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SUSTAINABILITY WEBSITE LAUNCH

o accompany the launch of the new Sustainability Strategy, the Sustainability Service is currently working on launching a brand new website. This site will be designed to mirror the look and feel of the strategy and communicate our message across not just the campus, but locally, nationally and even internationally. The site will provide engaging, relevant and interesting information about how we, as a University are working to embed sustainability into the core of all our functions and operations.

Watch this space!

STORM JAMESON COURT GOLD STARS

🔼 torm Jameson Court has been awarded a Green Tourism Goldstar in the Campus Accommodation category, at the national Green Tourism Conference, held recently at The Palace Hotel in Manchester.

Storm Jameson Court is one of ten University of Leeds conference venues accredited by the Green Tourism scheme since 2011, and was shortlisted for the award as a result of its last audit undertaken in 2013. The audit report highlighted that the Team were to be congratulated in retaining a Gold award for the second time, and was recognition of the commitment, knowledge, and drive shown in the work undertaken on site. The scope of its aspects included high energy efficiency in design, fabric, and services installed. Incorporation of a district combined heat and power (CHP) supply; rainwater harvesting for flushing of toilets; excellent lighting with key fob operated controls; high levels of recycling through the campus waste management

contract; together with an extensive range of volunteer activities undertaken with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust; and the planting of Elm trees for the Great British elm Experiment.

In winning the award, the judges praised the efforts made by staff in supporting and promoting sustainability on the site.

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with Agnes Blackadder Hall (University of St Andrews), Caledonian Court (Glasgow Caledonian University), and McIntosh Hall (University of St Andrews). In winning the award, the judges praised the efforts made by staff in supporting and promoting sustainability on the site.

The award was presented by the renowned environment activist Satish Kumar, to Chris Storey, Manager of Charles Morris Hall, and Mike Leonard, Residential Property Manager at The University of Leeds. The shortlist process began with an assessment of over 2,000 businesses that had all achieved the Gold award in 2013, with 60 making the final list for 15 award categories, representing the top three percent of Green Tourism businesses in the UK.

Green Tourism was launched 17 years ago, and is the biggest environmental accreditation scheme in the world, helping nearly 10,000 businesses improve their commitment to sustainability in Europe, Canada, and New Zealand.





Pride in the Present, Ambition for the Future



few weeks away from the end of 2014 and there is little doubt in my mind that when the shows reviewing the year play back the various things that have taken place over the past twelve months, two events will feature particularly strongly. Yorkshire's hosting of the Tour de France captured the imagination not only of the region, but of the nation and internationally. A matter of weeks later, another exciting contest saw Scotland's decision to remain within the UK.

Much has been said within the University about being, or aspiring to be, world class, as the riders in 'Le Tour' undoubtedly are, while the various sections of the Directorate continue to play a vital role in supporting the different sections of the University community and demonstrating that we really are 'better together'.

As I reflect on 2014, I'd like to thank you all for the part that each of you has played in working together – on major projects such

as lecture capture, and events including the Tour itself, as well as for your feedback and input into longer term planning including the University Strategy and the Estates and Facilities plan. We can take pride in what we've achieved but as ever we can also look ahead to the coming year in the knowledge that our work continues to make a positive impact on University life.

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Our commitment to improving the student experience also continues, with the refurbishment of the Edward Boyle Library and a £15m investment in redeveloping the Leeds University Union.

It would be fair to say that although the Estates and Facilities strategy feedback had many encouraging messages about the campus, there was a view that it is not yet consistently world class. This won't surprise us. We're all aware of the need for improvements and further investment and 2015 will again see significant investment in academic developments – including the University Innovation and Enterprise Centre, Medicine and Health's consolidation in the Worsley Building, the transfer of Fine Art to the Geography Building and the North East Quarter development for Physical Sciences to name but a few.

Our commitment to improving the student experience also continues, with the refurbishment of the Edward Boyle Library and a £15m investment in redeveloping the Leeds University Union. We have also recently added 980 beds to the University's accommodation portfolio with the completion of the latest phase of the Central Village development.

