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The Earth is sweet and green and verily Allah (swt) has made
you stewards of it

Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)

Adhere to the fitrah (original design) of Allah upon which He has
created [all] people. There is no altering God's creation and this
is the right din (way), though most people do not realize it

Surah Ar Rum (The Romans) 30:30

Allah (swt) has created the planet with a specific system for us to live in but the above verse is also warning us that we do not realise the damage that we are causing to that system. It provides us with the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat and many other blessings. However, because our collective lifestyles we are causing damage to the planet.

Our earth continues to warm, climate patterns change. Extreme and unpredictable weather is becoming more common across the world as climate patterns change, with some places being hotter, some places being wetter, and some places being drier. This is known as 'Climate Change' and these changes are having drastic impacts on all life on Earth including the UK.

Allah (swt) says in the Quran

“Corruption has appeared in both land and sea as a result of
people's actions, the consequences of which they may taste, so
that hopefully they will turn back”

Surah Ar Rum (The Romans) 30:30

The earth and everything in it belongs to Allah (swt), it is an 'amanah' (responsibility) to take care of it as His stewards on earth. We cannot be close to the Creator if we are not close to His creation.



The religion of Islam is inherently environmental and shows concern for everything around us. As Muslims we can have a huge responsibility to protect the environment. We should use the guidance from the Quran and Sunnah to live sustainably and justly on earth, and its teachings to stimulate individuals and communities into action.

Do not walk arrogantly about the earth: you cannot break it open, nor match the mountains in height

Surah Al Isra (The Night Journey) 17:37

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had a very low impact lifestyle. His way of everyday life is described by his wife Aisha (ra):

“He was the most generous of people, who never kept a dinar or a dirham with him overnight. If he had anything left over and he could not find someone to give it to before night came, he would not go home until he had donated it to someone who needed it. He did not take anything from that which Allah had bestowed upon him except one year’s supply of the simplest provisions, dates and barley, giving all of that for the sake of Allah. He was never asked for anything but he gave it, then he would go back to his annual supplies and donate from them to those who needed it more, then he might run out before the year ended. He used to repair his own sandals and mend his own clothes.”

The above hadith (Sahih Muslim) describes the 3Rs – Reduce, Reuse & Recycle. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) led a sustainable lifestyle and his example shows us how we can live by sharing, caring and reducing the demands we on the land.





Islam puts a great deal of emphasis on protecting and preserving the earth and indeed the urgency in doing so can be established by the following hadith:

Anas (May Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

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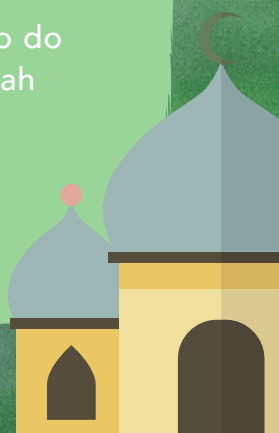
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Planting trees is a renewable source of hasanat (reward) Anas also reported that the Prophet said:

“If a Muslim plants a tree or sows seeds, and then a bird, or a person or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charitable gift (sadaqah) for him.”

(Bukhari)

The above hadith tells us that as Muslims not only must we protect the earth to fulfil our religious obligations as Muslims but that we must also do this as a matter of urgency and with particular regard to the reward Allah places upon it, not just in the afterlife but also at present.





Get Involved #ShowTheLove

The past year has been a year like no other. The devastating impacts of the pandemic have impacted us all, and made us value what we love more than ever. We know our best chance at rebuilding goes hand in hand with tackling the climate crisis. We need our leaders to protect everything we love and deliver a healthy, green and fair recovery.

Later this year, the UK will host the United Nations climate summit. This is our opportunity to lead the world into a cleaner, greener future, but first we need to invest in the solutions to the climate crisis at home.

