

THE IMPACT OF  
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2021



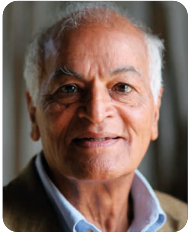
**RECONNECTING WITH THE LIVING PLANET**

The Resurgence Trust



“The Resurgence Trust has continued to serve our planet, humanity and the environmental movement over the last difficult year and I strongly hope and believe that the work of the charity has acted, as ever, as a powerful catalyst, helping to inspire positive change and transformation around the world in the fields of soil, soul and society. As the climate crisis and other environmental crises intensify, it is more important than ever to maintain and strengthen our presence as a voice of hope and connectedness.”

**James Sainsbury**, chair, *The Resurgence Trust*



“The current pandemic has presented many challenges! Yet, despite these difficulties The Resurgence Trust has remained resilient thanks to our friends, supporters and members. Fifty-five years ago, when *Resurgence* magazine began to address issues like ecology, biodiversity, spirituality and sustainability, people in the mainstream thought of us as impractical idealists! Now these issues are in the centre of public discourse. But there is still a long way to go. The message of Resurgence is as urgent today as it ever was.”

**Satish Kumar**, editor emeritus, *Resurgence & Ecologist*

## Trustees

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The Resurgence Trust has a committed group of active trustees: James Sainsbury (chair), Dick Baker, Sandy Brown, Herbert Girardet, Rowan Mataram, Christabel Reed, Ruby Reed and Josephine Amankwah-Seagrim.

## What does the Resurgence Trust do?

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The Resurgence Trust’s work can be divided into six areas:

- Publishing *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine six times a year
- Running *The Ecologist* website as a free service
- Events, including the Festival of Wellbeing and monthly ‘Resurgence Talks’
- Satish Kumar’s Global Ambassador programme
- Outreach
- The Resurgence Centre in Hartland, north Devon

# What is The Resurgence Trust?

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The Resurgence Trust is a registered charity.

Ours is a much-needed voice at this critical time of climate crisis.

Our key objective is to advance the education of the public in the areas of conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment globally. We promote ecology, arts, culture, spirituality and human values.

The Trust aims to foster a greater connection to Nature to enhance personal and planetary wellbeing. We support resilient communities and inspire social change towards regenerative cultures that enrich rather than deplete our natural environment.

Empathy and compassion, integrity and social justice are values at the heart of the charity's work.

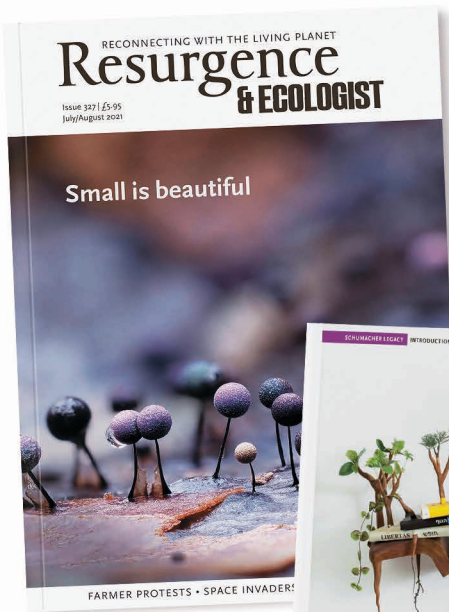
The Resurgence Trust is an integral part of the global environmental movement. We share a vision for a world where there is a deep connection between mind and body, between self and community, and between humans and the rest of Nature. We envision a future where a love of all Nature and respect for the Earth is at the heart. We believe that humans are part of Nature and that being connected to Nature is part of being human. In our view humanity has a sacred responsibility to protect biodiversity and maintain the integrity of the Earth community.

We are living in a time of global crisis highlighted by climate breakdown, and the message of The Resurgence Trust is needed now more than ever. It is needed because the disconnection between natural systems and economic systems at a global level must be addressed and healed, and the work of the Trust is to do exactly that.

