

Climate Change in the United Kingdom



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[These are my views as a woman living in England, on how the culture and spirit of my country has changed over 50 years. Why the country does not feel protected or strong any more, how it has lost, and is losing its values and decency, and how we are daily losing our free speech.]

Areas of Natural Beauty. Geographically and Physically

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, and the earth was without form, and void: and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said; Let there be light and there was Light. Genesis: 1:3

I went on a short trip recently. A short trip down memory lane, and a journey back to a part of the UK I hadn't visited for some time.

Cumbria, which is in an area also known as The Lake District in the North of England, is an area of outstanding natural beauty, and is famous for its lakes and mountains, with Scafell Pike being the highest mountain in England, and Lake Windermere the largest lake.

The area is also known for its famous artists and writers who once resided there, such as William Wordsworth, John Ruskin, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Beatrix Potter.

It was a place that was once well known to attract many romantics and philosophers.

Recently, The Lake District has become part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

[UNESCO World Heritage Centre – World Heritage List](#)

Leaving the M6 motorway northbound, which is the longest motorway in the United Kingdom, but solely located in England, visitors to The Lake District enter a mountainous region which mainly attracts those who like outdoor pursuits, such as hiking, boating and camping.

Its small villages, isolated farms and landscape are noticeably free from the many 5g tower masts which stand on almost every corner of the inner cities of the rest of the United Kingdom. It was incredibly refreshing to drive through miles of open landscape witnessing the green patchwork fields which the country is known for. It was nice not to hear the daily dose of ambulance sirens driving past my home, and it was especially nice to walk along a traditional promenade at the particular remote town where I stayed, without the usual commercialism which attacks us on a daily basis. It was like stepping back in time.

One couple on our trip took a train journey to Carnforth Station which is where they filmed the 1945 movie 'Brief Encounter' The station which is now a Heritage Centre is advertised as an experience of total nostalgia.

However, the couple kept referring to the film 'Close Encounters' by mistake, which is about aliens landing on the earth.



[Carnforth Station Heritage Centre](#)

Everything felt quite quintessential and normal for a short while, but life since my last visit has unfortunately changed. Whilst the landscape remains unaltered, and almost cosseted in protecting a traditional image in part, an awareness of some of the people, made up of residents, but mainly tourists, in some of the more popular towns I visited had most certainly altered.

For the short time I spent in Keswick, Kendal, Windermere and Bowness on Windermere, there was an overwhelming feeling of being displaced, not just by the sheer volume of other cultures and visitors, but by what I can only describe as an aggressive uncaring and somewhat downcast spirit, which was far removed from the more genteel polite society which once seemed to reside there.

Were we really having a close encounter of the 3rd kind?

[The view from Lake Windermere](#)



Of course, our relationships with others, has changed considerably over the last few years. Is it me, or are we now all naturally more suspicious of each other?

During 2020-2022, people who we once considered quite normal and considerate, turned out to be quite prepared to discriminate and aggressively betray others based solely on their own fears and false information being fed to them.

Some friends became enemies, and those who we thought may be enemies, became friends.

Rebel rousers; those who appeared to be independent and free thinkers, turned out to be quite the opposite and were completely programmed by the media without question, and the un-noticed ordinary person down the street turned out to be the clear rational thinker; the one who questioned or researched facts themselves. They didn't go along with a crowd mentality.

Aside from the obvious decline in morality and ethics which you could visibly witness on the streets, I wondered if this

genuinely was the reason for my uneasiness, and the slight distance which I felt from my fellow man?

Natural Beauty

The UK, of course, has many other areas of outstanding natural beauty. (AONB) which do not come under UNESCO. A relatively new charitable organization called The National Association for AONBs has listed the 46 areas of outstanding natural beauty in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, for which it offers to protect and conserve based on the love of our countryside.

Who lives there?

[Overview map of the UK's Areas of Outstanding Beauty \(landscapesforlife.org.uk\)](http://landscapesforlife.org.uk)

AONB are designated areas which are protected under the 1949 National Parks and Access to Countryside Act which is enhanced by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

An Act of Parliament passed in 1949 to conserve the most sensitive areas of the UK was passed as a result of two reports. The Hobhouse Report and John Dower Report commissioned to respond to the wish of the public to have access to land for recreation.

The National Association for AONB state:

- Their vision is to make sure that these areas are valued and secure.
- Their mission is to support and develop a network of ambitious partnerships that have a strong collective voice.