In order to inspire other Muslims and people around the world, we want you to show the world that you have love for Allah's creation and for the blessings that He has given you. When we raise our voices together, we are a force for change that is impossible to ignore. The rest of this pack is full of ideas on how to take part in Show the Love and take action to protect the people, place and live we love from climate change.

Ways to #ShowTheLove

Ever since the start of Show the Love, communities across the UK have demonstrated year-on-year that beautiful things are possible when people work together. Things may look a bit different this year, but you can still show the love! Here are some ways you can get involved:

COMMIT TO PRAY

Pray for the protection of earth and all those whose lives are currently impacted by climate change.

ASK YOUR MP TO JOIN YOU IN TAKING CLIMATE ACTION

This year, The Climate Coalition is asking us to encourage our MPs to **#ShowTheLove** for a cleaner, greener future. If you craft a green heart, save one for your MP and send it along with the postcard included at the end of this guide.

TALK TO YOUR MOSQUE AND IMAM

Explore how they could get involved. Ask the Imam to speak about the environment during Friday prayers if still taking place online, or get children from the madrassa involved in activities they can do from home.

MAKE AND SHARE A GREEN HEART TO START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

What do you care about? What do you love that you want to protect from climate change? What lessons can we take from the Quran and Sunnah to preserve the natural environment? Make and wear or share a green heart to start these conversations - you can find tips on how to craft a green heart in our Green Heart action pack, available at showthelove.org.

CREATE A GREEN HEART WINDOW DISPLAY

Window displays have brought joy to many communities over the past year as we've spent much more time at home. Create green hearts and use them to decorate a window, noticeboard or front garden over the Valentine's Day weekend- the 12th-15th of February- to show the love to your community.





Share the love on social media

If you use social media, we would love for you to take pictures and share it online with the hashtags **#ShowTheLove** and **#LoveAllahsCreation**- this way Muslims can be part of the national campaign online, alongside people of other faiths and none, showing our love for Allah's creation.

The Time Is Now For A Cleaner, Greener World That Works For Everyone

Our declaration brings together people from all walks of life with businesses, community groups, MPs, local decision makers to send a strong and unified message that **#TheTimesNow** to take urgent action to protect what we love from the climate crisis.

We want to reach one million voices before the UN Climate Summit. Encourage your congregation to add their name to the declaration at thetimeisnow.uk, and send a postcard to your MP to ask them to commit to **#ShowTheLove** by championing climate action.



STEP 1

Add your name to the declaration at thetimeisnow.uk - you can sign up as an individual and as a community too.



STEP 2

Fill in the postcard and add a bit about why you've signed the declaration so your MP knows why you care about climate action.



STEP 3

Fold your postcard, attach a crafted green heart if you've made one.



STEP 4

Pop the postcard in an envelope and send it your MP. You can find their constituency surgery address at members.parliament.uk or alternatively send it to (addressed to them) to House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.



STEP 5

Keep an eye out for their response.

Notes to organisers, mosque committee members and Imams:

You can download additional postcards like the one featured in the back of this pack on showthelove.org.uk if individuals want to print out their own and send it to their MP.

Additional resources are also available on showthelove.org.uk if you would like to get more involved in Show the Love, for example with craft or youth and children's activities.



Dear **MP**

I want to see urgent action to protect what I love from the climate crisis. I've added my voice to The Climate Coalition's Declaration because I care about...

Before the UK hosts the world at the UN Climate Summit in November, we need to show global leadership by ensuring our recovery gets us on track to a cleaner, greener world that works for everyone. **Will you #ShowTheLove by championing climate action this year?**

Please show your support by:

- Signing The Climate Coalition's Declaration for a Healthy, Green And Fair Tomorrow (please email campaigns@theclimatecoalition.org to sign)
- Sharing a photo of this green heart on Twitter pledging your support to protect all that we could lose to the climate crisis - don't forget to tag [@theclimatecoalition](https://twitter.com/theclimatecoalition) and use [#ShowTheLove](https://twitter.com/ShowTheLove)

Thank you,

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Organisation/Group:

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