

**Here are some more articles and replies. In order to simplify, our comments are written in Times New Roman and in block while the letters and articles are in Arial.**

# **Springwatch, BBC 2 UK**

## **2015**



**See No Evil**

**Hear No Evil**

**Speak No Evil**

**Alias of course Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Martin Hughes-Games. No offense to these presenters by the way. The 10th of June's broadcast in which Springwatch went to town on farming practices and yes, on pesticides was great. But, despite this good bit of programme making, they are still not giving us the whole and complete picture.**

**The thing is I am looking at the actual evidence here. Pesticides as bad as they are, absolutely horrendous in fact, are not responsible for all of the destruction, and the reason I say that is, organophosphates have been doing their very worst for the passed thirty years or more. Lesser Black-backed and Herring Gulls, Swallows and Martins etc. were until the past five of six years doing just fine. What we are looking at in their particular cases is far more recent and is undoubtedly down to the growth in wind-farms. There's absolutely no doubt about it. And while Lapwings etc. were decimated by organophosphates, the blade-strikes have very much delivered the final hammer-blow for them too.**

**Sorry, but we're never going to save our wildlife in a million years while silence exists on such important matters. When and wherever there's a given problem, it has to be brutally and honestly debated and attacked. Things out there that are so clearly decimating our wildlife and all they can do is pussy-foot around trying it seems not to offend anyone. The coverage they gave on micro-plastics too was another much needed bit of coverage I have to say.**

**Some the film work, although the live nests were all current enough, I'm sure other clips were old footage, giving the impression of there being more birds than there actually were. That one of a dozen House Martin nests all touching each other in a long row, how long ago was that filmed? There was some good advice, I thought making pass-through gaps in fences for Hedgehogs was a good one. The coverage they gave on micro-plastics was also a good bit of information to put into the public arena.**

**Rothamsted Research, remember those white balloons with the red markings that were collecting insects? They're a GMO. company. The RSPB. rather sadly teamed up with them when the came out with their State of Nature Report. The idea I think was, we needed yet more of their kind of interference, in order to repair the damage people like that had caused in the first place.**

**<http://www.rothamsted.ac.uk/our-science/rothamsted-gm-wheat-trial>**

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**From this, we now move on to some not unheated communications between ourselves and Greenpeace. In this, along with whaling, we carry on the debate on wind-farms and their use for saving the planet.**

Date: Wed, 27 May 2015 09:18:40 +0100  
Subject: Re: Are you there?  
From: webteam.uk@greenpeace.org  
To: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk

Hi Robert

Thanks for the email, we'll continue to keep you up to date with our campaigns by email, and you can also find loads of information on all Greenpeace's campaigns here:

<http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/blog>

Regarding your concerns for whaling, it is as you know a longstanding campaign of ours and has evolved over the years. I am not sure it is fair to call it **wishy-washy** however - we have simply changed tack. The days when putting ourselves between harpoon and whale as the most effective and only method are gone. Nowadays we recognise - from working with our colleagues in the Japanese Greenpeace office that there is much more to be done on the ground in the countries where it still occurs - primarily Japan.

So this is what we have been doing - on a global level. The UK office has had many other issues to work on and so is not as active in this area as others are - by necessity more than design. Perhaps have a look at the work our global team have been doing

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/System-templates/Search-results/?all=whaling>

Regarding wind farms - we are not wholesale for any form of energy - we love renewable energy when it is done properly and in the appropriate places. The same is for Wind - where it works it is brilliant, but we also recognise that there are some sites where a wind farm is not always the answer. Please have a look at

[www.greenpeace.org.uk/climate/wind-power](http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/climate/wind-power) to find out more about why we are in favour (in general) of this energy source.

Very best wishes, and thanks again for your support. It really is appreciated - without amazing people like you we couldn't do the work we do - our supporters are central to everything we do. We look forward to your mailings.

