

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **CBI urges government to secure close alignment with EU energy and climate rules:** Business body calls on government to remain close to EU's internal energy market, Euratom, and Emissions Trading System. ([businessgreen.com](http://businessgreen.com) 11/04/2018)
- **Spending on renewables in rich countries has halved in six years:** The world added more solar capacity in 2017 than all new coal, gas and nuclear electricity-generating plants combined. That's the headline conclusion of a report on how much banks, private investors and utility companies invested in renewables last year. ([newscientist.com](http://newscientist.com) 05/04/2018)
- **Apple hits green goal:** Technology giant Apple has revealed that all its global facilities are now powered with 100% renewable energy. ([renews.biz](http://renews.biz) 10/04/2018)
- **Drinks bottles and can deposit return scheme proposed:** People in England will soon have to pay a deposit when they buy drinks bottles and cans in a bid to boost recycling and cut waste. The deposit will increase prices - but consumers will get the money back if they return the container. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 28/03/2018)
- **Waitrose to remove all disposable coffee cups from shops this year:** Waitrose plans to remove all disposable coffee cups from its shops by this autumn as part of efforts to reduce plastic and packaging waste and stop millions going into landfill. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 10/04/2018)
- **Shipping faces demands to cut CO2:** A meeting of the International Maritime Organisation in London next week will face demands for shipping to radically reduce its CO2 emissions. If shipping doesn't clean up, it could contribute almost a fifth of the global total of CO2 by 2050. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 31/03/2018)
- **Fishing boat caught with illegal 18-mile-long nets: 'A risk to almost all marine life':** A fishing ship carrying 600 illegal nets stretching up to 18 miles has been seized after it escaped Chinese authorities, while using the flags of eight different countries to evade capture. ([independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk) 10/04/2018)

**and finally...**

- **'Deadly scorpion' found in Grantham Street made of plastic:** A "deadly-looking" scorpion found in the street turned out to be a plastic toy. Members of the public called the charity, describing what sounded like a potentially lethal Indian red scorpion sitting on a pavement in Grantham. They covered it with a plastic bowl and cordoned off the area until animal collection officer arrived. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 28/03/2018)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark EM Ltd has recently helped an AD operator make amendments to their RHI application to support the use of an Ammonia Scrubber as part of a digestate drying operation. The Ammonium Scrubber captures the ammonium, harmful gas which would normally be released into the atmosphere during the drying process, using sulphuric acid and produces a fertilizer in the form of ammonium sulphate. The production of this fertilizer represents a valuable and environmentally friendly revenue stream for the operator.

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