in today's march as they blocked traffic on the busy dual carriageway near Finsbury Park.

Police officers arrived at the scene shortly after the march started at 4pm and began shoving activists out of the road, according to the group. The Metropolitan Police said that 25 arrests have so far been made for disruption to the main carriageway.

Footage from the scene shows one frustrated commuter on an electric scooter ploughing into one of the signs being carried by the group before furiously discarding it to the side of the road and driving off.

Another video shows a furious van driver attempt to get past the eco-zealots as they stood in the middle of the road at a set of traffic lights, while other enraged motorists honked their horns in frustration.



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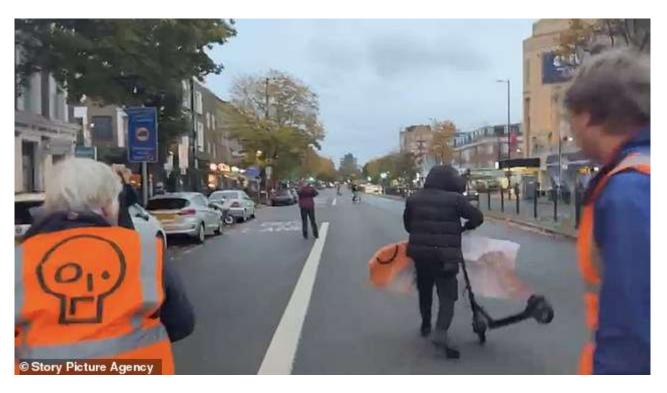
A Just Stop Oil activist is arrested as the group continued its campaign of slow marches across London today



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Activists were today seen marching on Holloway Road in north London earlier this afternoon where a number of them were arrested



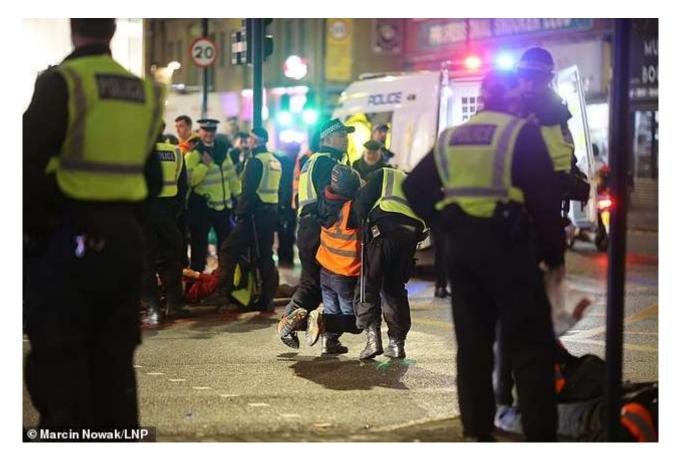
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Footage from the scene shows one frustrated commuter on an electric scooter ploughing into one of the signs being carried by the group before furiously discarding it to the side of the road and driving off



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The Metropolitan Police said that 25 arrests have so far been made for disruption to the main carriageway

The Metropolitan Police said on X: 'Officers quickly on scene in response to JSO activists in Holloway Road.

'25 arrests have been made at this time for disruption to the main carriageway.'

Meanwhile, Just Stop Oil said in a statement following today's events: 'At 4pm this afternoon, 40 supporters of Just Stop Oil began marching south on Holloway Road, by Manor Gardens Street.

'Police arrived almost immediately and began shoving people out of the road. All were arrested by 4:40pm.'

Just Stop Oil added in a post on X: 'Police at Holloway Road are a bit tetchy after a long weekend trying to cope with Suella Braverman's latest incitement to violence.

'Officers picked on students first. They're continuing to hold the road. Why don't police investigate the criminals running this country?'

The group added that one of those marching was Florrie, 22, who is a recent graduate from Birmingham.

She said: 'My great-grandad fought in India during WW2, he was awarded the star of Burma medal and got shrapnel in his neck.

'My great-great grandad fought in WW1 and was killed in the Somme. His name currently lies in Edinburgh castle.'

'I can only imagine what they would say about this government as they betray the people of this country and the whole world, by prioritising their own wealth and power over the wellbeing of all of us.

'New oil and gas will destroy what my relatives suffered and died to protect. That is why I am marching today.'



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Another video shows a furious van driver attempt to get past the eco-zealots as they stood in the middle of the road at a set of traffic lights, while other enraged motorists honked their horns in frustration



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The group said 40 of its members, who were wearing red and white remembrance poppies, took part in today's march



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They blocked traffic on the busy dual carriageway near Finsbury Park



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Police officers arrived at the scene shortly after the march started at 4pm and began shoving activists out of the road, according to the group



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Police officers lifted JSO activists into police vans after clearing the road



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Today's slow march comes just days after 22 Just Stop Oil activists marched through east London on Friday

Another activist involved in today's march was 20-year-old George Simonson, a mechanical engineering student from London.

He said: 'In an emergency we take action to protect the most vulnerable. That is what my relatives put their lives on the line for during WW2.

'If we aren't taking action now, then we're letting our government put millions of the most vulnerable people on earth to death. That's what new oil and gas means.'

'What the government is doing is a death sentence for my generation and I'm willing to be arrested and go to prison if there's even a small chance of stopping it. I urge everyone to consider their position.

'Are we going to continue sitting on the sidelines? Or are we going to stand up like previous generations did when it was necessary to protect what we value most?'

'We are not prepared to watch while the government plans for millions to die and destroys everything we love. It's up to all of us now to come together and resist.

'We cannot let them divide us. Together we can be the real opposition this country needs and we will win. We will stop new oil and gas.'

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Police tried to move the protesters off the busy road, but every time some were pushed to the side, other orange-clad eco-zealots rushed into traffic holding JSO signs

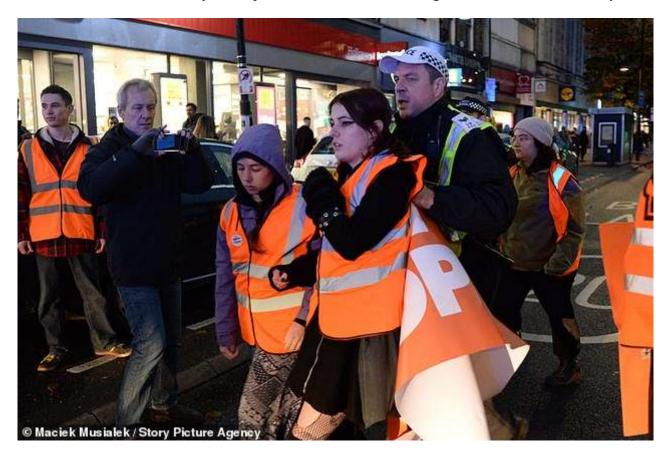


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Three activists are arrested by Metropolitan Police officers during a slow march on Holloway Road



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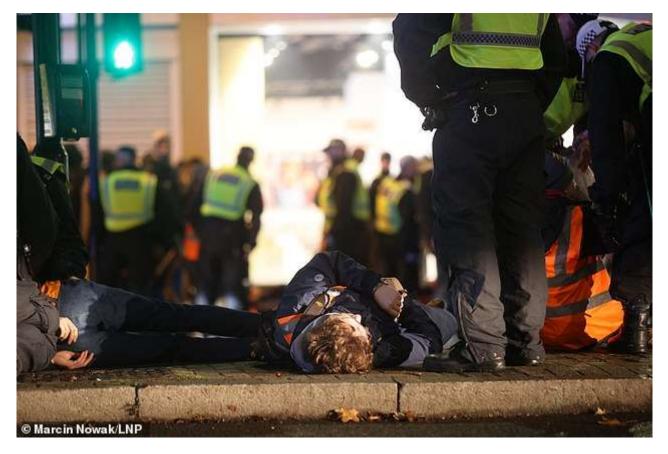
Two Just Stop Oil members are led away by officers during the march today



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Activists from Just Stop Oil are detained by police after they block traffic on Holloway Road



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Activists are seen laying on the pavement as police arrested members of the Just Stop Oil eco group during a slow march in London



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While some JSO eco-zealots stood around, some still holding their signs, others threw themselves on the floor

The Met arrested 21 of them for breaching Section 7 of the Public Order Act, which gives officers the power to arrest any demonstrator who 'intentionally or recklessly' interferes with the operation of national infrastructure - including 'road transport infrastructure'.

Just Stop Oil has been carrying out slow marches through the streets of London for months now.

Since October 30 alone, the Met Police have made 274 arrests during the group's protests and issued 132 charges.

'It has been another busy week for officers policing Just Stop Oil activists,' the force tweeted today.

'We are removing officers from local communities to police these protests. That is money and officers which could be better utilised within our 32 London boroughs.'





Metropolitan police overwhelmed by slow march of 100 Just Stop Oil supporters

Press / November 13, 2023

Just Stop Oil supporters have continued their campaign of peacefully marching in the streets of London, to the point of arrest. They are demanding the government immediately halt all new oil, gas, and coal projects in the UK. [1]

At 8:30am today, 100 Just Stop Oil supporters stepped onto the road and began marching at Hendon Way in North London. Today's marchers include students from across the country as well as supporters from London.

Metropolitan Police were immediately on the scene, with over seven vans of officers. They began arresting Just Stop Oil supporters as soon as they began marching for allegedly breaching Section 7 of the Public Order Act 2023. However, the Metropolitan Police didn't have enough officers to detain all of the Just Stop Oil supporters, so at least 70 have continued marching. Events are still unfolding.

Yesterday, Just Stop Oil supporters held a march in North London in remembrance of all those who have died for this country, whose sacrifices are being betrayed by the Government's genocidal policy of licensing new oil and gas. One of those marching remarked: "New oil and gas will destroy what my relatives suffered and died to protect" [2]

One of those taking action today is Dr. Juliette Brown, a 53 year old doctor from London. She said:

"Democracy doesn't start and end at the ballot box. Whether it's marching for a ceasefire in Palestine or taking action with Just Stop Oil, I feel driven to act by government policies that are threatening the lives of countless millions of ordinary people."





Also marching today is Taylor Collins, 19, a student from Southampton:

"Politicians are making huge money by trashing our future with unsustainable oil and gas, corrupt lobbying, and prolonging the cost of living crisis with an addiction to fossil fuels."

The climate crisis has been worsening throughout my entire life. Politicians have failed to address it. This is a terrible hand for a 19 year old to be dealt. Young people will face all the consequences but none of the benefits of carbon capitalism. If I could, I'd change the policy right now. But by the time my generation will have any influence, it will be too late. This is my last resort."

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Greta Ryunberg was out in London again – workers' co-op this time, disrupting the Lord Mayor's banquet





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Fossil Free London activists, joined by <u>Greta Thunberg (https://www.thecanary.co/?s=thunberg)</u>, staged a noisy protest outside Guildhall in the City of London to disrupt Rishi Sunak's speech inside the Lord Mayor's banquet on Monday 13 November. It was over the PM's climate-wrecking plans contained in the King's Speech.

Thunberg joins other activists to target the Lord Mayor's banquet



The new Lord Mayor, the ceremonial head of the City of London who acts as an international spokesperson for London's finance sector, was sworn in in a silent ceremony earlier this week that was also disrupted by Fossil Free London protesters.

The prime minister was invited to deliver the keynote address at the banquet, where bankers and business leaders celebrate the incumbent Lord Mayor.

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Activists gathered around each entrance of the Guildhall as they chanted 'stop Rosebank', banging pots and pans and playing the drums to drown out the speech being given by the prime minister:

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Thunberg came out to support Fossil Free London:



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A group of climate activists have disrupted an energy conference in London in protest against the Government's approval of drilling the Rosebank oil field.

Demonstrators from Fossil Free London interrupted the Gas, LNG and the Future of Energy conference at the <u>Hilton Hotel</u> in <u>Tower Bridge</u> on Tuesday.





Furious speeches and chants of "Stop Rosebank" were made before the activists were dragged out by security, the climate campaign group said.

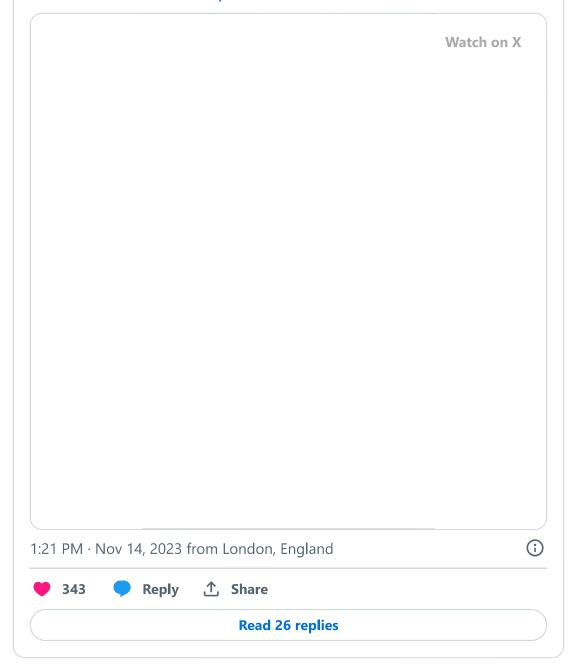
The conference included discussions on the uncertainty currently existing in the gas industry and the role of gas in supporting the energy transition.



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Rosebank is a carbon bomb that will drive us closer to climate collapse - yet our government wants to give @Equinor billions in public money to develop it.

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Rosebank, located west of <u>Shetland</u> off the <u>Scottish</u> coast, is thought to be one of the largest untapped oil fields in UK waters.

<u>Prime Minister</u> Rishi Sunak announced plans for new drilling at Rosebank and other North Sea oil fields in August, which were then granted consent by the North Sea Transition Authority (NSTA) the following month.



A commitment to the future licensing of new oil and gas fields was then reiterated in the King's Speech on November 7.

Greta Thunberg was among those at another protest against the decision outside the Lord Mayor's Banquet in Guildhall, where Mr Sunak gave a speech on foreign policy, on Monday.

Joanna Warrington, spokesperson for Fossil Free London, said: "Rosebank would be an unremitting disaster for the climate and for energy security. It would blow our climate targets to pieces, while costing us billions in public money.

"The only winners from Rosebank are the bosses of oil giant Equinor, who'll be rubbing their hands with glee.		



"Rishi Sunak and his kamikaze Government are blatantly putting the interest of their billionaire oil mates above those of ordinary people.

"Public services are crumbling, families are facing grinding poverty, but the Government's priority is to splash cash on a publicly-funded carbon bomb."

Rosebank could produce 69,000 barrels of oil per day, about 8% of the UK's projected daily output between 2026 and 2030, and could also produce 44 million cubic feet of gas every day, according to its owners Ithaca Energy and Equinor.

Critics – including Scottish First Minister Humza Yousaf – have said the development will damage net zero ambitions.

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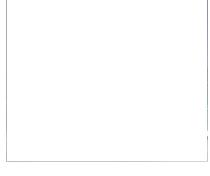
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The Metropolitan Police have arrested 23 Just Stop Oil activists who tried to block a road in south-east London on Tuesday morning.

Footage posted to social media shows a group of demonstrators walking slowly down Kennington Park Road at Oval in bright orange

An officer can be heard warning them that they could face arrest if they continue.



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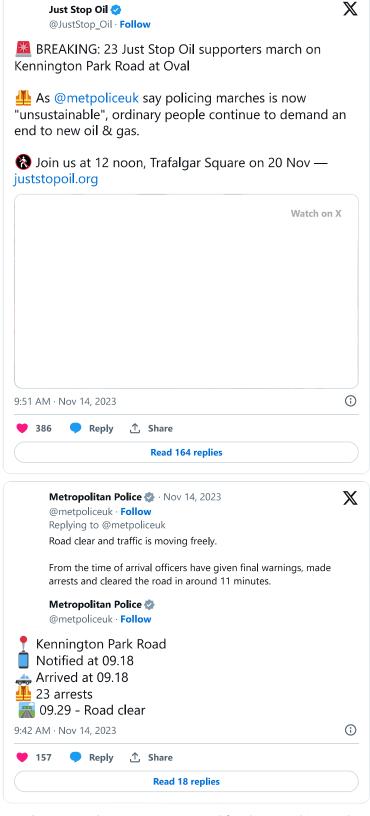
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"The majority of the group are on the pavement after being arrested," they said.



Monday saw 115 demonstrators arrested for slow-marching on the A41 in Hendon, north London.

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66 Just Stop Oil supporters march in defiance of new oil and gas

Press / November 15, 2023

Just Stop Oil supporters including students are once again marching to the point of arrest to demand an end to new oil and gas. [1]

At 10:36 around 66 Just Stop Oil supporters began marching South down Cromwell Road. Police were on the scene from 10:50, and began making arrests at 11:00. Lacking sufficient officers to arrest the marchers, the nonviolent march continued to 11:30 when officers themselves attempted to physically block the march, without success. Shortly afterwards, the remaining 15 marchers sat down. By 11:50 all supporters had been arrested.

One of those marching today is Alfie Hewitt, 23, a Teaching Assistant from Sheffield, said:

"I'm 23, and have realised that all chances of me or other young people having a normal future is being decimated by the government's absurd pursuit of new oil and gas. It's pure greed, and it's the younger generations that will bear the brunt of it. Crop failure, food shortages, mass death. I cannot sit by and do nothing, inaction in 2023 is not a neutral act."





Another of those marching today is Connie Chilcott, 21, from Falmouth. She is a Politics and International Relations Student, who is getting arrested for the first time today. She said:

"My studies often teach me about the power of civil resistance to bring about social change, but this degree is setting me up for a future that doesn't exist. What is the point of a degree when food shortages mean my family can't eat? This government is profiting off genocide, democracy is broken, it's my duty to stand in resistance against this."

"When faced with the knowledge that millions of people in the Global South will experience the worst effects of climate breakdown, how can I do anything other than act? We have to stand together – our futures are being traded for the profits of the few. We can't allow this to happen. I want us all to live long, fulfilling, and healthy lives, but we must act now. It's people vs oil!"

Yesterday, another 23 Just Stop Oil supporters were arrested on Kennington Park Road, bringing the total number of arrests since October 30th to 466. There are currently 34 people being held for court and two are remanded in prison, without trial, for marching. Another two Just Stop Oil supporters have now been imprisoned for over a year for nonviolent direct action. They have been sentenced to 3 years and 2 years and 7 months respectively, in the longest sentences ever awarded for peaceful direct action. [2]

This week, the Metropolitan Police Federation warned that policing ongoing civil resistance in London was becoming unsustainable, echoing events that unfurled in the Netherlands recently. Sustained blocking of the A12 motorway near the Hague inflicted so much pressure on Dutch police, that the government there was forced to negotiate with those blocking the road; eventually leading to the government voting to end fossil fuel subsidies. [3][4]

Continued expansion of new oil and gas will bring about the wholesale destruction of ordered society and an end to the rule of law. We are not prepared to watch while the government continues to serve the interests of a few, to the detriment of everyone else. It's up to all of us to come together and resist. It is the will of the vast majority of people that we end new oil and gas and together we can make it happen.

From 20th November, Just Stop Oil is calling on everyone to join us every day at midday in Trafalgar Square to march in London until the government comes to its senses and ends new oil and gas.

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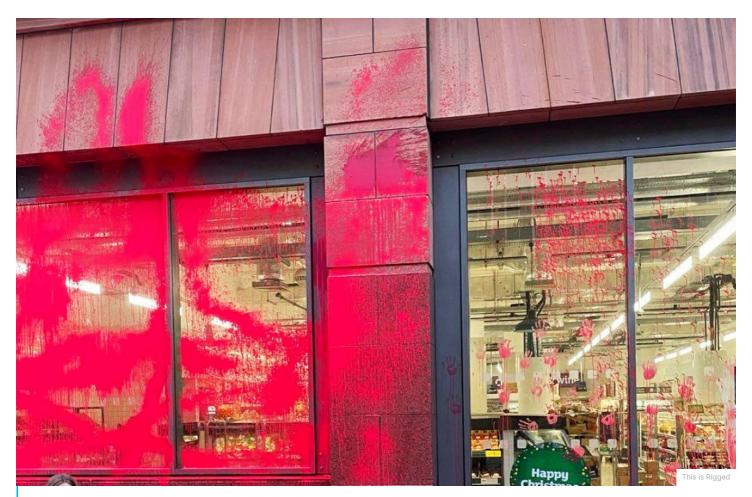
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Police were called to Sainsbury's on Buchanan Street at around 8.20am on Thursday after receiving reports of vandalism.

Activists from This is Rigged targeted the store spraying it with red paint and pasted a picture of the company's CEO with the words: "Sainsbury's is Rigged."

Officers confirmed that four women had been arrested in connection with the incident.

A Police Scotland spokesperson said: "Around 8.20am on Thursday, November 16 2023, police were called to a report of a staged protest and vandalism outside a supermarket on Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

"Four women have been arrested in connection with the incident and enquiries are ongoing."



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Four arrested at Just Stop Oil demonstration in central London



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Four Just Stop Oil protesters have been arrested at a demonstration in central London.

The group said around 500 activists gathered at Jubilee Gardens in Waterloo on Saturday afternoon while the Met Police put the figure at around 250 people.

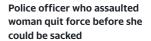
Three were arrested during the march for public order offences, said the force. The march looped through Fleet Street and back over Waterloo Bridge before finishing at around 3pm.

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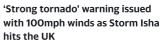


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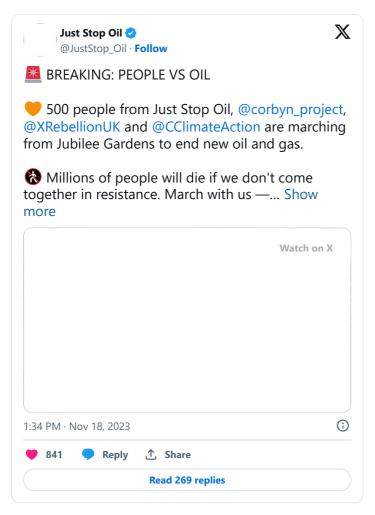
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"Before the march set off, we arrested an 18-year-old man who, by being in London, was in breach of bail conditions set by the court," said the Met Police.

"It is the second time he has been arrested this week."



Police added: "There are around 250 people taking part. They're moving at a normal speed which is different from other JSO 'slow marching' action.

"Officers are with the group. Should they slow down or stop in the road with the intent to cause serious disruption we'll take appropriate action."

Among those marching was Pippa Cowtan, 21, a politics graduate based in London, who said: "The government

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Just Stop Oil hold march on South Bank

Environmental campaign group Just Stop Oil held a march starting on the South Bank on Saturday.

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Marchers gathered in Jubilee Gardens on the South Bank - opposite the headquarters of oil firm Shell.

The stated aim of the protest was to demand that the Government halt all future licences and consents for fossil fuel exploration in the UK.

Organisers said they hoped to avoid arrests at the event but marchers chanted 'shame on you' as police carried one man out of Jubilee Gardens.

