



# Friends of the Earth Pembrookeshire Cyfeillion y ddaear Sir Benfro

## Newsletter June 2026

### People's Emergency Briefing



We showed the documentary on the 17 April, followed by a discussion, at the Bloomfield Centre in Narberth. The documentary calls for more action to address the serious problems of climate change and damage to the natural environment.

The film featured Chris Packham introducing presentations by a variety of experts, from climate scientists to the military, who are urging the Government to launch a national response to the crises of climate change and the dramatic decline in wildlife by showing the same leadership as in World War 2 and during the financial crisis. They have established the National Emergency Briefing organisation to take this forward.

Further information on the National Emergency Briefing can be found at:



<https://www.nebriefing.org/aims>

And you can support the call for a televised national briefing.

If you have missed the film screening do attend the Cardigan screening on 26 June.

Ffilm am yr argyfwng hinsawdd, natur a bwyd  
Film on the climate, nature and food crisis


# People's Emergency Briefing




## Aberteifi / Cardigan

Dangosiad ffilm a thrafodaeth bositif gyda phobl Aberteifi, Ben Lake AS, arweinwyr lleol a gwleidyddion.

Film screening and a positive discussion with the people of Cardigan, Ben Lake MP, local leaders, and politicians.



trailer ffilm  
nebriefing.org  
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Small World Theatr Byd Bach  
26.06.26 7pm - 9.30pm  
drysau'n agor / doors open 6.30pm

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Booking essential, tickets free  
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### Our Senedd election hustings





On the 24 April we held a hustings at Narberth's Queens Hall with candidates from six political parties who stood at the Senedd Election. These were Alistair Cameron (Liberal Democrats), Amy Nicholass (Green), Claire George (Welsh Conservatives), and Gwyn Evans (Gwlad) (at the back), Marc Tierney (Welsh Labour) (front mid-left), Cris Tomos (Plaid Cymru) (font right), pictured with the chair of the evening Neil Kingsnorth and Bettina Becker, both of Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth group.

The candidates were quizzed on issues such as the increase in extremes of weather due to climate change, the need to grow more food locally, pollution in local rivers and seas, the decline of wildlife, improvements in public transport and the job and economic opportunities of the green economy.

The candidates mostly said the right things about important environmental and economic issues, as they have been doing for many years, but now have to show far more commitment to put these concerns into practice. We don't want this to be just another exercise in lip service. We need far more action now to offer our children and grandchildren a better future by preventing nature and climate collapse.

Over the summer we will make contact with the elected MSs in our constituency, to discuss FoE demands for action on climate and nature.

## Plant fair in Narberth



We had a successful stand again at this lovely community event.

## Second Climate Fest at Scolton Manor on 4/5 July – your help is needed!

We will again have a stand at this event in its second year. We do need help so please get in touch if you can help set up, take down the stand, if you have any nature and climate related art and display ideas, or if you can help out meeting the public at the stand.

**CREATIVE CLIMATE FEST 2026**

Join us for Scolton Manor's second Creative Climate Fest at the country park's Green Barn, Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th July, 12pm -7 pm.

*Art, music, printmaking, craft, woodland and countryside skills, environmental stalls, workshops and performance.*

Come along to experience the best of community arts and sharing with members of Oriol Q Gallery, Popty Press, Silbers CIC, Scolton Manor's environmental team, Cleddau River Project and much more.

**Admission Free**

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## Weather and climate



Pictured is the size of hailstones that landed amongst monsoon-like rain in parts of Pembrokeshire on Wednesday 27th of May. Yes, Mr Trump, climate change is happening and your oil infested brain is ensuring that weather extremes will increase rather than diminish.

## Why we must fight Reform UK

The scientific evidence that human activity is causing climate change is so overwhelming that it is supported by practically every global government, including oil producing states. To deny it is as idiotic as claiming that cigarette smoking does not harm human health. But this is what Reform is doing. As they refuse to recognise the problem, they will not cut carbon emissions, protect people from extremes of weather or enable Pembrokeshire to benefit from the expanding green economy.

According to the Confederation of British Industry, the net zero economy has become a powerhouse of job creation and economic expansion supporting almost a million jobs in the UK and pumping £83 billion into the UK economy. It also concludes that net zero jobs are 40% more productive than the national average, with wages 15% higher than the UK norm [1].

TUC Cymru recently warned that more than 42,000 jobs in manufacturing, public services and the charity sector could be at risk from Reform's policies if the party took power in Wales and the UK [2].

