

Minister Muir plants first tree in Woodland Renewal project at Ulster Folk Museum

DAERA Minister Andrew Muir has paid a visit to the Ulster Folk Museum, Cultra to hear of investment plans for future developments at the site as well as the ongoing work around restoring ancient woodlands there.

Review of Flooding in the South East published

The Review of South East Flooding (Autumn 2023) has been published.

Greens respond to GB Energy announcement

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Carla Denyer, co-leader of the Green Party said: “This is an important day for our country. After 14 wasted years it is a relief that we now have an Energy Secretary who understands the climate crisis and is prepared to take the action we need.

“But action on renewables will be pointless unless it goes hand in hand with the rapid transition away from North Sea oil and gas. New figures today show more oil and gas being produced, threatening to unleash nearly 12bn tonnes of planet-heating emissions, with the world’s wealthiest countries – such as the US and the UK – leading the way, according to the International Institute for Sustainable Development

“Energy Secretary Ed Miliband is claiming that his plans will reduce bills but that will only be achieved if the Government invests in improving the energy efficiency of homes too. The significant cut in proposed public investment from £28bn every year to £8.3bn over the course of the parliament means energy will continue to be wasted while bills soar and the poorest

households live in cold homes.

“Labour’s commitment to clean electricity by 2030 is welcome, but without urgent action on transport and home heating we won’t meet our climate targets. That is why the Green Party called for major investment in public transport and a nationwide programme of home insulation and conversion of home heating away from gas and towards electricity.”

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Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire said: “Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is a war criminal who should be in front of a judge at the Hague, not being applauded by the US Congress.

“Tragically, Prime Minister Netanyahu has strong, political incentives for the war to continue. If we are to bring about the ceasefire that is so desperately needed, we must put in place real, meaningful consequences such as targeted individual sanctions on Prime Minister Netanyahu and other leaders, including of Hamas, for failing to do so, not invite him for speeches and photo opportunities.”

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they are ineffective” – Greens respond to closing of Bibby Stockholm announcement

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Responding to the news that Labour plan to close the Bibby Stockholm, Green Party Refugee and Migration Spokesperson, Benali Hamdache, said,

“Today’s announcement to close the Bibby Stockholm is very welcome.

“The conditions there are as cruel as they are ineffective.

“It’s entirely inappropriate for people to be held in such vile conditions.

“Seeking asylum is a right that the UK should ensure is undertaken with dignity and appropriate levels of support.

“I congratulate Labour for making this move in their first weeks of administration.

“If Labour now accept the need to close the Bibby Stockholm, we hope they now also take a long hard look at other detention centres like Yarl’s Wood that inspectors have deemed “[no longer safe](#)” let alone desirable.”

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