The march headed along Belvedere Road, Chicheley Street and York Road to the IMAX junction at Waterloo where several more people were detained.

There was a heavy police presence, including the use of facial recognition cameras.

Marchers continued along Stamford Street before crossing Blackfriars Bridge into the City of London.



"The government cannot arrest its way out of the situation we are in, just like we cannot vote our way out," said marcher Pippa Cowtan.

"The time to get on the streets is now. The government is on a path towards genocide and we have to stop them. No one else is coming to save us, we have to step up."

"I am taking action because I cannot sit back and be complicit in the government's plans to let millions die, so they can further line their pockets. We have to come together to resist, because together we can be the opposition the country needs, and we can win."



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Extinction Rebellion protest Shell deal at British Cycling **AGM**

Group promises more action against governing body's controversial Shell sponsorship









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Members of the environmental movement Extinction Rebellion (XR) rallied outside British Cycling's annual general meeting on Sunday in protest of its partnership with oil and gas giant Shell UK.

Around 20 members of XR's Midlands division protested at the Edgbaston Park Hotel in Birmingham yesterday morning. They let off green flares, banged drums and held a large banner with the words "no future in fossil fuels".

One of those present was Michael Bastow, a member of both XR and British Cycling. "We want [British Cycling] to drop Shell and continue with the good work that they do within communities," he told *Cycling Weekly*. "The two don't match at the moment."

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During the protest, Bastow said he had a "brief chat" with the governing body's CEO Jon Dutton. "My feeling is he wanted to listen to what our concerns were," Bastow said. "He was open. I don't feel he wanted to shoo us away. I think he wanted to have his AGM, and that was fair enough, we didn't really want to disrupt that process.

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"On the day, we felt listened to. That's a positive," he continued. "We felt that there was some sort of step from them."

British Cycling signed an eight-year commercial partnership with Shell UK last October, saying the company would help its efforts to reach net zero and get more people with disabilities into the sport.

Although Shell's greenhouse gas contributions are falling, the energy giant's activities are said to account for around 1% of all global emissions every year.

"Professional cyclists are real role models and to actually see a Shell logo on them is just the wrong message," Bastow said. "Shell are really quite an unpleasant company in the many things that they do."

Bastow, who also staged a protest at the National Track Championships in January, vowed that XR will continue to speak out against the partnership.

The group did not interrupt the AGM itself on Sunday, in which Rydedale Grand Prix organiser Bob Howden was re-elected as British Cycling president for a third term.

In comments provided to *Cycling Weekly*, both British Cycling and Shell said they respect the right to protest.

"[We] have continued to engage with our members and clubs through the first year of our partnership with Shell UK," a British Cycling spokesperson said. "We continue to make good progress on the shared ambitions of the partnership, including the growth of our successful Limitless disability and para-cycling programme."

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On Monday 20 November, activists from Fossil Free London blocked the doors to the headquarters of BP, the British multinational oil and gas company, to stand in solidarity with <u>Palestine</u> (https://www.thecanary.co/topics/palestine/) and Gaza.

BP: 'stop fuelling genocide'

Approximately 70 activists blocked both entrances to BP's office near Piccadilly Circus, shouting "shame on you" as staff arrived to work. Further activists held Palestinian flags and signs reading "stop fuelling genocide" and chanted "profits from oil but none from aid, Gazan genocide is British made":

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Amidst Israel's ongoing bombing of Gaza, <u>Israel granted twelve gas exploration licences</u> (https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/israel-awards-gas-exploration-licences-eni-bp-four-others-2023-10-29/) off the coast of Gaza to six companies, including BP, at the end of October.

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The climate crisis and Israel's occupation are linked

For example, production at Israel's Tamar gas field resumed on 13 of November after being halted on 7 of October. Tamar is the second largest oil field in Israel/occupied Palestine. The Tamar site sits about 12 miles off the coast of Northern Gaza, where Israel has created a fuel shortage that has made aid work virtually impossible, worsened the humanitarian crisis, and led directly to the deaths of patients and infants on incubators.

The protest is part of a series of actions by Fossil Free London that seek to highlight the link between the climate crisis, fossil fuel companies, and the occupation of Palestine:



Two weeks ago, the grassroots group <u>protested Ithaca Energy</u> (https://twitter.com/novaramedia/status/1721449328898646059), owned by Israeli petroleum conglomerate Delek Group, which is part of a UN blacklist of companies complicit in illegal Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

Gaza: fossil fuel companies profiting from death

Joanna Warrington from Fossil Free London said:

As Israel continues its genocide on the people of Gaza, all the bosses of BP see is a business opportunity. The people of Gaza are starving, are being bombed, and are deprived of fuel, but fossil fuel companies are swarming like vultures to try and poach Palestine's natural resources, making billions in profits in the process. It's a new take on the old adage, 'when there's blood on the streets, pump gas!'

All the time fossil fuel companies continue to profit from human suffering, we will be here to hold them to account. The climate movement stands in solidarity with Palestinians, and against this opportunistic profiteering.

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Just Stop Oil: 15 arrests after 'two minutes of marching' through central London

More than 443 Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested since October 30, the group said.

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Watch: Just Stop Oil invites general public to join latest series of daily protest marches



Fifteen Just Stop Oil protesters have been arrested for what the campaign group said was "marching for two minutes" through central London.

Just Stop Oil is urging members of the public to join a series of daily protests to call for an immediate stop to all future fossil fuel projects in the UK, which started with hundreds of people doing a slow march through the capital on Monday, causing obstructions to traffic.

The Met Police confirmed that 15 Just Stop Oil activists have been arrested under Section 7 of the Public Order Act, which

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"They can't arrest their way out of societal breakdown. March with us"

Just Stop Oil activists turned out in protest against the government's decision to continue issuing gas and oil licences, with the group arguing that the continued expansion of new oil and gas will 'bring about the wholesale destruction of ordered society'.

They began their march midday from Trafalgar Square and headed towards Parliament Square, calling for ministers to take more action in tackling the current climate crisis.



Just Stop Oil activists did a slow march from Trafalgar Square in central London as they continue their latest round of protest actions against fossil fuels. (Future Publishing via Getty Images) (Future Publishing via Getty Images)



Just Stop Oil protestors slow marched in central London causing major road traffics. (Future Publishing via Getty Images) (Future Publishing via Getty Images)

Speaking to Kay Burley on Sky News earlier on Monday, Just Stop Oil spokesperson Zoe Cohen urged the public to join Widower of woman killed in horrific carjacking sues guilty

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Just Stop Oil protesters staging a 'wide awake' demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Rishi Sunak's London home. Credit: Just Stop Oil

Police have broken up a "wide awake" demonstration by Just Stop Oil protesters outside the Prime Minister's London home calling for a halt on fossil fuel exploration in the UK.

The protest group said about 18 supporters gathered outside Rishi Sunak's home beating pots and pans while carrying placards stating: "COP Failure=Crop Failure", "No rest for the Wicked" and "Arrest the Real Criminals".

They were joined by musician Louise Harris who played her protest song We Tried – which has previously reached number one in the iTunes singles chart.

Just Stop Oil said that police attended and detained the protesters at the scene.





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It said in a statement on its website: "There should be no rest for the wicked. Rishi Sunak has already abandoned the promises he made to his own children on climate – he should have listened to them.

"New oil and gas is a sealed death warrant for the young and those who have done the least to contribute to this crisis.

"It's disgraceful that an unelected prime minister should throw our futures away to squeeze out more profit for his fossil fuel lobbyist cronies.

"Any politician who has the slightest desire to represent the interests of the British people would immediately ban all new licences for oil and gas in the UK."

Community worker Pia Bastide, 29, said: "People with flooded homes can't sleep. Children dying from starvation can't sleep. Communities staring down wildfires can't sleep. So why should climate criminals like Rishi Sunak get a peaceful night's sleep?"

No 10 has declined to comment on the incident.



Just Stop Oil protesters staging a 'wide awake' demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Rishi Sunak's London home. Credit: Just Stop Oil

A Metropolitan Police spokesman said: "We have arrested 16 Just Stop Oil activists following a protest in Kensington SW5 this evening.



The protest comes after Greenpeace activists scaled Mr Sunak's North Yorkshire home in August in protest against the Government's decision to expand North Sea oil drilling have been released on police bail.

Four people were arrested after they used ladders and ropes to climb on the grade II-listed manor house in Kirby Sigston and drape oil-black fabric over the property.

A fifth activist was later arrested on suspicion of causing a public nuisance in connection with the stunt.

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Activists have staged a 'silent protest' outside Barclay's HQ in London. It was over the bank £1.3bn of shares in companies that supply arms and tech to Israel.

Barclays: complicit in Israel's genocide

On Thursday 30 November, activists from Fossil Free London held a silent demonstration outside the headquarters of Barclays, to stand in solidarity with Palestine and in protest of Barclays investments in Israeli arms companies:

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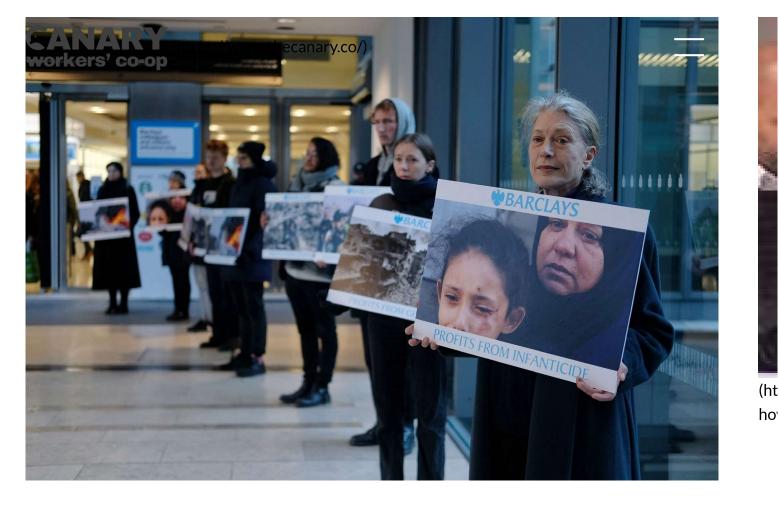
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Last year, whilst remaining the number one European bank financing fossil fuels since the Paris Agreement, Barclays also owned £1.3bn worth of shares in companies supplying Israel with weapons and military technology:



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The protest is part of a series of actions by Fossil Free London that attempt to demonstrate the interlinkages between the climate crisis and the situation in Palestine. Last week, they protested outside BP after Israel granted twelve gas exploration licences off the coast of Gaza to six companies, including BP, at the end of October.

As the *Canary* previously <u>reported (https://www.thecanary.co/global/2023/11/20/bp-office-blocked-israel-gaza/)</u>:

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BP not only received this licence but is also set to acquire 50% of the Israeli Delek Group-owned NewMed, who have also been granted a licence. NewMed owns 45% of Leviathan, the largest gas field in the Mediterranean, situated off the coast of Israel.

Billions invested to kill Palestinians

Joanna Warrington, a spokeswoman for Fossil Free London, said:

As Israel continues its genocide on the people of Gaza, all the bosses of Barclays see is a business opportunity. Just as they continue to finance new fossil fuel expansion projects, banks like Barclays prop up violent arms and fossil fuel corporations with their investments.

All the time that banks like Barclays profit from human suffering as they invest in violent and environmentally destructive practices we will be here to hold them to account. The climate movement stands in solidarity with Palestinians, and against fossil fuel banks operating with impunity to fund the arms and oil that kill en masse.









Fossil Free London's protest came after research released by Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC), Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT), and War on Want last year uncovered that Barclays holds over £1bn in shares and provides over £3bn in loans and underwriting to nine companies whose weapons, components, and military technology have been used in Israel's armed violence against Palestinians.

The companies identified include Elbit Systems, which produces military technology, surveillance systems and drones used in Israel's attacks on Palestinians, including its bombing campaigns of the besieged Gaza Strip. A range of financial institutions have divested from Elbit Systems due to its role

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Eco-protesters crash cathedral service

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Furious protesters praying in the Cathedral (Image: Christian Climate Action)

Eco-protesters crashed a Church of England cathedral service amid a heated row over fossil fuel money.

Furious churchgoers and vicars interrupted a service at Chichester Cathedral to "hold signs" and "sing a plainsong penitential chant" over the diocese's decision to invest in fossil fuel giants Shell and BP.

But the Diocese of Chichester insists that investing in the oil companies actually helps to combat the climate crisis.

Christian Climate Action crashed the service on Wednesday, November 29, and claimed the diocese is "complicit in the suffering of millions of people in the global south and the breakdown of the earth's life support systems" after the

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The Argus: Chichester Cathedral

Chichester Cathedral (Image: Lark Ascending / Flickr)

Reverend Hilary Bond, an Anglican vicar who interrupted the service, said: "As Christians we follow a God who is all about justice, especially for the poor.

"Many of the poorer parts of the world are already enduring great suffering because of the effects of climate change, brought about by the continued use of fossil fuels by the richer parts of the world.

"In continuing to invest in fossil fuels the Diocese of Chichester are ignoring the cry of the poor when they could so easily invest more ethically and be part of bringing climate justice to the whole of God's world."

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The Argus: The group holding a banner in the cathedral

The group holding a banner in the cathedral (Image: Christian Climate Action)

She was among a dozen other Christians who interrupted the 4pm evensong service, which was also being broadcast live on BBC Radio 3.

The vast majority of Church of England dioceses either do not have investments in fossil fuels or have voted to sell their assets.

There are only three Church of England dioceses that currently hold these investments - Southwell and Nottingham, Chichester and Peterborough.



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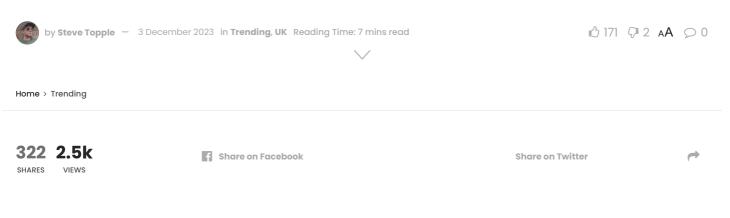
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People have taken action UK-wide over fuel poverty – with a south London protest drawing unwanted attention



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Campaign groups Fuel Poverty Action, Unite Community, and their allies held nationwide protests this weekend, carrying out 'Warm Ups' to demand action on fuel poverty. People occupied British Gas offices, protested outside Scottish Power, and engaged their local communities.

However, not everyone was receptive to the groups' demands. Security at a South London shopping centre removed activists, simply for 'warming up' - albeit with a rather large banner reading 'Cold Homes Kill'.

Fuel Poverty Action: we need 'energy for all'

Kuel Poverty Action has carried out Warm Ups for over a decade. Activists enter buildings or public spaces in order to warm up

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The actions are in support of the <u>Energy For All</u> campaign. Launched by Fuel Poverty Action in 2022, it demands that every household is guaranteed enough energy for safe and adequate levels of heating, lighting, cooking as well as protecting additional needs like medical and mobility aids. It would be paid for by ending fossil fuel subsidies, redistributing energy company profits, and higher tariffs on household energy use beyond necessities.

Unite Community launched the Unite 4 Energy For All campaign in November to support the demand, in collaboration with Unite the Union's campaign to nationalise energy.

So, between Friday 1 and Sunday 3 December groups organised over <u>30 events</u> as far afield as Southend-on-Sea, Portsmouth, Gateshead, and the Isle of Arran – raising awareness of the scourge of fuel poverty and the government and energy companies' willful inaction.

Warming Up energy companies

On 1 December a Warm Up took place at Scottish Power HQ in Glasgow for the second winter running. Participants condemned warrants granted to the energy giant a month ago to forcibly enter the homes of families with newborn babies and install prepayment meters:

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Meanwhile, protestors entered and occupied a British Gas office in Cardiff for 30 minutes, the amount of time they say it takes the company to make half a million pounds in profit:



Then, on 2 December Fuel Poverty Action 'Warmed Up' at OVO Energy's HQ in Bristol. They bedded down with blankets, sleeping bags, and hot water bottles to symbolise millions of people struggling to keep warm this winter:





Stuart Bretherton from Fuel Poverty Action's Energy For All campaign said:

The energy system, with its high standing charges, forced imposition of prepayment meters and other inequities, literally punishes people for being poor. Energy starvation this winter means that lives will be lost if we don't see concrete action from this Government. People are 'warming up' to demand our human right to energy is respected and delivered. There's plenty of money in energy company profits to ensure access to clean and affordable energy for all.

However, one Warm Up in South London on 2 December was too much for a shopping centre's security team.

Bromley: warming up in the freezing cold

In the Glades shopping centre in Bromley, members of <u>Bromley and Croydon Unite Community</u>, <u>South East London People's Assembly</u>, and campaign group the <u>Chronic Collaboration</u> staged a protest and community engagement session. As well as occupying a space in the ground floor, they dropped a large banner off the first floor which read "Cold Homes Kill" – attracting a lot of attention from shoppers:

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However, around 10 minutes into the group's action, and security were immediately getting involved – telling activists that the Glades was private property, and they couldn't protest or speak to shoppers about fuel poverty there:

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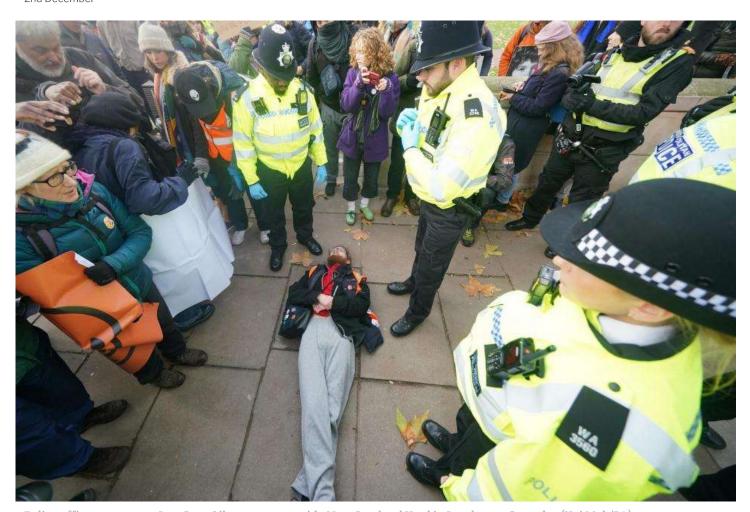
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Just Stop Oil protesters demonstrate outside New Scotland Yard

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Police officers remove a Just Stop Oil protester outside New Scotland Yard in London on Saturday (Yui Mok/PA)

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Just Stop Oil (JSO) protesters have held a demonstration outside the Metropolitan Police's central London headquarters.



At least two climate activists, who gathered outside New Scotland Yard on Saturday afternoon, were carried into waiting police vans.

Uniformed officers watched as the protesters held speeches in which they said they would take their protest to other London sites, which they dubbed "centres of oppression", such as the Supreme Court.

Before the group moved to Parliament Square, where the Supreme Court is, an activist on a loudspeaker told the small group: "The police think they can stop our protests.



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A protester who took part in a local demonstration to draw attention to the UK's "addiction to fossil" has said she did not enjoy having oil poured over her head but would do it again.



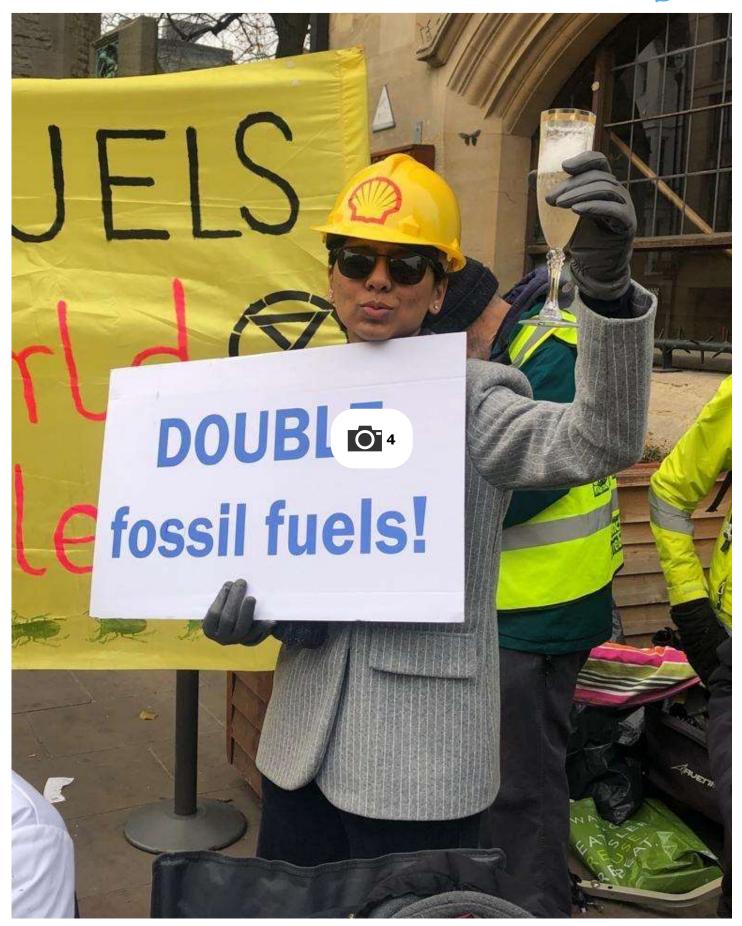
The Extinction Rebellion-led action took place on the corner of Cornmarket and Ship Street in **Oxford** on Saturday just after midday where people dressed as fossil fuel executives poured oil over others, "representing all of us who will be affected by climate change".

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Demonstrators outside Sheffield Crown Court protest against moves to undermine jury system

Several juries have acquitted climate activists based on a longstanding but little-known legal principle – but justice campaigners have warned that it could be under threat.



by Sam Gregory 4 DECEMBER 2023



Twelve people took part in the action outside Sheffield Crown Court today. *Now Then.*

Around a dozen people protested outside Sheffield Crown Court earlier today against attacks by some judges and Conservative politicians on the rights of juries within the criminal justice system.

The protest forms part of the national Defend Our Juries campaign. According to organisers, more than 50 similar demonstrations took place outside courtrooms across the UK at the same time.

The demonstrators held up identical signs on West Bar for about an hour from 9am, as dozens of people filed into the court for the day's proceedings.

The Defend Our Juries campaign say they want to protect the centuriesold principle of 'jury equity', which allows juries in UK courts to acquit defendants according to conscience, irrespective of the directions of the judge.

This principle has seen a number of climate activists acquitted of charges stemming from direct action protests, like those carried out by groups such as Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion.





The demonstrators say they want to protect the right of juries to acquit based on conscience.

Now Then.

Many activists have been acquitted by juries on the basis that they committed minor breaches of the law to draw attention to political inaction on climate breakdown, which is driving us towards the complete collapse of earth systems and possible extinction as a species.

Speaking ahead of the demonstration outside the Crown Court, Sheffield resident Heather Worden, a retired speech and language therapist, said she was protesting primarily due to her "extreme concern" about climate breakdown.

