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BETWEEN:

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(3) INFRANORTH LIMITED

Claimants

-and-

(1) PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO IN CONNECTION WITH THE 'EXTINCTION REBELLION' CAMPAIGN OR THE 'JUST STOP OIL' CAMPAIGN ENTER OR REMAIN, WITHOUT THE FIRST CLAIMANT'S CONSENT, ON THE FIRST CLAIMANT'S LAND AT STANLOW MANUFACTURING COMPLEX, ELLESMERE PORT, CH65 4HB SHOWN EDGED RED (SAVE FOR THE AREAS HATCHED BLUE AND ORANGE) ON THE ATTACHED 'STANLOW PLAN'

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Campaigners Dr Patrick Hart, Ruth Cook, Joy Corrigan, and Stephen Jarvis, all received a suspended prison sentence after breaching a High Court injunction by blocking access to a petrol station during a Just Stop Oil protest

Five climate activists have received suspended prison sentences after breaching a High Court injunction by blocking access to a petrol station.

The Just Stop Oil members sat on the road at Thurrock Motorway Services in Grays, Essex, on 24 August.

They all admitted breaking terms of a civil order granted to Thurrock Council and Essex County Council in May.

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At a hearing in London, Mr Justice Bourne said the case involved a "deliberate flouting of a court order".

He said the harm caused was "not lessened" by protesters having "conscientious motives".

George Oakenfold, 78, also received a suspended prison sentence

Ruth Cook, 70, Joy Corrigan, 71, Stephen Jarvis, 66, and George Oakenfold, 78, were all handed a four-week sentence, suspended for two years, on condition they did not breach injunctions again.

Dr Patrick Hart, 36, received a sentence of four months, suspended for two years on condition he committed no further breaches, and was also ordered to pay a £2,000 fine.

The NHS GP had also caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to 16 pumps with a hammer and by spraying them with orange paint and "obstructed or otherwise interfered with the refuelling of vehicles".

The local authorities **secured the injunction in May** to "restrain unlawful acts of protest" in their areas, including forbidding blocking of any petrol station

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The local authorities **secured the injunction in May** to "restrain unlawful acts of protest" in their areas, including forbidding blocking of any petrol station and interfering with deliveries or refuelling, the court was told.

Barrister Natalie Pratt, for the councils, said in written submissions that protesters, part of a larger group of 11 people, had "blocked, slowed down, obstructed or otherwise interfered with vehicular access" at the Esso petrol station between about 05:18 and 06:56 BST.

She said the councils did "not doubt the sincerity" of the activists' beliefs, but argued their "pre-meditated, intentional, and wilful" breaches had caused harm.

The cost of repairing pumps was £9,376.27, Ms Pratt said, adding that the forecourt was not fully operational until 18:00 BST the next day and the temporary closure led to lost profits of £1,146.06.

The protesters, who were unrepresented by lawyers, told the judge they felt it was their duty to highlight the risks of climate change through protest.

The judge said he accepted the protesters' assurances they would not breach the injunction again, and said he took their "good character" and "open and candid approach to the court" into account when suspending their sentences.

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"I have no regrets, I offer no apology and I will breach the injunction again": GP jailed for peaceful civil resistance

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One Just Stop Oil supporter who appeared in a Birmingham court yesterday was jailed, five were remanded and another eight were given suspended sentences for sitting peacefully outside the Kingsbury Oil Terminal to demand an end to new oil and gas projects in the UK. [1][2]

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The 14 Just Stop Oil supporters who appeared before Her Honour Judge Kelly at Queen Elizabeth Court in Birmingham on Wednesday, were accused of breaking the North Warwickshire injunction on 14th September. The private injunction appears designed to help the state protect the profits of the oil industry by effectively outlawing any protest activity near the Kingsbury Oil Terminal. [3] [4]

Sarah Benn, 55, a GP from the West Midlands was sentenced to 32 days in prison, after being found guilty of her third breach of the injunction. She will serve at least half of that time. She has already served 8 days in prison earlier this year after breaching the Warwickshire injunction in May. [5]

Sarah's testimony to the court began with the words:

"I have no regrets. I offer no apology and I will breach the injunction again."

5 Just Stop Oil supporters – Sheila Shatford, Charlotte Kirin, Mary Adams, Michelle Charlesworth, Tez Burns – contested the allegation, refused to recognise the authority of the court, or asked for more time to consider the allegations and were remanded in custody until Friday or Monday.

A further 8 Just Stop Oil supporters – Richard Morgan, Holly Exley, Steven Gingall , Mark Latimer, Darcy Mitchell, George Oakenfold, Anthony Whitehouse and Chloe Naldrett – were given sentences of 23 days, suspended for 2 years plus individual costs of up to £380.

Richard Morgan, 45, an electrician and town councillor from Bridgewater said:

"I have a 1st class degree in ocean science and my dissertation was on climate change. I am a renewable energy engineer. I am a town councillor on the climate emergency portfolio. I am doing everything I can to address the climate and ecological emergency through every means available to me, but I have exhausted

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"We are out of time. Direct action is our last best hope. I am asking the government to cease all new oil and gas. We have enough for a just transition. Fossil fuels must stay in the ground. "

"We are normal people protecting our childrens' future. This is our last resort. We are the last generation that can prevent untold global suffering. Join us on October 1st in Westminster, together we can Just Stop Oil."