Like UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) they are very focused on 'climate change'

I feel it is very important to keep a watch not only on the above Acts of Parliament but also on the most recent Environmental Improvement Plan issued by the UK Government, with again, a particular emphasis on Climate Change, Reaching Net Zero Domestically and Reducing Agricultural Emissions through new farming schemes.

[Environmental Improvement Plan \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

The conservation and protection of our beautiful countryside together with an emphasis on reducing pollution should never be at the expense of restricting access to freedom of movement or targeting the farmers who produce our food in these areas under the guise of 'Climate Change' which can also be questionable based on the research and the facts produced by other expert meteorologists and climatologists outside of what and who governments promote on this subject.

In his book Cobalt Red, the author Siddharth Kara also throws light on cobalt mining in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its exploitation, where adults and children suffer and die daily mining cobalt which is a component to every lithium-ion rechargeable battery that powers our smartphones, tablets, laptops and electric vehicles.

The all-electric smart green utopia being pushed by our governments has many dirty secrets.

It is alleged that the climate change industry makes 1.5 trillion a year.

[Cobalt mining for Big Tech is driving child labor, deaths in the Congo | The Independent](#)

The charitable organization of NAAONB, like many others, has good intentions at its heart, but the government has proven that outside of its own vested interests, it does not. Their mouths say one thing and their actions say another.

Land grabbing and the displacing of people, most especially towards the indigenous inhabitants of any country, appears to be an item on another person's road trip and on an Agenda which some people may not be aware of.

We must never forget the division, the heartache and the inhumane restrictions which were recently enforced on people lives, whilst the implementors of such rules, knowingly walked free.

If these same people really claim to care for the environment, then why don't they care so much for people?

We cannot stay home all our lives; we must present ourselves to the world and we must look upon it as an adventure.

Beatrix Potter

Living in the Present

Living in the present moment and appreciating it, whilst not forgetting or overlooking what evil can, and is doing, in our world today, is a lesson which I personally strive to maintain and live by.

My short trip to the Lake District presented me with many signs, and opportunities to take note of.

On a very positive note, I especially appreciated the time I spent with my sister and the fun that we had staying in a lovely hotel. We should always maintain where possible these relationships

However, there were two other instances which impacted me.

One was the very serious young waitress who served us each morning and evening in the hotel who we just couldn't get to smile, even with the most pleasant conversation that we tried to instigate with her.

It was only on the last morning that she cracked a small

little grin. But what a delight to see it.

Her attitude towards her job, to ensuring that people were happy with her service and that she was attentive to them at all times was impeccable. She took it very seriously but it almost seemed to be a pressure upon her.

Behind her sad face, I appreciated her dedication to her role and her work ethic. I wondered what sadness lay inside her heart and what hope she may have lost unknown to us, and yet here she was in this world which attempts to instil fear in us and destroy us every day. Her standards were still high. She was an overcomer. Head and shoulders above those with absolutely no scruples. That type of beauty shows up the ugliness.

The other instance was on our last short visit to a town called Keswick.

It was dull and very busy, people were pushing and shoving, littering the streets with food and drink. It was the school holidays and there were lots of bored children. I was inwardly sighing at the sheer number of heavily tattooed men and women, and they could have been such nice people for all I knew. It was a far cry from the surrounding beauty of the area, and I noticed the downward pull which was trying to take me with it.

However, as we were walking away a voice pierced the air which made some people stop and listen.

A young girl was singing. Her voice was so loud, clear and pure without the use of a microphone or speaker, that it seemed to pierce through the chaos in a superior fashion. It was naturally beautiful with a very special message.

The song she was singing was the classical Nessun Dorma (Let No One Sleep) and although she sang in Italian, people seemed to understand the message.

Some people came to a standstill and tears filled their eyes.

Others walked past as if she was not there at all, indifferent, laughing or shouting and oblivious to the people who wanted to listen. Why couldn't they get the message? It was like light cutting through darkness.

[Nessun Dorma – Luciano Pavarotti \(English lyrics translation\) – YouTube](#)

It is believed Nessun Dorma is really a response to the upheavals of World War I, a place of such cruelty and horror, but that somehow Love and Hope still exists.

We should be in no doubt that we are in a final war with evil. It is cunning and sly and comes as an angel of light pretending to care about people's health and the environment, but it can only use these issues together with those who align to it, for its own selfish advantage and agenda. There is an awful lot of cruelty and horror taking place in this beautiful world.

Does Love and Hope still Exist

I do believe that for those who can see through these plans there is a great deal of light which has come to this earth to show us this darkness, and for that we should have great hope that all will be revealed.

Our brief encounters may turn to close encounters of the genuine kind.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

Rest and be thankful. William Wordsworth

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