

Editor's vision for the future of *Resurgence & Ecologist*

By Greg Neale (Editor since July 2014)

[*Resurgence*](#) - as its readers and supporters know it - is a magazine with a great history and, I'm sure, a great future.

Looking back over editions from the last 50 years, it's amazing how perceptive *Resurgence* has been to emerging issues. Since the merger with the [*Ecologist*](#) in 2012, its relevance and importance has been ever more evident, especially when I consider some of the themes the magazine deals with today, and will be dealing with in the future.

We face an ecological crisis. We are going through political and economic periods of crisis, relating to how we live, how we relate to the planet, and how we relate to one another. *Resurgence & Ecologist's* message is that we can live lives that are more meaningful. We can have an economy which is more sustainable. And we can have relationships – between people, between nations - which are more equitable, more just and more peaceful – and which, in some way, can contribute to the idea of wellbeing.

For a small magazine, these are big issues - but I don't think they have ever been more vital. So I think that one thing *Resurgence & Ecologist* can aim to do in its 50th year is to become "resurgent". Because the message is as essential as ever. There has never been a time when the ideas of *Resurgence & Ecologist* have been more important - because they help people to address their lives, their relationships, their politics, and their relationship with nature. All of these things are what we are about, and I hope that we can keep doing them better, more efficiently, more effectively and more beautifully in the year to come, and have a really great 50th anniversary year for *Resurgence & Ecologist*.

The story of *Resurgence* is an extraordinary one, and I am very proud to be following such remarkable editors as John Papworth, our founder, and Satish Kumar, whose tenure is almost without parallel in British journalism. Under Satish, *Resurgence* has – in the words of *The Guardian* – been "the spiritual and ecological flagship of the green movement", and I hope I can maintain that tradition. The causes for which *Resurgence & Ecologist* and the Resurgence Trust stand – environment, peace, social justice, and a holistic approach to our relationships with Nature and one another – are, if anything, even more crucial than at any time in the last 50 years.

Looking ahead, we will continue to produce one of the most attractive and beautiful magazines, as long as there is a demand for print. At the same time, I want to strengthen our digital offering, so that we can give Resurgence Trust members, and our wider readership, even more when it comes to news, intelligent discussion and well-written and illustrated articles that inform and inspire – if you like, that exemplify the spirit of *Resurgence*.

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