Speaking before taking action last week Sheila Shatford, 67, a former NHS nurse said:

"I cannot stand back while our government encourages the oil giants to feed our fossil fuel addiction even though they know that their actions are forcing ordinary people into acute food and fuel poverty. Hunger, cold and extremes of weather will see vulnerable people die. I have to stand up and shout out for the people who aren't able to raise their voices.

"It is hard to get your head round the urgency and magnitude of the climate emergency. It's easier to ignore it or passively accept things as they are. This is so understandable, but we can, even at this late stage, turn things round. History has taught us that sustained, non violent civil disruption is the most effective way of forcing the government to change its plans. Standing shoulder to shoulder as one we are strong and we will win. It starts with one little step – sign up to Just Stop Oil and join us on the streets in October".

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Speaking before taking action last week, Tez Burns 34, a bicycle mechanic from Swansea said:

"Civil resistance is our best chance of ending the cost of living crisis and the climate crisis, everything else has been tried and failed. It is the best use of our time and energy if we want change to happen.

"Rather than wasting billions subsidising the rising cost of energy and putting more money in the pockets of the oil companies, the government should be protecting the citizens of this country by investing in renewable energy and insulating our homes. The cost of living crisis will end when we end our dependence on oil. There must be no new fossil fuels."

The 10 were the second group to appear in court from among 51 Just Stop Oil supporters remanded to prison last Friday after they had refused to comply with court proceedings and informed the court that they would break the injunction again. A further group of 14 Just Stop Oil supporters will appear in the Birmingham court today. [6] [7] [8]

Last week there were 56 ordinary people in prison for resisting new oil and gas projects, after two days of court appearances today that number falls to 37. [9]

Since April 1st when supporters of Just Stop Oil first began blocking oil terminals there have been over 1350 arrests.

As the government doubles down on fossil fuel energy by "ramping up supply" and breaks its manifesto commitment on fracking, Just Stop Oil supporters will continue to take nonviolent direct action to demand an end to this genocidal death project. We accept the consequences of our actions and we don't need you to feel sorry for us, we need you to step up and join us.

This is the moment to come together and resist. We are not prepared to just watch while they destroy everything we love. We're done with begging. Voting has changed nothing. We are going to stop new oil whether those in power agree or not. As citizens, as humans, as parents and children we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. This is the moment, we are the last generation that can solve this. Will you step up and join us? If we all come together we can do this. We can Just Stop Oil. Join us from October 1st in Westminster.

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Breen dug a hole and occupied it in an attempt to disrupt the build of an aviation fuel pipeline

A climate activist who occupied a tunnel to disrupt the building of a fuel pipeline has been jailed for flouting a High Court injunction.

Scott Breen, 48, **dug a pit next to the M25 at Chertsey in Surrey** as part of a protest against Esso's Southampton to London Pipeline project.

The 48-year-old, nicknamed "Digger", admitted breaching the court order.

He was jailed for 112 days by a High Court judge following a hearing at the Royal Courts of Justice on Tuesday.

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Royal Courts of Justice on Tuesday.

Esso Petroleum Company Limited, owned by ExxonMobil, was granted an interim injunction against Breen and "persons unknown" at a hearing last month.

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It included a requirement that Breen leave his pit within 72 hours of the order being served on him.

In his ruling, Mr Justice Ritchie said Breen had been "arrogant, dismissive" and "sought to cause chaos" by failing to engage with the injunction.

"The defendant's approach to the court order was to flout it continuously," the judge said.

Timothy Morshead QC, representing Esso, told the judge that "nothing less than an immediate custodial sentence will meet the mischief in this case".

Breen's barrister, Annabel Timan, said her client apologised, "fully accepts that he was in breach" and would "undertake not to engage in any further incursions on the land".

Mr Justice Ritchie said: "There is nothing wrong with protesting, and it's the right of citizens of England and Wales to do so, but they must do so within the law."

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Extinction Rebellion have made a name for stunts and demonstrations to highlight climate change.

At temperatures soar ahead of an amber weather warning for heat in Devon, around 120 campaigners protested at a depot owned by a company called Valero, a large US oil company.

Extinction Rebellion Plymouth, say a large colourful procession including a sea serpent and a samba band marched from the Guiildhall to the fuel depot, despite a High Court injunction that limits protests in the vicinity of Valero properties.

The injunction means activists arrested on the premises could be found guilty of contempt of court, a serious charge.

Extinction Rebellion's Tim Spell claimed Valero's profits had greatly increased as prices soared, with benefits to American shareholders, while people struggle with escalating bills.

The activists also say that it is incompatible for the self-styled 'Ocean City' to host a company that is responsible for sea level rise and pollution of the oceans.

Extinction Rebellion speaker Gay said 'The more we know about this ocean the more we love it....our lives depend on it staying in balance....I want to say to Valero, it's time to change...join us in protecting this miraculous ocean, this incredible earth.'

Fuel prices have soared since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Russia is a big exporter of gas, which has pushed those prices up, and increased reliance on other energy forms.

Some people argue that blocking fuel depots could lead to further shortages, higher prices and, in turn, increased taxes and profits.

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Just Stop Oil protesters outside the Kingsbury Oil Terminal

A number of activists have been arrested after breaching an injunction outside an oil terminal in Tamworth.

Members of the Just Stop Oil group blocked access to the Kingsbury Oil Terminal from 07:30 BST on Tuesday.