"All societies need to urgently prioritise world-friendly decisions and actions as the world climate is currently changing too fast for life everywhere, including people and societies, to adapt," she said.

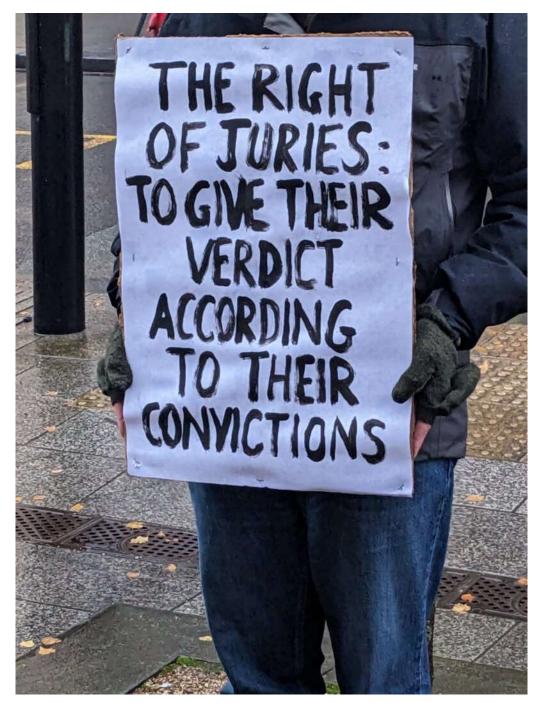
"I think jurors need to hear the whole truth, including background and motivations, from those people who have been brave enough to risk arrest and trial in service to our world."

The principle has been used by juries for centuries. In 1984 a senior civil servant was acquitted by a jury against the advice of a judge for leaking information showing that the government had misled the public over the sinking of the Belgrano during the Falklands War.

"I AM DOING THIS BECAUSE IT IS IMPORTANT THE LEGAL SYSTEM ALLOWS PEOPLE TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH BEHIND THEIR ACTIONS IN COURT"

But campaigners say the principle is being steadily undermined by a series of attacks from both within the judiciary itself and from ministers in the current government, who are unhappy with some high-profile acquittals.

In a case that caused widespread outrage, climate activists with the group Insulate Britain who had taken direct action were barred by Judge Silas Reid from explaining the motivation behind their actions to the jury. When the defendants refused to comply with this order in court, and exercised their right to put their own defence to the jury, Reid sentenced them to seven weeks in jail.



All of the demonstrators held up identical signs stating the principle of jury equity.

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The Sheffield protestors say that by merely holding up signs outside the Crown Court which cite the principle of jury equity they ran the risk of being arrested, although Monday morning's demonstration passed without incidents

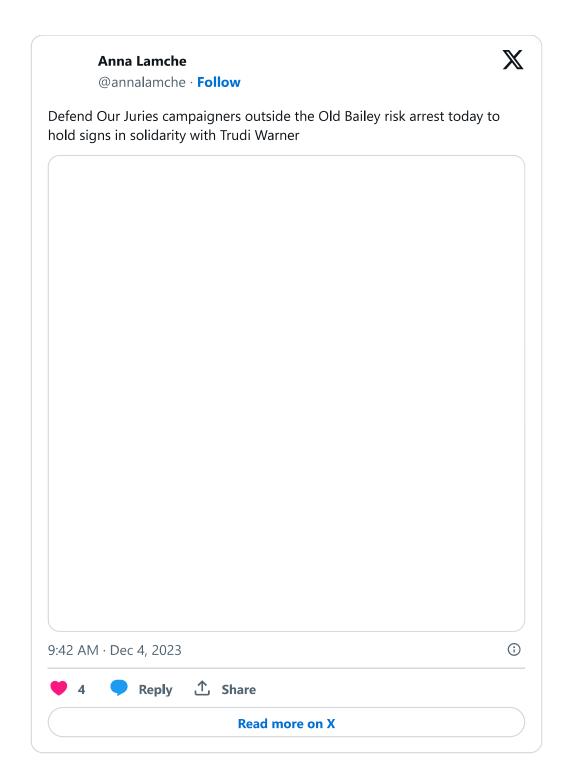
All twelve demonstrators remained silent and looked at the floor during the protest, so that they couldn't be accused of trying to personally influence any jurors entering the court. Three activists with the Defend Our Juries campaign have been arrested by the Metropolitan Police so far for holding similar placards outside London courtrooms, on the basis that they were "perverting the course of justice".

One person, 68-year retired social worker Trudi Warner, was even prosecuted for holding up a sign outside Judge Reid's courtroom that reminded jurors they had the right to acquit defendants on the basis of conscience.

The three arrests may have had unintended consequences for Judge Reid and the government. Shortly after the decision to prosecute Warner, Defend Our Juries say 252 people held up similar signs outside 25 crown courts in England and Wales. None have been arrested.

In January 2022 the 'Colston Four', who were charged with criminal damage after helping to push a statue of the slave trader into Bristol harbour, were acquitted by a jury using the principle of jury equity (the defendants did not deny that they had breached the law).

Following this, then-Home Secretary Suella Braverman took the case to the Court of Appeal and convinced them to change the rules for future trials, opening her to accusations of politically-motivated meddling in the justice system.



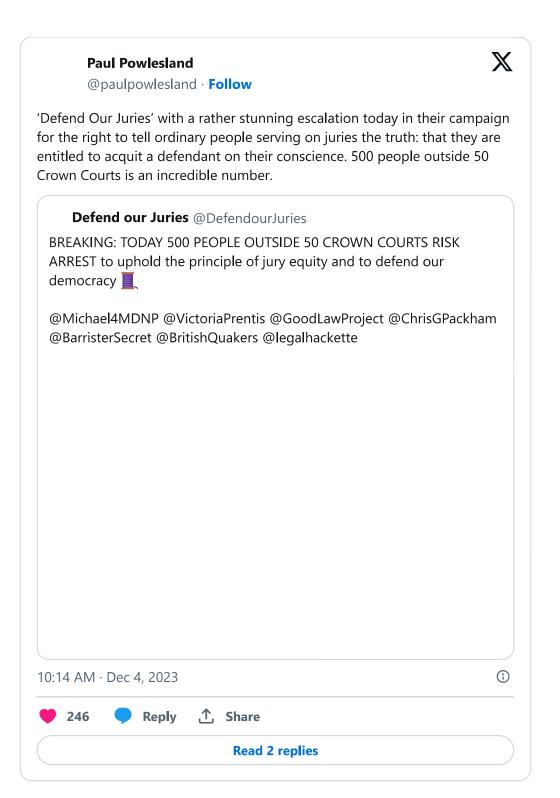
Legal scholars have raised concerns that such moves represent an attack on a legal principle that has "played a crucial role in the creation of many of the fundamental rights that we enjoy today".

University of Sussex professor Richard Vogler wrote in the Guardian that acquittals based on conscience "have always served as a safety valve against unpopular legislation, or where an otherwise sensible rule leads to an obvious injustice in a particular case."

"This is surely a vital safeguard in a democracy."

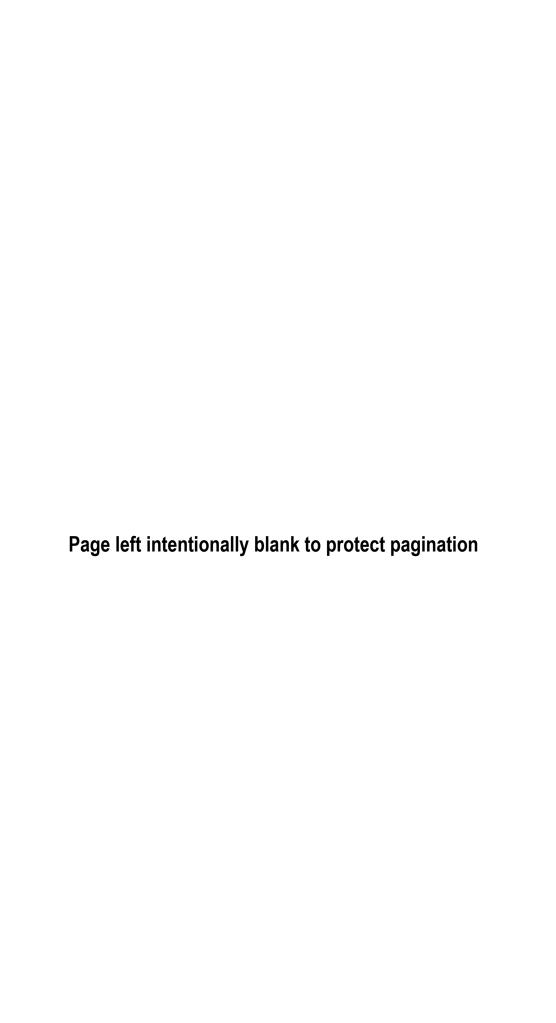
Others have pointed to the seemingly bizarre situation where protestors can be prosecuted for holding up signs that simply state principles of justice, and have wondered whether signs that express support for the presumption of innocence or the right to a fair trial would also lead to an arrest.

Cath Parker, a retired teacher and counsellor, said she was taking part in the protest outside the Sheffield Crown Court to defend "the right of jurors to make their own decisions and to vote according to their conscience."



"I am doing this because it is important the legal system allows people to tell the whole truth behind their actions in court, and not be silenced. This right is enshrined in the law of our land and should not be abandoned."

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On Wednesday 6 December, dozens of activists from Fossil Free London assembled outside BP's London headquarters to protest Israel (Israel (https://www.thecanary.co/israel/) is approval of 12 new licences for natural gas exploration off the west coast of Gaza to six companies, including BP):

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BP not only received this licence but is also set to acquire 50% of the Israeli Delek Group-owned NewMed, who have also been granted a licence. NewMed owns 45% of Leviathan, the largest gas field in the Mediterranean, situated off the coast of Israel.

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Israel's occupation of the Gaza Strip denies the besieged population access to natural resources within its waters, in violation of international law.

Activists held signs linking the oil and gas company to Israel's continued bombardment of Gaza and shouted "stop fuelling genocide" as well as "profits from oil but none from aid, Gazan genocide is British made."

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Big oil sweeping in upon the wreckage of Palestine

Joanna Warrington from Fossil Free London said:

"	The chant 'in our thousands, in our millions we are all Palestinians', rings truer in a climate crisis
	than ever before. People in Gaza are right now being denied their land, safe water, and secure
	homes.

This is what is happening to all of us worldwide due to the climate crisis.

It comes as no surprise that big oil is now sweeping in, upon the wreckage, using this humanitarian crisis to dredge out profits from more oil and gas, just as they are doing in this global humanitarian crisis of climate collapse.

We all deserve safety, security and clean air. This is the fight for climate justice. Free Palestine!

Previously, <u>Fossil Free London also blockaded BP's London HQ</u> (https://www.thecanary.co/global/2023/11/20/bp-office-blocked-israel-gaza/) on 20 November.

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Activists from Fossil Free London protested in front of the Uganda High Commission in Trafalgar Square in solidarity with seven Ugandan student activists facing trial on Friday 8 December. The students' arrests came after they protested against the proposed East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

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workers' co-op As the *Canary's* Hannah Sharland previously <u>reported</u>

(https://www.thecanary.co/global/2023/11/02/more-evidence-totalenergies-eacop-has-instigated-violent-attacks-on-environment-defenders-in-uganda/), TotalEnergies and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation are joint venture partners on the \$10-billion EACOP project to develop oilfields in Uganda.

The project involves fossil fuel companies drilling around 400 oil wells in Murchison Falls National Park. Notably, this is the largest protected area in Uganda. The companies will then transport the crude along the 1,445-kilometre (900-mile) EACOP to the Tanzanian port of Tanga.

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Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has hailed the project as an economic boon. However, environmental and human rights organisations and activists have been fiercely opposing the project.

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Groups have called out EACOP's shocking environmental and human rights impacts. As the *Canary*'s Tracy Keeling <u>has detailed (https://www.thecanary.co/global/world-news/2023/02/22/day-of-action-against-pipeline-project-after-tanzania-greenlights-construction/)</u>, the project threatens nearly 2,000km² of biodiverse protected wildlife habitats.

Moreover, the Parliament of the European Union https://oeil.secure.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/summary.do?id=1716444&t=e&l=en) the project could displace over 100,000 people.



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To make matters worse, the *Canary* highlighted (https://www.thecanary.co/global/world-analysis/2023/05/04/eacop-totalenergies-named-one-of-the-worst-companies-for-attacks-against-human-rights-defenders/) a Business and Human Rights Resource Centre report which singled out TotalEnergies for the impacts of EACOP on environmental defenders. In particular, attacks on rights defenders associated with the project placed TotalEnergies within the top five worst companies for these types of human rights violations. Now, this includes seven students who protested the project.

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So, people in the UK have shown solidarity with them.

Fossil Fuel London: out in solidarity

Twenty activists from Fossil Fuel London protested in front of the High Commission shouting "Stop EACOP", "Free the students" while holding banners:



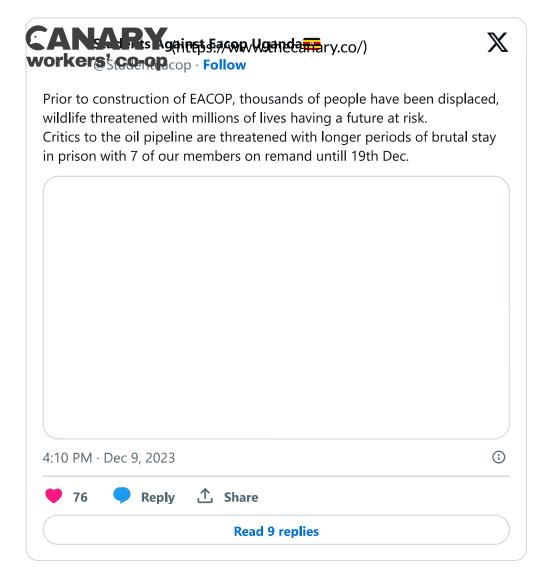


They showed photos of the seven Ugandan protesters:

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Two weeks ago, authorities arrested the seven students for peacefully petitioning the Ugandan Parliament against EACOP. The students were held in police custody for four days before being remanded to the Luzira Maximum Prison. They were held at the prison until 8 of December, 2023 – where they now face trial. Authorities are still keeping them locked up:



 ${\bf Joanna\,Warrington\,from\,Fossil\,Free\,London\,said:}$

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Total and the China National Offshore Oil Corporation are displacing people who are already suffering on the frontlines of the climate crisis, from their homes and livelihoods; profiting from this destruction.

And whilst these corporations and banks make billions on the back of people's torn apart lives, Ugandan authorities arrest peaceful protesters who speak out against this injustice. We stand in solidarity with them and demand all charges to be dropped.

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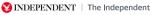


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London protesters urge leaders to do more to tackle climate crisis on global day of action



Oliver Browning

Sat, 9 December 2023 at 3:24 pm GMT

Protesters from Extinction Rebellion and other campaign groups joined a demonstration outside BP offices in London on Saturday 9 December as part of a "global day of action" calling for countries to tackle climate change.

The demonstrations, held around the world, coincide with the Cop28 climate summit in Dubai.

Protesters in London sought to link BP to Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza, after Israel granted a licence for the energy giant to explore a gas field in the Mediterranean, close to the Tamar field about 50 miles offshore.

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Extinction Rebellion to march in Southampton during climate summit

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Last year's Global Day of Action on Climate Justice march in Southampton (Image: Submitted)

Extinction Rebellion will be marching in Southampton to call for immediate action on climate change.

The march is part of an international day of action by the Climate Justice Coalition, with events happening across the globe.

The day takes place halfway through the COP 28 conference, where global leaders meet to negotiate measures to limit carbon emissions, in order to curb the effects of global warming.

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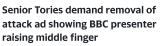


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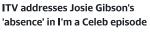


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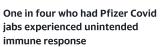


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Spokesperson for Extinction Rebellion Southampton, Corin Holloway, said: "We must dramatically and immediately reduce the use of fossil fuels – and overturn the systems of extraction, exploitation and oppression fuelling this breakdown.

"We have no faith that the COP28 Summit will deliver this, as it is presided over by an oil executive in the United Arab Emirates.

"We need to act together to change the course of the future, and we call on people to join us for the march on the 9th of December, and to then come together for a community assembly to decide how Southampton should tackle this challenge together."

At 2.30pm, march attendees are invited to come to Art House Southampton for food and refreshments, before taking part in a 'Community Assembly'.

The assembly will give people the opportunity to meet other members of the community and discuss the environmental issues in Southampton.

At this meeting, attendees will then discuss what changes need to be made, and how the community can work together to make these changes happen.

Representative of Friends of the Earth Southampton, Lyn Brayshaw, said: "Climate breakdown is no longer a problem of the future - it's happening now, and above all, climate related disasters are happening in countries that did the least to contribute to this crisis.

"Meanwhile, the UK has signed off plans to expand drilling for new oil and gas – adding flames to the fire.

"The UK is doing nothing to reduce the cost of living but doing plenty to add to the profits of the corporations most responsible for this crisis, paid for by us through our extortionate bills."













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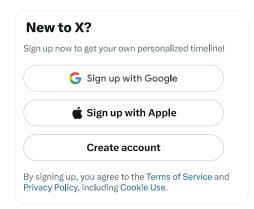


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Campaigners from Extinction Rebellion Nottingham took a message 'COP 28 – Betrayal' to the streets of Nottingham today in St Peters Square.

In a statement, Extinction Rebellion Nottingham said:

"COP 28 was a betrayal. After the hottest year on record, it is a complete failure that the COP summit didn't actually agree to phase out fossil fuels. The lack of decisive action will directly result in the suffering and death of many people around the world, many of whom are already experiencing the impact of climate breakdown.



XR Nottingham

Climate breakdown will also directly impact UK and Nottinghamshire citizens through more heatwaves, droughts and flooding. The food we rely on from other countries is already less plentiful and prices will continue to rise.

Scientists and engineers already have the solutions to provide enough clean, renewable energy for all humanity, but this won't stop global heating unless we also stop burning all fossil fuels.



Temperatures could be held at a 1.5C rise if governments acted rapidly to introduce these technologies. But to remain at 1.5c we need rapid action, not vague encouragement.

We are in a climate and nature crisis but once again world leaders have caved in to the power of the fossil fuel industry. The president of this COP was actually the head of the United Arab Emirates state oil company. Would you invite a weapons manufacturer to dominate a peace conference if you were serious about wanting peace?

The agreement from COP28 has been sold as groundbreaking, but really, after 28 years of debate, it is just stating the obvious – that we need to transition away from fossil fuels!

Right now the world is still creating more and more emissions from fossil fuels each year This latest agreement is full of empty pledges and loopholes.[3] There are no commitments, no legal requirements, no accountability and no justice for the global south or vulnerable island nations.

There has been almost complete radio silence from our Government about COP 28. They continue to grant hundreds of new licences for oil and gas extraction in the North Sea, on the false argument that it makes us more energy secure – just what the world does not need."

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<u>Just Stop Oil (https://www.thecanary.co/?s=just+stop+oil)</u> supporters gathered outside Keir Starmer's house to sing 'climate-criminal' Christmas carols. They were demanding that, as the likely leader of the next UK government, Starmer commits to cancelling all new oil and gas licences, including those already greenlit by the current government.

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Henty in the canary.co/) (https://www.thecanary.co/)

At around 8:30pm on Thursday 14 December, a group of nine supporters of Just Stop Oil gathered outside Starmer's London residence to deliver a letter and to sing re-imagined versions of Christmas carols and popular songs – calling on him to end all new oil, gas, and coal projects in the UK. The supporters could be seen holding signs saying "Revoke Rosebank" and "Arrest the real criminals":

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Police ordered the group to disperse under Section 42 of the Criminal Justice and Police Act and ordered them to leave the vicinity of the premises for three months or they would be arrested:



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Although Starmer has stated that Labour will end new oil and gas projects in the UK, Labour has so far refused to cancel the new fossil fuel projects approved by Rishi Sunak's government. This includes Rosebank, a project that is destined to emit more carbon into the atmosphere than 28 whole countries combined.

The carolers delivered a letter to Starmer which can be read https://juststopoil.org/2023/12/14/just-stop-oils-christmas-message-to-keir-starmer/). Part of it stated:









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Just Stop Oil marches on Cambridge road in protest at 'dismal' COP28

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A two-hour Just Stop Oil protest march was held around Cambridge's ring road today (December 18) in response to "the dismal failure of COP28".

Just Stop Oil is a non-violent civil resistance group demanding the UK government stop licensing all new oil, gas and coal projects.



Just Stop Oil protest at Parker's Piece Cambridge. Picture: Keith Heppell

The group's march – which was not interrupted by police – came after the annual international conference, which this year was held in Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The climate summit ended after 14 days with an agreement which recognised for the first time the need to "transition away" from fossil fuels - wording that was hailed by some as "historical" but decried by others as a "death certificate".

Today's march involved 14 people progressing from Hot Numbers cafe on Trumpington Street at 10am. Slowly making their way, they faced what marcher Sue Buckingham called "some pretty aggressive drivers getting quite angry, even though we were only taking up half the road, but otherwise support from pedestrians, cyclists and some other drivers". She added that marchers came from Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds Privacy



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John Rymell, 63, an IT worker and father of three, said: "I marched in the road today because I fear for the future if we don't take action to stop climate change turning into climate catastrophe.

"Politicians from all sides have a duty to act before it's too late. We have the means to reduce our emissions and a limited window of time to do it in."

Zoe Flint 68, a retired scientist and teacher, who has previously marched in London, said: "I was heartened by the number of positive responses that we had today. Many motorists smiled and waved when they overtook us after being held up. Someone on the pavement shouted a cheery 'thank you'. I believe that many ordinary people do understand why we are marching."

A spokesperson for Cambridgeshire police said: "We were aware of a protest taking place in Cambridge today.

Just Stop Oil protest at Parker's Piece Cambridge. Picture: Keith Heppell

[&]quot;We received one call from a member of the public about the group walking slowly down a road.

[&]quot;When we are made aware of protests they are assessed on a case by case basis as to the level of threat, risk and harm they pose. A decision is then made as to whether our resource is better used on other policing priorities."





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Climate change protesters set up scene in floods to show 'business is not as usual'

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Extinction Rebellion Malvern pitched up in Worcester to protest the affects of climate change. (Image: Extinction Rebellion Malvern)

PROTESTERS had put on their best work attires and went down to Worcester and Upton to campaign against climate change.

Extinction Rebellion Malvern went knee-deep into the flood water at Worcester Bridge and on Hanley Road in Upton yesterday (Friday) to show that "business is not as usual".

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Another sign read: "This is what climate chaos looks like.
Fossil fuels must end."

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Extinction Rebellion Malvern said extreme weather events are here in Worcestershire, and more needs to be done by the government to prevent its adverse effects.