Issy Griffin

Supporter Services, Greenpeace UK

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**When describing their anti-whaling tactics as wishy-washy I think it's all too obvious what was meant. Whilst Sea Shepherd puts on a real front of opposing whaling Greenpeace stands by and allows it to happen. By way of example, if a man were kicking a dog to death in the street or molesting a small child it would hardly be appropriate to stand there holding a banner asking him not to do it. And likewise this can also be said of Greenpeace's tactics.**

**They've taken a great deal of money from the public over the years in order to do just that. Money, for that particular cause incidentally, that was siphoned off. As a result, the lesser known Sea Shepherd in those days really had to struggle on a shoe-string budget but saved a good many more whales than they ever did.**

From: webteam.uk@greenpeace.org  
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Sent: Thu, 28 May 2015 07:33:01 +0100  
Subject: Re: Green Energy

Dear Robert,

Like us the RSPB are not opposed to wind farms in the right place.

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/search/index.aspx?q=wind+farms>

I am sorry but we just don't agree with you that they have no place in the renewable energy package. It is possible to have them sited well and not interfere with bird migration or with bat populations.

I want to share a link to a study which I really hope you will take a look at - much misinformation about wind had been disseminated in the news media - it's efficiency, impact etc., and this is a study based on actual evidence:

[http://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/file/common\\_concerns\\_about\\_wind\\_power.pdf](http://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/file/common_concerns_about_wind_power.pdf)

This study covers the concerns you mentioned in your email including some other common ones.

There is an impact of all energy infrastructure but in comparison to centralised coal power stations, nuclear reactors or hydro-fracking the impact of wind turbines is absolutely tiny. We understand that wind farms will change the face of some areas, until other solutions are developed to replace it, but our countryside will change anyway if we do not make a real impact on our contribution to climate change now. Climate change is going to have a dramatic effect on our weather systems which will wipe out a large proportion of our natural species of wildlife, completely change what (and the way) we are able to farm and devastate our environment.

Our already installed system for providing electricity which requires mining, pipelines, power stations, roads to support the pylons and substations across the country have also caused an enormous visual and physical effect on the environment. However, as they are already in place, people don't seem to notice them in the same way they do wind farms, yet it could be argued that these are less attractive than wind farms which could ideally provide renewable energy for the communities they are in proximity to.

Britain still lags way behind our EU neighbours such as Spain and Germany.

Recently Spanish turbines generated 64.2 per cent of the nation's daily energy supply - equivalent to the input of 11 nuclear reactors. Due to our geography, wind turbines in the UK are 50 per cent more efficient than those in Germany, and yet the Germans have installed seven times as many wind turbines as the UK. This might be taken to indicate that the technology is not quite as inefficient as its opponents claim.

Despite this, Britain is currently a world leader in offshore wind power, but the industry still needs serious Government backing to turn plans for a **huge expansion programme** into reality. Government subsidies however are currently proposed to being given to polluting gas power instead. Greenpeace are engaged in many different strands of work to clean up the energy industry around the world.

The following reports will show you in detail how the world can meet energy demands without gas or nuclear and by using efficiency and a variety of renewable technologies instead:

<http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/campaigns/climate-change/energyrevolution/>

This report from the Centre of Alternative Technology is also all about how move away from fossil fuels entirely by 2030 (download it from the link on the right):

<http://www.zerocarbonbritain.org/>

Greenpeace's campaign priority is to avert the acceleration of climate change, **one by halting deforestation of key areas of ancient forests**, and two by reducing global dependence on burning fossil fuels for energy and transport, and make a transition to renewable technologies instead.

Glaciers, permafrost and sea ice are disappearing. Sea levels are rising, coral reefs dying, seasons changing and extreme weather events becoming more common. The impacts of climate change are already responsible for killing an estimated 315,000 people every year and damaging ecosystems. And this is just the beginning - the science predicts that anything more than 2°C rise in global temperatures puts us on the road to potentially catastrophic problems. There will be more flooding, more drought, more disease, more famine and more war, creating hundreds of millions of refugees and causing the destruction of entire ecosystems and species. Our campaigns are clearly focused on protecting the environment so that humanity can sustain itself.

