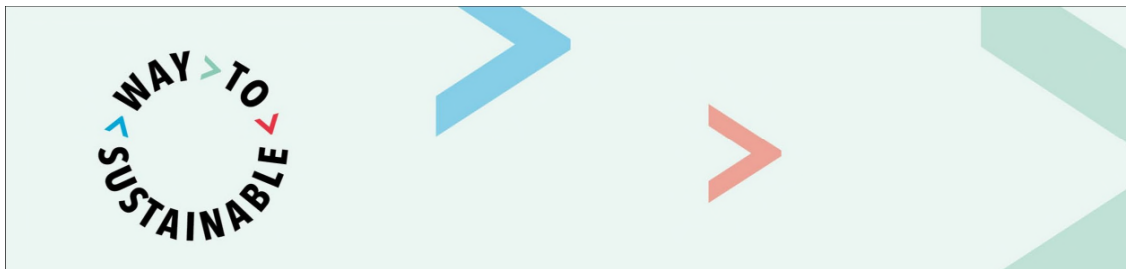


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#### [Cycle September - 1st Place](#)

We would like to congratulate to all staff members who took part in Cycle September by Love to Ride! We encourage all members of our university to travel actively, if possible. In addition to our Choose Your Way Warwick program there is also an option to be rewarded for active travel by registering with [Love to Ride!](#)

#### [Environmenstrual Week Events](#)

Huge thank you for everyone who dropped in to our "How to be Environmenstrual?" talk with Rebecca Evans during Evironmenstrual week in October! Thank you for everyone who attended our "Reusable Pad Making" workshop in the Oculus today & special thanks to the Department of Sociology's Student Green Ambassadors who helped organising this event!



### Winner of our Sustainable Halloween Costume Competition

Huge congratulations to Lucy Roadknight and Will Font on winning our Sustainable Halloween Costume Competition!

How were their costumes made? Lucy said "we wore our own clothes but for the backpacks we used cornflake boxes, some plastic cord that our neighbours were throwing away, we used kitchen rolls and leftover cardboard to make shapes on the back, we also stuck on some bottle caps and coffee pods onto the boxes. We found the water pistols in a charity shop, and the straps were 2 sets of spares from my violin case."

Many thanks for everyone who participated! We've seen some amazing costumes this year, but unfortunately there can only be one winner. See you next year 😊



### **Wildlife Enhancing Projects on Campus**

The University is committed to protecting, creating and enhancing habitats for wildlife and as such undertakes numerous projects throughout the year. These are just some examples of the work undertaken by the Grounds and Gardens Team in recent years with some help from volunteers. Read more about hedgelaying, wildflower meadows, and tree planting efforts [here](#).



### **Hedgehog Friendly Campus receives external press coverage**

Tanya Carey, who is part of the Hedgehog Friendly Campus Working Group, spoke on BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio on Friday and a piece was included on ITV Central's website about helping hedgehogs and what the University is doing. You can listen to the interview [here](#).

### **TechNet at Warwick**

TechNet at Warwick is [showcasing the University's technical talent](#) through a number of videos with technical staff as well as those who work alongside them. Katherine Mayfield, Sustainability Champion in Estates, works with technicians as part of the [LEAF initiative](#) and was interviewed as part of this project. Click the links to find out more.

### **Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge**

We are taking part in the annual Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge for the first time this year. It is a competition between universities with the university that collects the most litter between specific dates winning a hedgehog house and food to be located on campus. It would obviously be great to win but it's definitely more about getting involved and playing our part in reducing litter and making spaces safer for wildlife.

The Challenge runs from 19<sup>th</sup> September until 30<sup>th</sup> November and five staff and student sessions will be held on campus during this time. Three sessions have already taken place covering the Spine Route from Radcliffe to the Sports Hub, Uni House through to Argent Court, and finally Routes and Bluebell. 29 have been involved with everyone really enjoying the sessions (even in the rain!) and feeling a great sense of satisfaction with the amount of litter collected.





In addition to waste collected on campus the Challenge also includes sessions that take place off campus if students and/or staff are involved. We worked with Warwick Volunteers and promoted a session with Friends of Canley Green Spaces on 26<sup>th</sup> October where approximately ten bags being collected; a great example of working with our local community.



Two more sessions will be taking place later this month and we are currently considering how to make these a regular occurrence.

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## Events

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### Inter Faith Week

As part of Inter Faith Week 2022, the Chaplains are hosting a discussion to find out what different faiths are saying and doing about climate change. For more information, visit their [website](#).

## **Pop-up Sustainability Stands**

After the success of our Pop-up Sustainability Stand in the Sports Centre, you can meet us at different locations around campus. Upcoming dates & locations (maybe subject to change):

- 1300-1400 17th Nov, School of Life Sciences\*
- 1100-1200 22nd Nov, FAB
- 1230-1330 29th Nov, University House
- 1500-1600 6th Dec, PG Hub\*

\*The University's Transport Team will join us.



## **An Evening with Hedgehog Street**

"This Autumn you're invited to join us as we explore recent research findings on urban hedgehog conservation. Hedgehog Street is a joint campaign by People's Trust for Endangered Species and The British Hedgehog Preservation Society, and we're thrilled to bring you this FREE evening event covering hedgehog houses, highways, hibernation and much more. Join us for an evening with Hedgehog Street!" [Register now.](#)

## **Litter picks**

[Sign up](#) for litter picks this autumn and be part of the [Big Hog Friendly Litter Pick Challenge](#). Available dates:

- 12-1pm 22nd November – waiting list
- 12-1pm 30th November (Westwood) – 16 places left

## **For or Against Nature? Philosophy and the climate crisis**

To celebrate World Philosophy Day, the Sustainability team in collaboration with the Philosophy Society & Department of Philosophy brings you an interactive lecture titled "For or Against Nature? Philosophy and the climate crisis".

