

SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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Warwick News

Merry Sustainable Christmas

Before you go, why not agree who in your team is going to turn off the projectors, screens, lights and other electrical items? How about turning down the thermostat and sorting your recycling? Get [practical advice](#) on how we can all do our bit towards saving energy over the Christmas break.

Warwick Green Action

Warwick Green Action was launched in September 2018 and was designed to empower individuals and teams to make positive changes to reduce their environmental impact. Nine teams took part during the academic year and had a significant positive impact as more than 100 actions were completed. There are now 13 teams who continue to look for more enthusiastic volunteers to get involved. At the recent Sustainability Summit the WMG team were recognised for their hard work. Find out more about this initiative and how you can get involved [here](#).



Playing our role in combating climate change

[Hear from Christine Ennew](#), Provost, on what's happening at Warwick to make us more sustainable.

SocsMark – Environment and Community

A number of societies now have registered Green Champions and have met with the team to look at how they can reduce their environmental impact. Some of these teams are going to begin to work with associated Green Action teams to increase student involvement and engagement.

If you are involved in a society and would like to be their registered Champion, speak to their Exec and then contact sustainability@warwick.ac.uk to register.

Recycle League

The University held 13 interactive stands during October and November to raise awareness of how to recycle across campus. Nearly 300 people were engaged at these stands with the vast majority learning something about what they should be doing with their waste. The main lessons learnt were that disposable cups and papers towels have to go in non-recyclables.

We will continue to run these stands in the New Year.

ALL DISPOSABLE CUPS ON CAMPUS

CANNOT BE RECYCLED

THEY MUST GO IN THE NON-RECYCLABLES BIN

LEARN ABOUT WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED WHERE
WARWICK.AC.UK/RECYCLING/A-Z

*GET DISCOUNTS IN RETAIL OUTLETS
BY USING A REUSABLE MUG

Reducing food waste with Too Good to Go

Warwick Conferences are reducing food waste by joining the [Too Good to Go initiative](#). Download the app to enjoy freshly prepared meals at discounted prices here on campus.

Warwick Waste Quiz

The Waste Quiz was designed to raise awareness of recycling. More than 100 people took part with the winner receiving £20 of Eat at Warwick credit.

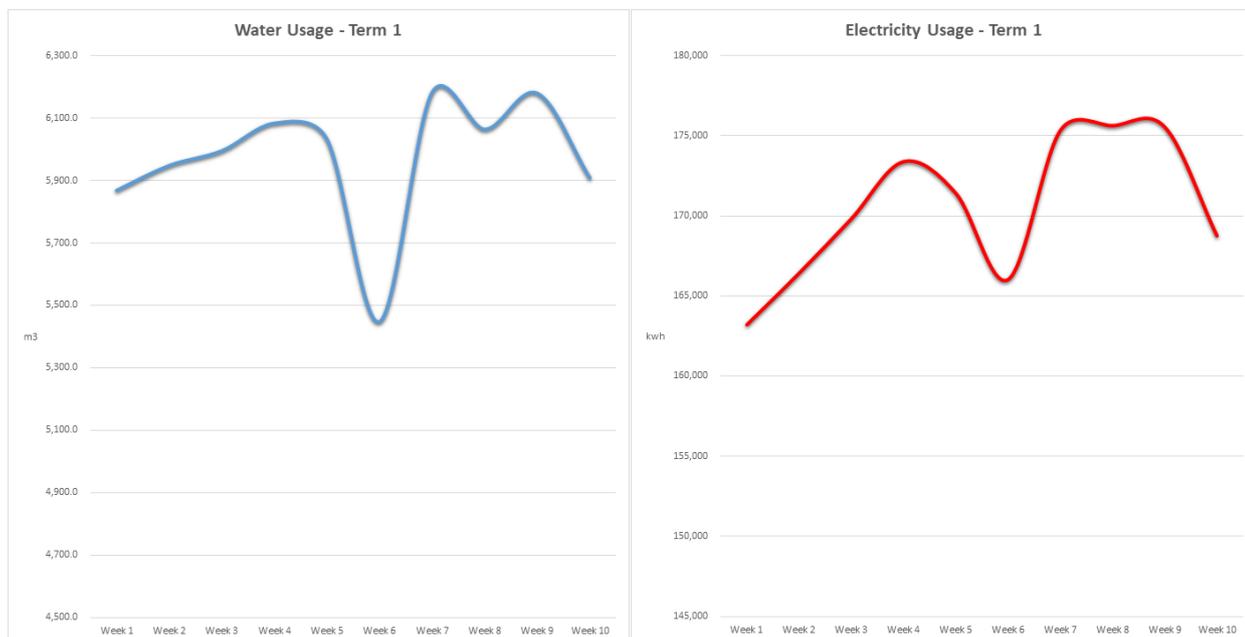
Sustainability Summit

Our recent Warwick Sustainability Summit was a great success well attended but we are aware many could not make it; so for those that want to...you can catch up on the fantastic presentations and discussions of the evening!
https://warwick.ac.uk/about/environment/news/catch_up_on