Dr Johnny Birks, retired ecologist and campaigner, said: "It's a myth to think that climate change is far off and that we can delay action - the crisis has already started.

"The government report on managing the Severn River Basin is clear that floods are already deeper and more frequent, damaging homes, crops and livelihoods.



Worcester News: Extinction Rebellion Malvern in Upton.

Extinction Rebellion Malvern in Upton. (Image: Extinction Rebellion Malvern)'If we carry on with business as usual, we'll all end up stuck in the river like the people in this picture.

"We all need to stand up and demand that our leaders stop dithering and take immediate action."

Suzanne Savage, campaigner and operations director at an organic farm on the River Teme, said she has experienced flooding around her farm, and it's getting worse.

"The rate of extreme flooding in Worcester is now 6.5 times higher than last century," she added.

"Our weather used to be much more predictable, and that relative stability has allowed us to grow food reliably.

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Protesters staged a scene on Hylton Road in Worcester.

(Image: Extinction Rebellion Malvern)"This is no longer the case - we are now lurching between extremely dry and

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xtinction Rebellion Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (XR BCP) have held another protest – their fifth – since Perenco's oil spill on 26 March 2023. They were joined by activists from East Dorset Friends of the Earth, Bournemouth and

Poole Greenpeace, and other XR groups from across Dorset. The spill, at Ower Bay in Poole Harbour, was caused by a leak in the pipeline from the Wytch Farm oil production site owned and operated by Perenco. Protesters wanted to know:

"Why, after nine months, have those complicit in this oil spill remained silent?"

Activists assembled at 12:30 on 6 January 2024 at Poole Quay and held a peaceful, family-friendly protest and rally, with placards, banners, chalk art, a replica oil derrick and the XR BCP Rhythms Band. The action had been agreed with Dorset Police beforehand and protesters spoke to members of the public to explain why they were there.



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The parties that XR BCP claim are complicit – although not responsible – for the oil spill are Poole Harbour Commissioners, the Environment Agency, the Health and Safety Executive, and Dorset Council.

According to their own website, Poole Harbour Commissioners must ensure "that contingency plans and controls are in place and regularly reviewed and tested and to endeavour to prevent spills of oil, chemicals or potentially contaminating materials"; while Dorset County Council is responsible for issuing Perenco's licence to drill for oil in Poole Harbour.

The questions the activists posed were "Why the Silence?" and "Where are our Answers?"

Ralph Doe, a retired bookshop owner, said that he had

"contacted each of these organisations on behalf of XR BCP and asked them where they are in terms of the investigations they instituted – could they share a report of some kind? This had originally been promised much earlier in the year.

So far not one organisation has replied with any detail, just vague generalisations."

Hannah Lindner, an Emergency Care Assistant from Southbourne, said,

"We were very lucky that the March 2023 spill was not much more serious. I'm very concerned that the risk of another and potentially larger oil leak by Perenco will increase, the longer Perenco is allowed to drill and extract oil. This is partly because of the increasing age of their infrastructure and because of their need to make their facilities, including Poole Harbour, profitable."

In addition, there is a risk of long term damage from oil residue soaking into the mud, entering the marine and avian food chain. The impact of this on food availability for the harbour's wildlife, will not be known until we get several years' worth of survey data. This will tell us how badly the area has been affected, and the long term consequences.



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The latest protest is one in a series XR BCP have held about the oil spill. The first was the very next day – 27 March 2023, at Poole Quay. This was followed by a mass demonstration on 1 May, 2023 at the local offices and operating facility of Perenco's Wytch Farm oil field works, and on Sunday 11 June 2023 activists held another information event at Poole Quay. At the beginning of September, they coordinated with XR Oxford and London to take the battle to Perenco's headquarters in London.

Throughout these protests there has been a deafening silence from all the organisations said to be complicit in the spill – there have

been no answers about what caused the oil leak, or what measures will be undertaken to prevent such incidents in future.

Ralph Doe had a final message to share:

"We are determined to keep this at the top of the local environmental agenda and we will be taking further action in the coming months."

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Climate protesters gathering outside the Excel centre in east London ahead of oil giant Shell's annual general meeting last year (Rebecca Speare-Cole/PA)

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A record number of global institutions have co-filed a shareholder resolution at Shell, calling for the UK-headquartered oil giant to align its emissions reduction targets with the Paris Climate Agreement.

The resolution, led by Dutch activist group Follow This, has been backed 27 institutions, including Nest,

He said: "This escalation of 27 leading investors puts the call for companies front and centre for all institutional investors."

Follow This, which files similar resolutions at big oil firms every year, said Shell's shareholders will be asked to support the resolution as an advisory vote at this year's annual general meeting, expected to take place in London in spring.

This means that if the resolution passes, the board will only have to consider the request rather than take specific action, a move aimed at lowering the bar for support from other investors and voting proxy advisors.

Shell's medium-term targets covering scope 3 emissions to decrease its Net Carbon Intensity (NCI), a measure of emissions per unit of energy sold, by 20% by 2030 and 45% by 2035, compared to a 2016 baseline.

The company said that by the end of 2022, it had reduced its NCI by 3.8%, the majority of which was through emissions avoidance and reduction activities.

A Shell spokesperson said the firm believes its climate targets are "aligned with the more ambitious goal of the Paris Agreement".

But Follow This disputes the claim, citing the Climate Action 100+ benchmark, which says Shell's medium-term emissions reduction targets are not aligned with the goal of limiting global warming to 1.5C.

The activist group added that the company does not sufficiently demonstrate how it will reach its targets, leaving a lack of clarity over how its approach contributes to a significant reduction in global emissions this decade.

Mr Van Baal said the record number of co-filers could be attributed to Shell seemingly backtracking on some of their climate commitments last year.

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Extinction Rebellion Wyre Forest protest outside MP's office

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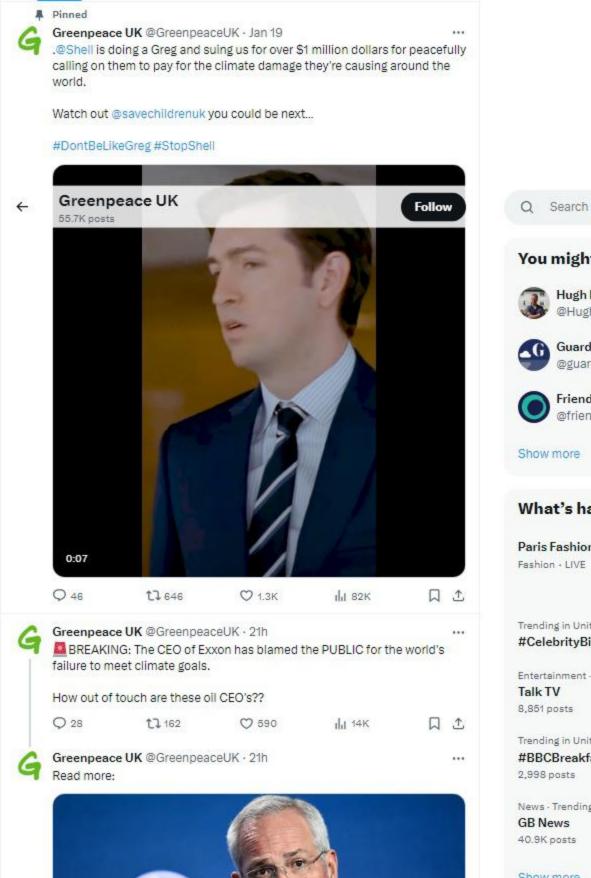
The Wyre Forest branch of the climate change awareness group patrolled Bewdley Road, Stourport on Friday (January 12).

The group handed out leaflets drawing attention to the global climate crisis and the causes of recent flooding. They have raised concerns about the upcoming Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill, which could see more gas and oil fields open.









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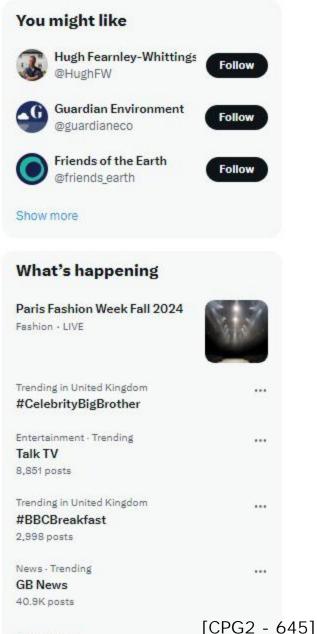
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Pro-Palestinian campaigners joined environmental activists in staging a sit-in at Barclays bank in Cambridge - calling for an end to the bank's "investment" in <u>Israel's operations in</u> <u>Gaza</u> and its funding of the fossil fuel industry.

A group of 15 student and local campaigners occupied Barclays' St Andrew's Street branch on Saturday, staging a three-hour "die-in" on the floor of the bank before leaving and marching through the town centre.

The protesters claimed that Barclays is "complicit" in Israel's killing of thousands of <u>civilians in Gaza</u>, with accusations that the bank also holds more than £1 billion in shares and provides £3 billion in loans to companies whose weapons, components and military technology are being used in its military operations.



The group of activists hand out leaflets criticising the bank's investments | CREDIT: FELIX ARMSTONG

One banner held up outside the building read: "Barclays; blood on your hands".

There were similar protests outside the branches of Barclays in Hitchin and Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

While activists occupied the branch, others outside chanted "Israel is a terrorist state" and "from the river, to the sea, Palestine will be free" – both slogans regarded by some as offensive and anti-Semitic.

Business continued inside the bank while police maintained a low key presence outside. At one stage branch staff briefly shut the doors of the building before the activists left at around 12.30pm.

Before the start of a march through the centre of Cambridge passers-by outside the bank were handed leaflets urging them to close their Barclays accounts.

One activist said: "Barclays must immediately withdraw its financial support for companies that manufacture arms used by the <u>Israeli military</u>."

An activist who took part in the sit-in said: "We had a really peaceful sit-in, we did some die-ins, some meditation, we were holding banners and placards, we did some origami of cranes, which are a symbol of peace, and we also made a paper chain with lots of messages to Barclays for all the harm that they're causing."

The occupation was organised by a coalition of anti-war and environmental campaigns, including student groups Cambridge Climate Justice and Cambridge University PalSoc, and local groups Cambridge Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Cambridge Stop the War.

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The campaigners are also <u>criticising the bank for its links to the fossil fuel industry</u>, following the launch of a career boycott of Barclays last month, when students from across the country pledged not to work for the firm.

Barclays has recently come under pressure from the University of Cambridge, which is reportedly considering ending its two centuries-long association with the bank, in favour of a partner which does not "finance fossil fuel expansion".



Campaigners fly the tricolour flag of Palestine | CREDIT: FELIX ARMSTRONG

Jenny, an organiser with Cambridge Palestinian Solidarity Campaign, said outside the bank: "We see our demands as being interconnected because the oppression of many people around the world, generally not of rich Western countries, is tied up with climate change."

A member of the Organisation of Radical Cambridge Activists said: "What we're trying to achieve is to make people divest from Barclays, that is change their account to other banks that are committing not to invest in those kinds of genocidal activities."

Just Stop Oil were also present at the occupation, saying: "Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank are suffering utterly unimaginable atrocities. Meanwhile, Barclays is rolling in profits from the billions they lend to kill, be that through arms or oil."

Barclays said it was committed to respecting human rights as defined by the International Bill of Human Rights.

A Barclays spokesman said: "As a universal bank, Barclays provides a range of client services in relation to the shares of publicly listed companies, including those in the Defence and Security sector.

"Such client-driven activities may result in Barclays holding shares in those companies, for example, through hedging positions, market making, custody and underwriting activity.

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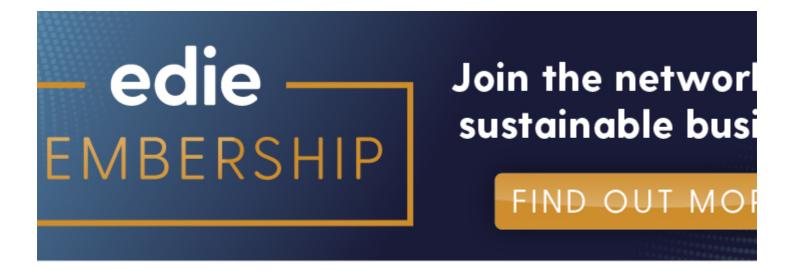


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UK policymakers face protests ahead of key vote on North Sea oil and gas expansion

Climate activists are today (22 January) protesting in Parliament Square, urging MPs not to back the Offshore Petroleum Licensing Bill which would compel future Governments to hold annual licencing rounds for new North Sea oil and gas production projects.

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Pictured: The Shearwater platform operated in the North Sea by Shell. Image: Stuart Conway for Shell.

Fossil Free London, Just Stop Oil, Extinction Rebellion and Scientists for Extinction Rebellion are staging a demonstration ahead of the Bill's second reading, due to take place this afternoon ahead of a vote in the evening.

Activists are imploring MPs not to back the Bill due to its potential climate impact. If passed, the Bill will compel all future Governments to host a licencing round for new North Sea oil and gas exploration and extraction each year.

Fossil Free London spokesperson Joanna Warrington called the Bill's key measures "nothing short of deadly".

"The Government is either scientifically illiterate, is playing political games with our futures, or just doesn't care, but, most likely – all three," added Pete Knapp of Extinction Rebellion.

The concerns voiced by these activist groups are shared by climate scientists including Climate Crisis Advisory Group chair Sir David King, who formerly served as the UK's chief scientific advisor.

King said: "The UK has played a globally leading role this century in reducing emissions and its dependence on coal for electricity production. How does this fit in with what the present government is doing?

"At this critical moment, the world needs countries and leaders to step up, not step away from their commitments and responsibility to ensure humanity has a survivable future... this is a total reversal of the British government's commitment to reduce its emissions dramatically and do what is necessary for the world. I am shocked."

There is broad consensus among climate scientists that, to give the best possible chance of limiting the global temperature increase on pre-industrial levels to 1.5C, global net emissions should reach zero by mid-century. An increase 0.5C beyond this point would result in an "unliveable" future for around a third of the global population.

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) 1.5C-aligned net-zero pathway for the global energy sector includes an end to the development of all upstream oil and gas projects with long lead times in the early 2020s.

Nations should only invest in maximising the efficiency of existing and already approved oil and gas projects instead, the Agency has stated.

The pathway details a mix of solutions to scale back fossil fuel supply and demand which, if taken together, would cut global fossil fuel demand by 25% within a decade and 80% by 2050.

Cost conundrum

Rishi Sunak's Government has thrown itself behind the Bill using narratives related to energy security and bringing down costs for consumers.

Prior to the Bill, Sunak followed in the footsteps of <u>his predecessor Liz Truss</u> by <u>confirming a licencing round with more than 100 spaces up for grabs</u>.

Members of Sunak's cabinet have <u>accused opponents of their plans of wishing to</u> "turn off the tap" overnight, jeapordising energy security. Yet, without the Bill, the UK Government has tended to run licencing rounds in most years. Moreover, North Sea oil reserves are in decline and plans for a gradual phase-down are already in place.

<u>Labour has pledged to stop running any licencing rounds if elected, instead only permitting developments already in the pipeline.</u> This Bill from the Conservatives

would undermine any Labour Government's ability to deliver this promise in the future.

On energy bills, the UK is positing reduced import costs that would be passed on to consumers. This rhetoric has repeatedly been debunked. Oil and gas are internationally traded commodities; they are sold globally to the highest bidders with the highest demands. The UK has no right to keep hold of fuels extracted in the North Sea and has concluded that, even if it did, this would not be the best decision economically.

Research from Global Witness last week revealed that the UK has exported an ever-greater proportion of North Sea oil and gas as production grew between 2004 and 2022.

Sir David King also highlighted that the Bill would result in less immediate and significant impacts on energy bills than measures such as improving energy efficiency. He said: "Oil and gas recovery can take up to 15 years to reach the marketplace, therefore the bill has nothing to do with addressing current energy issues caused by the Russia Ukraine crisis."

Most Conservatives are expected to support the Bill, but there are some notable opponents including <u>Alok Sharma</u>, <u>who was COP26 President and Boris Johnson's Business</u>, <u>Energy and Industrial Strategy Secretary</u>.

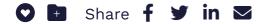
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Extinction Rebellion takes fight against climate change to Barclays bank in Bishop's Stortford



Extinction Rebellion (XR) took its fight against climate change to Barclays bank in Bishop's Stortford.

Members of East and North Hertfordshire XR targeted the branch in North Street to highlight the institution's fossil fuel investments.

The <u>bank is set to close in April</u> as part of a global cuts programme and XR spokesman Joseph Mishan said: "We had a lot of interest from the public, partly because many were aware the branch was closing.



Extinction Rebellion protest outside Barclays bank in Bishop's Stortford - an embroidered ribbon made by a campaigner for the manager

[&]quot;We were able to discuss with them how they might change to another bank that not only cared about their day-to-day banking needs but also about their future.

[&]quot;At least first people we spoke to said they definitely intended to change banks, and many others took a leaflet."

Havas London Targeted by Climate Activists Over Agency's Relationship with Shell

The protest followed a tip-off that the global comms agency may take on more work for the oil major.



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Extinction Rebellion protested ad agency Havas's relationship with Shell on Jan. 25, 2024. Credit: Extinction Rebellion

For the second time in four months, climate activists have gathered at the headquarters of Havas London to protest the ad agency's relationship with Shell.

According to the group, Extinction Rebellion or XR, Thursday's protest was spurred by a whistleblower's tip-off that Havas would be meeting with Shell to discuss new work for the fossil fuel giant.

The trade publication Campaign (https://www.prweek.com/article/1839549/shell-puts-global-pr-review) recently reported that Shell's global PR account is up for review this quarter.

Caroline from Scientists for XR said that the group received a positive reception from Havas employees, "who are by and large young creatives."

"At least two employees told us they had handed in their notice and resigned over the company's association with Shell and the threat of it losing its B Corp status," she said.

Ben, who was among the activists occupying the Havas foyer, added that there were lots of comments of support from employees as they came in. "Many thanked us for our action."

Both protestors declined to provide their last names in order to protect their identities.

In September, following the news that Havas had won Shell's global strategic media buying contract, XR staged a die-off in the Havas London reception area.

The revelation of the Shell deal put Havas under fierce scrutiny both inside and outside the advertising industry, as it appeared to undermine multiple public statements by Havas CEO Yannick Bolloré that climate change is among his major concerns as the head of one of the world's largest ad agencies.

Shell, the world's fifth largest oil company, spent (https://www.insidermonkey.com/blog/5-biggest-oil-companies-in-the-world-1102387/) around 220 million euros (https://www.adweek.com/agencies/havas-wins-shell-media-account/) (\$240 million) on this type of advertising in 2022, according to AdWeek.

Shell has been moving away from previous commitments to boost clean energy spending in recent years and instead plans to invest \$40bn (https://www.theguardian.com/business/2023/jun/14/shell-drops-target-to-cut-oil-production-as-ceo-guns-for-higher-profits) in oil and gas production between 2023 and 2035.

Havas had previously staked much of its reputation on prioritising sustainability, pledging to reduce its carbon emissions by 55% by 2030 and boasting four B Corp certified agencies under its umbrella, including Havas London.

However, a **recent investigation (https://www.desmog.com/2024/01/23/havas-shell-yannick-bollore-group-climate-change/)** by DeSmog detailed longtime ties between the Bolloré family's business empire — which includes Havas — and the global fossil fuel industry. These have included oil and gas shipping and logistics services in several African nations, as well as currently supporting the construction of Canada's first liquid natural gas (LNG) export terminal, LNG Canada — a project being led by Shell.

According to insiders who spoke with DeSmog, Havas UK staff were largely unhappy about the agency's Shell deal last year, and the deal was opposed by Havas's UK leadership.

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Dozens of people gather for protest about 'damaging' air pollution in Nottingham city centre

A 'wonderful' turnout of climate activists aimed to highlight the impacts of air pollution in Nottinghamshire

Crowds of climate activists gathered in Nottingham city centre to raise awareness of the impacts of air pollution in Nottinghamshire. This morning (Saturday, January 27) at 10.30am, people gathered outside Nottingham Train Station ahead of a march to Old Market Square.

The crowd of around 75 people set off shortly before 11am as they walked through the city centre holding banners and chanting during the march, which was organised by Extinction Rebellion Nottingham. Following the procession was an event in Market Square with 54 gravestones being placed to the sound of a single drum beat.

Each gravestone had a name and the cause of death printed on it, the names were not real but the cause of death was. Red-bordered placards representing the negative impact of air pollution were then replaced by positive green-bordered cards.

What three words would you use to describe Nottinghamshire?

People taking part in today's air pollution march explained why they were there and what they wanted to see change. Jon Simons, 62, from Carlton who attended the protest, said: "I'm very concerned about air pollution, until I started looking into it I didn't know how many people it harms and it kills.

"The levels that we live with across nearly all of the UK are above World Health Organisation (WHO) safe levels so it's particularly a problem, I think for people who have other health risks or kids whose development is affected by this or older people who have respiratory problems, but it's really impacting everyone."

He then shared what the main message and focus is today. Mr Simons added: "The message is if you go to Airpollution.org you can see what pollution is like on your street. Talk to your neighbours and talk to your local councillors about it.



Extinction Rebellion Nottingham members Jon Simons and Hayley Meaden Walsh outside the train station (Image: Nottingham Post)

"There are a few kinds of basic things you can everyone can do for themselves, like not travelling by car as much as you do - try and walk, cycle. If you have to walk by a busy road just walk a little bit away on the edge of the pavement away from the road you're actually then breathing in less poisonous air than you would being right by the road.

"If you've got a wood-burning fire I'm afraid you're actually spreading pollution inside your home as well as outside it so if you can make do with something else that is that is far better it's also cheaper for you and better for their environment overall."

Radcliffe on Trent resident Hayley Meaden Walsh is a part of the actions team at Extinction Rebellion Nottingham. Speaking about the aim for the event, Hayley said: "I believe that a green transition is full of gains for everybody building community, building a better world that is fair and works for everybody and isn't the rhetoric of loss and sacrifice and negativity that I think our government at the moment expresses it to be.

"We chose air pollution because it's so damaging to everybody's health, particularly a justice issue. Lots of studies have found that those in poorer communities are disproportionately affected by air pollution. People of colour are disproportionately affected by air pollution so I think it's a really important thing for us all to be aware of.



People during an air pollution protest in Nottingham city centre today (Saturday, January 27) (Image: Nottingham Post)

"There are solutions available, so active transport, public transport, not using wood burning stoves, having heat pumps, there are technologies available and with better government infrastructure and support we can make for a healthier life for everybody."

She continued to highlight what a good turnout the protest received, and added: "It is wonderful, I have to say since I've joined Extinction Rebellion Nottingham, I have found the most beautiful community of people who care about the people around them and care about each other.

"We're a respectful and supportive community. For me personally, it helps with my climate anxiety it helps me feel like I'm making a change, we've been working on this campaign for months so to see lots of people come it's a relief. I hope that it will make a big impact."

