

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

## September 2019

### News

#### Cutting down the single use plastic

Retail are continuing to support the University's sustainable vision by helping individuals reduce their plastic use. From 21st September Retail's outlets on campus will offer a 20p reduction when you bring a reusable mug for your hot drinks (you also get 10% off with Eat at Warwick). If you are yet to purchase a reusable mug they also have you covered - you can purchase a mug and get a free drink with it!

[https://warwick.ac.uk/services/retail/news/from\\_friday\\_21st/](https://warwick.ac.uk/services/retail/news/from_friday_21st/)



#### RAWKUS Post Grad Collection

On the 15th September a number of staff and students got together to collect food and other items from halls of residences which were moving out. We collected just under 1 ton. This brings the total of the summer collections to approx. 4.5 tonnes! This went to 9 different charities across the local area. If you would like to support future collections please sign up to the mailing list: <http://eepurl.com/dAcqJ1>

#### Europe-wide Halogen bulb ban

The EU has recently announced that all halogen lightbulbs will be banned across the EU from 1<sup>st</sup> September. The most popular alternative is LED bulbs which are around 75% more energy efficient than their halogen counterparts. It is predicted that if households switch to LED they could save up to £112 each year. Across the EU it is estimated that this will prevent more than 15 million tonnes of carbon emissions per year being emitted.

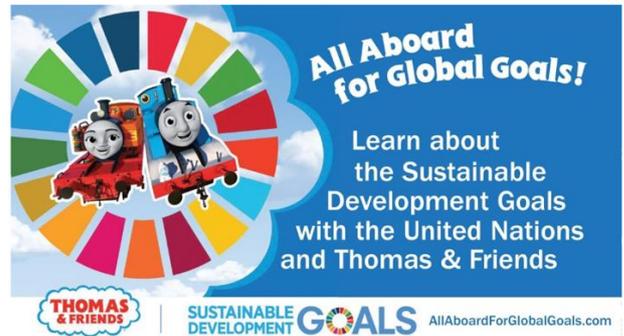
Halogen bulbs will still be on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> September but retailers will not be able to order any more. In addition, certain halogen bulbs for ovens will also remain legal.

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## Thomas & Friends and the UN Sustainable Development Goals

For anyone with young children and those of us still young at heart, the United Nations and Mattel, Inc. have launched a collaboration to include the Sustainable Development Goals into Thomas & Friends™. Episodes looks at Goals #4 Quality Education, #5 Gender Equality, #11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, #12 Responsible Consumption and Production, and #15 Life on Land. There is also a wealth of information and activities on their website to get children (and many adults) interested in sustainability so why not explore the website and find out more.

[www.allboardforglobalgoals.com](http://www.allboardforglobalgoals.com)



## Price comparison websites

Energy regulator Ofgem has scrapped the rule that required comparison websites to show you every available deal. This means that some sites may now only show you the deals that they can switch you to directly, however there is still sometimes the option to 'opt in' to see every deal.

**Confused.com**

**comparethemarket**

**Money Super Market**

**Which? Switch**

**uSwitch**

## Waste labels

New waste labels are being rolled out across the University and accommodation to clearly show what waste goes into the landfill bin and what can be recycled.

Food waste is being collected across campus in the majority of commercial areas. It is being sent to an anaerobic digestion plant which breaks down the food to produce biogas and fertiliser.

Please remember to segregate your waste correctly and put food in the food waste bin provided if there is one.





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## Events

### Week Zero

The Energy and Sustainability Team are running information awareness sessions every day of Week Zero and will also have a stand at the Living at University Fair (26<sup>th</sup>) and Make Your Make Fair (27<sup>th</sup>). We will also be available for new students during Arrivals Weekend.

### Recycle Week

24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September

“Recycling. We do. Because it matters’ is this year’s theme for Recycle Week being organised by WRAP UK.

[Find out what happens to your recycling.](#)

<https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-knowledge/how-is-it-recycled>



## Opportunities

### Sustainability Assistants

Cut the Flow is our engagement campaign in the halls of residence covering both water and energy consumption. We are recruiting two students to work 6.5 hours per week to help us to run the campaign. [Find out more.](#)

<https://www.unitemps.com/Search/JobDetails/19795>

