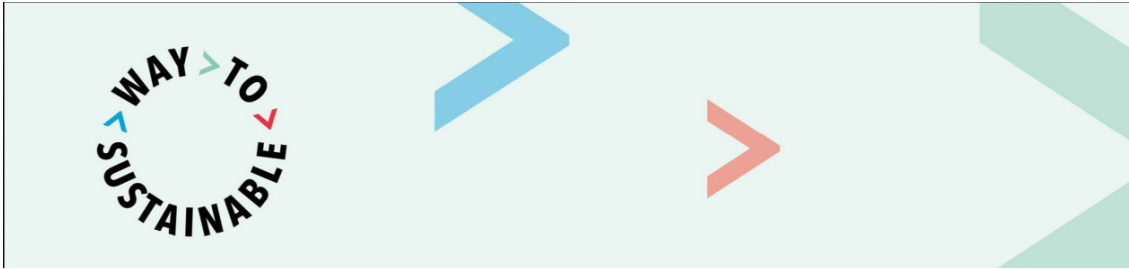


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Green Week 2023 will be taking place week commencing 6th-12th March (Week 9). It is an annual partnership between Coventry University, the University of Warwick and our Student Unions with other local organisations encouraged to get involved.

The aim of the week is to raise awareness of sustainability and what's going on in the area, as well as to provide information on how everyone can make a difference and get involved.

There will be lots of events to get involved in, ranging from lunchtime presentations, to walks and workshops with a number of societies and Green Actions Teams running their own events. We will be promoting five small acts for people to participate in and also launching explainer videos on topics such as 'what are carbon emissions and why are they a problem' and 'what are the UN Sustainable Development Goals' so keep an eye on our social media and University communication channels to find out more.

Student Green Champions Network Relaunch

On 24th January the relaunch event of the [Student Green Champion Network](#) took place to introduce new opportunities for students to get involved with sustainability on campus. During the event attendees heard from student volunteers about their experiences as well as from Katherine Mayfield, David Chapman, and Evelin Sanderson-Nichols (Sustainability Champions), and Steven Burke (Skills Coordinator) about the different ways Green Champion [volunteering activities](#) can be linked to the Warwick Award. Read the full article about the event & on how to get involved [here](#).

University of Warwick has been awarded the Silver Hedgehog Friendly Campus Award!

We're very proud to announce that University of Warwick has been awarded a Silver Accreditation for being a [Hedgehog Friendly Campus](#), just one year after achieving Bronze status. Achieving a silver award means a great deal to our community as it reflects our growing commitment to becoming a more environmentally friendly campus. Read the full article [here](#).



5th place in the Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge

Warwick celebrates after being placed 5th in the [Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge](#) which took place during October and November 2022.

The Challenge was part of the [Hedgehog Friendly Campus](#) initiative, which aims to make campuses clean and safe for hedgehogs and other wildlife. With the help of over 60 volunteers we collected 62 bags in total around main campus, Gibbet Hill, and Westwood campus. A big thank you to everyone that helped out with the picks!

Would you like to participate in our upcoming litter picks? Sign up to [Warwick Wednesday Wombles](#).

Tree Planting on Campus

Staff and student volunteers got involved in tree planting on campus earlier this month. We received 420 saplings as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative, which were planted by volunteers in the space of a couple of hours on 1st February behind Sherbourne residences. The trees will create year-round colour and include hawthorn, dog wood, wild cherry, silver birch, rowan and hazel. The University is committed to creating spaces for

wildlife on campus and these trees will widen the wildlife corridor that runs along the campus boundary. Read the full article [here](#).



Spine Route Planting

More than 2,000 hornbeam and hawthorn whips are being planted along the Spine Route to create a 100 metre long double hedge. As this becomes established it will create a wildlife corridor linking habitats together.

Events

Pop-up Sustainability Stands

In term two, members of the Sustainability team and the Transport team will be available to answer your questions, at the following timings and locations:

- Learning Grid, Rootes Building - 14th February 1300-1400
- Library (First Floor) - 23rd February 1300-1400
- Students' Union (Atrium) - 2nd March 1300-1400
- Westwood Campus (Aroma Cafe) - 15th March 1300-1400

Wednesday Warwick Wombles Litter Picks

Booking is essential due to the amount of pickers available. Sign up for the 15th February [NOW](#). You will be contacted with meeting point details nearer the time. Dates for your diary:

- **15th February 12-1pm,**
- 15th March 12-1pm,
- 19th April 12-1pm,
- 17th May 12-1pm,
- 21st June 12-1pm,
- 19th July 12-1pm.

