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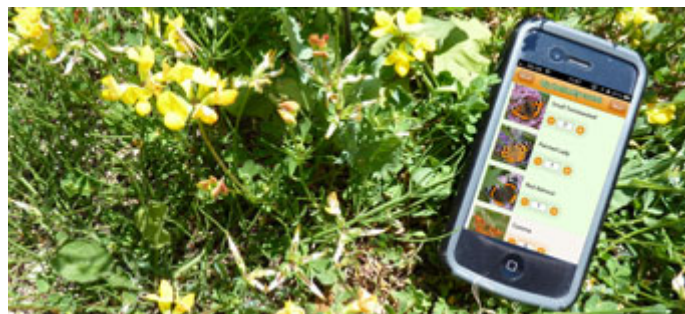
News

- **[A roaring RAWKUS:](#)** 3.75 tonnes of unwanted food, crockery, and electricals - the weight of four elephants - were collected by a team of 30 volunteers at the end of term as part of a RAWKUS waste collection drive. On 30th June and 1st July, every residence was emptied of leftover goods, before being diligently carried, sorted, boxed, and then sent away to nine different charities, including Coventry Real Junk Food Project, Carriers of Hope, Allesley Scout Group, and Leamington Winter Shelter. This was an outstanding effort by all involved, especially given the long hours of physical exertion in the heatwave.
- **[Reusable Cups:](#)** The UK alone wastes 5,000 plastic coffee cups and bottles every five minutes, so remember to bring a mug or two to your office, carry a reusable flask in your bag, or even just keep that coffee cup you bought this morning to reuse when buying a drink on campus. The campus cup culture is changing: WMG have removed all disposables from their departmental buildings, Conferences are also no longer providing paper or plastic coffee cups, and several departments (Law, PAIS, Philosophy) are now also offering their first year students a FREE reusable water bottle or travel mug.
- **[British Heart Foundation Collections](#)** - From flip flops to Christmas trees, the large red banks were filled over the last few weeks of Term 3 with an incredible array of goods. Every red bank found dotted around campus acts as a donation point for the British Heart Foundation, so students and residents can stop their unwanted items from going to waste. The #PackForGood campaign saw over 20 tonnes of unwanted belongings collected, meaning that Warwick helped BHF smash their targets and beat other collection donation points, such as Coventry University.
- **[A Sustainable Welcome Week](#)** - We are now introducing sustainability as part of Warwick's Student Induction, including a **video** that students will receive when they enrol. Accommodation will also have this resource to show to students. Please share with your students be it in emails or lectures. Sustainability will have five drop-in sessions over the course of the "Week Zero" Welcome Week and we will be participating in two events so there will be plenty of opportunities to catch us and get involved!

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Events:

- **[Big Butterfly Count](#)**: Take part in the Big Butterfly Count, the largest national butterfly survey. Coordinated by [The Butterfly Conservation](#) and endorsed by David Attenborough, the aim of the survey is to count butterflies for 15 minutes and record the different species using their downloadable chart. Why not try it over a lunch time break - last year, over 62,000 people got involved!
- **[Rising Global Peace Forum](#)** gathers peacebuilders, policymakers and academics from many countries and continents in Coventry, the City of Peace and Reconciliation. The goal is to explore and promote brave, innovative strategies in order to resolve violent conflict and sustain peaceful societies. This year's Global Peace Forum has two Nobel Peace Prize winners, special envoys, and UN ambassadors - you can attend for free at Coventry Cathedral on 12th and 13th September.
- **[Summer cycling](#)**: Feeling inspired from the Tour de France? There are many cycling events happening near campus this summer. On 5th August, sign up for the [HSBC Let's Ride Coventry](#), a free 6 kilometre cycle, or up the intensity by tackling the [Warwickshire Myton Hospices Challenge](#) with a choice of 50 or 100 kilometres. Plus, Warwick Sport are holding [Cycle Safety courses](#) throughout July.
- **[Coventry Vegan Festival](#)**: Coventry's Vegan Festival, held in Fargo Village, is back! Held at Coventry Cathedral on 4th August, visitors can check out over 80 nationally-acclaimed vegan and vegetarian food stalls.



Opportunities:

- **[RAWKUS](#)** will be organising the Postgraduate collections along with the Sustainability team at Warwick on 15th September. This involves clearing out all of the kitchens from accommodation on campus, and donating any food and usable goods to charities that would otherwise have gone to waste! We really need your help, so if you have any further

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- **[UN Accords:](#)** Can you sign up to the UN Accords, recognising that, as educators, we have a responsibility to play a central and transformational role in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. This agreement demonstrates the importance of education in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals and encourages other institutions to work to deliver them too. You can sign up [here](#).
- **[Now or Never:](#)** Community activists wanted in Leamington Spa for Clean up Britain's Now or Never Campaign on Litter.
- **[Litter-picking with Friends of Abbey Fields:](#)** With the school holidays upon us, the parks and fields of Warwickshire are under threat from litter left from hot summer days out. Abbey Fields, Kenilworth, is one of the largest open spaces nearby and houses the beautiful Kenilworth Castle. You can help protect this area by working with the Friends of Abbey Fields; their next litter pick is 4th August.
- **[Call to help the Allotment Society:](#)** It's National Allotment Week from August 13th to 19th - so why not head down to Arthur Vick Wood before, in between, or after work to help keep the society's plants and crops in order? Watering, trimming, weeding and dead-heading would all be of a great help to the Society (and you can catch some rays of sunshine, too!). Email greens@sunion.warwick.ac.uk for more information.
- **[Got something you want to write about?](#)** We are adding a blog space to our Environmental Sustainability page with the intention of creating a platform where staff and students from the university can share their ideas, hopes and dreams about Sustainability. We are looking for writers! So please email us at sustainability@warwick.ac.uk if you have an idea you'd like to share.



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