

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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## Warwick News

### **Public eco park announced for Warwick campus!**

We're delighted to announce plans for a huge new public eco park for the University of Warwick campus! The park will provide new recreational green space, support even more diverse wildlife, and be a space for renewable energy generation. A key part of the University's sustainability strategy, the park will also support the shift towards more sustainable and active forms of transport.

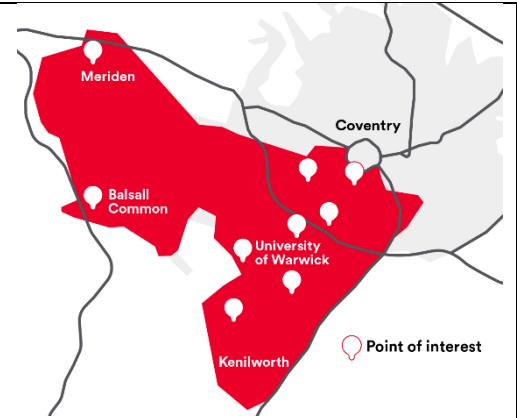
Read more about the plans [here](#).



### **Transport**

A number of more sustainable transport options have been launched in recent months. You can start **earning rewards** for using either active or sustainable transport to, from and around the campus with the '[Choose your way Warwick app](#)'.

**Bus on Demand** – this Demand Response Transport service meets you wherever you are; it's a cross between a taxi and a bus. It operates in the areas surrounding the University including Kenilworth, Warwick Parkway, Leamington Spa and Wellesbourne campus. Everything you need to use the service can easily be organised on the app. Feedback from users has been really positive so why not give it a try? [Find out more](#)



**E-Scooters** are available for staff, students and the local community. You can pick them up at designated locations and use them to travel around campus by [e-scooter](#). Staff and students can also apply for a 25% discount on the cost of rides or on a monthly pass.



**Tandem taxi service** - If you need to travel between Campus, Leamington and Wellesbourne campus, our tandem taxi service, which works like a [shared shuttle](#) is the best option. The service runs Monday - Sunday between 7.00am - 10.00pm and costs £3.00 each way. At peaks times journeys are available every 20 minutes.

### **City Nature Challenge**

Back in May, the University of Warwick and Coventry University took part in the City Nature Challenge for the first time ever, and we were thrilled to have twenty people get involved! The participants made 307 observations and identified 160 species, with the most observed being Garlic Mustard. The data will add to our knowledge of species present on campus. Bee orchids were also recorded and although they're not rare, they are a nice edition to the campus.

If you would like to support us in measuring and monitoring wildlife on campus, please contact [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk) for more information.



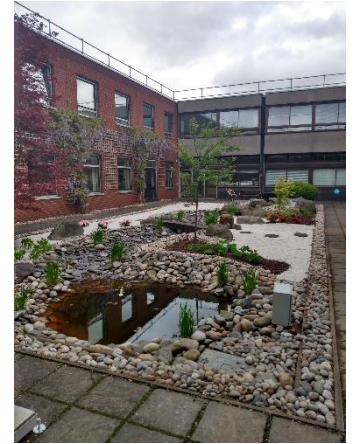
## Biodiversity projects on campus

A number of biodiversity projects have taken place on campus in recent months including:

A new **wildflower meadow** has been sown adjacent to Windmill Hill alongside the Spine Route from central campus to the Sports Hub. As the weather warms up more seeds will germinate although it won't be until next year that some of the seeds will germinate. In the years to come it should become a haven for wildlife on campus.



Gabions have been installed on the banks of Tocil Lakes. These are planted with **marginal plants**, which will grow and help restore the banks improving space for wildlife as well as opening up views for visitors. Grass has also been resown behind the gabions on compost produced onsite using our new eco-shredder.



The **Japanese Garden** at Gibbet Hill has been restored and now offers a wonderful space for peace, reflection and contemplation.

## Student Summer Interns

Three student interns will be joining the Energy and Sustainability Team from 28<sup>th</sup> June for six weeks. They will be working on:

- Engagement – continuing with regular communication over the summer and preparing for next term;
- Biodiversity – undertaking surveys on campus to help increase knowledge of species present; and
- Scope 3 and carbon accounting – researching the carbon impact of various activities.

