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Easter Waste

Approximately 80 million chocolate eggs are sold in the UK at Easter which generates around 4,370 tonnes of card and 160 tonnes of foil waste. Most of the plastic packaging used is not recyclable yet, which means it will end up in landfills.

Some big brand manufacturers are now making changes to their packaging, in order to reduce waste.

More information can be found on our [WasteConnect website](#) and Jane's latest [blog on the E4environment website](#).



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Water Provides Potential to Heat 1 Million Homes in England



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According to the government, one million properties across England could be heated by water from rivers, canals and the sea.

Using technology known as a water source heat pump, The Department for Energy calculates this potential to heat many properties.

sea, river or canal.

The process relies on a heat exchanger. The system works in a similar to refrigeration, collecting warmth from the water via pipes which run from the

If renewable energy is used in the process, properties will also benefit from being heated with almost zero carbon emissions.

More information can be found on the [BBC News website](#).

Solar Energy on the Increase

Solar energy could provide as much as 4% of the UK's electricity by the end of the decade.

Energy companies are currently rushing to finish new large-scale solar projects before next month when state subsidies will mostly come to an end.

More information and a video report can be found on the [BBC News](#) website.

In other solar news, Ecotricity has secured a £70m growth fund, which it says will allow it to almost double its energy-generating capacity.



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More information and a video report can be found on the [Edie.net](#) website.

Boris Johnson Confirms Ultra Low Emission Zone, Funding Boost for Green Cabs



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Boris Johnson, Mayor of London has confirmed the launch of the world's first Ultra Low Emission Zone. Along with this comes the announcement that an increased fund of £65m will be made available, to roll out zero-emission taxis across the city.

The [Ultra Low Emission Zone \(ULEZ\)](#) will be developed in central London on 7 September 2020. Vehicles travelling through the Congestion Charge Zone will be required to meet new emissions standards or pay a daily charge.

"The world's first Ultra Low Emission Zone is an essential measure to help improve air quality in our city, protect the health of Londoners, and lengthen our lead as the greatest city on earth," Johnson said.

More information can be found on the [Edie.net](#) website.