## Membership

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The Resurgence Trust has over 6,500 members, who receive six copies of *Resurgence @ Ecologist* magazine each year as well as details of all the organisation's online events. Membership supports all the charity's programmes and educational work, enabling us to inform and inspire holistic worldviews and promote ecological regeneration, social justice and spiritual renewal.



Despite the ongoing pressures of the pandemic, every issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine has been published, and on time. We have reached an engaged readership in every corner of the globe with solutions-based articles on the world's environmental crisis, offering words of hope and a sense of community.



The magazine continues to reach people far and wide by featuring new voices, including those of young people and of writers from diverse communities.

*Resurgence* magazine (now incorporating *The Ecologist*) has been in publication for the past 55 years and has been described by *The Guardian* newspaper as “the artistic and spiritual flagship of the green movement”.

The magazine continues to cover issues such as regenerative agriculture, the climate crisis, education and biodiversity. The November/December 2021 issue was devoted to the theme of cities, where we took our readers on a journey from the problems facing our cities to a vision of what they could be and how we can get there.

Under the dynamic editorship of Marianne Brown the magazine continues to go from strength to strength.

## Resurgence & Ecologist archive

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Members of The Resurgence Trust have free digital access to our timeless archive, which includes every issue of the magazine from the past 55 years. This extensive collection provides both a contemporary and a retrospective analysis of the most pressing issues of our time and offers solutions that have the power to create change.



## Feedback from readers...

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"I hugged this *Resurgence* magazine as if it was my best friend... which it is!"

**Amanda Sutton**, reader

"I recently bought my first copy of *Resurgence & Ecologist* and I am absolutely loving it! The images are beautiful and the articles are informative."

**Afra Jurkiewicz**, reader



*The Ecologist* was founded in 1970 as a print magazine. Its successor, *The Ecologist* website, supports and enhances the educational remit of the charity by providing up-to-date, independent information on environmental issues.

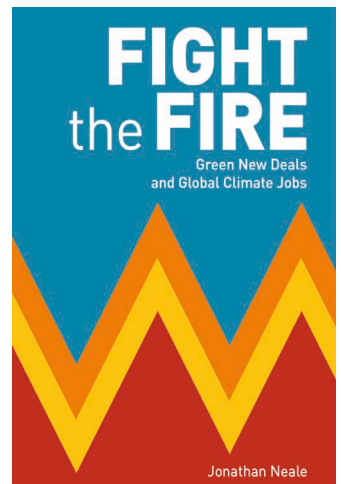
The editorial team of *The Ecologist* is exploring how the website can have a measurable impact while continuing to provide an excellent service to its readers. In the coming months, the website will focus on solutions to the crises of climate breakdown, biodiversity collapse, resource depletion and pollution. Such solutions now need to be global and society-wide as well as immediate and long-term.

*The Ecologist* will develop a specialism in ecological economics: educating the public on issues such as degrowth and Green New Deals while challenging mainstream neoclassical and neoliberal economics.

This year, the editorial team successfully launched the Ecologist Writers' Fund, raising money from readers to pay contributors who would not otherwise be able to conduct research and write for free, especially from communities experiencing hardship and prejudice.

*The Ecologist* also published *Fight the Fire* by Jonathan Neale, a compelling guide to averting climate breakdown. The book has already been downloaded 12,000 times from the website.

Looking forward, *The Ecologist* will publish more original articles and focus on solutions-led content, while developing strategies to create a more engaged readership. Under the adept editorship of Brendan Montague the website now has over 2 million visits a year.



“The Resurgence Trust through *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine and its events programme, in particular, the Festival of Wellbeing, is a source of hope and inspiration, and provides positive, solution-focused, holistic perspectives on the global challenges of today in a non-preaching way. Exploring personal, collective and planetary wellbeing, *Resurgence* inspires change and connection – to each other and to the Earth. Its unique voice also opens up positive possibilities by sharing visions of a just future for all.”

**Livia Firth**, creative director, Eco Age

“The book club, the individual talks and the spring celebration have all been great and have become events I look forward to. Congratulations on the range and stature of the presenters, who are all thought-provoking, and it's great to come across previously unknown speakers. Please continue with these, even when we are able to meet up again.”

