



THE PROBLEM OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Environmental protection is an international issue of great importance and Great Britain pays much attention to it. There are nearly 500 000 protected buildings and 7000 conservation areas of architecture of historical interest in Britain. The Government supports the work of the voluntary sector in preserving the national heritage.

Total emissions of smoke in the air have fallen by 85 percent since 1960. Most petrol stations in Britain stock unleaded petrol.



A scenic view of a river flowing through a lush forest. In the middle ground, a small waterfall cascades over rocks into a pool of water. The surrounding area is densely wooded with green trees and foliage, creating a natural and serene environment.

Green belts are areas where land should be left open and free from urban sprawl. The Government attaches great importance to their protection. National parks cover 9 percent of the total land area of England and Wales.

National Rivers Authority protects inland waters in England and Wales.

In Scotland the River purification authorities are responsible for water pollution.





**Great Britain takes
care of its
environment for
themselves and
next generations.**

Mankind long believed that, whatever we did, the Earth would remain much the same. We know now that is untrue. Nature is under threat. One country's pollution can be every country's problem. So we all need to work together to safeguard our environment.



The Government is supporting international efforts for a global agreement to protect species of plant and animal life. The Government is also supporting projects to conserve endangered species of wild life.



**Britain attaches particular importance to
the environmental policy of the
European Community.**



A bald eagle is shown in flight over a body of water, with its wings fully extended. The eagle's head is turned to the left, and its talons are visible. The background is a clear blue sky and the water below is a deep blue with some ripples. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, red font.

Much has already been achieved: since Britain joined, the Community has adopted some 280 environmental measures, including far-reaching-legislation to combat acid rain, curb pollution from cars industry, conserve wildlife and ensure public access to information about the environment.





