



UNDER 'THE CANOPY

Boris Johnson's climate change stance is an unlikely one for a conservative politician.

Bevan Shields examines his green credentials.

Long before he called Downing Street home, Boris Johnson spent much of his childhood roaming the family farm in Exmoor National Park, a four-hour drive west of London. A daily coexistence with herons, owls, woodpeckers, kingfishers and red deer was something of a storybook start for the boy who would later morph into one of the world's "greenest" leaders.

"As the poet William Wordsworth once wrote of the beautiful Westminster Bridge, 'Dull would he be of soul who could pass by a sight so touching in its majesty,'" says Stanley Johnson, the Prime Minister's father. "And while it might be a different context, the sentiment is the same for Boris. He spent formative time in this beautiful part of England, and it probably left a lasting impression."

Five decades on and a world away from the tranquillity of the farm, Johnson will on Monday welcome 25,000 delegates to Glasgow for a summit billed as a make-or-break moment for the planet. The COP26 talks aim to spare the globe from the worst impacts of climate change, and the strength of Johnson's

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