Reform is opposed to renewable energy systems, such as wind and solar, just as Pembrokeshire's economy is poised to reap the benefits of offshore wind energy. Globally, rapidly expanding renewable energy now generate more electricity than fossil fuels [3]. Reform would ensure that Pembrokeshire would miss out on this immense economic and environmental opportunity.

Reform fully supports energy from fossil fuels and nuclear power, both of which are more expensive than wind and solar. This would push up the energy bills of homes and businesses in Pembrokeshire, just as it has done in the USA because Farage's big buddy, Donald Trump, is backing fossil fuels whilst bashing wind and solar [4].

The 20 mph speed limit in Wales resulted, in its first year, in a reduction of 630 casualties and a financial saving of £43 million. In addition, insurance premiums for the average driver were reduced by £45 because driving was safer [5]. By making roads safer, the policy has encouraged more walking and cycling. Reform would throw away these health and financial benefits.

In its manifesto for the Senedd election, Reform promised to scrap legislation aimed at protecting the environment. They seem intent on following Donald Trump's onslaught against the natural environment. As Pembrokeshire's natural environment and wildlife is a major attraction for tourists, this is another area where Pembrokeshire would lose out.

## NOTES

1. <https://www.cbi.org.uk/articles/growth-and-innovation-in-the-uk-s-net-zero-economy/>
2. <https://nation.cymru/news/mon-am-tens-of-thousands-of-jobs-at-risk-in-wales-if-reform-wins-power-says-tuc-cymru/>
3. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/clean-energy-pushes-fossil-fuel-power-into-reverse-for-first-time-ever/>
4. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c1dz0dz0zkvo>
5. <https://willhaywardwales.substack.com/p/tur-ns-out-the-20mph-limit-was-great>

## Western Telegraph Criticised for Reform UK Advertisement

On 29<sup>th</sup> of April, the Western Telegraph gave over its front page to an advertisement urging people to vote for Reform UK in the Senedd elections. Unsurprisingly, this angered many people, including Pembrokeshire FoE supporter, Karina Russell. Her reasons for objecting to this are outlined in the letter below that she wrote to the editor of the paper.

Clare Snowdon, Editor, Western Telegraph

Dear Clare Snowdon,

*My main complaint is that Reform receives almost all its income from a handful of billionaires with financial links to fossil fuels and an agenda to prevent action on the immense threat of climate change.*

*Since Reform UK was set up, it has received £24 million from oil and gas interests and a further £2.4 million has been donated by individuals who have disputed basic scientific facts about climate change. The biggest chunk of the income has been gifted by Thailand-based crypto billionaire, Christopher Harborne, whose firm AML Global sells jet fuel. Another £1.7 million has come from hedge-fund boss, Jeremy Hosking, who has investments in oil, gas and coal.*

*The executive director of the Good Law Project, Jolyon Maugham has said, "What these extra-ordinary numbers make clear is that Reform is less a political party and more a very highly paid public-facing lobby group for oil and gas interests". In this role, it is doing everything it can to deny the frightening reality of climate change which is posing such a huge threat to the future of our children and grandchildren.*

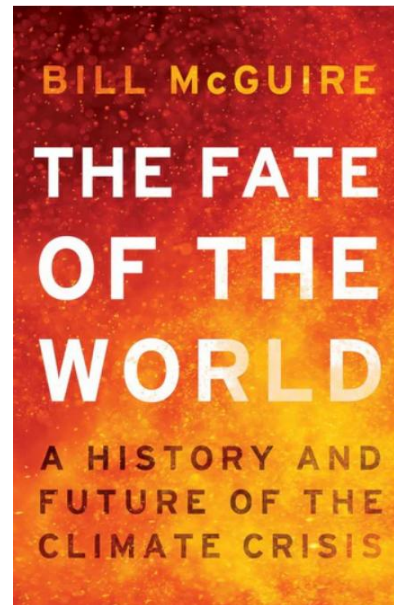
*Unlike other parties, Reform receives almost all of its funding from a handful of extremely wealthy individuals in order to serve their interests. Whilst you stated that "all are offered the same opportunity on the same terms" this is nowhere near a level playing field and, as such, undermines the democratic process.*

*If your newspaper had any scruples, it would refuse to take the "30 pieces of silver" that serves the interests of the few at the cost of the well-being of the many.*

Regards,

Karina Russell

## What to read



Climate scientist and author Bill McGuire was interviewed by Vaughan Roderick on Radio Wales this morning about his new book, *The Fate of the World: A History and Future of the Climate Crisis*.

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