Thanks again for getting in touch and best wishes from us all

Issy Griffin

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**'Until other solutions are developed to replace it,' meaning wind. Well take a good look at our free ad over on the next page Greenpeace! Not only is another solution developed, but it's up and running here, now and going on all around the world as we speak. No dangerous turbine-blades, no bird-deaths, far more discrete with precious little ruination of our still beautiful landscapes and with the added bonus of excluding fishing operations. Really, what's not to like???**

From: cates1980@hotmail.co.uk  
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Sent: Thu, 28 May 2015 08:59:08 +0100  
Subject: Re: Green Energy

Dear Issy,

'Well sited Wind-Farms.' The problem is that birds and bats are simply everywhere. Many travel vast distances and will eventually happen upon a wind-farm; many of them in fact. There's absolutely no way this will not occur and represent a threat each and every time they fly near one.

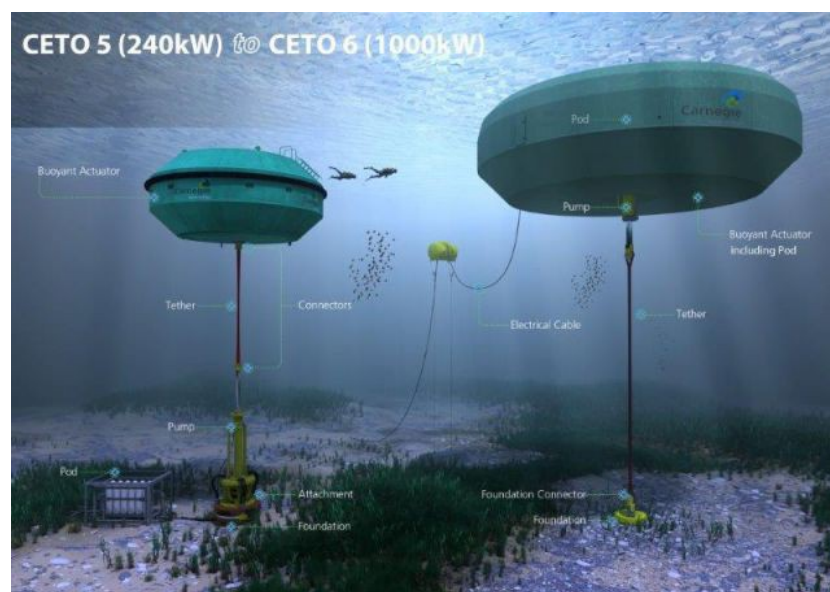
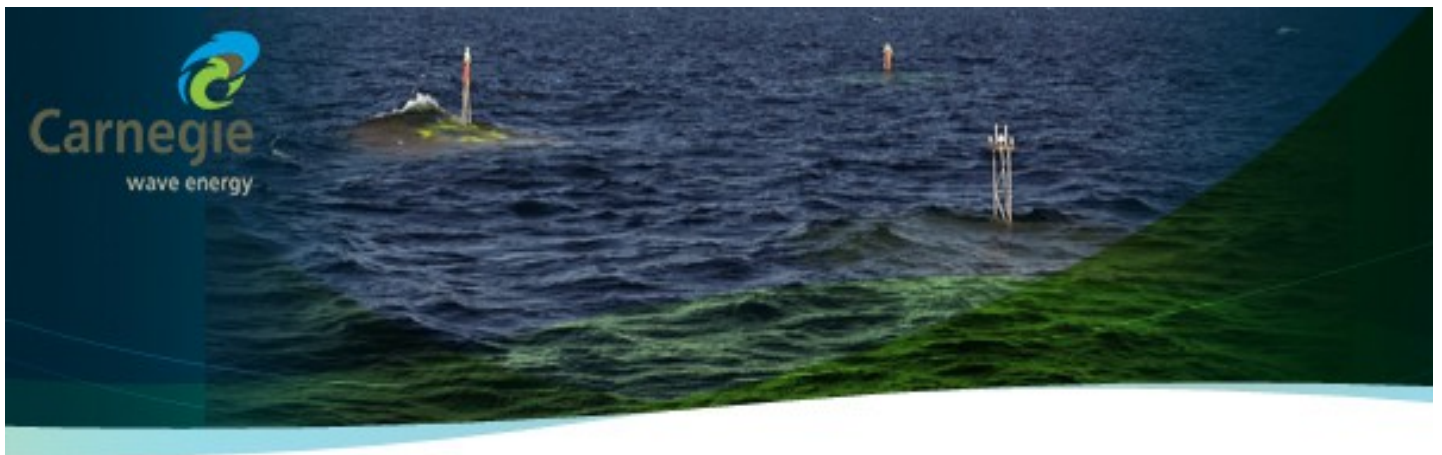
The only safe place for wind-farms at all, and this is no exaggeration, is 90° S., down there on the South-bloody-Pole. There, you might just about get away without killing anything.