Another member of Extinction Rebellion Nottingham, 73-year-old Dorry Lake said: "We are here out of concern around the air quality which is dangerously high the levels of pollution we know a dangerously high way above the World Health Organisation (WHO) recommendations.

"We know that we're putting everyone at risk, particularly children and also we're highlighting the link between air pollution and fossil fuels because yet again we're in this place where for so many reasons.

"We need to phase out fossil fuels absolutely as fast as we can, that's why we're here and that's why Extinction Rebellion is doing this because the whole issue of moving away from fossil fuels as absolutely as fast as we can we're way over where we should regards tipping points in the climate, you know we're in a very dangerous place. We are in a really dangerous place."

Speaking about the protest, she said: "It's certainly a friendly atmosphere, it's a lovely atmosphere. There are some people we know and some people who are new who've obviously been touched by this issue and want to participate."

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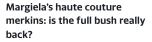
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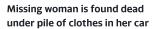


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joined a march in southern England on Saturday to protest the use of private jets and the expansion of an airport.

Hundreds of local residents and activists holding banners and placards that read "Ban Private Jets" marched to Farnborough Airport, which mostly serves private aircraft. Some beat drums while others lit pink smoke flares.

The airport, located in Hampshire County about 40 miles (64 kilometers) southwest of London, applied last year to increase its maximum number of flights from 50,000 to 70,000 a year.

Groups working to fight climate change, including the organizer of Saturday's protest, Extinction Rebellion, say private jets are much more polluting than commercial passenger airliners. Flights to and from Farnborough Airport carried an average of 2½ passengers per flight in 2022, the group said.

"It is clear that private jets are incompatible with ensuring present and future living conditions on this planet," Thunberg said in a video that Extinction Rebellion posted on social media.

"We're not going to let this continue. We're not going to let the rich few who are responsible for the majority of aviation emissions get away with sacrificing people and the planet," she added.

Farnborough Airport said that it was an important hub for business and corporate travel, and that it recognized the importance of reducing its environmental impact.

"The airport's environmental footprint is a fraction that of a traditional commercial airport, yet it serves as one of the largest employment sites in the region," it said in a statement.

Thunberg, 21, a Swedish environmental campaigner who inspired a global youth movement against climate change, is expected to appear at a court in London next week to face a public order offense

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Health professionals led a die-in protest in a call for an end to investment in fossil fuels.

Medics from the South West took their campaign to Plymouth city centre "to highlight the terrible impact of the climate emergency on people's health".

Doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and psychologists took part in the protest in which they tended to the shrouded "dead" and laid flowers.

A mock inquest then heard how climate change had contributed to these.



The action included climate campaigners Extinction Rebellion,

The action by an estimated 60 people including climate campaigners Extinction Rebellion, follows a report in a leading medical publication about how climate change is severely impacting people's health around the world.

Physiotherapist Alice Clevely, from Bristol, said: "We're telling people about how people are dying when they don't need to because of the way fossil fuels are warming the planet.

"Because we are there to look after people for their health and their wellbeing, we feel we have a duty of care to our patients and to the general public to warn about how the climate crisis is interacting and affecting people's health at a population level as well as an individual level."

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Medics said they have a "duty of care" to warn about the climate crisis and its effects on health

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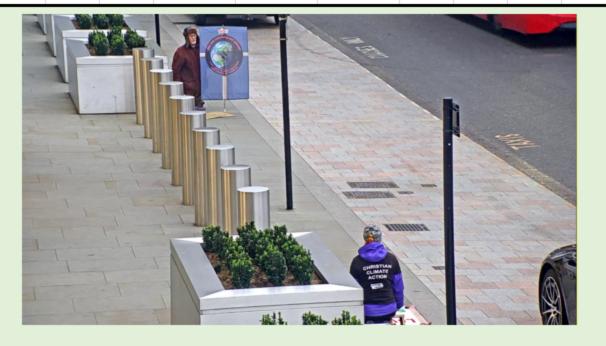
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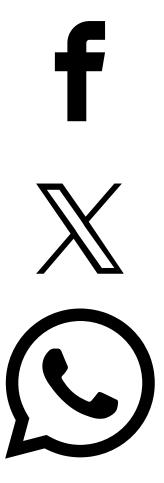


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Greenpeace activists dressed as Shell board members partied around a burning sign reading 'Your Future' at a mock party outside the Shell headquarters as the company announced it made £22.4 billion profit in 2023.

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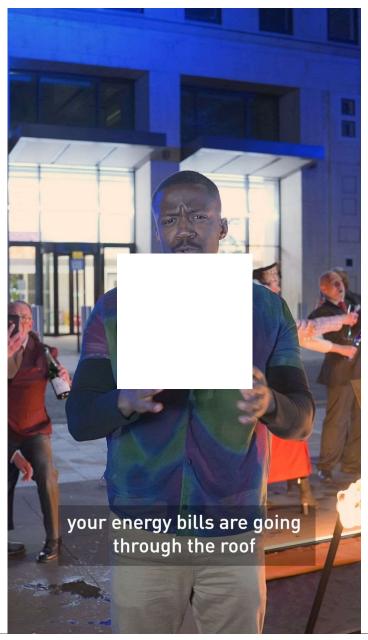
Greenpeace activists dressed as Shell board members partied around a burning sign reading 'Your Future' at a mock party outside the Shell headquarters as the

company announced it made £22.4 billion profit in 2023.

The action, which saw the smartly dressed execs neck champagne, fan wads of money in the air and dance a conga line around the burning sign, challenged the fossil fuel giant for posting massive profits made during a year of record global temperatures where extreme weather linked to the climate crisis wreaked havoc around the world. This included devastating cyclones in southern Africa and Myanmar and unprecedented wildfires across North America and Europe.



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Maja Darlington, Campaigner at Greenpeace UK, said:

"Fires are raging across Colombia, Britain has been wracked by floods, 2023 smashed global temperature records, but Shell is posting yet more obscene profits from climate-wrecking fossil fuels. While Shell shovels over \$20 billion to shareholders and drills for yet more oil and gas, climate disasters are multiplying and hitting hardest those who have done the least to cause the crisis.

"It's time to end the fossil fuel party. It would take the average British worker over 640,000 years to earn as much as Shell did last year. Our government must make oil companies like Shell stop drilling and start using their immense wealth to pay for the damage they are causing, before all our futures go up in flames."

Shell's profit announcement comes days after massive wildfires led to a state of emergency in Colombia, which has been attributed to climate change. January also saw some of the worst flooding the UK has witnessed in decades, with the Met Office warning that climate change will increase the likelihood and intensity of future floods. Climate change is estimated to cause economic losses of up to \$580 billion a year globally by 2050.

In light of the soaring costs of extreme weather, particularly for countries in the Global South whose contribution to climate change is often negligible, Greenpeace is calling for Shell and other oil giants to be made to pay into the Loss and Damage fund operationalised at the COP 28 climate talks last month. Shell's 2023 profit could cover the cost of Malawi's recovery from last March's Cyclone Freddy 41 times.

Since posting record profits in 2022, Shell CEO Wael Sawan has shredded the company's green strategy, abandoning planned production cuts, slashing investment and jobs from Shell's renewables division, ramping up gas production and exploring for new oil and gas. In November, Sawan promised shareholders 2023 payouts of at least \$23 billion, over six times as much as they planned to spend on renewables last year.

Shell also launched a multimillion dollar lawsuit against Greenpeace in late 2023 in response to a peaceful protest by the organisation earlier that year, in which activists occupied a moving oil platform to protest against the climate change loss and damage caused by Shell. Shell is demanding around \$1 million in damages, as well as legal costs that could rise into the millions; one of the biggest legal threats against Greenpeace in its more than 50-year history.



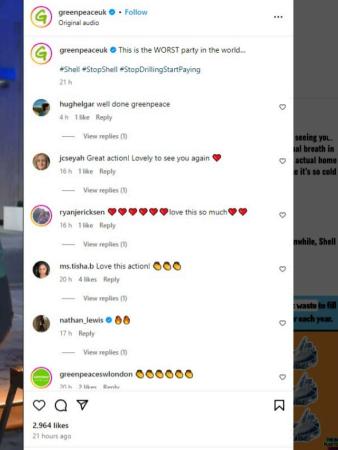
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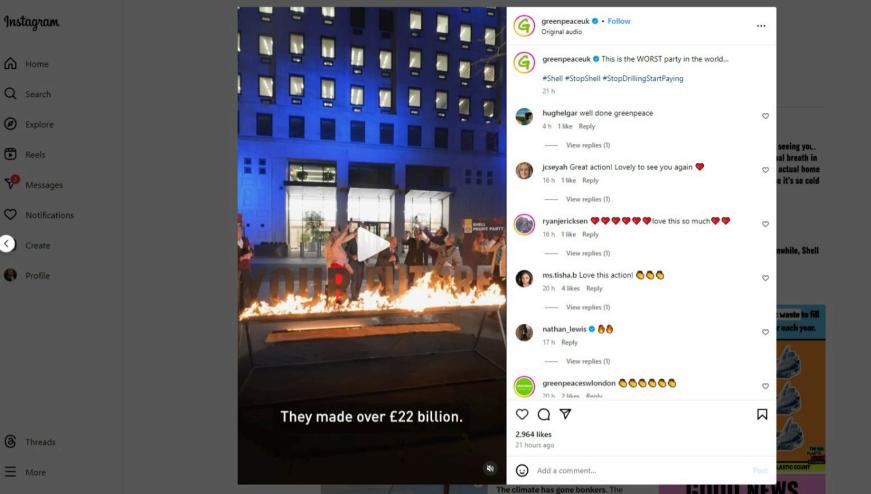
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Greta Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion disrupt event at London's Science Museum

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Greta Thunberg joins the protest at Science Museum over 'Oil and gas sponsorship'. Credit: PA

Climate campaigner **Greta Thunberg** joined eco protesters to stage a demonstration at the Science Museum in South Kensington on Thursday evening in a row over their sponsors.

Extinction Rebellion protesters interrrupted a panel talk organised at the event on predictions for 2024 by hanging banners that said "2024, more droughts, floods and deaths - fuelled by Science Museum oil and gas sponsors".

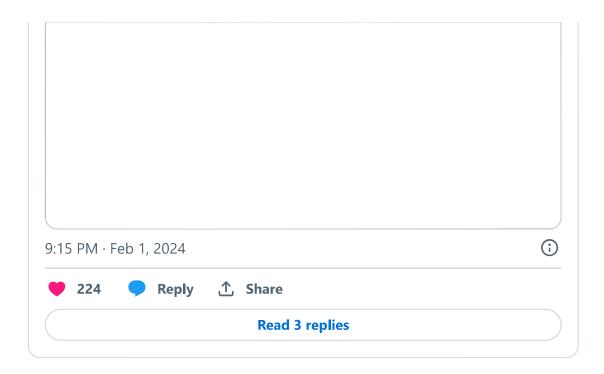
According to their website, the museum is setting out to discover "how the world can generate and use energy more sustainable to... limit climate change in our... gallery".

But some have criticised the operations of the coal giant, Adani, which sponsors the museum's Green



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After interrupting the talk, a microphone was handed to Thunberg where she addressed the event: "It is about time to practice what you preach... Adani recently invested \$16 billion in a new Australian coal mine. Is that what you stand for at the science museum?"

The Science Museum says the sponsorship deal is solely with Adani Green Energy, a renewablesfocused subsidiary.

Previously, it has also said that it "retains editorial control" within its galleries and exhibitions in any deals signed.

It came on the same day the 21-year-old appeared at Westminster Magistrates' court after previously denying breaching the Public Order Act 1986.

She is accused of breaching sections 14 of the act by blocking the entrance to the InterContinental Hotel in Mayfair on 17 October last year while oil executives attended an Energy Intelligence Forum inside.

She appeared at court with two Fossil Free protesters and two Greenpeace activists. All five pleaded not guilty on Thursday. The trial is due to conclude on Friday.

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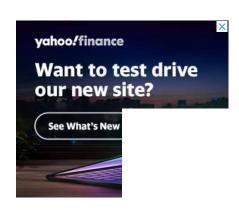


Climate and pro-Palestine campaigners staged a protest pretending to be dead outside Barclays on Above Bar Street (Image: Extinction Rebellion)

Climate and pro-Palestine campaigners staged a protest pretending to be dead outside a Southampton bank.

Last Saturday, protesters from Extinction Rebellion and Palestine Solidarity Campaign lay outside Barclays on Above Bar Street to rail against the bank's alleged 'funding of fossil fuel expansion and companies that manufacture weapons being used by the Israeli military'.

The 'die-in' tactic was intended to draw attention to the deaths resulting from climate change and the war in Gaza – both of which they claim are being funded by Barclays.



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Daily Echo: Climate and pro-Palestine campaigners staged a protest pretending to be dead outside Barclays on Above Bar Street

Climate and pro-Palestine campaigners staged a protest pretending to be dead outside Barclays on Above Bar Street (Image: Extinction Rebellion)

The Palestine Solidarity Campaign claims to have done research which suggests the bank has invested in companies used by Israel in the war in Gaza.

They also claim Barclays is the biggest fossil fuel funder of any UK bank.

Activists are now calling on Barclays customers to boycott the bank on February 9, as part of a national campaign by Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

A spokesperson for the campaign said: "We're asking everyone with a Barclays account to pledge to close it on a single day, Friday 9 February 2024, to have the most impact."



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Solicitor general urged to drop prosecutions of jury rights activists

Letter signed by hundreds of activists criticises minister for starting contempt of court action against activist Trudi Warner

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Hundreds of people who have protested outside UK courts in recent months are urging the new solicitor general to stop legal action against activists reminding juries of their right not to convict.

A letter being delivered on Monday to the Ministry of Justice criticises Robert Courts, who started his role just before Christmas, for serving papers on 68-year-old Trudi Warner, beginning the formal process of having her prosecuted with contempt of court.

Warner was charged last year for holding a sign outside Inner London crown court spelling out the right of a jury to acquit a defendant based on their conscience. The statement referred to a famous marble plaque in the Old Bailey celebrating the independence of jurors in the "Bushel's case" of 1670, where a jury refused a judge's direction to find defendants guilty.

Warner was protesting over restrictions in climate activist cases, imposed by Judge Reid, which prevented defendants from mentioning climate change, insulation or fuel poverty in front of a jury.

The prosecutions have inspired a succession of escalating protests across the UK under the banner Defend Our Juries. In December, more than 500 people sat outside courts all over the country holding similar signs while administrative staff, lawyers, judges, jury members and the public queued to get through security.

Protesters were also present outside the trial of Extinction Rebellion co-founder Gail Bradbrook, who was given a 15-month suspended sentence in December for criminal damage.

Several sign-holding protesters, including Laura Kaarina Korte and Indigo Rumbelow, have been arrested and interviewed but no other charges have been levied. Most of those involved have not faced any consequences for their actions.

The 300 signatories of the latest letter describe the decision to prosecute Warner as an attack on free speech and democracy. "In response to such violations of constitutional principle ... a broad alliance from civil society has emerged, consisting of members of the public, lawyers, academics and other professionals," they say.

Dr Clive Dolphin, speaking on behalf of Defend Our Juries, said jurors are some of the few people in the criminal justice system who can apply their conscience, but they can only do that if they have all the facts.

He added that the issue went far beyond climate change. "There are all sorts of places where it's important to understand someone's motivation. So once you pervert the criminal justice system to allow you to crack down on protesters for the environment ... that affects a whole swathe of criminal justice procedures."

Civil liberty campaigners have said Warner's prosecution is part of a growing government crackdown on the right to protest, and last month the UN special rapporteur Michel Forst condemned the UK's approach.

Activists have also expressed concern about the inconsistency with which protest cases are being tried. The signatories to the new letter write that, if the solicitor general stands by his decision to prosecute Warner, then he should do the same to everyone who held similar signs.

Courts was appointed solicitor general in December, replacing Michael Tomlinson. He welcomed the UK setting a net zero target in 2019 but has voted against numerous other measures to tackle climate breakdown and is now fighting the development of a large solar farm in his constituency.

The government has continued to try to restrict what protesters can say in court. The attorney general recently asked the court of appeal to review whether climate protesters can make the argument of "consent" in court, a hearing on which is being held later this month.

This is understood to be a direct reference to a November trial in which a jury cleared nine women of criminal damage for breaking the windows of HSBC's headquarters in London. The judge allowed them to argue that they truly believed HSBC's shareholders would have agreed to their actions if they had known the scale of the climate crisis and the bank's contribution to it.

Similar arguments have been used by Palestine Action activists on trial for targeting Israel's largest private weapons company.

The latest move by the attorney general echoes a court of appeal ruling that restricted criminal damage defences after the acquittal of four people who toppled a statue of the slave trader Edward Colston in Bristol.

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Climate activists block 'world's most congested road' in day of protest

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Climate activists took to a high street on Saturday to protest against soaring levels of pollution.

Members of Extinction Rebellion Wandsworth created a blockade at the junction of Putney High Street and Upper Richmond Road, armed with banners which read Air Pollution Kills and End Fossil Fuels Now.

The A219, which passes along Putney High Street, has been labelled the world's most congested road, according to a report by transport research company INRIX.

The council's latest air pollution report from 2022 shows particulate matter (PM10) – an air pollutant caused by car emissions – recorded in Putney High Street show an average of 20 ugm3 for 2022. The World Health Organisation's (WHO) safe level for PM10 is 15 ugm3.

Polluted air has been linked to many health problems in children, including reduced lung capacity and asthma.

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Protesters block the junction holding a banner which reads "Air Pollution Kills" (Picture: Extinction Rebellion)

Climate activist Diana McCann, 70, who lives 10 minutes from Putney High Street, said: "During rush hours, the levels will be higher.

"These are the times when most people are around either in cars or as pedestrians and cyclists and breathing air that's way, way over the mean annual level, which is already well over the WHO guidance levels."























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Two protest groups staged simultaneous demonstrations outside a Barclays bank on Saturday.

At the branch in Reading activists from Extinction Rebellion campaigned against the banks investment in fossil fuels.

Meanwhile opponents of the war in Gaza highlighted alleged links between Barclays and the arms trade.

Barclays previously said it will no longer fund new oil or gas projects. The BBC has contacted the bank for a response.



Activists from Extinction Rebellion campaigned against the banks investment in fossil fuels

On Friday Barclays announced it stop directly financing energy clients' new oil and gas projects.

Laura Barlow, Group Head of Sustainability, said: "Addressing climate change is a critical and complex challenge.

"We continue to work with our energy clients as they decarbonise and support their efforts to transition in a manner that is just, orderly and addresses energy security.

"Today we strengthen our commitment to the energy transition, with policies that will focus our capital and resources to the energy companies that play a key role in the transition."

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to put pressure, to get them to tighten up the statements, and improve their strategy.

"But yeah, it feels like a win for activism."



Razwan was protesting outside Barclays as he claims they are investing in weapons companies that are assisting the war in Gaza

Unconnected protestors in Reading, and at other branches, were highlighting the bank's links with defence companies.

Razwan is one of the activists, he said: "Ask the banks themselves, because of their ethical reporting, they have to report on this, and it's there very clearly, that they're investing in weapons companies.

"Those weapons are killing civilians."

Barclays says it has clear policies on investments in defence, what it will and will not support.

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Protesters march through York calling for action against pollution in Ouse

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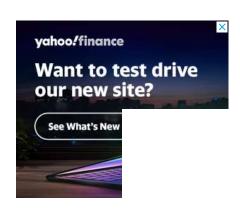
Protesters march over Ouse Bridge and along High Ousegate (Image: Dylan Connell)

Dozens of protesters marched through the centre of York today (Saturday, February 10) calling for action against pollution in the River Ouse.

The protesters – many members of Extinction Rebellion York – held banners calling for Yorkshire Water to act and reduce the amount of raw sewage in the river.

A Yorkshire Water spokesperson said the company is investing £180 million by April 2050 to limit the amount of flood water entering rivers after storms.

Protesters were due to sail down the Ouse from Lendal Bridge to Tower Gardens.



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Protesters march along Lendal Bridge (Image: Dylan Connell)

But flooding meant they had to go by foot.

Police officers escorted the group and stopped traffic to let them pass.



York Press: Extinction Rebellion members at the start of the march outside York City Rowing Club

Extinction Rebellion members at the start of the march outside York City Rowing Club (Image: Dylan Connell)

Former City of York Council transport boss Andy D'Agorne was among those protesting.

"I'm here today to protest about the state of our rivers and the lack of investment from private water companies, which means that we still have the situation of raw sewage coming into our water when we have storms like we regularly get in York," he told The Press.

"It's a regular problem across the city but particularly in areas where there's limited capacity for storm run off or for the sewers themselves." HOME MAIL NEWS FINANCE SPORT CELEBRITY STYLE WEATHER MORE...

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York Press: Former City of York Council transport boss Andy D'Agorne during the march

Former City of York Council transport boss Andy D'Agorne during the march (Image: Dylan Connell)

On whether Yorkshire Water is doing enough to address the issue, Mr D'Agorne said: "I don't think so. I'm aware that it's not something that can be sorted overnight.

"On a national level we have privatised water companies which, if we're lucky, get fined for the impact they have on the rivers but then that just comes out of our water charges.

"There's no real pressure on them to address the investment, to have 21st century solutions."

'You should be able to enjoy the river without becoming ill' - protester

Laura Autumn Cox, Extinction Rebellion York member, was

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A People are holding signs outside Isleworth Crown Court today, reminding jurors of their absolute right to acquit a defendant according to their conscience.

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Hundreds of Christians begin 240-hour climate change protest outside Parliament

Activists will swap in and out every few hours to ensure a round-the-clock presence.





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Hundreds of Christian climate activists have begun a 240-hour vigil of protest and prayer outside <u>Parliament</u> in a bid to fight for "climate justice".

Protesters assembled in front of Carriage Gates, <u>New Palace Yard</u>, on Wednesday – the first of a 10-day occupation which will see activists swap in and out every few hours to ensure a round-the-clock presence.



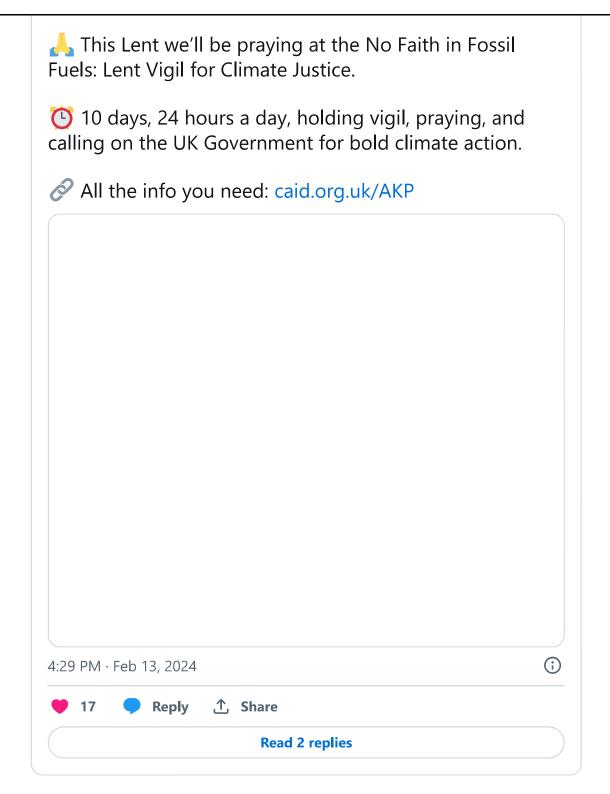
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They said they want "bold climate action" by the Government, including moving away from the use of oil and gas, reparation payments for damage caused by climate change in the Global South, and investment in green policies.