**An event attendee**

“Can I just say a massive thank you to you and the team for organising last Friday's Resurgence Readers' Group session. Such positive discussion, valuable debate, and so enlivening being able to share ideas and be in conversation with like-minded individuals from around the world. I very much look forward to future sessions and to building more positive and affirming links through the Resurgence family.”

**An event attendee**



# Resurgence EVENTS

We have held over 50 engaging, educational online events during the course of the year, reaching large global audiences.

Speakers in the monthly Resurgence Talks have included Gail Bradbrook, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, Bill McKibben, co-founder of 350.org, and Philippe Sands QC.

This year's Festival of Wellbeing, sponsored by Weleda, Cowdray Estate, Network of Wellbeing and Earthsong, took place in October and was a resounding success, with speakers including Russell Brand, Lily Cole, Charles Eisenstein, Annie Lennox, Elif Shafak and Vandana Shiva. We held a series of associated events in the lead-up to the festival, including one with Deepak Chopra on the future of wellbeing.

We collaborated with LOVE IT TV to deliver a livestreamed event with environmental journalist George Monbiot, which was attended by 700 people. The recording is on YouTube and has been viewed over 7,000 times.

We organised a series of 'Trilogy' events at the Resurgence Centre in Hartland, including talks inspired by Satish Kumar's books *Soil*, *Soul*, *Society* and *Elegant Simplicity*. Speakers included the adventurer Rob Greenfield, the founder of Editorial Intelligence Julia Hobsbawm, and Satish Kumar. The three talks on Re-imagining a Better World were given by the founder of Transition Network Rob Hopkins, the founder of Tree Sisters Claire Dubois, and Satish Kumar.

We created the Resurgence Earth Festivals, which mark the changing patterns of the year and offer guided meditation, Nature connection, seasonal reflection, and self-enquiry.

We hosted bi-monthly online Resurgence Readers' groups, which bring together members from the global Resurgence community to reflect on topics from *Resurgence* & *Ecologist* magazine.

The events team co-hosted a Carbon Ambassador course with Carbon Savvy. They also worked with Network of Wellbeing to deliver four Hope in Action online events exploring how we can maintain hope, wellbeing and resilience in a time of global crisis. The last of these was held as part of the COP26 People's Summit.



## The Resurgence Centre

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The new Resurgence Centre in Hartland is now up and running. It is an example of sustainable and carbon-neutral building, incorporating solar panels, rainwater harvesting and comprehensive insulation.

We have completed the renovation of the Small School Cottage, which forms part of The Resurgence Centre. Our team have created an elegantly simple retreat that will generate income for the Trust.

The completion of the cottage marks the end of a three-year eco-renovation project to create The Resurgence Centre. We were able to make further adaptations and upgrades to the centre during the time of the national lockdown.

Next year our focus will turn to our outdoor space. We hope to mirror the high standard of our buildings and create a space for running outdoor workshops and educational activities that is rich in diversity, to be enjoyed by students and visitors alike.

## Fundraising

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The Resurgence Trust continues to fundraise for its various projects via grants and donations from trusts, foundations and individuals as well as corporate sponsorship and legacies. We organise an annual auction of artefacts and experiences donated by our supporters. Last year's auction raised over £60,000. This year's includes artwork generously donated by Chris Drury, Andy Goldsworthy, Anish Kapoor and Richard Long, among many others.

If you can help the charity's fundraising efforts in any way, please contact [sharon@resurgence.org](mailto:sharon@resurgence.org)

## Satish Kumar's Ambassador programme

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Satish Kumar is the global ambassador of the Resurgence Trust. He edited *Resurgence* magazine for 43 years, from 1973 to 2016, and is now its editor emeritus.

With his background in Gandhian philosophy, Satish brings the ideals of nonviolence and spirituality to the global environmental movement. He articulates and illuminates the vision and values of The Resurgence Trust, which include global sustainability, spirituality and social harmony. His latest book, *Pilgrimage for Peace: The Long Walk from India to Washington*, was published in the spring.