## Warwick Estates is Highly Commended in two nominations for the Aude Awards!

We are delighted to announce that the Estates department has been Highly Commended in two nominations for the 'Aude Reaching Higher Award', which recognises institutions that have gone above & beyond to benefit their local community. Read more about the nominations [here!](#)

The **AUDE Awards 2021**  
Together, for excellent university estates and facilities

## Events

### **Is Development a Racist Discipline?**

Warwick Interdisciplinary Centre for International Development (WICID) is committed to developing critical approaches to the study of international development as a discipline and as practice. As part of our series on Inequalities, we are organizing this panel to contribute to the ongoing interrogation of the racialized nature of international development and how we might challenge and reshape it.

Ranging diversely, in terms of approaches, geographies and disciplines, we hope this intervention will help us understand the histories of oppression that underpin exclusions, discursive spaces that are colonized to reproduce them and the struggles that challenge and reshape international development and practice.

This event is co-sponsored with SOAS Department of Politics. Space is limited to 100 attendees.

[Find out more.](#)

### **Natural Resources Law and Governance Roundtable 2021: Advancing Sustainable Natural Resources Management through International Law and Governance**

Thursday 24 June 2021, 16:00 – 18:00 (CET) / 10:00 -12:00 NY / 15:00 – 17:00 UK / 22:00 – 24:00 Beijing.

This roundtable will highlight recent trends and innovations in sustainable natural resources management for development, also based on the recently adopted ILA Guidelines on the Role of International Law for the Sustainable Management of Natural Resources for Development, and consider how international law and governance can foster the implementation of the global Sustainable Development Goals. Register now to explore how to urgently ramp up ambition to achieve more effective and cooperative regimes for the sustainable management of global, regional, transboundary and national natural resources of common concern in the context of the pandemic recovery.

For more information and to register now for free, please click this link: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/natural-resources-law-and-governance-roundtable-2021-tickets-158389422025>.

## Opportunities

### **EAUC-Scotland Sustainability in the Curriculum Project Officer Recruitment**

EAUC-Scotland are delighted to be recruiting for a Sustainability in the Curriculum Project Officer to join the team from September. The role is part time (3 days / 22 hours) and will be home based with regular travel within central Scotland. The successful candidate will have a good understanding of and passion for education for sustainable development, and strong project management skills. Don't miss this exciting opportunity!

Apply [here!](#)

**Deadline:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Have your say on proposed plans for reducing plastic waste!**

DEFRA has issued the second round of public consultations on two ground-breaking initiatives that could have major impacts on the packaging we use every day *and* address the litter crisis. To ensure these plans get the momentum they deserve, take part in this important consultation [here!](#)



### **Student sponsorships available!**

Privilege Finance is currently running an award for students completing research on climate change or carbon reduction solutions.

The winners will receive:

- £1,000 prize money
- Mentoring opportunity with the Privilege team, with a tour of an AD plant
- Networking opportunity with 12-month access to the business' contacts

Head [here](#) to find out more and submit your application!

### **Kenilworth Community Survey**

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) represents an opportunity for Kenilworth Town Council (KTC) to invest in projects that will improve the lives of Kenilworth residents in the short and longer terms. Up to £3 million will be available over the next 5-10 years that the Council can directly invest in Kenilworth. Their Neighbourhood Plan (2018) has a list of potential investment projects and they would like the community's help to prioritise the areas you feel are important. [Take their survey to tell them your priorities](#). Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Warwickshire cycling and walking infrastructure**

Warwickshire County Council would like to hear ideas on where people think new or improved cycling or walking facilities are needed to help them develop their Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Find out what comments have already been made and add your own on their '[have your say](#)' map.

## News and events from further afield

### **UK receives grim warnings following report from the independent Climate Change Committee**

Government advisors have provided grim warnings following a report by the independent Climate Change Committee, which predicts warming will hit the UK harder than first thought. It warns of more severe heatwaves, especially in big cities, and more intense rainfall, with an increased flood risk across most of the UK.

Advisors suggest that, among other measures, homes, infrastructure and services must be made resilient to floods, heat and humid nights. Read more [here](#).



### **30by30 ambition for nature**

The government has declared its ambition of 30% of land and sea for nature by 2030. Doing so will help wildlife fight back and enable repaired habitats to store carbon once more. At the moment, only 10% of our land is protected for nature and only half of this is in a good state. [Read more](#) about this and the Wildlife Trust's [30by30 vision](#).

### **The Queen's Green Canopy**

The Queen's Green Canopy is an inclusive national initiative which is open to everyone from across the UK. It's been created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporates will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees from October, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. [Find out how to apply for trees or get involved](#).

