

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **Single-use plastic plates, cutlery and polystyrene cups could be banned in England under government plans:** Single-use plastic plates, cutlery and polystyrene cups could be banned in England under new plans. The government is launching a public consultation on the proposal in autumn amid attempts to crack down harder on plastic waste and litter. ([independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk) 28/08/2021)
- **World's largest floating offshore wind farm is now installed in Scotland:** The installation of the world's largest floating offshore wind farm, the ABS-Classed Kincardine Offshore Wind, has been completed off the coast of Scotland. ([inceptivemind.com](https://www.inceptivemind.com) 28/08/21)
- **Fast fashion is dying African rivers blue, report says:** Global fast fashion brands are helping drive pollution that has dyed African rivers blue or turned their waters as alkaline as bleach, according to a report. Water Witness International's (WWI) report featured the polluted rivers in Lesotho in southern Africa and Tanzania to highlight the risks posed as global brands increasingly source garments from contractors in Africa, attracted by cheap labour and tax incentives. ([independent.co.uk](https://www.independent.co.uk) 18/08/2021)
- **Demystifying farm carbon offsetting: three watch-outs for farmers:** There's a rise in farmers and landowners interested in getting paid for carbon sequestration. Yet in the UK, an absence of robust guidance, protocols and industry experience makes this space feel like the "wild west". Farmers are at risk of being misled, while NGOs and industry groups are struggling to form clear positions in what's a fast-moving and confusing landscape. ([farmcarbontoolkit.org.uk](https://www.farmcarbontoolkit.org.uk) 12/08/2021)
- **Villagers are first to burn hydrogen... but don't notice:** More than 650 homes in the village near Newcastle upon Tyne became the first on the gas grid to get hydrogen to burn in boilers, cookers, hobs and fires. Northern Gas Networks (NGN) sent a letter last month saying the trial would start "shortly", but did not give a date. ([thetimes.co.uk](https://www.thetimes.co.uk) 07/08/2021)

**And finally**

- **Racing cars powered by wine?** TotalEnergies is set to introduce 100% renewable fuel for the motor racing competition – the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC), which will reduce the racing cars' carbon emissions by 65%. ([energylivenews.com](https://www.energylivenews.com) 24/08/2021)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Building on our successful Computatis carbon accounting software, Aardvark has recently launched **Zebra EM**, a cloud based business, data and carbon reporting platform. Zebra's platform allows businesses to report carbon emissions as a voluntary undertaking or to meet regulatory requirements. The software enables the calculation and recording of Scopes 1, 2 and 3 direct and indirect emissions within an organisation meeting the requirements of SECR, ESOS, CCA and EUETS reporting standards for UK compliance schemes. Go to <https://www.zebra-em.com/carbon-accounting-software/> for more information.

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