Meanwhile, one initiative that we trust will improve the working environment for many of you is our plan to bring the Residences management team, HR, Sustainability and the Estates Offices together into one place. To enable this to happen, we are currently planning the development of temporary accommodation on purple zone car park, as an interim measure before permanent relocation possibly to the EC Stoner Building once Physics and Computing move to the North East Quarter.

Finally, I'd like to mention one area where we can truly claim to be world class. Over 220 universities and colleges are members of the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC), whose aim is to support sustainability in further and higher education. The rest of the sector is paying attention to what we do here, and not only will the 2015 Conference be held at the University, but the Conference format will follow the broad themes of our new sustainability strategy. That's a great testimony to some clear thinking and hard work.

Once again, could I thank you for all your hard work this year and wish you a peaceful, relaxing Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

Get Out Get Active

he Sport & Physical Activity Service, in partnership with LUU, have been successful in their application to the Sport England University Sport Activation Fund for £214,000. The purpose of this new project is to provide opportunities for our students to engage in 7 activities (running, cycling, orienteering, climbing, kayaking, rowing and triathlon) with the aim of creating sporting habits for life. This programme will be led by Emma Mackenzie-Hogg who has a team of fantastic, newly recruited staff who will provide strategic oversight and delivery. These new roles include 2 full-time Sports Development Officers (Greg Hull and Ben Witz) and 7 sports-specific student activators. Following the programme launch on 26th November a variety of activities

for students of all levels of confidence and ability will be on offer for the remainder of the academic year.

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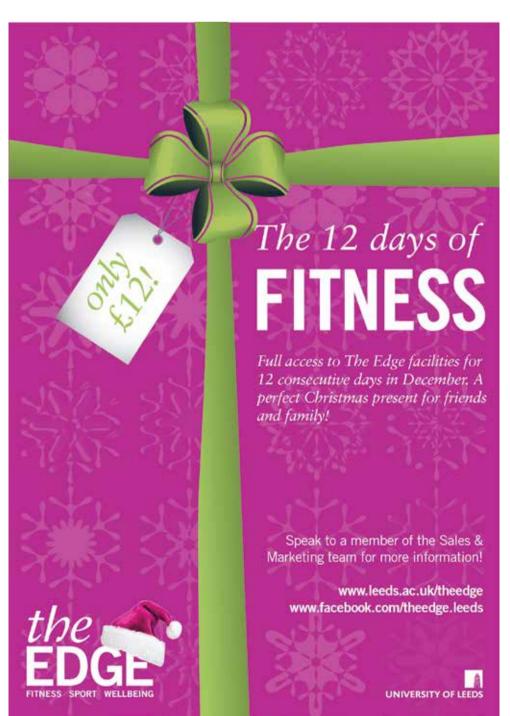
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For further information visit our website

www.leeds.ac.uk/sport/getoutgetactive



GREEN IMPACT CHANGES!

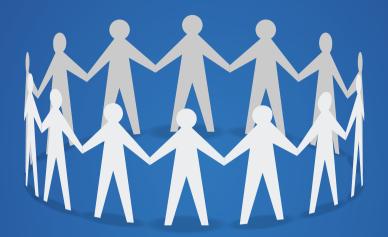
his academic year will be a trial for Green Impact with 2 new and significant changes! For those of you who don't know, Green Impact is an NUS accreditation scheme aimed at empowering staff and students to work together in making the workplace more sustainable.

This year the workbook has been completely rewritten! The first major modification is in line with the new Sustainability Service's strategy themes; Embedding sustainability through collaboration, Building knowledge and capacity, Being a positive partner in society and Making the most of resources. As you progress further up the awards, you will be embedding sustainability into University culture, and proactively collaborating with others, being active drivers of sustainability initiatives.

there is now an option to undertake a project. Previously, you had to complete Gold twice in order to do an Excellence Project, but now you are able to do this straight after completing the Bronze Workbook! The project isn't restricted, as we want to encourage teams to be as imaginative as possible with regards to sustainability. For example, Edward Boyle Library created a Sustainability Area that advertises sustainability events and initiatives. As these changes have only just been implemented, the year will be shorter. Next year, Green Impact will launch in July, giving teams a full calendar year to complete the workbook



Staff Mentors to Support Community Organisations in new Scheme



he Sustainability Service will shortly begin to pilot a new professional mentoring scheme to benefit local community organisations. The initiative will offer University staff the opportunity to use their experience and expertise to equip local community organisations to run their operations in a more effective and sustainable way.

