

## **We want to see**

Provision of suitable free sites for gypsies and travellers, the right to squat disused homes/land

Protection of boaters' rights, with river & canal bank allotments, fair mooring & licence fees

No more public land sold to private speculators

All social and private rented housing to include a secure tenancy, offering better if terminated

Enough government-built quality public housing to accommodate the entire population

All new homes, including flats, to incorporate at least a 10 pole allotment immediately adjacent

Maintain, extend and enforce rights of way

Openness about land owned by the monarchy, an end to crown immunity & FOI exemptions

A 'Use It Or Lose It' programme where empty buildings are forfeit or put on a tax escalator, where the owner can lose title after one year

Confiscation of suitable sections of the largest feudal/commercial estates for public settlement

GM crops, industrial agriculture & mega-farms banned. Tenant farmers given loans to buy & build. A new, mandatory public land registry.

Open access to land managed by charities such as The National Trust and English Heritage

Taxation of luxuries, not necessities; adequate resources for government to house people

Publicly owned nationalised infrastructure such as water, gas, NHS, electricity, banking and railways. With services provided at or near cost

## **In order to achieve this we will**

Take non-violent direct action to contest land ownership and use peaceful civil disobedience to support local campaigns

Hold conferences & commission expert reports

Retain a Parliamentary land rights lobby group to draw up parliamentary bills and legislation to bring about universal access to land

Lobby to enforce Article 25: 1, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Establishing minimum secure legal standards for life.

*'Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing, and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood, in circumstances beyond his control.'* 25, UDHR

Study history to promote traditional secure forms of tenure such as Scottish crofting, collective land management and common rights

Foster co-operative businesses to provide ethical land-based employment & volunteer experience

Promote and develop links and exchange programmes with land rights groups in other countries where equivalent movements exist such as Brazil and Indonesia

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## **Link up**

To join the information sharing, action alert Diggers list, founded in 1999 [diggers350-subscribe@gn.apc.org](mailto:diggers350-subscribe@gn.apc.org) - For UK land related talks & convergences, fill in the form below. To add a donation please include cheque/PO to 'The Land Is Ours' or donate at [tlio.org.uk](http://tlio.org.uk) For small old school annual or monthly donation please fill in the standing order form overleaf.

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The Land Is Ours was originally set up in 1995 by writer George Monbiot to campaign for what we do want, rather than against what we don't.

We want to see an explosion of market-gardens and smallholdings, with travellers encouraged to stay on road verges. This and other marginal public land to be planted with perennial crops and forest gardens for national food security.

## **Stewards, not owners, of land**

Enclosure had a devastating impact on post-medieval society, producing cheap labour for the industrial revolution. But landlessness and destitution for millions is back today with the 'Great Reset' robotic mega-cartels taking our jobs & post-2008 bailout 'austerity'.

Land is a free gift to mankind, so landed gentry, like the Dukes of Westminster & Buccleuch, should not be 'owners' but custodians of their vast estates. The Diggers, Chartists, Highland Crofters, Irish Land League & the British Isles' other freedom fighter visionaries inspire us to roll back enclosure, the most unjust privatisation of them all, until everybody has a secure home.

## **Land banking and speculation**

While some of us are desperate to get on the unaffordable housing ladder, other individuals & companies own so much land they don't know what to do with it. The stock market bubble has made land a safer investment, for those who have no intention of ever using it.

## **People are assets, not liabilities**

We want to move away from an ever-increasing dependence on money for food and other requisites, and toward providing life's essentials for free, like water still is in the Irish republic. In principle no one should have to pay for anything which is theirs by right under Article 25 of the UN Declaration of Human Rights.

Churchill's notorious Land Tax (LVT) would make us ever more dependent the money system



# **The Land Is Ours**

*a land rights campaign for Britain*

*The Land Is Ours campaigns peacefully for access to land, its resources and the decision making processes affecting them, for everyone, irrespective of race, age or gender.*

### **Land for homes:**

Planning for low-impact countryside settlers; stopping places for travellers; space for low-cost and self-designed housing in cities

### **Land for life:**

A right to roam; protection and reclamation of common space; people power in planning and public enquiries; mandatory land registration

### **Land for livelihoods:**

Access to the land's raw materials; publicly maintained town & country workshop spaces; high standards of animal welfare; break-up of mega-farms and worst offending feudal estates