

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer  
Her Majesty's Treasury  
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**Dear Chancellor**

A new National Nature Service could employ many tens of thousands of people and restore our land, coastlines, oceans and economy for a greener, more prosperous future.

There is plenty of work to do, ready to go, with the right investment in the projects and people needed to shape a green recovery. To tackle climate change, restore nature, and give everyone a healthier environment, we need to restore thousands of hectares of habitats, create a more sustainable food and farming system, ensure equitable access to quality greenspaces for nature-deprived communities, root out invasive species and work the land in sustainable ways.

In doing so, we will create a more prosperous and resilient society and train up a new workforce with the skills and confidence to power a green, modern economy. Our organisations stand ready to lead, people of all ages and backgrounds stand ready to work as part of an environmental economic renaissance. From you, we need a well-funded training and employment programme, investment in a co-designed portfolio of conservation projects to kickstart green recovery, and the bravery to seize the day.

Yours sincerely

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**Sir Mark Rylance**, actor

**Dominic Dyer**, CEO, Badger Trust

**Sir Ian Cheshire**, Chairman, Barclays UK

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**Carina Millstone**, CEO, Feedback

**Sue Pritchard**, CEO, The Food, Farming and Countryside Commission

**Sir Jonathan Poritt**, Co-Founder, Forum for the Future

**Miriam Turner** and **Hugh Knowles**, interim co-CEOs, Friends of the Earth

**Dominic Hall**, Convenor, Glasgow National Park City Group

**Sonja Graham**, Co-CEO, Global Action Plan

**Naomi Webb**, Executive Director, Good Chance Theatre

**John Sauven**, CEO, Greenpeace UK  
**Patricia Hughes**, CEO, Hart District Council  
**David Bunt**, Chair, Institute of Fisheries Management  
**Darren Raymond**, Artistic Director, Intermission Youth  
**Allison Tickell**, Director, Julie's Bicycle  
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**David Hickman**, Head of Environment, Lincolnshire County Council  
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**Trudie Styler**, CEO, Maven Pictures  
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**Paul Hamblin**, Executive Director, National Parks England  
**Zamzam Ibrahim**, President, National Union of Students  
**Leigh Middleton**, CEO, National Youth Agency  
**Martin Lines**, UK Chair, Nature-Friendly Farming Network  
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