

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Offshore wind turbines getting people off benefits:** A free engineering course is helping unemployed people in Great Yarmouth get jobs in the offshore wind industry. Around £30bn is expected to be spent on offshore wind, creating 6,000 jobs. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 04/03/2020)
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak correlation with dramatic fall in China's pollution levels:** As the epidemic spread across the world NASA satellites have shown a dramatic decline in industrial activity due to efforts to limit spread of COVID-19. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 01/03/2020)
- **Marsh insurance broker's under pressure over Adani support:** The world's largest insurance broker is meeting in the US next week to decide a new global position on coal projects, including whether to continue support for Adani Carmichael coalmine. ([theguardian.com](http://theguardian.com) 04/03/2020)
- **M&S Food refill scheme:** Marks and Spencer are to extend a trial of their refill scheme, where shoppers can fill their own containers with food. A spokesperson has said that it is the 'action to reduce packaging'. ([bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) 17/02/2020)
- **Ban on subsidies for onshore wind farms lifted:** The four-year subsidies ban introduced by David Cameron is to be lifted by the new Tory government. This is ahead of the countries plan to become net zero by 2050. ([independent.co.uk](http://independent.co.uk) 03/03/2020)
- **Solar geoengineering gains confidence in climate-change discussions:** Solar geoengineering, a technology that can deliberately modify Earth's climate, has become an emerging topic in climate-change discussions with scientists gaining a better understanding of the technology. ([nature.com](http://nature.com) 13/01/2020)
- **Net zero target in trouble as tropical forests absorb less CO<sub>2</sub>:** Scientists have warned that the world needs to reduce carbon emissions to net zero before 2050, after discovering that tropical forests are losing their ability to remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere. ([newscientist.com](http://newscientist.com) 04/03/2020)

**and finally.....**

- **Extinction Rebellion dress as crows and stage a 'die-in' at Barclays:** A murder of crows descended on the streets of Falmouth as part of a protest against banks investing in fossil fuels. They staged various 'die-ins' on the bank floors where the participants drop to the floor and simulate being dead. They hope to convey how the fossil fuel industry is killing birds. ([cornwalllive.com](http://cornwalllive.com) 17/02/2020)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has been working with several large scale UK farming operations who are improving their sustainability credentials by securing planning consent and compliance certification for the installation of RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive) qualifying Ground Source Heat Pump systems to deliver heat to their crop driers allowing them to control crop moisture levels and bulk storage better onsite.

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