



## CLEAN UP THIS MESS

MOST families in this country now enjoy a lifestyle which previous generations would have called luxury.

But the great boons of modern living carry a heavy price tag. They are contributing to the destruction of the planet.

The extraordinary extremes of weather we witness nowadays – like the thunderstorms, floods and heatwaves of the past week – are at least partly due to global warming.

Which is mainly caused by our love of travel by road and air.

And our way of life, dominated by convenience shopping and attractive marketing, produces an overwhelming mass of packaging.

That and the other rubbish we generate, could eventually turn this green and pleasant land into a gigantic garbage heap.

The past few years have seen a significant increase in the amount of rubbish we recycle. But it is still far from enough and some areas lag pathetically far behind.

Councils have a big part to play in making recycling easier. But, ultimately, it is up to us to be responsible for our own mess.

We should not expect to enjoy the pleasures of modern life at the same time as we are destroying the planet for future generations.

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