A new High Court injunction in the area grants police "enhanced powers to prevent and disrupt any unlawful activity".

Warwickshire Police said it had detained 16 people following the demonstration.

Warwickshire Police has said a number of arrests have been made

A breach of the injunction, granted by North Warwickshire Borough Council on 14 April, carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison.

Activists aged between 23 and 75 years old have been arrested on suspicion of obstructing the highway.

The force has advised against protest activity in Kingsbury and said officers

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obstructing the highway.

The force has advised against protest activity in Kingsbury and said officers will "take action".

"A number of arrests have been made this morning and our priority continues to be to minimise any disruption to the community and the local road networks, while ensuring the terminal can go about its day-to-day operational activity", said assistant chief constable Dave Gardner.

Activists arrived at the site from 07:30BST

Activists are demanding an end to new oil and gas projects.

Campaigner Amy Pritchard, 37, said: "If my imprisonment helps wake people up to the seriousness of the situation, it's worth it."

The care worker added: "No new oil and gas is not a controversial demand. I want to have children and I want them to have a future."

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In recent weeks more than 200 activists have been arrested during demonstrations.

Members of Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion obstructed 10 fuel sites in the Midlands and southern England in the early hours of 1 April to stand against "expanding UK oil and gas production".

Protesters glued themselves on to roads and locked on to oil drums and each other.

Last week, police found a tunnel next to the Kingsbury depot following weeks of protests.

The **underground structure was discovered on 22 April** in the Trinity Road area, Warwickshire Police said.

Five people were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage in connection with the tunnel.

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A letter was handed to the manager of the petrol station.

Raeeka Yassaie, from the group, said that there should be no new fossil fuel projects if the government aims to reduce emissions and added "it's a mistake we can't afford to make".

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Environmental activists stage sit-down protests, blocking entrances and gluing themselves to pumps

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Two women carrying a banner walk past other protesters at a BP petrol station in west London on Friday morning. Photograph: Leon Neal/Getty Images

Environmental protesters have taken action at petrol stations in central London, vandalising pumps, blockading entrances and spray painting "no new oil" across signs.

The Just Stop Oil campaign said 51 of its supporters took part in the demonstrations at seven petrol stations on Friday morning. Some groups staged sit-down protests at entrances or glued themselves to pumps, while others moved from station to station damaging pumps.

"Today's action was timed to coincide with the announcement by Ofgem of a massive increase in electricity bills for October, which will push millions more into poverty, forced to choose between heating and eating," the group said.

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Friday's protests were the third day of actions taken by supporters of Just Stop Oil this week, after it took a hiatus over the summer. The group says it is building up towards mass blockades of Westminster in October.

The Metropolitan police tweeted: "Protesters have targeted a number of petrol stations this morning, causing disruption [and] damaging pumps. Officers are at each of the targeted locations, we have made a number of arrests [and] specialist teams are removing those who are glued to pumps."

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Phoebe Frewer, from Brighton, was among nine protesters blocking access to a BP garage on Western Avenue at about 6.30am. Electronic displays on the pumps were smashed and spray painted, the station's signage graffitied, and police were parked nearby with blue lights flashing. One activist was arrested and taken away, according to others on the scene.

"We have picked this location because it is in the 99th percentile of the worst pollution in the UK," Frewer, 20, said. "There's a study by Imperial College London in 2019 and they basically said that every year on average about 4,000 die from air pollution in London alone.

"That equates to about 11 deaths a day. That's why we're here at this location specifically."

A woman sprays a message reading 'no new oil' on a sign outside a BP petrol station during the Just Stop Oil protest on Friday. Photograph: Leon Neal/Getty Images

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Just Stop Oil began its renewed campaign of direct action on Tuesday, with blockades of major oil terminals in Essex and Warwickshire, followed by actions at service stations on the M25 motorway on Wednesday.

Actions on Thursday were called off due to heavy rain. Some protesters remain in tunnels beneath two access roads to Essex oil terminals, one of which has been closed while the other remains open.

The campaign started on 1 April, and its supporters have vowed to continue to take action until the government agrees to a moratorium on all new oil and gas extraction projects.

Just Stop Oil said: "This is the moment to come together and resist. We are not prepared to just watch while they destroy everything we love. We're done with begging. Voting has changed nothing. We are going to stop new oil whether those in power agree or not."

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Just Stop Oil has vowed to continue the disruption unless the government releases a statement

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Twenty protesters have been arrested after fuel pumps at two M25 service stations in Surrey were smashed, causing them to close and stopping motorists from filling up their vehicles. A video posted by environmental protest group Just Stop Oil showed members using hammers and spray paint.

Some 32 protesters from the Extinction Rebellion-affiliated group blocked the Cobham and Clacket Lane service stations on the motorway in the early hours of Wednesday (August 24). They could be seen sitting on the road displaying banners as part of their campaign demanding the government halts new oil and gas projects in the UK.

Others glued themselves to the forecourts. There was no fuel available on both sides of the motorway at Clacket Lane and at Cobham Services with the petrol stations forced to close. Surrey Police tweeted an update at around 9.35am to say that fuel was now available at some pumps at Cobham, although Clacket Lane still remained closed.