Robert Piller.  
Campaign Against the Trade in Endangered Species...



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# Carnegie Wave Energy



<http://www.carnegiewave.com/carnegie-press/press-release-2015.html>

**Contact:** enquiries@carnegiewave.com

And now let's look at the study 'based on actual evidence' no less. Centre for Sustainable Energy (this link was taken from an above letter sent to us by Greenpeace).

[http://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/reports-and-publications/renewables/common\\_concerns\\_about\\_wind\\_power.pdf](http://www.cse.org.uk/downloads/reports-and-publications/renewables/common_concerns_about_wind_power.pdf)

Please take a look at page 32 (some of the script is given below). In this you will see a chart with the following data. I pick up on just two entries more to expose the ridiculousness of it rather than to understand it as a meaningful document (Fig 13.1). You would think this would be more of an embarrassment for Greenpeace, indulging in such twaddle, but they seem unperturbed by believing its every word.

Estimated annual avian mortality per 10,000 deaths. (Data taken from Erickson 20051). Wind turbines 1 and Pesticides 710. How on God's Earth does he arrive at such figures? One avian death per year from wind-farms, per 10,000 deaths. Sorry! I can say **the actual figures are more like one death, per turbine, per day**; and that's a pretty conservative estimate.

And the 710 deaths, per 10,000, from pesticides. Again, what does he do? Does he go around each field looking for corpses and do an autopsy on every one. He takes no account of the infertilities these chemicals cause, whether these birds have died or have simply been prevented from being born in the first place. The net result, no birds in the countryside today.

A 'huge expansion programme,' this is their utopian nightmare, with wind-farms on every hill-line, they would unleash onto the world. They then talk about 'much misinformation about wind in the news media.' Exactly what news media have they been watching; generally there's never a mentioned of it. And now I'll leave you with some of this 'actual evidence' they speak of.

#### **What is current evidence?**

The existing body of research into avian deaths caused by wind turbines over the last 20 years is extensive, and the literature on bat fatalities is increasing.<sup>2,11,12</sup> This increase in awareness has provided the wind energy industry with vital information that must be incorporated into planning and developing existing and future wind farms.<sup>14</sup> **Indeed, planning regulations already exist in the UK to protect natural habitats and prevent damaging development that may harm protected species:** these include the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, and the Planning Policy Statement 9 on Biodiversity and Geological Conservation.<sup>12</sup>

**There is little existing evidence for the UK that shows any detrimental effects to sensitive bird populations** (although fatalities do occur);<sup>14</sup> bats, however, are protected species, and the government advisory body, **Natural England, took immediate steps to provide guidelines for the installation of commercial wind turbines.**<sup>15</sup>



It is clear that, while much research is still underway, there is a great deal of data available on the overall effects of wind turbines on bird and bat populations. Much of this information is collected on a site-specific basis and requires a great deal of assimilation to reach a perspective on the ecological effects of wind power generation.