Cut the Flow performance update

As you may have seen via our social media recently, student in halls have been using a lot of electricity and water. Below are graphs for this term showing the increase in usage (and therefore carbon emissions) from all residences across campus. The dip you can see is week 6 where many went home to 'study'.

We would like to remind everyone across campus to turn things off when they are not in use (even if that is only for a short time) #CutTheFlow and support the University in reaching and surpassing its carbon reduction targets. #ClimateEmergency



Swap Shop Success

On 13th November the SU and Sustainability Team once again ran a Swap Shop. This is a chance for people to renew their wardrobes without paying a penny. The event was once again an overwhelming success and far bigger than previous swap shops. £137 was raised for Canley Community Centre, they are very pleased. The next confirmed Swap Shop will be on Wednesday of Term 2, Week 9 (4th March during Green Week).

NUS Skills for Sustainability

We would like to thank everyone who filled out the Skills for Sustainability survey run by the NUS this term. Many of messages in it concerning sustainability at Warwick were positive and show we are moving in the right direction. There were also a number of great suggestions which we will be taking on board and hope we can bring you information about more improvements in time.

There were a few suggestions that stood out as we have already achieved or acted upon them which means some of our messaging isn't getting out and we aim to improve this going forward.

If you do have sustainability related suggestions for the way the University can improve or wish to send us feedback please do either [fill out this form](#) or [email us](#).

Arden Farm Wildlife Network

The University has become a member of the Arden Farm Wildlife Network to help improve biodiversity on farmland. The Wellesbourne campus is taking part in a project to help enhance habitat for tree sparrows in the area. It includes

- The planting of a wildflower area with specific pollen and nectar species;
- The sowing of a winter wild bird seed mix; and
- Erecting 10 tree sparrow boxes.

In addition, a barn owl box has also been erected.



Events

reStore – 23rd January 2020

Join the [School of Engineering Build Space](#) and the [Warwick Environmental Sustainability](#) team at the next reStore event to repair and upcycle anything from electrical and mechanical devices, computers, bicycles and clothing. Expert repairers and makers will be on hand and a range of tools and equipment will be available.



Green Week – 2nd to 8th March 2020

Green Week 2020 is to be bigger and better than previous years and we want you all to get involved. We would like you to get this date in your diaries and let friends, family and colleagues know about it. The event will once again be taking place on campus in addition to across Coventry (including university), Warwick and Leamington Spa. We are looking to incorporate more departments, businesses, schools, and community groups.

If you're part of a Warwick Green Action team or University society and would like to support the event please get involved. In addition, if you know someone who would be interested in running an event please ask them to contact sustainability@warwick.ac.uk.

Opportunities

Warwick Cup

What is Warwick Cup?: Warwick Cup is a shareable reusable cup system, where customers use a reusable cup and deposit it at certain collection points to be washed and reused in the closed-loop environment of the university campus.

The team:

Maddie Booth - Managing director

Ellie Church - Finance director

Hollie Ryan - Research strategist

The Trial - Curiositea Café: This is a pilot to demonstrate that there is a desire from the campus population to have a sharing scheme at Warwick. This will take place in week 4 term 2. We want to make sure the message is clear and simple and will seek people's feedback on the pilot. This feedback will then be used to implement any changes and improvements. The aim is to roll this out across campus.

How can you get involved?

There are two ways for you to get involved...

1. Volunteer with us - help us promote Warwick Cup and its use around campus!
2. Join the CORE team - These positions are like 'exec' positions for societies and will require more time commitment but will look fantastic on your CV as well as providing a chance for you to have an impact on campus.