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The county's police force said in total 20 people had been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage - eight at Cobham and 12 at Clacket Lane - and had been taken into custody for questioning. The latest tweet from Surrey Police reads: "Cobham services petrol station has now reopened after officers removed all protestors from the site. Fuel is available from some pumps, although others remain unusable due to the damage."

Just Stop Oil protesters also blocked Thurrock services in Essex and have vowed to continue the disruption until the government releases a statement that it will end new gas and oil projects. The activists said the protests would "put further pressure on petrol and diesel supplies for the south-east ahead of the August Bank Holiday weekend" as "these were halted from the Navigator and Grays depots in Essex and the Kingsbury terminal in Warwickshire" on Tuesday (August 23).

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A series of tunnels have been constructed and occupied by Just Stop Oil under access roads to the depots which caused highway closures and the disruption of supplies, they said. Grandmother-of-three Joy Corrigan was one of the protesters at the service stations on Wednesday. The 73-year-old said: "I am sick with worry about how today's children will survive. Every day I see more and more examples of climate change and the frequency is accelerating. Government get your bloody finger out. We need action today not tomorrow."

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Student Sophie Sharples, from Brighton, said: "It's said that each generation must discover its mission, and fulfil it, or betray it. Ending fossil fuel consumption must be ours." The 22-year-old added: "We have such a short window of time to act to avoid the complete destruction of all we know and love. For all life, and for the love of humanity, I have to do everything I can, and with my privilege, I am able to face arrest, so I will."

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A banner was hung from the top of the Shell garage (Image: Cambridge News)

In their latest round of action, Extinction Rebellion protesters targeted the University of Cambridge's chemistry department and a Shell petrol station in Cambridge this morning, August 24. It came as part of a national week of action against the government-approved Jackdaw gas field, with one protester even taking to the roof of the Shell petrol station in protest.

Activists presented a range of leaflets, stickers, placards and banners, in order to draw attention to the department's ties to the fossil fuel industry. They also showed research on Shell, who own the project for the field in the North Sea, with one protester climbing atop the Newnham petrol station to hang their slogan banner.

XR are demanding that the Department of Chemistry ends all research into fossil fuel extraction and cuts financial ties with fossil fuel companies. They also demand that the UK government stops approving new oil and gas projects and transitions to renewable energy.

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Jenny, one of the protestors, said, "I studied here, and was proud to do so. But now I am ashamed. The climate science is clear: no more fossil fuels.

"But what is this Department doing? They are taking money from Shell to research into how they can exract yet more fossil fuels. It's unbelievable!

"Planet-killing projects like Jackdaw depend on the complicity of scientists and academic institutions, and that includes the Chemistry Department – that is why we are here today."

Another protestor said, "It is morally repulsive to deepen the climate crisis by investing in new fossil fuel extraction, especially when we need clean, affordable energy in the face of the cost of living crisis."

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The environmental campaign group said yesterday that its supporters would target Shell and BP petrol stations across the county, calling for people to "wake up" and stand against large oil companies. Protestors wearing BP masks carried a coffin marked 'Our future' to the petrol station, in the Rushey Mead area of Leicester, this morning.

A drawing of the world on fire was inside the coffin while protesters wore Extinction Rebellion T-shirts and banged drums to underline their call for a boycott of Shell and BP. One man, holding a sign which said 'Honk 4 Climate Action' to urge passing motorists to show their support.

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He told LeicestershireLive: "Increasingly [drivers] are supporting us. I reckon we have 30 to 40 per cent of drivers who are honking. People realise that climate change is happening here, now, not just on the other side of the world, and we need to make action quickly."

Previously, the group said in a statement: "With extreme weather events and temperatures beating records across the world in 2022, is this now the time people will wake up to what we are facing and do something? We know who is to blame, so we need to act and ring the alarm.

"Extinction Rebellion will be holding protests at selected Leicestershire petrol stations to encourage residents to boycott both Shell and BP. Things have to change and fast - boycotting and protesting are the options we as individuals can take, but it's those in power who need to take greater action."

On Tuesday last week temperatures reached 40.3C in neighbouring Lincolnshire, while in Leicestershire the highest figure officially recorded - at Market Bosworth - was 39.2C, which was 4.7C higher than the record of 34.5C, which had stood since July 25, 2019.

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Protestors have gathered outside a Nottinghamshire petrol station for the second day in a row as they call for action on fossil fuels. Extinction Rebellion members were outside the Shell Garage in Huntingdon Street on Tuesday, July 19, as part of an action against the firm and fellow petroleum giant, BP.

On Monday, July 18, there was a group of protestors outside the BP garage on Mansfield Road, on the Sherwood and Daybrook boundary. Further protests are expected at different petrol stations, according to what protestors have said before.

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Speaking at the scene of the protest on Mansfield Road on Monday, group spokesperson Ettiene Stott, 43, from **The Meadows** who is also an Olympic gold medallist in canoe slalom, said: "We are showing that ordinary people can stand up to the fossil fuel industry and make a difference. I think more and more people are receptive to the climate emergency and more and more people know our government is not doing enough."

One motorist, Eric Mooey, who was filling up a company car, said he appreciated the work the protesters were doing. "I wouldn't be filling up here unless I had to," he said.

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Climate activists protested outside a petrol station in Daybrook, near Arnold yesterday (18) to highlight the rising costs of petrol.

35 activists from Extinction Rebellion (XR) took part in the protest outside BP Mansfield Road petrol station yesterday, and Shell on Sherwood Rise.

