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# SHOW THE LOVE

## 2021

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Quakers have a longstanding concern for living sustainably and justly which arise from our testimonies to simplicity, integrity, truth and peace.

Quakers share a way of life, rather than a set of beliefs, seeking to experience God directly within ourselves, and in our relationships with others and the world around us.

We want to make sure our use of natural resources is sustainable. Quakers try to live simply and to find space for the things that really matter: the people around us, the natural world, and our experience of stillness.

In 2011 Quakers in Britain made a commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community. We are working to turn climate emergency declarations into reality and campaigning for energy justice and climate action.

We are invited to show our care for the climate during February 2020 by joining in with The Climate Coalition's Show the Love campaign.







**DURING FEBRUARY, YOU MAY WANT TO SHARE THESE  
TESTIMONIES DURING MEETING FOR WORSHIP:**

The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age.

*John Woolman 1772*

We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world. Work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life. Rejoice in the splendour of God's continuing creation

*Quaker Faith & Practice, Advices & Queries #43*

Try to live simply. A simple lifestyle freely chosen is a source of strength. Do not be persuaded into buying what you do not need or cannot afford. Do you keep yourself informed about the effects your style of living is having on the global economy and environment?

*Quaker Faith & Practice, Advices & Queries #42*

Climate change is a symptom of a greater challenge: how to live sustainably and fairly on this planet. It is as much a spiritual as it is an economic, political and social challenge.

*Lindsey Fielder Cook, Quaker United Nations Office representative for climate change.*



The world has warmed to an average of 1 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures. We must limit the warming of our world to 1.5 degrees C to protect the people, places and lives we love from the worst effects of climate change.

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.

Quakers have always been part of the wider climate movement, speaking truth to power, holding decision makers to account, and sharing our testimonies on simple living. Conversation leads to action. Having courageous conversations during Show the Love builds on this long Quaker tradition. 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

For our world and all those whose lives are currently impacted by climate change, and for guidance for our leaders as they make decisions to end the country's contribution to 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.

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

Two-thirds of people care about climate change - but don't know where to start. Wearing a green heart could be a great way to start a conversation about climate action - You can find tips on how to craft a green heart in our Green Heart action pack, available at [showthelove.org.uk](https://showthelove.org.uk).

### CREATE A GREEN HEART 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.







### CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Although life remains unusual, there has never been a better time to club together with your local community. This February, connect with others in your area such as community groups and local faith communities. Organise an online talk about why you care about climate change, the work you are doing to tackle climate change, and explore how you can work together to help create a cleaner, greener future this year.

### IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THIS FURTHER:

A Rocha's Eco Church scheme help Meetings to assess their sustainability and provides a framework for improving your Meeting's carbon footprint.



## Share the love on social media

If you use social media, please take a photo of yourself with a green heart, and share it online with the hashtags **#ShowTheLove** and **#GodsCreation**. This way, Christians of all denominations come together as part of the national campaign online, alongside people of other faiths and none, showing our love for God's creation.

### Notes to Organisers and Clerks of Local Meetings:

You can download additional postcards like the one featured in the back of this pack on [showthelove.org.uk](http://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](http://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.

Find out more about Quaker work on sustainability and the work of Central England Quakers Low Carbon Commitment Forum.





## 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 **#TheTimeIsNow** 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](https://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](https://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.



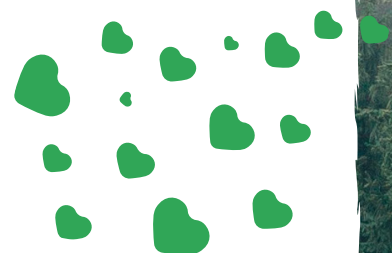
### STEP 4

Pop the postcard in an envelope and send it your MP. You can find their constituency surgery address at [members.parliament.uk](https://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.



Central England Quakers





The time is now to protect what we  
love from the climate crisis.

thelimatecoalition.org

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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@thelimatecoalition.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 @thelimatecoalition and use #ShowTheLove

Thank you,

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Postcode:  
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