Please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/kmH8HKjEj5WC9Az79>

Staff computer updates

Did you know that you do not have to leave your computer on on Thursday nights to do the updates? You can do them in advance by going into the Software Center, clicking 'Updates' and the 'Install All' tab. Updates should be available in the Software Center from the Monday/Tuesday of the third week (normally) in any month. Once the updates have installed a 90 minute warning pops up, at the end of which (or before if you chose) the computer will restart.

Pulse Survey

Staff members will have received a link recently to fill out the Pulse Survey. Please do make time to fill it out and give your feedback. Any feedback regarding sustainability at the University is also appreciated.

Unicycles

Did you know that departments can sign up to use UniCycles? There is an annual recharge per user and therefore will need to be sponsored by Head of Department or a Manager. For more information contact [Graham Hine](#).

Winter lighting

The dark nights have arrived and it's now dark when many staff and students leave at the end of the day or go out again in the evening. We are aware that some lights are not on sensors and not all are turned off at the end of the day. If you leave later than normal or are back on campus for an event in the evening, and see lights left on in empty rooms, please let us know and we can investigate further.

Academic volunteers wanted for paper saving

We are conducting a Simplify.Collaborate.Deliver project to reduce paper waste. We are looking for a number of academics willing to work with us to stop the printing of unnecessary lecture handouts/slides. Please email us at sustainability@warwick.ac.uk

Interdisciplinary Conference on Food: Call for papers

Undertaking research related to food? Submit a paper for a conference showcasing research on food across the University and fostering collaborations between researchers from different disciplines. [Find out more and submit a paper by 20 December.](#)

Carling Made Local

“Carling Made Local” is a campaign run by Carling through which they give money to support student projects of any kind, be this sports clubs, societies, campaigns or any other groups who might have a worthy project that they need funding for.



Student groups have from now until Christmas to complete a nomination form with details of their projects and particularly projects with community in mind. Application forms can be collected and submitted at Warwick SU reception. The SU (in collaboration with NUSSL) will decide on the top 3 projects and during term 2 every time someone buys a pint of Carling in the Dirty Duck, they will receive a token which can then be dropped into the box for their preferred project – a bit like Tesco does for community projects! The winning group will then receive the funding for their project to take place during term 3.

Please note that this is not organised by Warwick Volunteers and is an external opportunity. For more information speak to SU reception staff or contact Lindsey Kettle lindsey.kettle@warwicksu.com

News and events from further afield

K2L cycleway funding approved

The Kenilworth to Leamington (K2L) cycle path is among three cycle routes to be approved for funding by Warwickshire County Council at a cost of nearly £12million. [Find out more.](#)

Visual arts competition

The Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges (EAUC) are inviting students from a visual arts background or who have a hobby in this direction to join a very exciting competition and help choose the winning image of EAUC's Annual Conference 2020. This is a great opportunity for students to have their work exposed on a variety of media platforms, enrich their portfolio and contribute to a very topical theme: the climate!

To enter the competition, students are requested to supply a photograph, a graphic, a painting or any other visual representation they feel appropriate as representing climate anxiety, climate hope or changing climate and to complete and send the entry form to info@eauc.org.uk by Friday, 17th January 2020.



LWS Night Shelter



LWS Night Shelter help the homeless and vulnerably housed in Leamington and the wider area. They are looking for volunteers to help with catering, evening shifts, overnight stays and morning shifts for the period from the evening of 20th December to the morning of 1st of January.

If you can help [visit their website to sign up.](#)

Coventry Winter Night Shelter



Coventry Winter Night Shelter (CWNS) is a project run by Coventry Churches around the city, which provides rough sleepers with support, a hot meal, a safe and warm bed for the night and breakfast the next day. The project runs from 1st December – 31st March every year.

They need volunteers for various shifts during this period. More information about the night shelter and the volunteers roles are [available here](#)

Warwick in Africa



WiA work in partnership with maths and English teachers in secondary schools, building sustainable relationships and developing teachers' skills, to help unlock the potential of all students. We are looking for volunteers to work with us in Ghana, South Africa and Tanzania next summer, for between 4 and 7 weeks.

Our volunteers work closely with local teachers; taking classes, identifying needs and developing small projects to benefit the individual schools. To find out more about this amazing opportunity come to our final information meeting, **Tuesday 7th January, 5.15pm, OC0.04** or come to a drop-in, Wednesdays during term time, 2-4pm, Student Opportunity Hub. Follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook for regular recruitment updates. To read about all aspects of the programme, along with our online application form, visit Warwick.ac.uk/warwickinafrica .Deadline for Applications: 12th January 2020