The scheme will enable the University to realise our Sustainability Strategic commitments to be a positive partner in society and to build knowledge and capacity.

It will also offer staff a new and innovative professional development opportunity.

The pilot project involves 6 staff members who will be matched to community organisations initially, with the view to expanding the project after 6 months following a review. A half day drop-in event will be held shortly inviting prospective staff and community organisations to find out more about the scheme. Any staff wishing to be considered for the scheme should contact Sustainabilty@leeds.ac.uk.

UMPIRE SCHOLARS

Tor the first time, Sport & Physical Activity have awarded netball umpiring scholarships to 13 students who wish to develop their umpiring skills and help to support the on-going development of university netball.

In return for facility membership and funding towards England Netball's umpiring qualifications, these students will officiate intra-mural netball fixtures over the course of the academic year.

The successful candidates will also receive mentoring and guidance to help them recognise and articulate the key co-curricular skills that they will be developing through this programme.



SPORTS SCHOLARS

Sport & Physical Activity have awarded 18 sport scholarships and are supporting an additional 12 elite triathletes and 6 cricketers for the 2014/15 academic year. Three of these students are the recipients of donations from University Alumni who have generously pledged £10,000 each to support these athletes through their time at Leeds.

Through our sports scholarship programme, student-athletes are given access to the support that they require to succeed at the very highest level, both sporting and academic.



NEW SEASONAL MENUS LAUNCHED FROM deli(very)

Then Deli(very), the University's delivered catering service, launched last year one of its main objectives was for our chefs to frequently create new and exciting menus for our customers to choose from.

Since then our teams have worked tirelessly, honing the options that are available, taking inspiration from the most popular choices and always looking to add homemade recipes to the menu. In addition to this, new menus are added throughout the year to

meet the demand for seasonal selections.

Last month Deli(very) launched four new buffet selections; two winter menus (Winter Delights and Winter Medley) and two Christmas menus (Deck the Halls and Silent

Both of the Christmas menus come with a free party pack to get you in the festive spirit including a glass of fizz, crackers and party poppers!

The winter menus contain a variety of warming dishes that are perfect for keeping your guests satisfied as the winter chill sets in

and include treats such as Beef Empanadas with Sour Cream and Salsa and Hoi Sin Duck Risotto Bites with Plum sauce.

The Christmas menus have all the festive cheer that you'd imagine and will be sure to delight your guests as they tuck into Roasted Red Pepper, Chestnut and Feta Quiche and Honey Roast Salmon Skewers with Lemon Crème Fraîche (both homemade!). Both of the Christmas menus come with a free party pack to get you in the festive spirit including a glass of fizz, crackers and party poppers!

The winter and Christmas menus start at just £7.95pp and include free orange juice and

Take a look at the new menus on the deli(very) website at:

gfal.leeds.ac.uk/delivery

Winter Delights / £7.95 per head

- Oriental Chicken Satay with a Chilli and Peanut Relish
- Beef Empanadas with Sour Cream and
- Butternut Squash and Winter Cabbage Coleslaw (V) (H)
- Portobello Mushroom, Gruyere and Leek Tart (V) (H)
- Crispy Cod Bites with Lemon Creme
- Roast Vegetable Feta Sticks with a Tomato Tapenade (V) (H)

A selection of our delicious mini tray bake cakes. (Lemon Drizzle, Parkin, Fig and Blueberry, Chocolate Brownie) or Whole Fresh Seasonal Fruit