Ruth Jarman, information officer at Green Christian, said: "There's a massive climate crisis that is putting all of God's creation at risk and all our children's futures at risk, in the Global South particularly.

"As Christians, the first thing you do when you have a problem is to pray and that's what we're doing."



the Salvation Army and Christian Aid.

Wednesday was the first day of Lent, the Christian period of reflection and religious observance which lasts for 40 days.

The Bishop of Kingston, Martin Gainsborough, and the Bishop of Reading, Olivia Graham, were at the Westminster demonstration, while environmentalist and Green Christian patron Sir Jonathon Porritt attended an Ash Wednesday church service in <u>Waterloo</u>, which marked the beginning of the vigil.

David Coleman, a minister in the United Reformed Church and "ecochaplain", said the religious element of the protest was important.

He said: "Our scriptures and traditions are a spiritual response to threat, oppression and crisis.

"I think we're building a sort of spiritual resilience."

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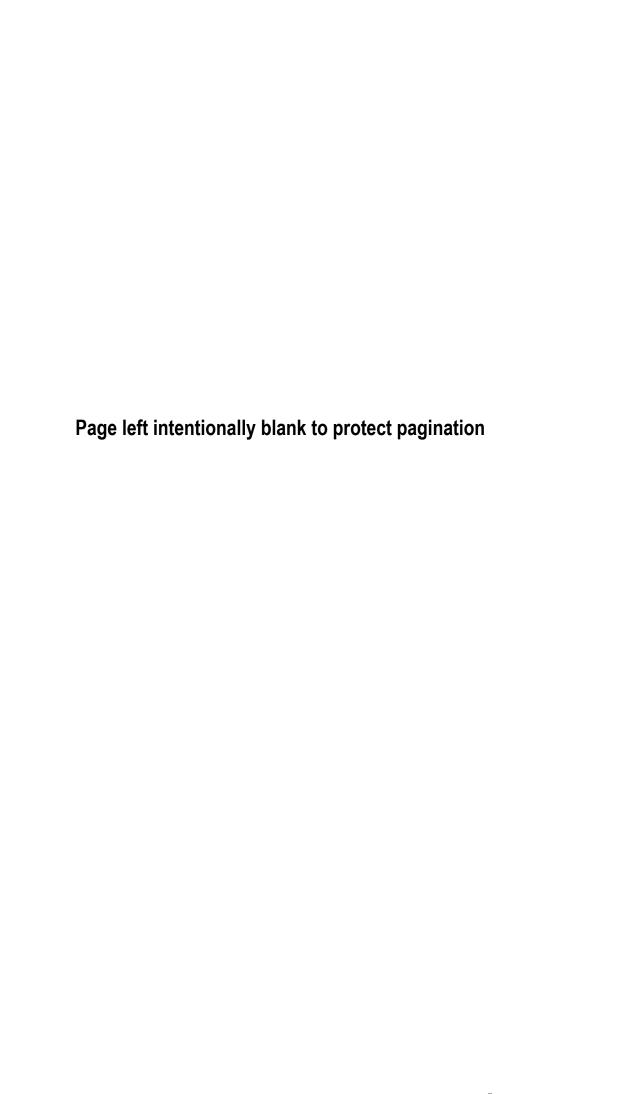


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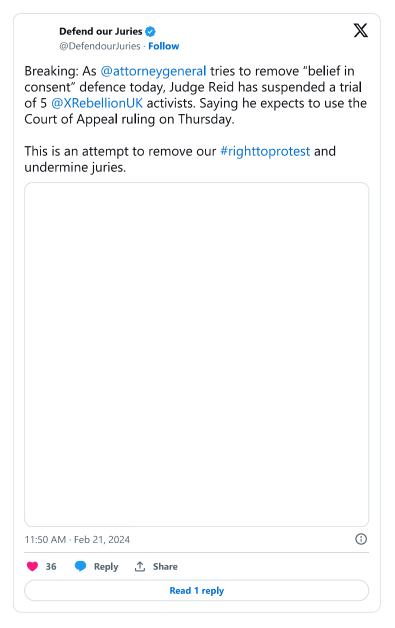
The Assembly has been prompted by the Attorney General's application, being heard in court, to stop juries acquitting people taking direct action against climate change and for peace in Gaza. You can read more about the case here.



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Judge Reid, who is currently hearing a trial of Extinction Rebellion activists at Inner London Crown Court which would be affected by the ruling, said on Monday 19 February he was 'hopeful' the Court of Appeal would reach a decision today (despite that being unusual for the Court of Appeal).

However, at 11:50am on 21 February Reid suspended the Extinction Rebellion case – saying he wanted to wait for the outcome in the Court of Appeal. As campaign group Defend Our Juries noted on X:



The <u>Court of Appeal hearing on the Attorney General's case</u> will also include consideration of the wider legal landscape, including the:

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- Lack of legal accountability for the bosses of the banks responsible for the financial crisis of 2008.
- Bosses of the oil and water companies that have caused so much destruction to our land, air and waters.
- Ministers responsible for violations of international agreements, including the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, the Refugee Convention, and UN rulings on Gaza.

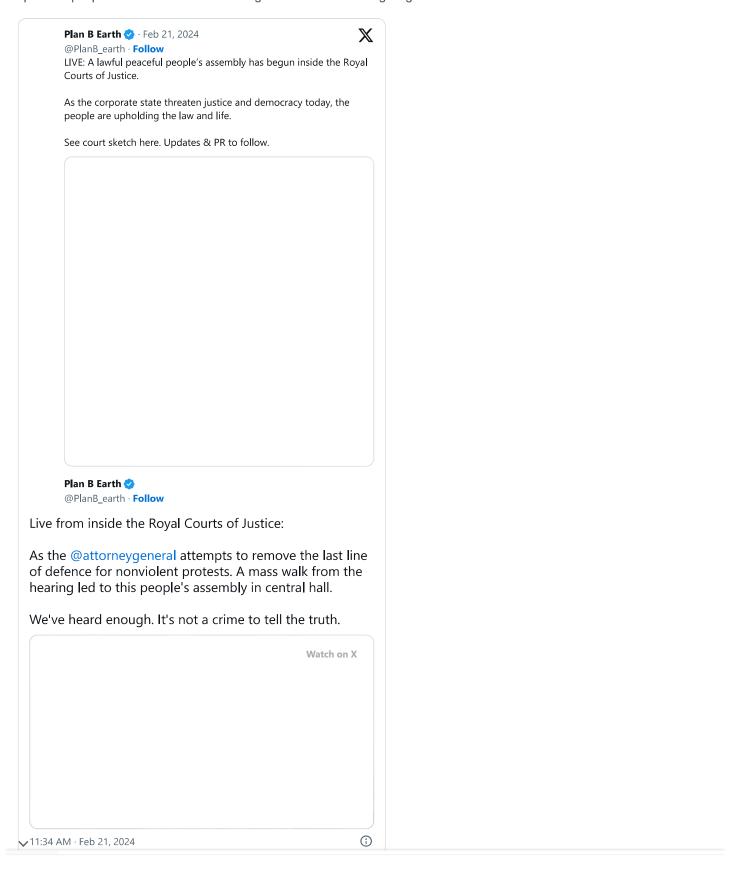
Occupying the Royal Courts of Justice

The three themes of the assembly reflected the <u>three cases of far-reaching significance</u> which are being heard simultaneously at the Royal Courts of Justice on 21 February:

The Attorney General's attempt to stop juries reaching not guilty verdicts in trials of those taking direct action to support

At 11:11am, in remembrance of the democratic freedoms our grandparents fought for, over 100 citizens quietly stood up and left the public gallery of courtroom four in the Royal Courts of Justice (and a spillover court), as the court deliberated on removing the last remaining legal defence currently left open to people taking direct action for the environment and for peace. Those people have now reconvened together in the central hall of the courts.

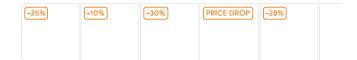
In an expression of authentic justice and democracy, members of the public then held three people's assemblies, providing a space for people to discuss the issues arising from the court hearings together:



People's Assemblies are used around the world successfully by local authorities, governments, and communities to present issues of public relevance and gain agreement on actions or decisions needed. On Sunday, it was announced that the Labour Party likewise plans to introduce Citizens Assemblies.

The concerned members of the public have formed three Citizens Juries to consider the following questions:

1) When did it become a crime to tell the truth?

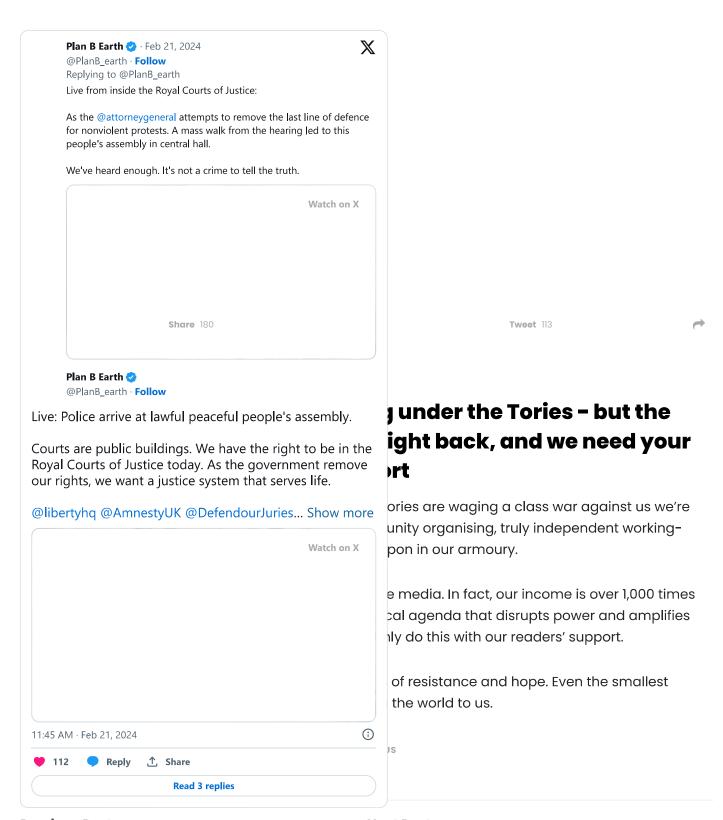


- 2) Why not trust juries to hear the full story?
- 3) Does the British Government respect International Law? Each court will produce a judgement, which will be circulated to members of the press.

So far, no arrests at the Royal Courts of Justice

The People's Assembly at the Royal Courts of Justice was entirely lawful and peaceful, and did not intend to cause disruption to the ordinary running of the court. Participants circulated a note to court staff explaining there was no intention to disrupt any court activity, but only to conduct a lawful and peaceful assembly. They indicated an intention to remain in place until the assembly has concluded.

As of 12pm on 21 February, there had been no arrests - despite participants risking this. Police had arrived:



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The rule of law means that no-one should be above the law, even if they are rich and powerful. But what we're seeing in reality is that the bosses of the big banks and corporations such Fujitsu, or BP and Thames Water are as untouchable as the crime hosses in a maffa state - no matter the



Extinction Rebellion sends 'message from the heart' to global insurance leaders

February 22, 2024 by Extinction Rebellion

'Be climate heroes or we'll expose you as climate zeroes'

Hundreds of top insurance bosses were sent an ultimatum by letter yesterday as Extinction Rebellion gears up to join a week of protests in the City of London and in towns and cities across the UK and across the world

Thousands of activists from XR and a host of other organisations and movements are expected to flood into the City from Monday (February 26) to demand that leading insurers pull the plug on the fossil fuel crooks by refusing to insure new and existing oil, gas and coal projects and infrastructure.

Chidi Obihara, of Extinction Rebellion said: "Just 20 companies insure 70% of fossil fuel projects. Many of these companies are based in the City of London, or in cities and towns across the UK. They have the power to pull the plug on the fossil fuel crooks once and for all. To play a huge role in saving us all from a future of drought, famines, killer storms and heatwayes and war.

"The letter that we sent to the leaders of the insurance industry in the UK yesterday offers them the chance to be climate heroes rather than the targets of mass protests that will severely damage their reputations. We really hope that they read it and do the right thing."

The letter sent by Extinction Rebellion yesterday to CEOs, senior underwriters, and chief actuaries at more than 40 insurance firms in the City of London reads:

We're writing to you from the heart to offer you and your business the opportunity to be the climate heroes that millions of us desperately need you to be in these times of terrifying and rapidly accelerating crisis.

You and your colleagues possess an amazing and quite unique superpower. You could simply refuse to underwrite new and existing oil, gas and coal projects and infrastructure – and stop the global fossil fuel industry that is causing the climate crisis in its tracks.

Immediately, companies such as Total and Adani would be left to face the full financial risk of 'carbon bomb' projects including the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) and the West Cumbria coal mine (1) – and thus be unable to push ahead with them.

At a stroke, you would give all of us a fighting chance of avoiding global temperature rises that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres predict will plunge us into a future of deadly droughts, famines, killer storms and heatwaves, war and societal collapse. (2)

At the same time, you will save your own industry from destruction. Louise Pryor, Chair of the Ecology Building Society and a past President of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries, warns rising losses from the increasing numbers and severity of climate-related disasters could soon destroy your business model.

We know that you know this.

But we also know that you are currently refusing to pull the plug on the discovery, production and distribution of oil, gas and coal because you are focused on short-term thinking and profits.

You have been able to do this until now because your pivotal role in greenlighting the

exploration and exploitation of new and existing oil and gas reserves has gone largely unnoticed by the public, unremarked by the media, and ignored by the politicians.

But this is about to change.

On February 26, we will begin to shine the full spotlight of public scrutiny and media attention on your complicity in creating the greatest and deadliest crisis that humanity has ever faced.

There will be a week of protests and actions in the City of London and in cities and towns across the UK in which we will target the businesses that are insuring climate chaos and ecological destruction.

At the same time, insurers who continue to insure the fossil fuel industry will face at least 33 actions in 24 cities around the world by other groups and movements

Currently your business is on a list of potential UK targets for protest. This means that your activities in the fossil fuel sector could be made dramatically public and that you could be subjected to huge reputational damage and consequent revenue loss.

But it doesn't have to be that way.

We have three demands to make of you:

- 1. Stop enabling fossil fuels: immediately cease insuring new and expanding oil and gas projects
- 2. Respect human rights: only insure projects that respect the human rights of all, and have the informed consent of Indigenous Peoples and communities
- 3. Support a just transition: increase industry support for renewables, frontline communities, and those in energy-crisis.

Tell us that you will meet these demands by midnight on Sunday February 25 and we will remove your business from our list of potential targets for protest.

It's a decision that will safeguard the future of your business as climate-related losses soar, put you on the right side of history, and earn you the thanks and respect of everyone alive today, and of generations yet to be born.

We hope that you will decide that a liveable planet for all of us is more important than the pursuit of profit at all costs, and use your power of veto to halt the fossil fuel juggernaut before it crushes all that we hold dear.

We look forward to your reply.

Extinction Rebellion UK

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[1] Carbon bombs set to trigger catastrophic climate breakdown:

https://www.theguardian.com/environment/ng-interactive/2022/may/11/fossil-fuel-carbon-bombs-climate-breakdown-oil-gas

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Time has almost entirely run out to address the climate and ecological crisis which is upon us, including the sixth mass species extinction, global pollution, and increasingly rapid climate change. If urgent and radical action isn't taken, we're heading towards 4°C warming, leading to societal collapse and mass loss of life. The younger generation, racially marginalised communities and the Global South are on the front-line. No-one will escape the devastating impacts.

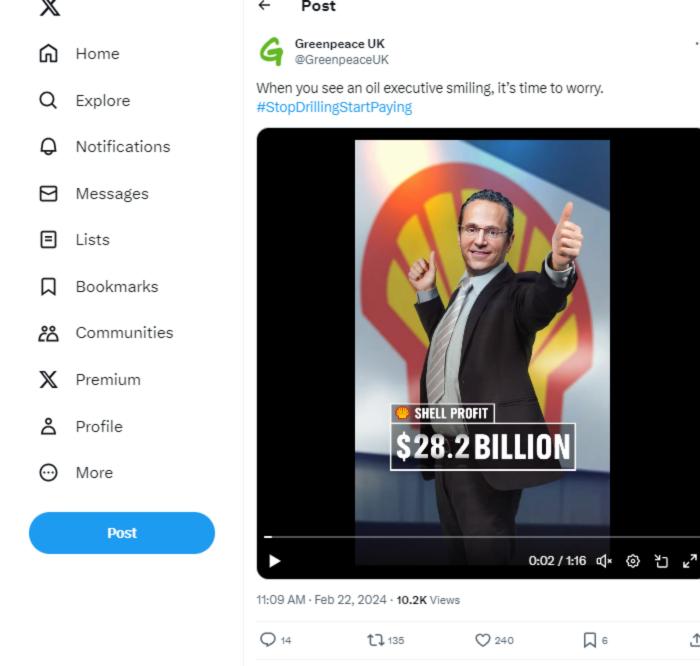
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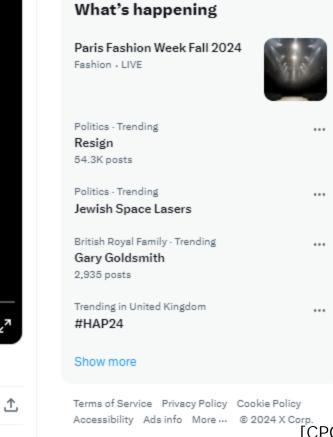
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Just Stop Oil and Palestine protests at Oxford Labour fundraiser

On the 23rd of February, a fundraising event by Labour MP Anneliese Dodds taking place in Cowley was met with protests from various activist groups, including Just Stop Oil (JSO) and other organisations in support of Palestine.

Anneliese Dodds is a Labour MP for Oxford East since 2017, and is also Chair of the Labour Party and Shadow Secretary for Women and Equalities.

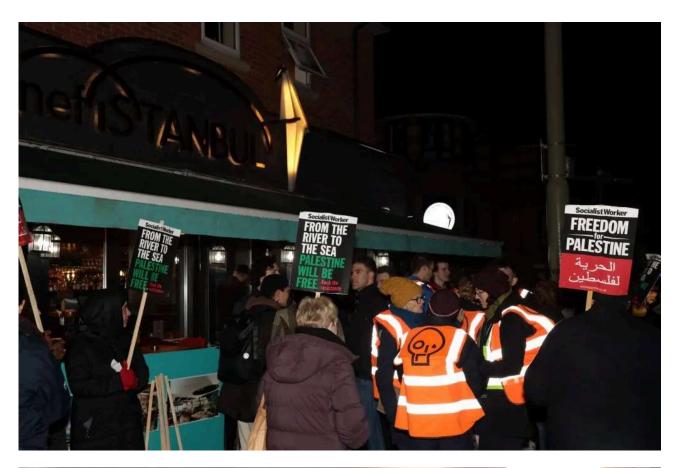
The protest started around 6.15, with various demonstrators holding pro-Palestine signs and wearing JSO high-vis jackets. Protesters were blocking the pavement, and around 10 police officers were initially present on scene.

Chants included "Labour Party you can't hide you're supporting genocide", repeated with "Keir Starmer" and "Anneliese Dodds", "Brick by brick, wall by wall, Israeli apartheid has to fall", "Resistance is justified when people are occupied", and "Israel, UK, USA: how many kids did you kill today?".

Dodds was heckled when she arrived around half an hour later, with protesters chanting "shame on you" and being instructed by police officers to stop banging the barriers outside the restaurant. The number of protesters grew to over 40, with a little under 15 police officers on site.

Just Stop Oil protester chants "Stop Tory Oil" were quickly drowned out by pro-Palestine chants, with passerby disapproving JSO and telling them to "grow up." An Oxford student from JSO then made a speech, saying he was here in "solidarity" with the other campaigns.

He stated that the Labour party were "cowards" for "watching a genocide unfold in Gaza", and that "everybody in the Labour leadership is cowardly spineless or pure evil." He demanded that Dodds calls for immediate ceasefire, that Labour calls for an arms embargo on Israel, that Labour commit to restoring the £28bn green pledge it had cut two weeks ago, and that Labour commit to revoking oil and gas licences.







Around 8pm, two student protesters inside the restaurant stoop up on tables, holding a Just Stop Oil banner and a Palestinian flag respectively. The demonstrators then spoke to Dodds and the police, and left the restaurant a few minutes later, joining the protest outside.

The protesters reportedly handed a letter with claims from JSO to Dodds, and one of them said "We know that all genocide is interlinked. We know that all this human suffering is interlinked and we have to stand up against it."

Dodds then attempted to calm the protesters down, saying "we say we don't want any new licences" and that she was "really happy to have a chat" with them.

Dodds accepted the letter from the protesters which was handed to her by a police officer saying "Just give me the letter", to which a demonstrator replied "Can we have a conversation about this at some point? That would be really helpful. Thank you."

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Protestors march again calling for a "ceasefire now" in Gaza

Protestors gathered again in Oxford on Saturday to call for a "ceasefire now". The protest, organised by "Help the World Oxford", Oxford Palestine Society and others, is the latest in a series of demonstrations in Oxford demanding a ceasefire in Gaza. Over 1,000 people joined the march between Cowley and...

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A petrol can was reportedly thrown over one of Central Oxford Mosque's walls on 28th October in what has been classified as a "hate crime" by police. Central Oxford Mosque issued a statement about the attack, which was reposted by Shaista Aziz, ex-councillor for Oxford Labour, on Twitter. It describes...

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Anneliese Dodds MEP selected for Oxford East

South East MEP Anneliese Dodds has been selected as Labour's candidate for the Oxford East Constituency for the forthcoming general election. Last week, the sitting MP Andrew Smith announced that he would be standing down ahead of the snap election after 30 years of service. In a message to local...

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Fossil fuel investment protest outside RadCam

The Oxford Climate Justice Campaign (OCJC) protested the University of Oxford's fossil fuel investments outside the Radcliffe Camera on February 23rd.

The Oxford Student reported last week that the University had increased its indirect fossil fuel investments through its endowment fund OUem by around £31.2 million in 2022, an increase of over £12m in one year.

