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[Hedgehog Awareness Week](#)

Hedgehog Awareness Week ran from 1st – 7th May this year! Organised by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, it focused on highlighting the problems hedgehogs face and how you can help them. It also marked the 40th Birthday of the society! Nearly £3,000 was raised during the week, which will be dedicated to Hedgehog Conservation efforts across the UK.

We now have a Hedgehog Friendly Campus Volunteers group on Microsoft Teams – email us at sustainability@warwick.ac.uk if you would like to be added to this, to keep up to date with all Hedgehog related activities on campus.

[Rawkus](#)

[Rawkus](#) collection is taking place on the 2nd and 3rd of July this year! As students move out of halls at the end of term 3, tonnes of unwanted food and kitchen equipment is left behind. Rawkus volunteers come together to collect any food that is in-date and edible and any unwanted items, that would otherwise be binned and end up in landfill. The food and goods collected are then distributed to local charities in Coventry and Leamington, including food banks. [Sign up](#) to get involved and help with collection!



Warwick Sustainability Challenge

The [WIHEA ESD learning circle](#) is delighted to launch the 'Warwick Sustainability Challenge'. This is a project that has been developed in partnership with Economics, WMG, WBS, Warwick Enterprise, Estates, our Warwick Alumni, and Coventry City Council. The project will see staff and students across the whole University co-creating sustainable solutions to a particular challenge. Using a design thinking approach, the objective of this project is to provide a more holistic approach to sustainability in HE, linking the teaching and learning provision (Curriculum), to values and ways of working and studying on Campus, and the local Community by engaging with local people and partners (we are naming this 'CCC approach'). You can find more information about the project [here](#). Join the Challenge. Help us to shape a more sustainable world where to live!

Cut the Flow Prizes

This week we handed out prizes for Cut the Flow winners from term 1! Hampers of goodies from Zero were handed out to every flat in Bluebell 4 and Sherbourne 1 as a congratulation for cutting water and energy usage the most. Cut the Flow is still running throughout term 3 - cut your energy and water and encourage your flatmates to do the same to be in a chance of winning prizes yourself!



Events

The Big Plastic Count

Sign up to [The Big Plastic Count](#), happening 16th – 22nd May! Across the country, households and businesses are coming together to tell the government it's time to commit: reduce single plastic use by 50% by 2025 by switching to reusable options that work for everyone – and ban sending our waste to other countries. Sign up, to get sent a free pack, with all the materials you need to take part! Then simply tally how many pieces of plastic you bin throughout the week and upload it to [the website](#). You'll then be given a personal plastic, and information about what really happens to plastic when it leaves your home. At the end of the week, the national results will be shared, as well as the next steps on pushing the government, supermarkets and brands into action!



No Mow May

Take in [No Mow May](#) this month! Plantlife is encouraging people to leave their gardens to grow freely this month, to allow wildlife to flourish. Since the 1930s, we have lost nearly 7.5 million acres of flower-rich meadows and pastures. Just 1% of our countryside now provides this floral feast for pollinators. With 15 million gardens in Britain, our lawns have the potential to become major sources of nectar. Read about how the Grounds Team at Warwick are getting involved with No Mow May, and the important impact it will have!

International Day for Biological Diversity

22nd of May is the [International Day for Biological Diversity!](#) The theme for 2022 being “Building a shared future for all life” - from ecosystem-based approaches to climate and/or nature-based solutions to climate, health issues, food and water security and sustainable livelihoods, biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build back better. Loss of biodiversity threatens all, including our health. It has been proven that biodiversity loss increases the risk of zoonoses - diseases transmitted from animals to humans- while, if we keep biodiversity intact, it offers excellent tools to fight against pandemics. Show your support by sharing information on the day!



Wilder Wellbeing

Fancy reaping the benefits of nature and the outdoors? If so then why not join Warwickshire Wildlife Trust’s Health and Wellbeing Officer Dan on his project Wilder Wellbeing. There’s volunteering, events and free wellbeing in nature courses – running in every Thursday in Stratford, 9th June – 7th July between 6pm-8pm and every Tuesday in Coleshill, 7th June – 5th July, between 6pm-8pm. There are still places available on his upcoming courses so book your place soon!