Winter Medley / £9.95 per head

- Selection of Mini Rolls including Vegetarian

 - Hoi Sin Duck Risotto Bites with Plum
- Roasted Pepper and Mature Cheddar Tartlet (V) (
- Skewer (V) (H)
- Locally Sourced Crisps

Winter Berry Brulee or Whole Fresh Seasonal Fruit

Silent Night / £7.95 per head

- Platter of Simple Sandwiches
- Mini Steak and Ale Pie
- Field Mushroom, Courgette and Gruyere Quiche (V) (H)
- Green Vegetable and Wensleydale Risotto Ball (V) (H)
- Honey Roast Salmon Skewer with Lemon Crème Fraiche (H)

Desserts

- Whole Fresh Fruit or
- Homemade White and Dark Chocolate Rocky Road (H)

FREE PARTY PACK!

& party poppers with every Christmas Menu.





Deck The Halls / £8.95 per head

- Selection of Mini Rolls including Vegetarian
- Roasted Red Pepper, Chestnut and Feta Quiche (V) (H)
- Pigs in Blankets
- Honey and Mustard Chicken Brochette (H)
- Mature Cheddar and Vegetable Bubble and Squeak Cake (V) (H)

- Vanilla and Marzipan Crème Brulee
- Festive Platter Stollen, Christmas Cake or Mince Pies



COMMERCIAL SERVICES FADERSHIP AWAY DAY

ommercial Services held their Leadership Away Day in October at Devonshire Hall. Over 50 leaders from across the service came together to share information, celebrate recent achievements and discuss what it means to deliver a successful culture.

The event is an opportunity for the group to look at new initiatives that support the services and a number of ideas were welcomed by the team including a new Leadership Network; a chance for leaders to meet informally each month to share leadership knowledge and ideas.



Tollowing the launch of the new **◄** University and LUU Strategy for Sport & Physical Activity in March 2014 (strategy for sport and physical activity) we are excited to announce changes to the way in which sport is to be delivered which will support the achievement of our new vision 'To be the number one provider of Higher Education sport and physical activity experience in the UK'.

The sports development team within the Sport & Physical Activity service (SPA) has merged with the LUU sports team to become 'one team' that will be responsible for the delivery of all the sports related programmes across the University of Leeds. This merger

will provide a seamless approach to sport for our students and staff and maximise the resources available to ensure we are delivering inspiring programmes across the sport offer.

The teams have already started to work together and have so far attracted over £300K in additional funding from Sport England and partners

A new sports office has been created in the LUU building and the new team will be based across both the LUU and SPA facilities.

Fiona Metcalfe, Activities Officer, believes 'the merger of the teams provides a fantastic platform from which we aim to deliver the array of sporting opportunities from elite sports to recreational programmes to personal development opportunities.'

Rob Wadsworth, Head of Sport, states 'the bringing together of the two teams is a direct response to strong feedback received during the strategy consultation process about the confusing and disjointed sport offer at the University and I am sure this new approach

will enhance the experience of our students

The teams have already started to work together and have so far attracted over £300K in additional funding from Sport England and partners to support a new participation programme and recruit 4 new heads of specific sports, in Hockey, Rugby, Netball and Rowing.

The roll out of the new delivery team will continue over the coming months, this will include a new brand for sport and a new dedicated sports specific website.



The Sustainable Garden's October 23rd and was a great success. Soup was served from vegetables harvested in was also a great opportunity to engage external University stakeholders with from the RSPB, Kew Gardens, campus bee network, Bardon Grange, TCV, catering and the Sustainability Service

The University joins the Electronics Watch founding members

eeds University is one of the founding members of the Electronics Watch, an independent monitoring organisation working to achieve respect for workers' rights in the global electronics industry. As a University, we spend between £3-£4m a year on electronics.

This may seem a lot, however this is a small part of the electronics market that we aim to influence. Through developing standard clauses on working conditions, backed up by auditors on the ground, Electronics Watch will work with us to exert pressure on our suppliers. The idea is to get as many public buyers as possible across the EU to sign up to the scheme. This will lever a higher proportion of market share in order to

push manufacturers to change practice. If your research touches on this area, Electronics Watch are still looking for people to join its working

Can you help? Do you have any influence over other public buyers?

