

# SUSTAINABLE·WARWICK·NEWSLETTER

July 2019

## Warwick News

### Facts and figures update

We have recently updated some brief facts and figures of the University energy usage. We thought some of these might be interesting to our readers.

- £1,024** spent per hour on water, electricity and gas
- £11.8m** invested in sustainability since 2009
- Enough solar PV to power **144** homes
- 47.9%** electricity generated on site 2017/2018
- 40%** reduction in carbon emissions per m<sup>2</sup> since 2005/2006
- 27%** reduction in water consumption per m<sup>2</sup> since 2005/2006



### Lunchtime meeting – Nudge Theory

Alina Gutoreva from the Warwick Behavioural Insights Team will be joining us at our August Green Champions lunchtime meeting to tell us more about nudge theory and how small nudges can help people change behaviour.

Email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk) to book your place for 6th August.

Everyone is also welcome to join the WBIT nudge unit if there is a specific problem you would like help solving. They will be continuing to have weekly meetings in term 1 (day, time and location TBC).

### Crisp recycling

We have been working with the Students Union, the Environment and Ethics Officer to organise for the Universities first crisp packet recycling bin to be procured and placed outside Terrace Bar. The funds for this came from the [SU Environmental Sustainability Fund](#) which is open to all students. The crisps will be collected and sent to Terracycle who are a UK based recycling scheme. The first bin load is nearly full after less than a week!



## RAWKUS

This year's end of year collection was the largest we have seen. The weekend of 29/30<sup>th</sup> June was one of the hottest in the past 40 years (at least 36 degrees) but brave volunteers came out to support the collection and prevent the waste which would otherwise add to global environmental issues.

During the weekend we collected an amazing 6 tonnes from halls. The food was donated to four charities and the household items have been put in storage for students to buy during Welcome Week.

This is more than both of last summer's collections combined and we didn't even reach four areas of accommodation due to lack of time and amount of surplus left behind.

We are now seeking more volunteers to join us for the next collection on [7/8<sup>th</sup> September](#)



## Warwick Farm

We are working with Life Sciences and Ryton's Five Acre Farm to investigate the plausibility of having a community farm on campus. Can we please ask everyone to take 1-2 minutes to answer a [short survey](#). Please share with friends and colleagues from the University.

## Events

### reStore

16<sup>th</sup> July, School of Engineering [EBS1.3](#) from 4.30 pm.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, the [Warwick Environmental Sustainability](#) team and the [School of Engineering Build Space](#) will be opening the doors to the first regular **reStore** pop-up event. The events are an informal get together in which people can bring along and repair and upcycle everything from electrical and mechanical devices, computers, bicycles and clothing using the tools and equipment available with the help of some expert repairers and makers. Sometimes a very simple repair is all that is needed to fix a broken or damaged item, saving it from going to landfill and reducing environmental costs. The act of repairing or upcycling extends a product's useable life, reduces waste and pollution, and saves energy, carbon emissions and finite non-renewable resources.

All are welcome to attend the event and with complementary drinks and food on hand to keep everyone fully charged. [Sign up today](#) or turn up with your item on the day.

## Opportunities

### Wildlife surveyors wanted

Do you have a passion for wildlife and a knowledge of species? We need you!

We would like to increase our knowledge of the species present on site and are therefore looking for staff and students to either (a) report any interesting species spotted to us or (b) undertake regular surveys. We are looking for people with particular knowledge of birds, wildflowers and insects but would also welcome anyone with a passion for other wildlife that could be found on campus. If you're interested please get in touch [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)

### Impact to Action: Knowing people's energy choices leads to energy transition

September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Scandic Lerkendal, Trondheim, Norway

Behaviour Change group at WBS invite you to join them in Norway for a conference looking at how to steer peoples energy usage. More [information](#) and registration [here](#).

### Inductions and Presentations

The University's Sustainability Team do a range of presentations and lectures for various departments currently as well as student societies. If you would be interested in a presentation as part of academic induction at beginning of 2019/20, part of a module or society event then please email [sustainability@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:sustainability@warwick.ac.uk)

## News and events from further afield

### Public EV charge points outnumber petrol stations in the UK

There are now 13,688 public charging devices in the UK located across more than 8,500 locations.

The UK's EV market grew by a record-breaking 19% in 2018.

The greatest proportion (74%) of EVs registered in 2018 were plug-in hybrids, however the 26% which were fully electric models was still an increase on the previous year.

[Read more](#).

If you're considering making your next vehicle an EV one, find out where to charge on [Zap-Map](#).

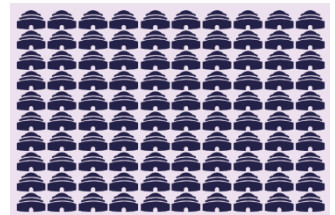
### Spoiled Rotten campaign

The Love Food Hate Waste initiative has launched the Spoiled Rotten campaign to raise awareness of the amount of food we throw away each year because we're 'spoiled rotten.'

*"We throw away the equivalent of one in every five bags of food shopping."*

*"Seven million tonnes of food waste is wasted in UK households every year; that's enough to fill the Royal Albert Hall 100 times over."*

Visit their [website](#) to read more facts and find out more about what you can do.



### UK set zero carbon target

On 11th June the UK passed legislation committing to net zero UK carbon emissions by 2050. This means that carbon emissions can be reduced and offset to equal a zero balance. [Read more on this story.](#)

### Coventry, Warwick DC, Birmingham and West Midlands Combines Authority announce climate emergency

In June, [Birmingham City Council](#) announced a Climate Emergency and last weekend, 28th June, [WMCA](#) also declared a climate emergency.

[Coventry City Council](#) have also agreed there is an emergency and finally [Warwick DC](#) have also declared a climate emergency!