As avian mortality has been continually researched for decades, it is worthwhile summarising this data. Doing this shows that **the contribution made by wind turbines to avian mortality is negligible when compared to overall mortality from anthropogenic sources. Figures collected across the USA and Europe show that bird deaths caused by collisions with wind turbines make up less than 1 incident out of every 10,000 deaths from all causes: that is less than 0.0001%.<sup>1</sup>**

**Is Greenpeace really this naïve?**

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**The Global Federation For Sustainable Development. Please see this link below to see that they simply do not care about the consequences of what they are doing.**

[http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/special/Global\\_Apollo\\_Programme\\_Report.pdf](http://cep.lse.ac.uk/pubs/download/special/Global_Apollo_Programme_Report.pdf)

**I was so incensed by what I read here that I decided to update the Zero-Carbon's paper even though this was done only the other week. I thought we should give every type three asterisks, but with colour-coding in order to really differentiate the various systems out there. The key below says it all and I think sends out a clearer message than the last one did. New pictures as well as the above link have also been included (see second attached).**

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**A link from Friends Against Wind. Read here about what the wind industry is really about.**

<http://www.friends-against-wind.org/>

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**An update on Carnegie.**

<http://www.carnegiewave.com/>

# **The Confessions of an MP.**

**Whilst watching the Wright Stuff, Channel 5 TV., UK. the other week. We were treated to what I thought was a real eye-opener on how important decisions are reach in the House of Commons. I won't name them, all of us make mistakes from time to time, but having discussed the matter of Badgers with his/her 'farmer friends' it turns out, he/she then went into the chamber of the House and promptly voted in favour of the cull; although 'admitted to feeling guilty about it afterwards.'**

**It is a fact that if you ask anyone working in whatever industry they happen to be in, whether it's farming, wind, nuclear-power, they are going to have a bias in their argument. For example, a farmer will tell you pesticides are perfectly safe, the wind-energy will tell you bird-deaths are exaggerated and are not a problem and nuclear will tell you there are no problems there either, etc. And so, when you ask at least some farmers about Badgers, it's not exactly going to be the soundest advice you can possibly get in order to make an informed choice when passing a death-sentence. I certainly wouldn't want to be in their court on a murder charge.**

**I happen to know this MP. opposes abortions. If he/she were to perhaps go along to such a clinic and discuss such matters there, would he/she then be so easily swayed as they so clearly were with the Badgers. Possibly not, although who knows? But anyway, this is not about one person literally being lead by the nose, this is about government policies being made and laws being passed, by people frankly who need to form real opinions of their own.**

## **US. Courts declare war on whale conservation.**



**Alex Kozinski**

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2013/feb/27/sea-shepherd-pirates-us-court>

**Please write the courts and let them know what you think.**

ccc@ce9.uscourts.gov; lori\_landis@wawd.uscourts.gov;

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**A letter addressed to a whaling supporter.**

From: PeppinR@verizon.net>  
To: simonw@center.wakayama-u.ac.jp>  
Sent: Tue, 2 Jun 2015 12:23  
Subject: RE: NHK

Hi Simon,

Thanks for your e-mail.

This is my take- you, I, all of us, have a duty to say what we think, we believe, we know, that affects others. I think it is my job to tell US citizens, Japan legislators, everyone. I don't think I can convince you, or probably anyone, about my views. You either feel them or don't. And I'm against the exploitation of human and non-human animals. That exploitation includes killing people in wars, for punishment, and includes the killing of animals for food, the exploitation of animals for fur, milk, eggs, everything.

Most cordially,

Rich



# The Planning Notice

**We've all seen them. If you want to do any major work like building an extension or knocking down an old building you need to place one of these in a visible place in order to notify anyone in the area who might have objections. Well, according to the Carmarthen Planning Department and the local ombudsman, this is not the case. Anyone can knock down their old buildings and do whatever, without ever placing one of these, and no action will be taken against them.**

**Perhaps drop the a line too.**

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**Concluding: We print any letters here from all sides of both arguments. So long as it's relevant to the subject matters and provided it's not obscene we will print it. If you disagree with anything that's been said, please write in. This is a public arena so please feel free to have your say. Contact details will always be withheld on request.**