The protest took place in Radcliffe Square at 2pm on Friday, with around 15-20 demonstrators present. Protesters handed out leaflets to passersby, and posed with signs and a banner calling for divestment.

The signs and banners read "OUem is burning our future", "Oxford University greenwashing", and "Oily Oxford."

The leaflet stated that "more than 1 in every £200 the University invests is still going to the likes of Shell, ExxonMobil and BP," which "amounts to over £30 million." It also read that "Oxford's ethical investment activity (ESG engagements) has sharply declined," and called for students to "take action now" by emailing University leadership "urging them to stop rolling back ethical investment commitments."

The organisers of the protest from OCJC commented that "the fact that fossil fuel investments have gone up is pretty shocking," and that it was "important to make people aware" and to "keep the tension on this important issue."

The Oxford Climate Justice Campaign also urged Vice-Chancellor Irene Tracey to "take meaningful action on this."

Elliot (Riz) Possnett, SU presidential candidate, was present at the protest and commented that "the University should not still be investing in fossil fuels", and that it was "banking on the…existential threat of our generation." Possnett added that there is "so much more they [the University] need to do – this is the least they can", and that "we [students] are paying for the worst things you can imagine by going here [Oxford University]."

Mia Clement, VP Activities and Community of the Oxford SU, was also at the demonstration. She had previously commented on the issue, stating: "Students will be disappointed to see this decrease in ethical engagement, the absence of a clear strategy for escalating such engagements, and significantly increased active investment in fossil fuels."

The University has been under mounting criticism for failing to sever ties with the fossil fuels industry, notably with Just Stop Oil painting the Radcliffe Camera orange in October, and a report showing Oxford accepted £1.2m in funding from fossil fuel companies in 2022.

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Fossil fuel protests mount

Oxford students and activists toured a series of historic Oxford colleges and landmarks to protest against the University's continuing reliance on fossil fuels, while over 100 Oxford academics and 2000 students have signed an open letter requesting the University to take urgent steps to divest from fossil fuels. This comes...

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Extinction Rebellion will be at the forefront of a week-long campaign, focused on the City of London plus actions across the UK. At the same time as @CoalAction Network. #MothersRiseUp, Quakers in Britain , #StopEACOP | Stop the East African Crude Oil Pipeline and Tipping Point, we will be targeting the global insurance industry – the people who could stop the fossil fuel crooks in their tracks overnight if they wanted to.

Because no insurance = no more drilling for oil and gas

Tuesday 27th Feb:

10:30: Insure Our Future Rally, meet at Aldgate Square, outside Aldgate tube station. Join us on the second day of actions in the City of London, where all the dirty insurance deals are being brokered. Expect education, entertainment, love and rage! 14:00: Community Assembly – Leadenhall Building "How do we Insure our Future?"

Wednesday 28th Feb:

10:30: Insurance Mayhem – Wednesday Showstopper. meet at Trinity Square Gardens, London. Nearest tube Tower Hill. Wear business attire. Black suits with white shirts, preferably!

Thursday 29th Feb:

11:30: Climate Justice = Palestine Solidarity, Join this low-risk demo to demand insurers take action to respect human rights. Meet at Lloyds of London

Actions across the UK, including Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, Leicester, Gloucester, Bristol, Brighton, Hastings, Oxford & more.

Whether you can come for a day or the whole week, book time off and head for the financial heart of darkness, equipped with love, rage and creativity in your rebel heart.

Ensure you join the Insurance Week of Action Telegram chat to keep up to date with action briefings and trainings, latest information and connect with others attending the protests

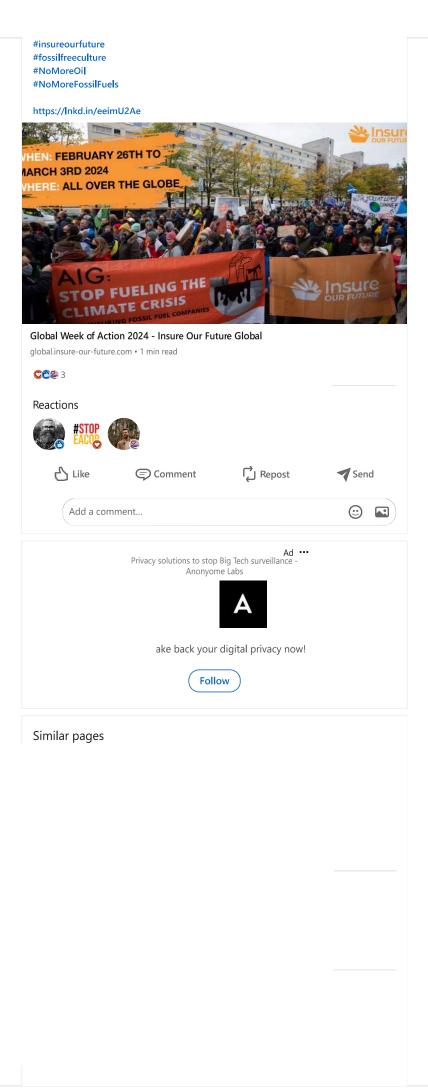
There will be roving rallies, moving between different City of London targets – with all of XR's usual playfulness and theatrics. There will be creative ways for everyone to participate.

There will be street performers and speeches, the famous XR art blocking, Paint the Streets, and People's Assemblies - where anybody who wants to can have their voice heard on how we tackle the climate and ecological crisis.

On Wednesday we're expecting a short march through the City to our target, where rebels will be invited to take part in a symbolic and creative action.

We will be staying agile, ready to take our demands, our energy, music and determination elsewhere in the Square Mile, to support all the rebels engaging in nonviolent direct action.

Because in addition to all of this, we will be doing the critical work of disrupting, challenging and calling out the City of London firms most responsible for providing bp, Shell, and their oily pals with the insurance they need to keep drilling and burning.



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UK: Climate activists plan demonstrations in central London, Feb. 27-29

Climate activists plan multiple protests in central London, UK, Feb. 27-29. Heightened security, traffic disruptions likely.

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Climate activists led by Extinction Rebellion (XR) plan a series of protests in central London, Feb. 27-29. The activist group will target businesses associated with fossil fuels, to demand reduced investment in the oil and gas sector. The campaign "Insure Our Future", Feb. 27-March 1, will focus on insurance businesses with ties to fossil fuel extraction. Other climate groups will act in coordination with XR. The following events are planned:

- Feb. 27: Rally at Aldgate Square, 10:30.
- Feb. 28: Rally at Trinity Square Gardens, 10:30.
- Feb. 29: Rally combining climate demands and solidarity with Palestinians will gather at Lloyds of London, Lime Street, 11:30.
- March 1: XR plans further events outside London, across the UK. Details remain unclear.

As well as insurance companies, the protesters will likely target other financial institutions linked to fossil fuel investment, oil and gas businesses, and research and cultural institutions associated with fossil fuel sponsorship. It is possible that the group may also target the International Energy Week conference to be held Feb. 27-29 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Park Lane, although there is no evidence of this intention.

It is unlikely that XR will initiate or condone any dangerous, damaging, or violent action. However, it is possible that the events could be joined by more militant activists, who may engage in more disruptive activity such as spraying paint over buildings (a tactic used by Just Stop Oil), attempting physical breaches of buildings, other acts of vandalism, or intimidating behavior towards employees.

Police will likely deploy to all actions and attempt to prevent or disperse demonstrations that are likely to cause significant disruption. Heightened security and likely road closures may prompt localized travel disruptions. Clashes are unlikely as XR advocates non-violent civil disobedience; however, there have previously been instances of scuffles with frustrated motorists.



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Activists target City insurers over fossil fuels amid week of global action

Protesters gathered outside and in the lobbies of six London insurance companies.





XR protest in London Protesters hold a sign outside the offices of Probitas in London (DENISE LAURA BAKER)

By Rebecca Speare-Cole, PA sustainability reporter

Extinction Rebellion (XR) protesters have targeted the offices of insurance firms in the City of London as part of a week-long global action against fossil fuel coverage.

The co-ordinated campaign – Insure Our Future's Global Week of Action – will see dozens of events staged in cities across 27 countries, including London, New York, Tokyo and Zurich, to highlight the role of the insurance industry in the climate crisis.

The XR protest comes as one of a string of events planned in London over the week, involving the campaign groups Mothers Rise Up, Tipping Point UK, StopEACOP, Quakers UK, Coal Action Network and Eko.

XR protesters gathered outside, and in the lobbies, of five insurance firms' offices in London on Tuesday: Tokio Marine Kiln in Fenchurch Street; Probitas 1492 in Leadenhall Street; Talbot in Threadneedle Street; Zurich Insurance in Mark Lane; and Travelers in Creechurch Place.



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They held signs reading: "Don't insure fossil fuels, insure our future", and "no cover for climate chaos".

The group said it was staging an "indefinite occupation" in the lobbies until bosses agree to talk to them about their decision to keep insuring oil and gas.

Liz Pendleton, an Extinction Rebellion campaigner, said: "We are here to engage constructively with insurance bosses about their decision to insure the fossil fuel crooks wrecking the climate.

"We're staying until they come down and talk to us."



Protesters also targeted the offices of Travellers Insurance. (Jonathan Vines/Extinction Rebellion) Protesters also targeted the offices of Travellers Insurance. (Jonathan Vines/Extinction Rebellion)



"It's very simple. No insurance equals no drilling. No insurance equals no digging," she said.

"So these companies have a superpower that could give us all a fighting chance of a liveable future."

It comes after Quakers in Britain held an interfaith vigil outside the Lloyd's of London headquarters on Monday morning followed by Mothers Rise Up – a group of mothers who campaign for climate action – staging an orchestral street show.



Protesters in the lobby of 20 Fenchurch Street to target insurer Tokio Marine. (Gareth Morris/Extinction Rebellion) Protesters in the lobby of 20 Fenchurch Street to target insurer Tokio Marine. (Gareth Morris/Extinction Rebellion)

Mothers Rise Up said they were calling for the insurance marketplace to cease coverage for new fossil fuel projects and for a rapid phase-down of existing fossil fuel projects in line with a 1.5C pathway.

More than 30 dancers performed to Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony, accompanied by stilt walkers dressed as oil derricks and a child sitting inside a blow-up planet Earth.

Emma Powell, co-founder of Mothers Rise Up, said: "We all want a healthy and thriving planet for children and future generations.

"Through music, props and dance, we are creating a vision of a better world and urging the insurance industry to play its role in bringing this future into reality."



Mothers Rise Up – a group of concerned mums who campaign for climate action –staged a street performance outside Lloyd's of London on Monday (Anna Gordon/Mothers Rise Up) Mothers Rise Up – a group of concerned mums who campaign for climate action –staged a street performance outside Lloyd's of London on Monday (Anna Gordon/Mothers Rise Up) (ANNA GORDON/Anna Gordon)

Maya Mailer, co-founder of Mothers Rise Up, added: "Through their underwriting choices, insurance companies can play a pivotal role in accelerating a fair, rapid transition to a world powered by safe, clean renewable energy.

"And yet insurers in the Lloyd's marketplace continue to insure and enable dangerous, fossil fuel expansion, including human rights abusing projects like the East African Crude Oil Pipeline.

"The world's oldest and most influential marketplace should be a leader, not a laggard, and play its part now in preventing further climate breakdown."

Paul Parker, recording clerk for Quakers of Britain, said: "Those who offer financial backing and social legitimacy to new fossil fuel projects now have an urgent moral responsibility to change course.

"This duty extends to all sectors and all parts of society. The insurance industry has significant influence on the global economy; you can put our whole world on a safer trajectory by showing leadership now."

PA has contacted Lloyd's of London, Talbot, Tokio Marine, Probitas 1492, Travelers and Zurich Insurance for comment.

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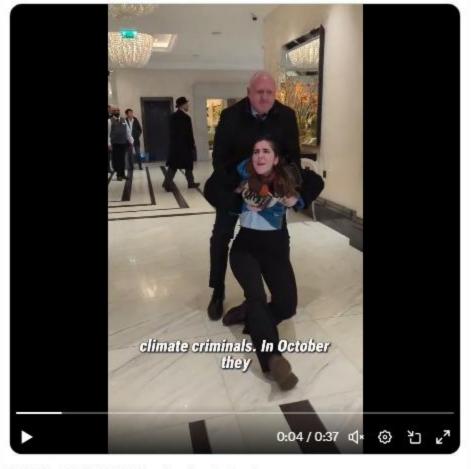
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Extinction Rebellion blockades Lloyd's of London building as City police make arrests



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Extinction Rebellion protesters have surrounded the Lloyds of London building.

City of London Police officers have made arrests after climate activists launched a second day of action in the Square Mile, targeting the buildings of insurer Lloyd's of London.

The police force said it made arrests in Tower Hamlets earlier in the day when they stopped a van which was linked to Extinction Rebellion.

Following the arrests, the group announced that it had brought over 800 activists to form a blockade around the building insurer Lloyd's of London.

This comes after hundreds of activists descended on the Square Mile on Tuesday, targeting four insurers, including at The Walkie-Talkie building.

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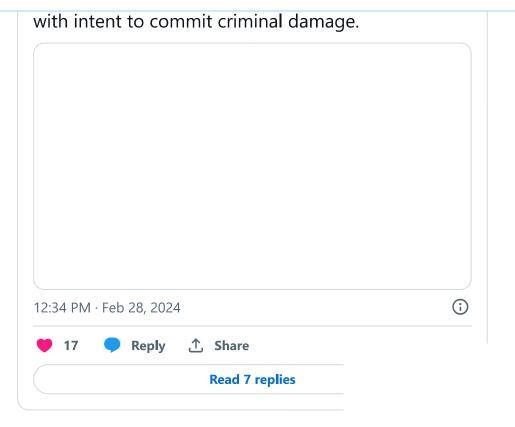
Nine people were arrested after protesters targete Walkie Talkie building, Probitas at Leadenhall Strearelers in Creechurch Place.

On Wednesday, around noon, the City of London Police said on Twitter: "Officers are responding to another day of activity by XR activists in the City of London."





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They posted an image of a van full of equipment, including a megaphone and paint-covered items.

The force added just after 1pm: A Section 11 has been authorised in the City and the highlighted areas below by D/Assistant Commissioner Andy Valentine until 4pm. This gives officers the power to search for items which may be used with believed criminal intent, including lock on devices.

It was also reported activists were demonstrating in Fenchurch Street earlier in the day.

Extinction Rebellion spokesperson Marijn van de Geer said: "The people inside this building have the power to pull the plug on the very worst climate-wrecking fossil fuel projects by refusing to insure them.

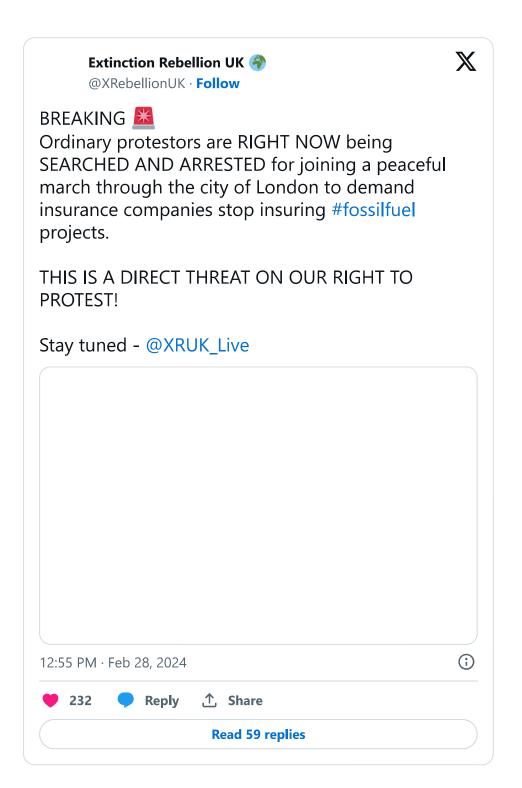
"We're calling on them to recognise their power – and use it now. They can be climate heroes, change the course of history."

Extinction Rebellion, which is running a 'week of action' in the City protesting its links to the fossil fuel industry, took to Twitter to complain its activists were being detained.

"Ordinary protestors are RIGHT NOW being SEARCHED AND ARRESTED for joining a peaceful march through the city of London to demand insurance companies stop insuring #fossilfuel projects. THIS IS A DIRECT THREAT ON OUR RIGHT TO PROTEST!", the group said.

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<u>Today it was also reported that insurance workers</u> have been warned they may be subject to unexpected guests whilst enjoying a pint in Leadenhall Market on Thursday.

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Extinction Rebellion protests against 'climate blind' Gatwick Airport expansion

February 28, 2024 by Extinction Rebellion

Proposed expansion will increase carbon emissions by 1 million tonnes and boost passenger numbers to up 80 million a year

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Extinction Rebellion activists are protesting outside the Sandman Signature London Gatwick Hotel this morning (Wednesday 28 February) against Gatwick Airport's plans to increase passenger numbers to 80 million a year, at the start of a six month government planning inspectorate examination, which is sitting at the hotel.

The UK's second-largest airport plans to bring its standby runway into regular use, allowing it to handle up to 75 million passengers a year by the late 2030s, up from a record 46.5 million passengers in 2019, rising to more than 80 million passengers by 2047.

The proposed expansion will make Gatwick passenger numbers almost as large as Heathrow's, and increase carbon emissions by 1 million tonnes a year [1], putting the UK Government's Carbon Budget Delivery Plan in even greater jeopardy. [2]

The climate and environment activists have moored the iconic XR Pink Boat in front of the venue with banners reading 'Fewer Flights Not More' and 'Flying To Extinction' and are accompanied by drummers from XR Rhythms. Another banner reading 'Flight Reductions Not Airport Expansion' is stretched across the dual carriageway outside.

Other campaign groups and organisations demonstrating outside the hotel include the Green Party, the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC), Communities Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions (CAGNE) and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

All of these groups have expressed alarm at the lack of a specific hearing to consider the climate impact of the plans [3], which will massively boost aviation's already significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and which fly in the face of the Climate Change Committee's recommendations on limiting aviation.

A majority recommendation of the Climate Change Committee in its 2022 measures

airports in Europe having to contend with wildfires and floods recently, and a 55% increase in severe turbulence, it's about time the industry genuinely starts acting like 'safety is our number one priority'."

Jonathan Essex, Green group leader on Surrey County Council said: "Gatwick should not be competing with Heathrow to be the UK's biggest climate polluter whilst claiming its climate impacts are insignificant. Instead the Government should put a moratorium on airport expansion and establish a framework to limit demand for air travel, as called for by the UK's official climate change advisors. Airport expansion is completely at odds with the climate emergency. Gatwick's plans are greenwash of the highest order".

George Hibberd, a former EasyJet pilot at Gatwick and community member at Safe Landing said: "If Gatwick were serious about their climate commitments, they would be reducing flights whilst re-designing airport infrastructure as required for genuinely clean and green aircraft. This could increase jobs in both the short and long-run – whilst securing a habitable planet and improving air quality for both employees and the local community."

Notes for Editors:

[1] "Assuming Gatwick's standby runway continues to serve a similar range of destinations with the same aircraft fleet mix, and extrapolating the data from the DfT's scenario and applying it to an increased passenger throughput of 70mppa, this would equate to 3.63MtCO2 in 2050, an increase of nearly 1MtCO2." – "Why Gatwick Expansion Adds To The Aviation Carbon Headache", The Aviation Environment Federation (AEF): https://www.aef.org.uk/2019/08/15/why-gatwick-expansion-adds-to-the-aviation-carbon-headache/

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Extinction Rebellion protest in solidarity with climate and human rights movements

February 29, 2024 by Extinction Rebellion

Extinction Rebellion today took part in a protest outside the offices of the AXA UK headquarters in London. The action is happening during a week of actions targeting the

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Caterpillar, Volvo Group, IBM, Carrefour, Siemens and Airbnb. Participants of today's protest, which involved a staged a 'Israeli military checkpoint' at the AXA offices, included: Ekō, Climate Justice Coalition, Extinction Rebellion, Tipping Point, War on Want, Green New Deal Rising, Just Stop Oil, Global Justice Now, Campaign Against Climate Change, Coal Action Network, Platform, Stop Rosebank, Fossil Free London, Money Rebellion, Workers for a Free Palestine, IWGB, WeSmellGas and Stop EACOP.

A protest was also staged outside the AXA office in Middlesbrough today by Extinction Rebellion North East and Cumbria. AXA have not yet ruled out insuring the controversial West Cumbria Coal Mine, pictured.

It isn't all bad news: AXA was the first insurer to say no to Total's East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline project [2] They have stopped insuring the Adani Carmicheal coal mine [3] and declined to insure the Trans Mountain pipeline as part of pulling back from underwriting coal and oil sands projects. [4] They have committed to stop insuring gas fields by 2025, [5] and restrict cover for oil exploration and development from 2024 [6] although their company's net zero plan aims for 2050.

However, as with so many things, when we dig a little deeper, the cracks start to show: there are loopholes in AXA's policies that let them insure new fossil fuel projects if the company involved has publicly stated that it will transition away from oil, coal and gas at an unspecified time in the future. AXA has also set no limits on the number of new fossil fuel projects they intend to insure.

So, the company may have taken steps in the right direction, but XR and its allies have a duty to keep the pressure on to ensure pledges to exist fossil fuel project insurance are matched by actions. We need to make sure that this isn't just greenwash, but that AXA will walk the walk, not just talk the talk.

Sources

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Demonstrators joined forces to stage a sit-in at Liverpool Street Station

Extinction Rebellion protesters have joined united sit-in protest as they demand a ceas

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Taking to social media to share the protest with their followers, the eco-group attached a clip of the sit-in, with the caption: "ExtinctionRebellion stand in solidarity with climate & human rights movements in protest against AXA for their part in climate and ecological collapse and the violence in Gaza."

XR protesters have teamed up with pro-Palestine activists to cause disruption at a major London train station Extinction Rebellion

The British Transport Police said no arrests

A spokesperson said: "On Thursday, Feb 29, from 2.30pm until 2.45pm and did not affec

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Transport Police made no arrests during the 15 minute protest Extinction Rebellion

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Currently, only two services are marginally delayed, and it's not known if this is linked to the protest.

Earlier in the day, Extinction Rebellion, as well as other climate protesters, staged demonstrations across the City of London as part of a week of action targeting the insurance industry.

Describing their choice to target the company, the group said: "For this particular action, where different groups and movements have come together, the focus is also on AXA's continued investing in companies which are linked to the illegal occupation of land in Palestine. Among them are household brands such as Caterpillar, Volvo Group, IBM, Carrefour, Siemens and Airbnb."

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Metropolitan Police officers form a cordon around Lloyds of London during a protest by Extinction RebellionGetty

The group are also gearing up to disrupt workers enjoying a post-shift drink in Leadenhall Market, which is seen as a staple watering hole for insurance workers in the city.

"There is... a protest element seeking to attend pubs and bars in the area known to be frequented by employees of insurance companies.