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The protests have been organised by the climate activists are to encourage Nottinghamshire residents to boycott Shell and BP.

"Asking everyone to suddenly stop using their cars is just impossible. But what motorists can do to help is avoid filling up at BP and Shell," said Marley, 39, one of the protestors and a joiner.

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"These two companies are the worst at lying about how green they are.

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Passer-by David from Calverton stopped to speak to the protestors.

"These profits that they're making – it's disgusting. I'm 66 and I'm worried about my grandkids," he said.

Etienne Stott, 43, campaigner and Olympic athlete from the Meadows, added: "We want to warn motorists what we're planning, so try to fill up your tank at a different petrol station. If enough of us can avoid these greedy, greenwashing companies, they'll get the message that we want a sustainable future for our children."

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We're calling all those who understand the importance of this moment in history to step up. Either we are actively in resistance, on the side of life, or we are complicit with a government that is knowingly enacting policies that threaten the lives of hundreds of millions of people. Head to juststopoil.org and join a slow march from today. See you on the streets.

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🔒 Morgan and Marcus, who scaled the Dartford Crossing bridge in October last year, have been sentenced to three years and two years and seven months in prison, respectively — the longest sentences for peaceful climate action in UK history.

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Two supporters of Just Stop Oil have disrupted the World Snooker Championship, climbing onto the snooker tables and throwing paint over one. They are demanding that the government stop all new UK fossil fuel projects and are calling on UK sporting institutions to join in civil resistance against the government's genocidal policies. [1]

At around 7:20pm, two Just Stop Oil supporters stormed onto the snooker tables at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, interrupting play. The pair proceeded to cover one of the tables in orange powder paint, before being removed by security and arrested.

One of those taking action, Margaret Reid, 52, a former museum professional from Kendal, said:

"I did not take this action lightly, but I cannot remain a passive spectator while our government knowingly pushes us down a path to destruction. They are giving handouts of £236 million per week of our money, to the most profitable industry on earth, during a cost of living crisis. I can no longer justify watching from the side lines."

"I am angry and heartbroken that I have found myself in a position where taking this sort of disruptive action is the only way to get heard."

Another of those taking action Eddie Whittingham, 25, a student at Exeter university said:

"I don't want to be disrupting something that people enjoy, but we're facing an extremely grave situation. Europe is experiencing its worst drought in 500 years. We're seeing mass crop failure right now. We're facing mass starvation, billions of refugees and civilisational collapse if this continues."

"We can't continue to sit back and act as if everything's OK. If you want to do something to prevent the greatest crisis we've ever faced, go to juststopoil.org and sign up for a slow march from April 24th in London."

In moments of emergency, we must stand up and be brave, we must stand up for good over evil, life over death, right over wrong. Just Stop Oil is calling on everyone to pick a side. Either you are actively supporting civil resistance, fighting for life, or you are complicit with genocide.

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[1] Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects. Climate Emergency Fund is Just Stop Oil's primary funder for recruitment, training, and capacity building.

[2] Sign up to join Just Stop Oil supporters on a slow march this Spring: https://juststopoil.org/

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Two supporters of Just Stop Oil were arrested at the Herbert Museum in Coventry this morning whilst demanding that the government stop all new UK fossil fuel projects and calling on employees and directors of UK cultural institutions to join in civil resistance against the government's genocidal policies. [1]

Just Stop Oil issued the following statement:

"Humanity is at risk of extinction, and so is everything we have ever created. Our works of art, our favourite novels, our historical buildings and artefacts, our traditions – we're terrifyingly close to losing everything we value and love. We cannot rely on our criminal government or our cherished institutions to save us.

Our government knows that new oil and gas means a death sentence for billions, yet they are continuing with plans to licence over 100 new fossil fuel projects. This means more heatwaves, more crop failure and more death. It is criminal, an act of genocide against billions of people in the poorest countries on earth, and an act of war against the young. Rather than protecting the British people from the consequences of climate breakdown they are intent on accelerating us towards societal collapse.

In moments of emergency, we must be brave, we must stand for good over evil, life over death, right over wrong. We cannot stand by and watch while our rights and freedoms and everything we love is being destroyed. It's time to pick a side. Either you are actively supporting civil resistance fighting for life or you are complicit with genocide.

Our cultural institutions have failed to admit the truth and failed to address the urgency of action. It is immoral for cultural institutions to stand by and watch whilst our society faces inevitable collapse. We call on everyone involved in arts, heritage and culture to join us in civil resistance.

The time is now. Join us on a slow march in London, while you still can. Our indefinite campaign of civil resistance begins on April 24th and will not end until our government ends new oil and gas.

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Barclays sprayed with orange paint, while Just Stop Oil supporters slow march through Leeds and Coventry

Press / March 25, 2023

Supporters of Just Stop Oil staged 'go slow' marches in Leeds and Coventry today, while warning that they will bring the marches back to London from April 24th. They are demanding that the government stops all new UK oil and gas projects [1]

At around 11:30 am, 30 Just Stop Oil supporters marched down Clay Pit Lane, one of Leeds' busiest roads towards the City Centre, holding banners and chanting "Just Stop Oil".