Student Green Champions Lunchtime Meeting

We're holding a lunchtime meeting where you can ask your questions regarding the Green Champion role. Meeting date: Tuesday, 28th February 1-2pm on MS Teams. Join the meeting [here](#).

Warwick Awards Fair

Don't miss the first Warwick Award Fair on Wednesday, 15th February 1-4pm in the Chancellor's Suite, Rootes Building. Talk to the people running the Award activities and learn more about the skills you will develop and future opportunities. Plus: the Warwick Award Team can help with all your questions about how to sign up, how to use the platform and how you can get the most out of the Award. No need to sign up for the event - simply drop in any time you like!

Green Week

We're in the process of updating our official [Green Week website](#). In the meantime, check out our [internal events page](#) for more information. Please note that event details are subject to change.

Mycelia Exhibition

This Spring, we're supporting a creative student project that celebrates ethnobotany - our human relationship to plants. We're looking for: painters, illustrators, spoken word artists, poets, digital artists and more. Interested in showcasing your work? Want to learn more about the project? [Sign up now](#).

Opportunities

Beekeeping Course

Warwick and Leamington Beekeepers are offering an introductory course to beekeeping on 18/19th March and 25/26th March. [Book your places now](#).

West Midlands Bus on Demand Expanding

We are delighted to inform you that the West Midlands Bus on Demand has extended its operating area and time, this now operates 7 days a week. Full information can be found [HERE](#).

Operating hours

Monday to Friday, 6am-11pm

Saturday, 8am-11pm

Sunday, 8am-3:30pm

Where will it operate?

West Midlands on Demand will operate in the surrounding areas of the University of Warwick, including Coventry, Kenilworth, Leamington Spa, Meriden, Warwick Parkway railway station, University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire and Wellesbourne campus. So, if you commute to campus from these areas but don't have a convenient bus service near you, then West Midlands on Demand will provide you with a flexible alternative.

FREE Cycle Training

The University has partnered with Sustrans as part of a Community Engagement Programme to provide a number of cycle training and skills sessions for the local communities hosted on main campus from November 2022 to March 2023. Dates for the sessions are available when you select the "Session you wish to attend" field in the booking form below.

Learn-to-ride sessions: These sessions are for complete beginners and will teach you balance and pedal action to get you riding and making sure you can start/stop independently. Upcoming training dates:

16th February, 09:30-11:00

16th February, 14:00-15:30

1st March, 11:30-13:00

Cycle skills: These sessions are for people who can already ride a bike and will help to increase your skills taught include riding at different speeds, observing hazards all around whilst stationary and moving, control of the bike in different circumstances, effective use of gears, and communication including signalling. Upcoming training dates:

16th February, 11:30-13:00

1st March, 09:30-11:00

1st March, 14:00-15:30

Book your places [here](#).

Choose Your Way Warwick

Choose Your Way Warwick is still creating a buzz on campus! A couple of our Warwick ambassadors have shared their experience:

“The West Midlands Cycle Hire is extremely convenient – the bikes are dotted all over campus and I was always hesitant to try, but now that I have, I will continue using them. It was easy to download the Beryl app and see how many bikes were available at which locations. The option to use an electronic bike was so fun, avoiding the treacherous hike up Gibbet Hill!”

– Natalie Chak (Undergraduate Student, SLS)

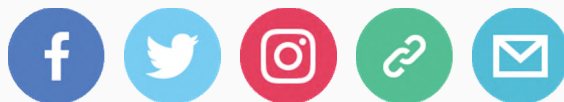


“Sustainability has always been a part of my life and with the current climate crisis I constantly try to be mindful of my actions and their impact on our planet. I think BetterPoints app is a great way to encourage people to choose sustainable modes of travel. I was excited to find out about it and downloaded the app as soon as I reached uni 😊 The points earned on the app can be redeemed for coupons of Tesco, Amazon, Starbucks and many more. I have got over £30 so far! Pretty cool, right?”
-Tasbiha Khan (PGT, Chemistry)]

You can still get involved! Sign up

here: <https://chooseyourwaywarwick.betterpoints.app/stories/join-the-choose-your-way-warwick-challenge> or email at chooseyourwaywarwick@tfwm.org.uk

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