

## **Publication of 'DVA Monthly Tests Conducted Statistics – March 2023'**

The 'DVA Monthly Tests Conducted Statistics – March 2023' report, containing statistics up to March 2023, is now available.

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## **Transfer of entitlements service closing soon**

Farmers are being reminded that they have until midnight on Tuesday, 2 May 2023 to complete their 2023 Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) Entitlement Transfers.

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## **Reappointments to the Board of Invest NI**

The Department for the Economy has announced the reappointment of Colin Coffey, Kieran Kennedy, Marie-Thérèse McGivern and Michael McQuillan to the Board of Invest Northern Ireland for a second term of three years effective from 1 April 2023.

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## **Road improvement scheme for A42 Portglenone Road/Ballymena Road and The Diamond, Ahoghill**

A carriageway and footway resurfacing scheme on the A42 Portglenone Road/Ballymena Road and The Diamond, Ahoghill will commence on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

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# Greens repeat call for end to fossil fuels as climate activists gather in London



# Green Party

19 April 2023

The Green Party has reiterated its call for a rapid transition away from fossil fuels as climate activists gather in London this weekend [1] and said a vote for the Greens in the local elections next month is a vote for climate action.

Several high profile Greens will be speaking during the four days of action, taking place from Friday 21 April to Monday 24 April, which have been organised by Extinction Rebellion with the support of many leading environmental charities and civil society groups. The organisers have said the event will be peaceful and non-violent.

Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay said:

“While the Green Party cannot speak for the organisers of this event, it is clear that we share their aim of moving beyond fossil fuels.

“Our climate is facing breakdown and nature is in freefall. Those in power should be taking decisive action now. The fact they aren’t doing is why events like these, and getting Greens elected at all levels of government, is so important.

“At the Green Party, we share the positive and ambitious vision of those joining this event, but our route to action is through electoral politics. We share their main demand that we get serious about transitioning away from fossil fuels.

“We also share the frustration at a government failing to quickly move us to net zero and instead take us in the wrong direction by granting permission for a new coal-mine, giving a green light to more oil drilling in the North Sea and investing billions in new roads.

“That’s why we desperately need more Green politicians both in parliament and running local authorities across the country, pushing for urgent action on the climate and ecological emergency.

“On May 4th millions of people will have the opportunity in the local elections to vote for a political party that places the climate and ecological crisis front and centre stage. A vote for the Green Party is a vote for climate action.”

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Notes

1 <https://extinctionrebellion.uk/the-big-one/>

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