Two Just Stop Oil supporters were arrested when, at the end of the march, they sprayed Barclays Bank in Albion Street in orange paint, demanding an end to fossil fuel lending by banks. Barclays is Europe's largest

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Albion Street in orange paint, demanding an end to fossil fuel lending by banks. Barclays is Europe's largest fossil fuel financier, providing over $166bn of funding since 2015. [2]

In Coventry, 28 Just Stop Oil supporters are gathering at the Godiva Statue, Broadgate before setting off to slow march along the city's roads.

Lucy Timmin, 44 from Leeds said:

"Barclays continues to fund new oil and gas projects when other major UK banks have refused to. The corporation is knowingly and willingly funding the genocide of millions of people in the Global South who will be killed over the next decade by climate breakdown".

Today's action follows marches in Bristol, Lancaster and Ipswich amongst others in recent weeks and comes despite the Prime Minister's threat to crack down on the 'go slow' marches. [3]

Sam Holland, 20, a student from Leeds who attended the march, said

"We're causing disruption today to force attention towards our government's genocidal policies. If we weren't out today, everything would move along as normal, and we're one step closer to British crops failing, hundreds of millions of climate refugees, global economic meltdown... someone has to say NO. They are not going to stop unless we force them. That's why we're asking everyone to join us in civil resistance in London from 24 April. "

Victoria Lindsell, 67, an English language teacher from Leamington attending the Coventry march said:

"I have seen successive governments put profit before the lives of ordinary people. Many of us have been aware for some time of the disastrous consequences of unlimited growth in fossil fuel emissions and our blindly insane consumption of fossil fuel energy. This, together with the cost of living crisis is the reason that I joined Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil.

"I hope our peaceful, non violent march today will empower the people to join us, to protect people's lives now and the future of our youth and children to come. New oil and gas is an act of genocide, it's planning the deaths of millions, billions of people. Will you be complicit in these deaths? It's time to pick a side, I'm not going to wait when my future, the future of those I love is destroyed. "

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The marches follow the government's announcement that it plans to launch its revamped Net Zero Strategy in Aberdeen, the oil capital of the UK, next week. It is expected that it will contain major sops to the UK's fossil fuel industries including boosting carbon capture and storage and hydrogen and will miss out on key measures to limit emissions. [4]

The government is also due to make a decision on the Rosebank oil field. It would be the largest offshore oil field in the North Sea, and would generate more CO2 emissions than the 28 lowest-income-nations combined. In all, the government plans to issue up to 100 new North Sea oil and gas licences – a move which is facing a legal challenge by campaign groups. [5].

Climate scientists have warned that the granting of new fossil fuel licences is incompatible with staying within 1.5C of global warming – a temperature increase widely understood to be disastrous for humanity [6]

Speaking at the launch of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Synthesis Report on Monday, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said [7]:

"This report is a clarion call to massively fast-track climate efforts by every country and every sector and on every timeframe. In short, our world needs climate action on all fronts — everything, everywhere, all at once."

He went on to call for all countries to commit to:

"Ceasing all licensing or funding of new oil and gas – consistent with the findings of the International Energy Agency."

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- **All the activists were wearing t-shirts which bore slogan 'Defend Human Rights'**
- **The action happened during House of Lords debate around the Public Order Bill**

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Environmental activist group **Extinction Rebellion** have disrupted proceedings in the House of Lords as peers debated new protest laws.

The 12 demonstrators from the activist group were escorted out of the public gallery by doorkeepers and security staff. They were all wearing t-shirts which bore the slogan 'Defend Human Rights'.

One of the protestors confirmed that they were from the activist group. The upper chamber was adjourned for five minutes.

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Footage shows the moment the demonstrators were removed, with a man blocking the camera and saying: 'Shut up.'

The Government has said the Bill would also give officers greater clarity about dealing with demonstrators blocking roads or slow marching.

Amendments to the Bill are aimed at curbing tactics used by Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil and Insulate Britain, whose protests have caused chaos on the roads and elsewhere in recent months.

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Protests have caused significant disruption in recent months, frustrating members of the public and prompting tough talk from politicians, with Home Secretary **Suella Braverman** dubbing them 'extremists'.

The climate action group is aiming to get 100,000 to gather at Parliament on April 21.

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The group has been savaged for dangerous stunts including **grinding the M25 to a halt**, as well as gluing themselves to art masterpieces and roads in London.

It comes after it was revealed **Just Stop Oil protesters were arrested up to seven times each during a month of road-blocking chaos in London this year**.

Some members of the eco-zealot group, which brought the capital the roads around it to a standstill, were arrested multiple times this autumn as part of their uproarious demonstrations.

Official figures show that of the 755 people arrested between October 1 and November 4, 155 were detained by police more than once - just over one in five.

Police have been able to arrest anyone suspected of conspiring to a cause public nuisance with new powers under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

This includes those who have glued themselves to the ground, while courts have the power to impose sentences of up to 10 years in prison.

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Offices of Eversheds Sutherland law firm were sprayed with fake oil, including their building on Canal Street, Nottingham (Image: XRNottingham)

Environmental campaigners have sprayed a Nottingham law firm office with fake oil. **Extinction Rebellion** and HS2 Rebellion disrupted the offices of law firm Eversheds Sutherland across the UK, including a Nottingham centre.

The building in Canal Street saw protesters gather outside in hazmat suits who used fire extinguishers to spray fake oil. The protest took place at 12noon on Tuesday, February 28.

