

Greens respond to Met Office State of the UK Climate report



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The Green Party has responded to the Met Office's fourth annual State of the UK Climate report calling it a "final wake-up call" for the Government to take meaningful action on climate change.

The report found that 2017 was the fifth warmest on record for the UK, with nine of the 10 hottest years in the UK occurring since 2002 [1].

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, said:

"This must be the final wake up call for the Government to end its failure on climate action. With nine of the ten hottest UK years on record occurring since 2002, history will ask why this Government didn't show leadership in the face of the overwhelming evidence of climate breakdown.

"Despite knowing we are set to miss climate targets the Government has pushed fracking, approved airport expansion and pulled the rug from under renewable energy. This recklessness is a total abdication of responsibility and it's time the Government matched its green rhetoric with meaningful action."

Notes:

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jul/31/2017-uks-fifth-warmest-year-on-record-says-met-office>

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