The 5 week courses are a great opportunity for you to deepen your connection with nature to nurture your health and meet like-minded people at the same time. We’ll spend two hours a week outside, exploring a nature reserve in Coleshill or Stratford whilst taking part in activities based around one of the five ways to wellbeing. Book your place with Dan Loveard via Daniel.Loveard@wkw.org.uk or 07342 999703.



[Vintage Vera Sale in the SU](#)

Vintage Vera is coming to Warwick SU on the 26th May from 10am-5pm! With free entry, visit the SU on this day for a huge selection of second-hand vintage clothing, that would have otherwise ended up in landfill. [Visit the event page](#) for more information.

[Hedgehog Friendly Campus Surveys](#)

We're conducting Hedgehog surveys on campus this May! This will involve constructing and placing small mammal footprint tunnels around campus to find where Hedgehogs are active. Tunnels will be baited with food to encourage animals inside, and will have black non-toxic ink on the bottom for animals to tread in. As they exit, footprints will be left for us to identify what animals have entered the tunnels. We will then report the results to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, to aid their efforts in tracking Hedgehog populations in the UK. We can then put specific conservation efforts in place, based on the tracks we find.

Opportunities

[Carbon Literacy Training](#)

[The Carbon Literacy Project](#) is a multi-award winning and globally unique climate change learning-and-doing project. The Project is built on the principle that residents, workers and learners who are Carbon Literate have an embedded understanding of the carbon impacts of their activities, and will therefore make informed choices about the most energy and resource efficient options available to them. There are a number of academic placement opportunities available with the project, with applications open until the start of June.

[Activity of the Week](#)

Since the start of the year we've been posting regular Sustainable Activities of the Week on our social media pages! We know trying to live Sustainably can be overwhelming sometimes – by breaking this into small activities to complete during the week, it can help living Sustainable living feel more manageable! So far these have included trying a plant based alternative in a meal, visiting a zero waste shop, watching a Sustainable Documentary, and many more! [Follow our social media pages](#) to see them. Give them a try, and if you find them easy to do, you can try doing them regularly! If you are in touch with any teachers or school students who may be interested in the competition, please share the word!

[Find out more about the competition and enter here.](#)

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[South Warwickshire Climate Champions](#)

The smallest change can make the biggest difference when it comes to climate change. Warwick District Council are on the lookout for [South Warwickshire's Climate Champions](#), those residents or businesses that are doing their bit – no matter how small - to reduce their carbon footprint. Going meat-free a couple of days a week, swapping the car for sustainable transport for some trips and planning a shopping list to minimise food waste are just some of the simple ways that we can reduce the impact we have on the planet. Being a champion is about being conscious of your impact and doing something about it.

Perhaps you run a local repair café, grow your own veg or have managed to go plastic-free – whatever you're doing, we'd love to hear about it and champion it, so we can encourage and motivate others to consider reducing their impact.

[Warwick Volunteers](#)

Warwick Volunteers is looking for people to help with spreading awareness of Homes for Ukraine Support Coventry & Warwickshire. The scheme is helping Ukrainians fleeing the war find a safe roof here in Coventry and Warwickshire. There's a number of roles available including writing and designing welcome packs for arrivals, researching and liaising with local resources etc. [Visit their website](#) to see how you can get involved with helping.

[Warwick Plogging](#)

Warwick Plogging is back for term 3! Plogging will continue to take place on Sunday mornings – [follow Warwick Plogging](#) on social media to keep up to date with where and when they are meeting.

[Meatless Monday](#)

Climate Reality has a new TikTok page for Meatless Monday, @meatlessmondaywarwick! They will be regularly posting recipes tutorial of delicious student-friendly vegan and vegetarian meals on a budget. [Follow them on TikTok](#), and on [Instagram](#) for some affordable plant-based meal inspiration!



News and events from further afield

[Vintage in the Village](#)

Fargo Village is holding a [Vintage in the Village sale](#) on the 4th June from 11am-5pm and on the 5th June from 11am-4pm! Visit for a range of vintage and second hand clothes, accessories, décor and more.

