

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Rock dusting on farms could cool the climate, so let's try it:** On the menu of geoengineering options, one has always stood out as a saner choice: enhanced weathering. No need to deploy giant mirrors in space to deflect sunlight or to risk food riots by converting crops to fuel. Just scatter crushed rock far and wide. (news scientist.com 21/02/2018)
- **Mass die-off of sea creatures follows freezing UK weather:** Massive numbers of starfish, crab, mussels and lobsters have been washed up on the North Sea coast of the UK, following the recent freezing weather and storms. (theguardian.com 05/03/2018)
- **Business rates to be applied to energy storage in 2022 as government seeks help:** The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) is calling on the sector to engage with the development of business rates that will be applied to energy storage projects in 2022, including those attached to subsidy-free solar farms. (solarpowerportal.co.uk 08/03/2018)
- **Recycling rates in England up just 2% since 2010 despite big drop in weekly bin collections:** Recycling rates in England have barely increased since 2010 despite the fact that the number of households which have weekly bin collections has fallen by a third. (telegraph.co.uk 08/03/2018)
- **Scientists engineer crops to conserve water, resist drought:** For the first time, scientists have improved how a crop uses water by 25 percent, without compromising yield, by altering the expression of one gene that is found in all plants. (sciencedaily.com 06/03/2018)
- **From air-cleaning moss tyres to blockchain: Car giants gear up for a transport revolution:** Car manufacturers continue to look to the horizon to deliver solutions that can integrate into future cities and energy systems. With a focus on the Geneva Motor Show, edie rounds-up the latest announcements making waves through the transport and energy sectors. (edie.net 07/03/2018)
- **Australia's solar future bright as households install record 3.5m panels:** The future of Australia's solar industry is looking bright after a record 3.5m panels were installed on rooftops last year, giving the equivalent output of a medium-sized coal-fired power station. (theguardian.com 06/03/2018)

**and finally...**

- **World Hacks: A surprising new afterlife for chewing gum:** British designer Anna Bullus is on a mission to recycle chewing gum into useful objects, cleaning up our streets in the process. (bbc.co.uk 06/03/2018)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark EM has recently provided consultancy services to two compost producers in the South West to enable them to achieve certification to the Compost Certification Scheme. Aardvark led the HACCP study for both producers and prepared a HACCP plan bespoke to each site. Aardvark also prepared the full Quality Management System necessary for each site to run their operations in accordance with the requirements of the PAS100 standard and the Compost Quality Protocol. For all the Aardvark news go to [www.aardvarkem.co.uk](http://www.aardvarkem.co.uk).

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