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Eddie Francis, 74, a retired joiner from Lincoln said: "I'm taking this action today because I'm so frightened by the climate crisis that I feel this is a necessary and appropriate response. Eversheds need to cut the ties with the fossil fuel industry. Spraying non-toxic, washable fake oil on the offices of a firm that seeks to protect that destructive industry is trivial compared with the damage they're doing to our planet. They need calling out."

Protesters also took to Eversheds Sutherland's City of London headquarters where activists in city suits and white masks had fake blood on their hands held inflatable globes of the Earth.

In Birmingham, campaigners spray painted Cut the Ties To Fossil Fuels on the Colmore Row building and in Callahan Square, Cardiff, rebels sprayed fake oil and glued themselves to the front door of the office.

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An Aberdeen energy awards ceremony at the P&J Live was gate-crashed by Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil protesters.

Eco warriors staged a loud demonstration outside the Offshore Energies UK event at Aberdeen's P&J Live venue with drums, singing and chanting.

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Hitting out at energy giant Shell's "disgraceful" nomination for an "energy transition" award, with Just Stop Oil activist Lee saying: "Just ten per cent of their capital expenditure is being invested in low carbon initiatives - how is that a transition?

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"Instead of hosting fancy dinners, Shell should recognise that humanity is in emergency mode." Another protester, 71-year-old former social care worker Jonathan, added: "The time for awards for oil and gas achievements is well over."

According to the Daily Record Around a dozen activists camped outside the "self-congratulatory" Shell-sponsored ceremony in protest against "greenwashing".

They banged marching snares, bass drums and tom-toms in a loud protest, while activists also held up "No New Oil" banners. Another's placard read "Shell wins greenwashing award".

Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil protesters in Aberdeen on Thursday night. (Image: Extinction Rebellion)

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An OEUK spokesperson said: "We need to recognise and celebrate those who are pioneering, through oil and gas, offshore wind, hydrogen and carbon capture, to bring down emissions and boost homegrown energy sources.

"We respect the right to peaceful protest, but we would encourage those who are willing to take part in meaningful and solutions-focused discussions to do so."

A Shell spokesman said: "We agree that society needs to take urgent action on climate change. Shell has a clear target to become a net-zero emissions business by 2050."

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Just Stop Oil activists throw soup at Van Gogh's Sunflowers

Protesters then glue themselves to wall beneath painting at National Gallery in London

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Activists throw tomato soup on Van Gogh's Sunflowers at National Gallery - video

Activists from Just Stop Oil have thrown tomato soup over Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers at the National Gallery in London.

There were gasps, roars and a shout of "Oh my gosh!" in room 43 of the gallery as two young supporters of the climate protest group threw the liquid over the painting, which is protected by glass, just after 11am.

They removed jackets to reveal Just Stop Oil T-shirts before gluing themselves to the wall beneath the artwork, which is one of the gallery's most important treasures.

"What is worth more, art or life?" said one of the activists, Phoebe Plummer, 21, from London. She was accompanied by 20-year-old Anna Holland, from

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"What is worth more, art or life?" said one of the activists, Phoebe Plummer, 21, from London. She was accompanied by 20-year-old Anna Holland, from Newcastle. "Is it worth more than food? More than justice? Are you more concerned about the protection of a painting or the protection of our planet and people?

Just Stop Oil spokesperson explains why activists threw soup at Van Gogh's Sunflowers - video

"The cost of living crisis is part of the cost of oil crisis, fuel is unaffordable to millions of cold, hungry families. They can't even afford to heat a tin of soup."

National Gallery staff quickly cleared the room. The gallery has since confirmed the painting was not harmed, saying in a statement that after the protesters threw "what appears to be tomato soup" over the painting, "the room was cleared of visitors and police were called. Officers are now on the scene. There is some minor damage to the frame but the painting is unharmed."

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For the past two weeks, the group has been staging sit-down protests on roads around central London, infuriating drivers and commuters, but Friday's action appeared to be an escalation of its tactics.

The protest sparked mixed reactions and plenty of anger. Sophie Wright, 43, from Surrey, initially condemned the action but changed her mind when she learned the painting was unlikely to have been permanently damaged.

"I support the cause and by the looks of it they are considered protests, with a purpose of raising awareness and shocking [people]," she said. "So long as they don't hurt people or put people in danger, then I support them."

But a witness, who declined to give his name, said he could understand their cause but worried about targeting "a beautiful piece of art, which is the best of humanity". He added: "They may be trying to get people to think about the issues but all they end up doing is getting people really annoyed and angry.

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"The typical unthinking individual who doesn't think about the big issues of the planet is not the kind of person who walks around the National Gallery."

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Alienating people from their cause was a concern, said Alex De Koning, a Just Stop Oil spokesperson, who spoke to the Guardian outside the gallery after the room was cleared. "But this is not The X Factor," he added. "We are not trying to make friends here, we are trying to make change, and unfortunately this is the way that change happens."

The activists were subsequently arrested by Met police officers for criminal damage and aggravated trespass and taken into custody at a central London police station.

The canvas of the painting is protected with a glass screen, a factor Just Stop Oil said they had taken into account.

The picture is one of the most famous images in the world, painted by the Van Gogh when he lived in the south of France. The image, like so much of the Dutch artist's work, celebrates the beauty of ordinary everyday objects - a flower, a chair, a shoe. In 1987, one of the series was sold for $39m.

