

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **The UK is now using AI to predict solar power and lower energy bills:** The UK's forecasts for solar power generation have become far more accurate through the use of artificial intelligence, in a development that could lower energy bills and carbon emissions. (newscientist.com 25/07/2019)
- **A quarter of the world's population face extreme water shortages, study finds:** Global water withdrawals have more than doubled since the 1960s, causing reservoirs around the world to run dry, according to a report from the World Resources Institute (WRI) published this week. (telegraph.co.uk 07/08/2019)
- **The UK is spending billions on overseas fossil fuel projects:** The UK gave £4.6bn to overseas fossil fuel projects between 2010 and 2017, which campaigners say is incompatible with the country's climate and development goals. (newscientist.com 23/07/2019)
- **Greenland's ice sheet melting so fast it has caused global sea levels to rise 0.5mm in just a month:** Up to half the surface of the island's ice sheet is thought to be currently melting, with runoff equivalent to a 0.5mm rise in global sea levels in July alone. (independent.co.uk 02/08/2019)
- **Diet change needed to save vast areas of tropics:** One quarter of the world's tropical land could disappear by the end of the century unless meat and dairy consumption falls, researchers have warned. (sciencedaily.com 12/08/2019)
- **Dozens of Tories among 150 MPs calling for Boris to back onshore wind:** Dozens of Tories are among more than 150 MPs who have signed a letter to the Prime Minister calling on him to remove barriers to new onshore wind farms. (energyvoice.com 13/08/2019)
- **It's raining multicoloured plastic in the Rocky Mountains, scientists find:** Plastic was identified in more than 90 per cent of rainwater samples taken from across Colorado. (independent.co.uk 13/08/2019)

and finally.....

- **The world's first hotel for houseplants has just opened in London:** A hotel exclusively for houseplants has just opened in London, offering a lifeline to 'plant parents' who are worried about leaving their botanicals to wither during the summer holidays. (housebeautiful.com 06/08/2019)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has successfully helped a wide range of clients submit their final annual report to the CRC Registry.

In order to effectively analyse each client's energy consumption and calculate their liability our specialist carbon accounting software, Computatis, was employed. Following the closure of the CRC Scheme we will now be turning our attention towards its replacement in the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) Scheme. For more information on how this scheme will affect you please get in touch. Click [HERE](#) to view the list of Aardvark technical services and team contacts.

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