"This is likely aimed at directly engaging employees with conversation about the climate crisis and their company's 'complicity.' It is likely the target pubs and bars would be situated around the Leadenhall Market vicinity," City AM reported after seeing a warning note from the group.

A spokesperson for the market said they were aware of the likelihood of protesters causing disruption this afternoon.

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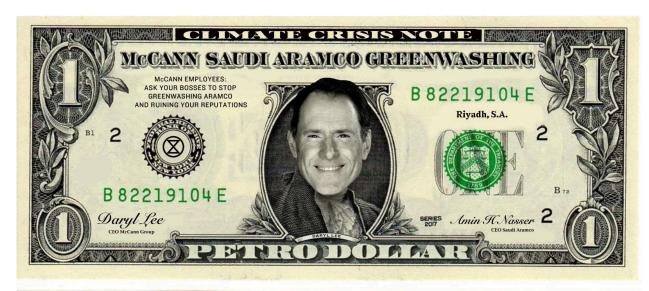
Don't greenwash the climate wreckers! Extinction Rebellion occupies top ad agency McCann over their plans to keep working for Saudi Aramco

February 29, 2024 by Extinction Rebellion

Pictures: https://show.pics.io/xr-global-media-breaking-news/search?

The activists gained access to the lobby of the building where they unfurled banners saying "McCann Say No to Aramco" and "Ditch The Pitch" and called upon agency staff to rebel against their bosses' decision to repitch for oil company Aramco's advertising account.

Wearing grinning masks of worldwide CEO Daryl Lee, the XR team occupied the lobby while employees arrived for work, welcoming them with fistfuls of "petrodollars". They also distributed leaflets explaining how devastating Aramco's business is for the climate and called on McCann to say 'no' to providing more greenwashing for them.





As the Police arrived the activists were still distributing intricately-designed

business. And that business is speeding up the climate and nature emergency. We desperately need McCann's people to stand up for what they know is right and say they don't want to work on the Saudi Aramco account."

Another activist, Katie Burrell, 51, a communications consultant from London, said: "McCann is a well-respected agency and the people who work here are highly skilled in what they do. I can't believe most of its people want to work for a company that misleads people about the climate crisis and their so-called sustainable ambitions.

"Instead of contributing to positive change, Saudi Aramco is investing heavily in new oil and gas business and lobbying against action that would protect a liveable planet for us all. Ad agencies should be a force for good in fixing the climate crisis but McCann is trashing its reputation by supporting clients that are trashing the planet. It's bizarre to me that McCann called the Police for our small group of nonviolent protesters who just want a world where everyone can flourish but are happy to do business with climate criminals."

Saudi Aramco is no stranger to bad press about greenwashing. Last week, it was in the news accused of 'misleading' claims about sustainable fuel and their Formula 1 team in a complaint lodged with the Advertising Standards Authority. [2]

Despite running token sustainability programmes for its PR, Saudi Aramco is investing most heavily in its oil and gas business including investing \$100 billion in fracking.[3] Aramco claims to be pausing expansion plans, but this does not actually restrict its future output whatsoever [4] and the company is playing a major role in resisting action on the climate crisis. [5].

The action at the McCann's London HQ was XR's latest strike against the advertising and media agencies who are still greenwashing the worst fossil fuel crooks in the world. XR activists have repeatedly protested and disrupted media agency Havas who recently became Shell's greenwashers-in-chief to the horror of many of its staff.

The action came against a background of a week of major protests by XR in the City of London that involved high-profile office occupations and marches targeting the major

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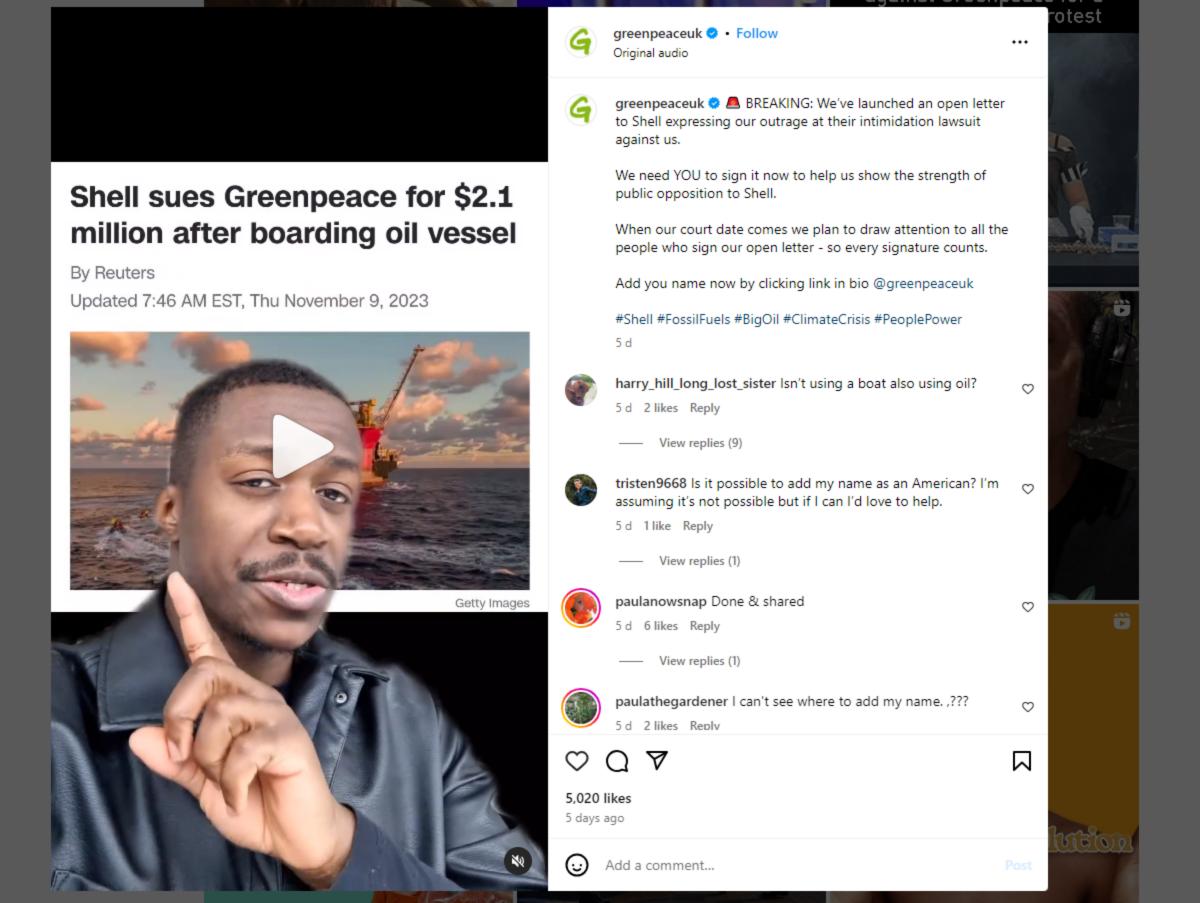
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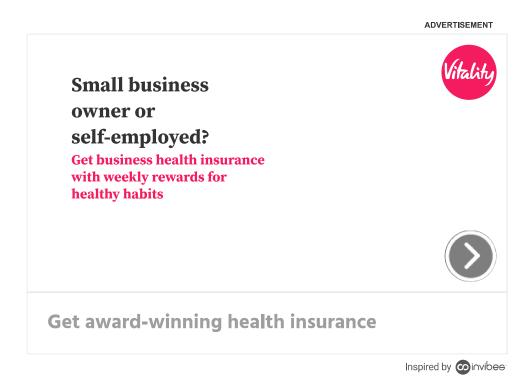




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A procession led by a piper, drummer, and protest group Oil Slicks - dressed head to toe in black - also gathered outside AIG's office to support the occupation before it visits Hiscox and Zurich.

Gary Jack from XR Highlands & Islands and Moray said: "Insurance is the achilles heel of the fossil fuel industry. Without insurance, carbon bomb projects like the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline or the West Cumbria coal mine cannot go ahead.



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The climate protest was billed as a Birmingham Day of Action by campaigners

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Protesters occupy insurance companies (Image: Just Stop Oil)

Police made arrests at a climate protest after campaigners occupied an insurance building in Birmingham today, Friday, March 1. The demo was held by supporters of Extinction Rebellion in coalition with Just Stop Oil - billed as a Birmingham Day of Action.

The protest, initially around Victoria Square, was described as peaceful and inclusive. It ended with a 'lie-in'. Just Stop Oil supporters occupied The Colmore Building, which is home to three insurance companies: Allianz, Chubb, and Zurich.

It said the action was in solidarity with Students Against EACOP, a Uganda-based campaign group sad to be resisting the construction of the Fast Africa Crude Oil Pipeline - a project it said had "wrought huge environmental destruction and mass displacement of people." West Privacy





In a statement, police said: "A demonstration in <u>Birmingham city centre</u> today passed largely without incident. Officers were visible in the city to help the group of protesters move through safely while still protecting members of the public.

"Despite the largely peaceful nature of the demonstration, there were three arrests made. Officers used powers under the Section 11 Public Order Act which gives officers the additional power to carry out suspicion-less stop and searches linked to protest activity.

"The arrests were as a result of the powers being used. Thankfully the demonstration was largely peaceful with limited disruption to the city centre. We always seek to find the right balance between the rights of protestors and those of local residents and businesses, while working to minimise serious disruption to communities.

"We hope that the public and businesses in the city felt reassured by our presence today and felt very little disruption to their day. A policing presence will continue in the city centre into this evening."

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PROTESTERS GATHER OUTSIDE OFFICE BUILDING IN CLIFTON VILLAGE

By ${\bf MARTIN~BOOTH}, {\it Friday~Mar~1}, 2024$

Protesters have climbed onto the roof of the entrance lobby of a nondescript office building in which is based the Bristol headquarters of an insurance company with links to the fossil fuel industry.

The direct action against Tokio Marine is being carried out by members of both Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil.

Protesters plan to return to Regent Street in Clifton Village on Saturday, with around a dozen protesters outside the office's front door on Friday serenaded by drummers on the other side of the road.

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Protesters climbed onto the roof of the entrance lobby early on Friday morning – photo: XR / Just Stop Oil

Campaigners claim that Tokio Marine insures Brazilian offshore oil projects which threaten coastal ecosystems and communities, and coal power plant projects across Asia.

It operates in 45 countries and in 2022 collected an estimated \$475m in premiums from fossil fuel companies.

The peaceful protest on Friday and Saturday is demanding that Tokio Marine the company stops insuring new coal, oil and gas projects "that are driving disastrous global overheating".

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Climate protesters rally outside insurance company's Leicester offices

by Rhys Everquill

A protest highlighting the climate crisis took place on Friday, 1 March, outside the Leicester offices of an international insurance company.

Around 30 protesters from various groups, including <u>Greenpeace</u> and <u>Extinction</u> <u>Rebellion</u>, joined forces to picket the offices of <u>Tokio Marine</u> in Rearsby.

The group demanded that Tokio Marine participate in an urgent transition from harmful fossil fuels to clean energy. The protesters want the company to refuse to insure new fossil fuel projects, hoping that a lack of insurance coverage will prevent the projects from going ahead.

Accessibility Tools One of the protest organisers, Dave Pearson, 64, said: "For ten years, I lived in Chad, one of the poorest countries in the world. It's already being devastated by the climate crisis, and we're making it worse.

"If we can't make rapid and radical changes to how we live, then hundreds of millions of people around the world will starve".

Other than security staff, the offices appeared empty. The protesters handed the security staff a letter with their demands to pass to Tokio Marine management.

Drumming and speeches kept spirits high in cold, rainy conditions, and the protest was good-natured. The protesters had built large mock oil pipelines from cardboard. They made no attempt to lock themselves to anything or enter the premises. Only six police officers were present, and they made no arrests.

The protest also included drama, song, fancy dress and leafleting to communicate the message.

The complete list of demands to Tokio Marine asks them to 'stop enabling fossil fuels by declining to insure new mining projects', 'respect human rights through diligent awareness of the activities they insure' and 'assist a just transition away from fossil fuels by backing renewable energy projects, and by supporting communities impacted by the climate crisis'.

Leicester resident and public health researcher <u>Dr Becky Sindall</u>, 37, is another organiser of the action. Before the protest, she said:

"Insurance companies like Tokio Marine give fossil fuel companies the confidence to destroy our planet by covering financial losses when things go wrong.

"We want to send a clear message to Tokio Marine to stop insuring fossil fuel projects and start improving the environment as they claim to do in their sustainability charter".

The protest was arranged as part of a week of global activity targeting Tokio Marine (Accessibility: he umbrella organisation Insure Our Future.

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Manchester campaigners join global fight demanding insurers take action on climate

By **About Manchester** - March 1, 2024



Two hundred people marched through the business district of Manchester today calling on the insurance industry not to back fossil fuel projects.

Campaigners from Extinction Rebellion, Greenpeace Manchester and Friends of the Earth visited the offices of AIG, Hiscox, Tokio Marine and Chubb insurance companies to demand they take immediate action to slow the climate crisis and support the urgent transition from dangerous fossil fuels to clean energy. The protests were peaceful and involved some street theatre and singing at each location.



This protest was part of a global week of action organised by the Insure Our Future network running from 26th Feb – 3rdMarch. Grassroots groups and activists from across the world have come together to demand action, with events taking place in the UK, USA, Japan, South Korea, Uganda, DRC, Switzerland, France, Peru, Colombia, Germany, and Czechia.

Demands to the industry include immediately stopping insuring new fossil fuel projects, phasing out support for existing coal, oil and gas projects, respecting human rights and supporting a just transition to a fossil free future. This makes economic sense, would result in cheaper, more secure energy, create millions of jobs and, most importantly, a liveable future.

2023 was the hottest year since records began, and extreme and violent weather events are increasing across every continent.

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Burning fossil fuels is the number one cause of the climate crisis, and fossil fuel projects – coal, gas and oil – cannot operate without insurance. This puts the insurance industry in a uniquely powerful position to have an impact on the future of our world.

In particular, the Manchester action focussed on two hugely damaging new fossil fuel projects: the proposed East African Crude Oil Pipeline in Uganda and Tanzania, and the proposed West Cumbrian Coalmine in Whitehaven. If either of these two projects were to go ahead it would make it increasingly difficult to stop global temperatures rising beyond a level where human life is possible.

Cordelia Newsome from Greater Manchester Climate Justice Coalition said:

"The insurance industry is meant to protect communities but instead it is deepening the crisis we face. If these insurance companies continue to insure fossil fuels, they are guaranteeing a future with more wildfires, floods, droughts and storms Insurers have a choice: do they want to be part of the problem, or will they stop insuring dirty, planet-wrecking oil, gas and coal; work for a liveable planet, and be part of a healthy, fair future for all? We ask them to take action now to protect our children's future, because later is too late."

In May Manchester will host the BIBA conference at Manchester Central, the UK insurance industry's largest gathering, which will be another opportunity for campaigners to lobby the industry.

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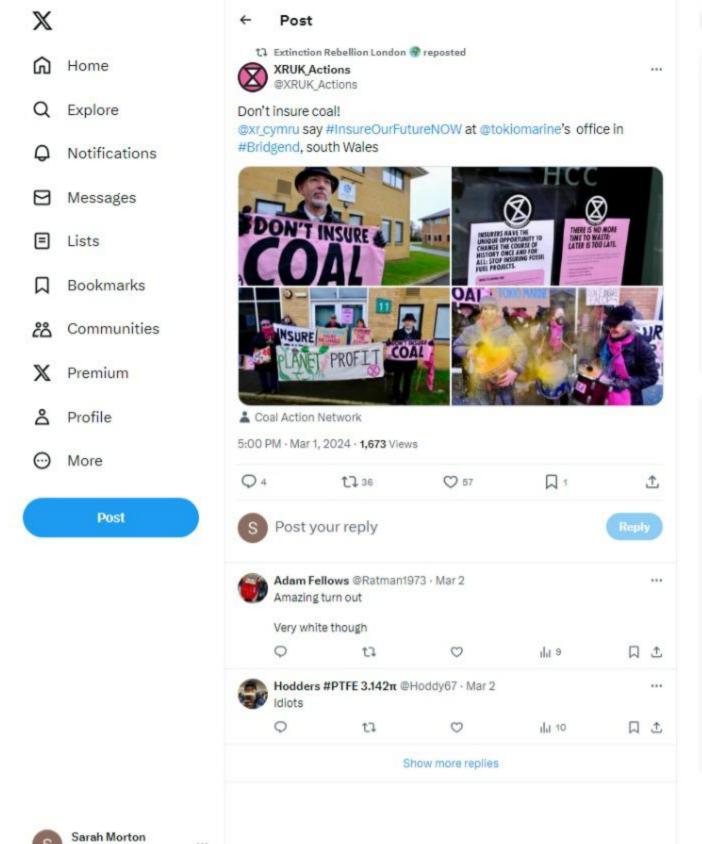
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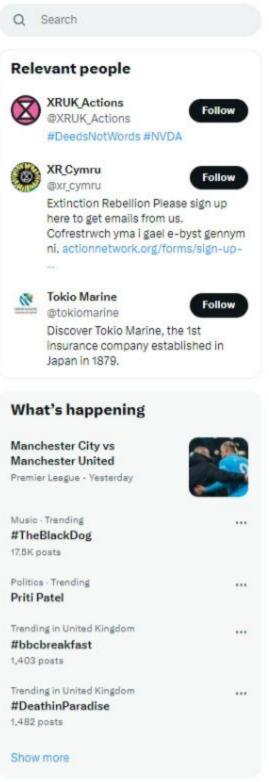
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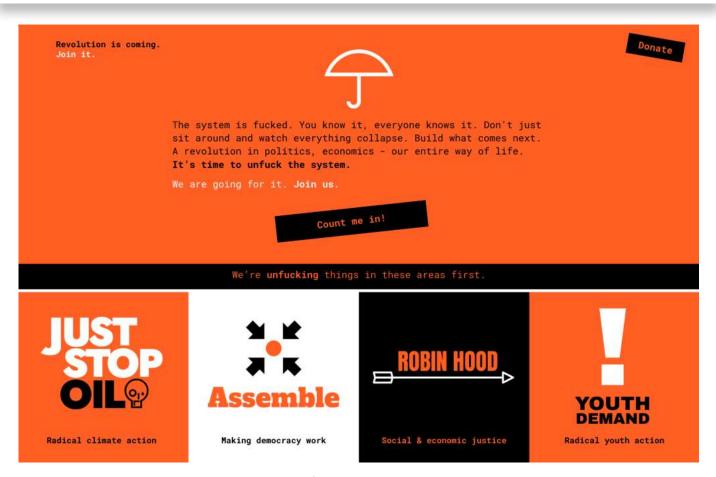
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We need a Revolution. What's the plan?

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This system is fucked, politics is failing us, we need a revolution or we really do face rule by 'the mob'. As we pass through 1.5C of heating to 2C and then the predicted 3C in the lifetime of many alive today, we will lose all we cherish and value. Our treasured landscapes, the rule of law, education, healthcare, pensions – and yes the people we love. We will not be able to feed ourselves and those who rule us do not care. Look at Gaza, this is what they are prepared to let happen. Genocide is now acceptable.

In response, nonviolent civil resistance to a harmful state will continue, with coordinated, radical actions that reach out to new people and capture the attention of the world. Alongside this, a new political project will be set up. This will run local assemblies and will support and stand candidates to shape the electoral debate. A coordinating structure known as Umbrella, will support these projects and this will be the heart of our community of resistance.

Just Stop Oil will continue to be the major focus until we win, but we have a new three part demand: No New Oil, Revoke Tory Licences and Just Stop Oil by 2030. In addition to disrupting high-profile cultural events and continuing our Stop Tory Oil campaign, focussing on MP's and those in power, this summer Just

Stop Oil will commence a campaign of high-level actions at sites of key importance to the fossil fuel

industry - airports.

In addition to Just Stop Oil, young people and students will be taking action in a new campaign that will

demand an end to genocide - both in Palestine, and globally, from the continued drilling and burning of oil

and gas.

Umbrella will launch Assemble, a democracy project that will mobilise hundreds of people by running local

assemblies on issues of concern to communities across the country and giving them pathways to action.

The goal is to create a "People's House" to parallel the House of Commons as the first step towards having

permanent legally binding citizens assemblies - a democratic revolution.

Umbrella will be the hub for fundraising, mobilisation and directing resources to a range of new campaigns

and groups, including Robin Hood, a major new campaign based around a demand to properly fund our

public services by taxing the richest in society.

Each of these campaigns will share the values of nonviolence and accountability.

The system is fucked. You know it, everyone knows it. Don't just sit around and watch everything collapse.

Build what comes next: a revolution in politics, economics - our entire way of life.

It's time to unfuck the system.

We are going for it. Join us.

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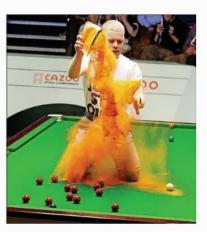
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DEMO: JSO protester disrupts the snooker

JUST Stop Oil activists have amassed a £300,000 "war chest" to cause disruption in 2024, and are drawing up plans to accrue a total of £1million.

Leaders want to "do battle" and use the cash to cause further disruption well into next year.

The eco-activists have so far raised £285,863 through 7,891 donations from the public at an average of just over £36 each.

This will go into plans for major disruption at sporting, music and other major social events.

Last year's World Snooker Championship was one that was hit, with protesters jumping on to the tables and releasing orange powder.

JSO wants to "mobilise a resistance of ordinary people" to get the Government to go greener and stop approving new fossil fuel projects.

One leader told supporters: "We will continue with radical direct

action, with our most daring actions yet, which will take place at the heart of the fossil fuel infrastructure.this is going to be big.

Really big. And we need your help to make it happen.and we won't give up until we win!"

As well as arranging further stunts, the cash will

Also go towards living costs for organisers and venue hire for talks and training sessions.

And it will go towards legal, back

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office and court support for those taking action.

One JSO source said the goal is to reach £1million to continue action for the next few years: "There's nothing stopping us. This is a war chest.

We're ready for more action this year and next," he added. He said further plans for disruption would be revealed in the coming weeks, adding: "We're ready to do battle bigger and better. We want 2024 to be even bigger.

"We think we can get more and more people on our side and we are going to win this battle."

After getting off to a slow start,

JSO'S online fundraising page now receives dozens of donations every day.

But Tory MP Nigel Mills said: "I am not sure why anybody would want to donate to such an organisation.they are hellbent on ruining the lives

'We are planning our most daring actions yet' 'Taxpayers' money will be spent policing groups'

For ordinary, hardworking and decent people."

Met Police figures show it has cost taxpayers more than £20million to police the protest action.

Mr Mills added: "Unless something

is done, millions more will be spent on policing these groups. That money should be going on tackling knife crime and other major priorities."

JSO has sparked fury in recent weeks with plans to protest outside MPS' homes. It led to Downing Street slamming BBC presenter Chris Packham for defending the call, with the Springwatch host, 62, being branded irresponsible.