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Extinction Rebellion activists glue themselves around Speaker's chair in parliament - video

Eight arrests have been made after climate protesters glued themselves in a chain around the Speaker's chair in the chamber of the House of Commons.

Extinction Rebellion said its supporters launched the protest in parliament in support of a "citizens' assembly" to help deliver action on the climate crisis.

The campaign group tweeted a photo showing three women standing hand-in-hand in front of the green leather chair where the Speaker sits when parliament is in session. Two men stood either side holding banners.

The group wrote: "Extinction Rebellion supporters have superglued around the Speaker's chair inside the Commons chamber. Right now inside parliament a speech is being read out demanding a citizens' assembly now."

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The text of the speech read: "We are in crisis. We cannot afford to carry on like this. It is possible to act on climate and costs in a way that is fair and supports everyone. But our political system is too out of date and out of touch to see beyond the next election cycle and do what needs to be done.

"We need a new way of making decisions, where more voices are heard, not just those at the top. We need the true diversity of the country to be represented. We need a citizens' assembly, now. Citizens' assemblies empower ordinary people to make decisions that benefit everyone. Decisions that can get us out of this mess and make life better, safer, fairer for all of us."

At the same time, two protesters D-locked themselves by their necks to the

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At the same time, two protesters D-locked themselves by their necks to the railings outside parliament. According to XR, another activist scaled the scaffolding surrounding Big Ben and held a giant banner that read: "Let the people decide: citizens' assemblies now".

The Speaker, Lindsay Hoyle, said it was "a real shame" that visitors who had booked tours around parliament had visits disrupted and cancelled. "Despite the disruption, democratic tours will take place tomorrow," Hoyle said.

"A joint investigation into the incident will take place between police and parliamentary security, and I will be providing a further update to the House of Commons at the start of business on Monday."

The Metropolitan police said its officers "rapidly responded" after the becoming aware of protests at the Palace of Westminster at about 11.45am. According to the force, protest removal teams "de-bonded" and arrested four protesters in the Commons chamber.

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"None of these protesters were glued to the Speaker's chair and there has been no damage to the Speaker's chair," the force said.

Another protester who had glued himself to the pavement within the palace grounds was also arrested, while the protester who had scaled Big Ben was arrested after voluntarily descending to waiting officers. All six were arrested for trespassing on a protected site. The pair who had locked themselves to the gates of parliament were arrested for failing to comply with an order to cease their protest.

All remained in custody at central London police stations on Friday evening, the Met said.

In a statement, XR described the actions as the "opening act" for further protests it has planned this month, including a three-day occupation of Hyde Park, "which itself will act as a launch event for a five-phase plan to bring 100,000 people on to the streets in civil resistance next spring".

A citizens' assembly on solutions to the climate crisis has been one of XR's key demands since it emerged as a major force in environmental activism in 2018.

"Independent citizens' assemblies can show that those blocking progress in Westminster have no democratic mandate to continue destroying the environment and give power back to people," said Alanna Byrne, a spokesperson for XR.

Oscar Berglund, a political scientist at the University of Bristol who studies protest movements, tweeted: "Well done on getting in there. But this is such a strange demand. The House of Commons literally gave you a citizens' assembly three years ago. What's the aim here?"

The Commons and Lords are in recess until Monday.

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Extinction Rebellion UK's New Year's Resolution: WE QUIT

January 01, 2023 by Extinction Rebellion

When XR burst onto the scene four years ago, few could have imagined the seismic shift it would bring about in the climate movement, the climate conversation, and the world at large.

But despite the blaring alarm on the climate and ecological emergency ringing loud and clear, very little has changed. Emissions continue to rise and our planet is dying at an accelerated rate.

The root causes? A financial system prioritising profits over life, a media failing to inform the public and hold power to account, and a reckless government entrenched in corruption and suppressing the right to protest injustice.

As we ring in the new year, we make a controversial resolution to temporarily shift away from public disruption as a primary tactic. We recognise and celebrate the power of disruption to raise the alarm and believe that constantly evolving tactics is a necessary approach. What's needed now most is to disrupt the abuse of power and imbalance, to bring about a transition to a fair society that works together to end the fossil fuel era. Our politicians, addicted to greed and bloated on profits won't do it without pressure.

We must be radical in our response to this crisis and determined in our efforts to address the climate and ecological emergency, even if it means taking a different approach than before. In a time when speaking out and taking action are criminalised, building collective power, strengthening in number and thriving through bridge-building is a radical act. XR is committed to including everyone in this work and leaving no one behind, because everyone has a role to play. This year, we prioritise attendance over arrest and relationships over roadblocks, as we stand together and become impossible to ignore.

The conditions for change in the UK have never been more favourable – it's time to seize the moment. The confluence of multiple crises presents us with a unique opportunity to mobilise and move beyond traditional divides. No one can do this alone, and it's the responsibility of all of us, not just one group. It may be uncomfortable or difficult, but the strength of all social, environmental, and justice movements lies in working together. As our rights are stripped away and those speaking out and most at risk are silenced, we must find common ground and unite to survive.

It's no secret that those in power are hoarding wealth and power at the expense of ordinary people, while ignoring the consequences of their greed. Emissions continue to rise, but they couldn't care less. But people do care, and changes to democracy that free and empower the voices of the people through Citizens Assemblies could balance the tables and bring about the positive societal tipping point we all need.

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