



# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

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## Warwick News

### Warwick Sustainability Challenge Winners Announced!

Brought to the Warwick Community by the WIHEA ESD learning circle, Warwick Sustainability Challenge saw staff and students co-creating ideas to tackle a real environmental challenge in Coventry, using a more holistic approach to sustainability in HE. The Challenge engaged around 70 participants who actively participated in two 3-hour workshops, an optional drop-in session with experts in the area, and the competition initiative. After the workshops, the Challenge lasted for additional 10 days (two weeks in total). With the help of expert student and staff coaches, participants continued collaborating asynchronously and by the end of two weeks they submitted their ideas either in the form of an e-poster or a presentation, and a video.

The Judging Panel included: Bret Willers (Head of Climate Change and Sustainability at Coventry City Council), David Pipe (Senior Officer of Transport Strategy at Coventry City Council) Lee Griffin (Associate Professor in WMG) and Lorenzo Lotti (Associate Professor at UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources).

The Winners were announced as:

- 1st place - WMG
- 2nd place - Team 8
- 3rd place - Sociology

[Click here](#) for more information about the event!



### Warwick Nursery

Warwick nursery have been rewarded an eco-schools green flag award! Eco-schools is a charity passionate about engaging young people in environmental education and action. The Green Flags Award celebrates and rewards important ecological efforts by staff, children and parents, to greenify their school/nursery. Warwick University Nursey have made a number of important changes, including

## University of Warwick Nursery

Staff & children at the Nursery have been working hard towards their first Eco-Schools 'Green Flag' Award! Energy & water, waste and the nursery grounds were the 3 main areas of focus. Efforts have included:



Installing water butts in garden, to collect rainwater to play with, instead of tap

Planting flowers & vegetables

Litter picks, involving children, staff and parents

Placing bug hotels, bird feeders & hedgehog houses in garden

Teaching children how to separate waste and use recycling bins

Bring & Buy sale, with money going to the Eco Committee and charity

## Events

### Rawkus

The weekend at the start of July, and this weekend just gone, we collected food and household goods that were leftover from halls of residences, that would have ended up in landfill, and donated it to local charity Emmaus! These will be donated to homeless people locally, or to people in unstable housing. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped out - we couldn't have done it without you! A big thank you to Emmaus too for collecting our donations, for their food bank and shelter.



# Opportunities

## Commonwealth Games

Until the 8<sup>th</sup> August, during the Commonwealth Games you can take two free 30-minute cycle hire rides, via West Midlands Cycle Hire! There will be pop-up virtual docking stations at the following major venues:

- Alexander Stadium
- Arena Birmingham
- Coventry Arena and Stadium
- Edgbaston Stadium (dock in Cannon Hill Park)
- Smithfield
- Sandwell Aquatics Centre

Pop-up virtual stations are signposted and branded areas where riders can hire and park bikes. Although not a physical docking station, they operate in the same way with riders using their app to unlock a bike and ending a journey by pressing down the yellow lock near the front tyre.

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## Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Warwickshire County Council is preparing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and they want your opinion of their draft plan! The plan prioritises improving local facilities and accessibility of walking and cycling pathways etc. Fill out the survey: <https://buff.ly/3vdqTFZ> and have your say of what improvements you want to see be made!

## Estates Apprenticeship

The Estates team is looking for a Waste and Recycling Assistant! The main responsibilities of this position involves keeping the Campus clean by collecting and segregating waste and recyclable materials, providing operational feedback to support the waste and recycling strategy and advising staff and students on the correct procedures of waste disposal. The deadline for this vacancy is Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August – find out more and how to apply here! <https://portal.unitemps.com/Search/JobDetails/26908137>

### **Canley Food Hub**

Canley Food Hub is a social food project, located in Canley Community Centre, providing food for those struggling to afford this. With an increased demand for their services, the Hub is in need of more volunteers, to help with packaging food parcels, organising donations, restocking of shelves etc! The Hub is open Monday 9am until 12.30 and Friday 9am until 2pm. If you are interested in helping, please contact Anna-Marie at [annamariectorbett@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annamariectorbett@yahoo.co.uk)!



## News and events from further afield

### **Love Parks Week**

Love Parks Week is taking place until the 5<sup>th</sup> August, set up to celebrate and support the efforts of volunteers and workers up and down the country to maintain and protect our green spaces. It provides a week of action for parks to run events in their local area. To celebrate, Love Parks Week have teamed up with Regatta to offer four lucky winners £250 worth of Regatta gear each. To enter, answer the question, who loves the park more - kids or dogs? A recent YouGov Survey for Keep Britain Tidy revealed that visiting the park is the highlight of the day for 62% of dog owners, and 62% of parents agreed that it is the highlight of their child's day too. Find out more on the competition page!