The lecture will be delivered by Dr Andrew Cooper, Assistant Professor, **5-6pm on the 17th November in S0.18** (Social Sciences Building). The talk is aimed for students from all disciplines - come along & learn about the relationship between philosophy and the climate crisis.

### **Waste Audit Event**

On the 22nd November, the Sustainability Team is hosting a waste audit event. Follow our social media pages (@WarwickUniSust) for further updates.

### **Warwick Sustainability Summit**

We'll be hosting a Sustainability Summit in **MS.02 on Thursday 24th November, from 6pm!** With a range of speakers from all areas of Sustainability, and the University, this will be a great way to learn a bit more about the important Sustainable work being conducted on campus, and further afield. There will also be a chance to network and talk with speakers and other attendees at the end. If you can't make it to campus, join via our teams link and listen to the event online. [Register now!](#)



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## **Opportunities**

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### **Become a Choose Your Way Warwick Ambassador**

[Choose Your Way Warwick](#) are looking for staff and student ambassadors to become influencers on campus and share their experiences of using our travel modes. Would you like to join in? [Sign up here!](#) You will be rewarded for taking part!



There is an exciting project currently running that is making positive waves on our campus. Maybe you have heard about it already? The Choose Your Way Warwick programme is expanding and improving the sustainable travel options on campus and surrounding areas. You can also earn rewards by travelling by walking, cycling, bus and other sustainable forms of transport. Why not get started?

### **So, how does it work?**

Staff and students can download the free [BetterPoints](#) app, and register with their Warwick email address to join the programme. You can then track sustainable and active journeys into and around campus and earn BetterPoints and BetterTickets as a result. BetterPoints can then be redeemed for a range of retail vouchers or donated to charities. You can find a guide on how to use the app on the link provided above.

### **What travel options are available?**

Have a look at these sustainable modes below:

- [Walking & Cycling](#)
- [West Midlands on Demand](#)
- [E-scooters/E-bikes](#)
- [Buses](#)
- [Liftango carpooling](#)

So, happy travels! - Choose how you'll get around campus today and earn well deserved rewards.

### **Participate in an online focus group with Octopus Energy**

Join Octopus Energy for a chat about community energy and how young people can fight the climate crisis. On Wednesday, 30th November 2022 2pm - 4pm online.

"We hope to gain insight and gather thoughts from university students to see whether community energy interests young people. We would like to better understand what experiences or knowledge they have on community energy.

We are also looking to see whether students have tried to volunteer with community energy groups and what the experience was like. We are also looking to see if any barriers may affect their involvement in community energy."

Keep an eye on our social media pages (@WarwickUniSust) for further updates.



## HOW CAN YOUNG PEOPLE FIGHT THE CLIMATE CRISIS VIA COMMUNITY ENERGY?

Focus Group with Yunity and Octopus Energy  
30th November 2022  
2pm Online

! We want to know your perspective !



### **Sustainability Blog**

We have started a [sustainability blog](#) on our website where you can keep up to date with news and events and our HogBlog.

We would like for students and staff to get involved! We particularly want to hear about your experiences with sustainability, any challenges you faced and tips you could give to others. So, whether you're a Green Champion, part of a sustainable society on campus or just have a passion for the environment and you would like to contribute and write something for our blog email us [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk).

### **Warwick Award**

Watch this space – we're currently working towards adding our Cut the Flow Ambassador and Green Champion volunteer positions to the Warwick Awards.

### **Fancy Winning £500?**

Students Organising for Sustainability are offering students a chance to win £500 by completing a confidential survey about your time at university and the skills you develop. The survey will run until Sunday 13 November. Complete the survey [here](#).

### **Sustainability in healthcare auditing**

Students Organising for Sustainability & Public Health Wales seek students to attend free environmental auditing training session on Tuesday 15th November to learn about sustainability in healthcare! Apply [here](#).

### **Letters to Tomorrow**

Write a letter to a loved one in the future to call for political action on climate change now. Because the future of our planet isn't written yet. Find out more [here](#).

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**[News and events from further afield](#)**

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### **Climate crisis poses 'growing threat' to health in UK**

"Prof Dame Jenny Harries warns of dangers to food security, flooding and insect-borne diseases." Read more [here](#).

### **Lula wins the Brazilian presidential election**

"Environmentalists, world leaders and sustainable investors on Monday cheered the victory of Brazilian President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who has promised to protect the Amazon rainforest and restore Brazil's leadership on climate change." Read more on Lula's victory [here](#).

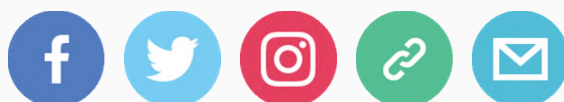
### **Pakistan at COP27 demands climate aid, says 'dystopia' already here**

"Pakistan will not be satisfied unless U.N. climate summit negotiators unlock emergency cash for the country to rebuild after this year's devastating floods, its climate minister said Thursday.

'The dystopia has already come to our doorstep,' the country's climate minister, Sherry Rehman, told Reuters in an interview on the sidelines of the COP27 summit in Egypt." Read more [here](#).

### **A huge project to reduce the amount of plastic waste in woodlands has begun in southern Scotland.**

Read about how cashew nuts help cut Moffat forest's plastic waste [here](#).



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