Satish is an inspirational speaker and writer, reminding people of the paramount importance of holistic thinking, unity of life, deep ecology and reverential ecology. Despite the restrictions brought by the pandemic, he is busier than ever and regularly gives talks and workshops online. In the last year he has given over 100 talks to global audiences in many countries, including Canada, France, Portugal, India, the Netherlands, Qatar and the United States.

Satish was invited by the Vatican to participate in a conference on Faith and Science towards COP26, which he attended and met Pope Francis.

## Outreach

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Our outreach and marketing team has been focusing on reaching new and younger audiences. In collaboration with The Harmony Project, we launched a teaching pack to help primary school teachers explore the life of a local river or other watercourse with the children in their classes. This project will increase our educational outreach and readership amongst teachers and parents.

We have engaged 74 universities in the work of The Resurgence Trust. Articles from the *Ecologist @ Resurgence* were included in Black Lives Matter and Climate Crisis resource packs featuring material from the digital archives of a selection of different publications, taking our message to a more diverse and younger audience.

We produced a three-minute film to convey the breadth of the work of The Resurgence Trust. This can be watched at [tinyurl.com/resurgencefilm](https://tinyurl.com/resurgencefilm)

We continue to collaborate with like-minded organisations, including *Permaculture* magazine, *Idler* magazine, *Juno* magazine, Reforesting Scotland, Be The Earth Foundation, Network of Wellbeing, Action for Happiness and Hawkwood Centre for Future Thinking.

## Beyond 2021

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We hope to run more in-person events in 2022, including our annual Summer Camp, while also keeping some of our events online, as these have been one of the charity's success stories.

On 10–12 June 2022 we will hold the first Resurgence Poetry Festival. Confirmed poets include Gillian Clarke, Ruth Padel, Pascale Petit and Rowan Williams.

In April 2022 we will be closing our membership office in Cornwall. This will be a significant change as we transition the membership department to the Hartland office after almost 40 years. We aim to continue the excellent service provided by the current membership team.



“Through powerful events, writing and communication, The Resurgence Trust is filling a role which has to be filled for humanity to move towards a future where ecology, economics and politics are at harmony, rather than competing with each other. The Resurgence Trust uses story-telling and community building to drive societal transformation in a very special way. Resurgence brings together joy, hope and imagination in its work. The Resurgence Trust has formulated something quite magical, and undeniably transformative.”

**Bella Lack**, teenage conservationist

## How can you support The Resurgence Trust?

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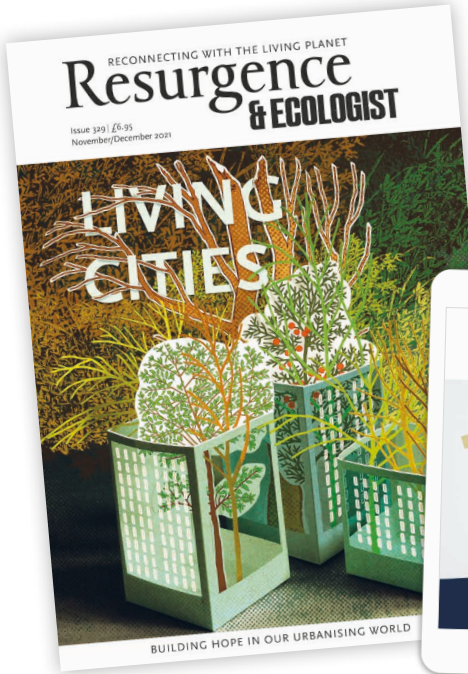
- By making a one-off donation
- By making an annual donation
- By leaving a legacy
- By becoming a member
- By buying a gift membership

For further details of how you can support The Resurgence Trust, visit [www.resurgence.org/support](http://www.resurgence.org/support)

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# JOIN RESURGENCE



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6 issues  
(UK rate)

*“Resurgence has never been more relevant or central to the really important issues facing us all. Long may it thrive.”*

– Monty Don

## MEMBER BENEFITS:

Six issues of *Resurgence & Ecologist* a year

Access to an exclusive, online members' event

Unlimited digital access to 50+ years of timeless articles

## BECOME A MEMBER OR GIVE A GIFT MEMBERSHIP

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