If so it might be worth introducing them to the project. The more of us there are, the greater the influence we can have.





ork has started on the University's new multi-storey car park (MSCP) and is expected to continue until December 2015. This will provide 690 car parking spaces.

The MSCP is being constructed in front of the EC Stoner Building and will result in the temporary loss of 160 car parking spaces. Measures have been taken to try and ease pressure in this parking zone by offering spaces at two of the University's residential sites. The gravel area in front of EC Stoner will also continue to be used for parking. However, it's expected that the works will affect permit holders, staff who purchase daily tickets, and colleagues who arrange parking for visitors on the University main campus car parks.

"The works will mean there's a reduction in the number of visitors allowed access to the car parks during the week, so it's particularly important that departments pre-book visitors to campus at the earliest opportunity," explains Facilities Directorate's Majid Khan.

"Due to the scale of the project, there may also be disruption to traffic flows on campus, with large delivery vehicles and possibly temporary traffic lights in operation during the construction period.

"Of course, we'll give advance notice of changes that are due to come into operation, but would like to apologise in advance to colleagues for any inconvenience this project causes."



Further information is at www.leeds.ac.uk/facilitiesdirectorate/carparking.htm or follow @carparkingatUoL for regular updates.

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The Print & Copy Bureau (PCB) has been chosen as the preferred printer for Hat Trick International, the organisation behind TV programmes such as Outnumbered, George Clarke's Amazing Spaces and Have I Got News for You.

Hat Trick International is just one of a number of external organisations that PCB supplies print services to and that generates a profit for the University!



Energy Team Release Energy Spotlight!

What is it?

The University of Leeds presents a new, innovative and sustainable software; Energy Spotlight. Energy Spotlight is an interactive tool that enables students and staff to view the energy usage of University buildings on campus. Energy Spotlight is monitored and maintained in partnership between Estate's Energy Team, and the Sustainability Service. It is accessible at www.leeds.ac.uk/energyspotlight, and will soon be available through the portal. This exciting piece of software will provide opportunities for energy saving, but also act as a fantastic tool to be used in student education and also in research: using the campus as a Living Lab.

"Although we have been using energy software to manage consumption on campus for a while, Energy Spotlight is the first time the data is available for staff and students, making energy usage at the University transparent and accessible to all" says the Energy team's Jason Jutha.

How does it work?

The user-friendly tool allows immediate access to current and past energy usage for all campus buildings.

Visually displayed in a format of graphs and widgets, it takes no time at all for users to check the energy consumption of a building of interest! This allows independent explanations as to why this has happened, and for staff and students to think about how they can make a difference.

What is the purpose?

As you may already know, the University plans to reduce carbon emissions by 35% by 2020/21. This ambitious target is achievable if we work together, and therefore the aim of Energy Spotlight is to improve awareness of energy wastage and involve everyone in reducing it. By being able to view the energy data of one's workplace or area of study, users will take it upon themselves to do their bit to reach this target. Small behavioural changes such as turning off lights and computer screens will make a surprising difference if done on a large scale! Don't forget to do your bit and spread the word of Energy Spotlight.



GREAT FOOD at

THE RANCH

AT THE REFECTORY

ew in The Refectory this year is the mouth-watering menu called, The Ranch!

Following customer feedback an innovative approach was taken to the Refectory food offer and the exciting new menu was launched. Customers said they wanted more menu options, value for money and food similar to Nandos so our chefs went away and came up with the great new Ranch menu.

Available at The Ranch is a variety of different food including roasted chicken fresh from the oven with a choice of our special sauces:

Sweet Chilli Lime South Western Black Pepper Smokin Hot We also have tasty burgers and hot dogs which change each day from Prime Griddled Beef Burger in a Soft Bap with Chorizo Relish, Beef Tomato and Emmenthal Cheese to a Jumbo Hotdog in a Soft Brioche Roll with Sweet Chilli Peppers and Monterey Jack Cheese.

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To add value to the menu for customers we also have a great deal at the Ranch:







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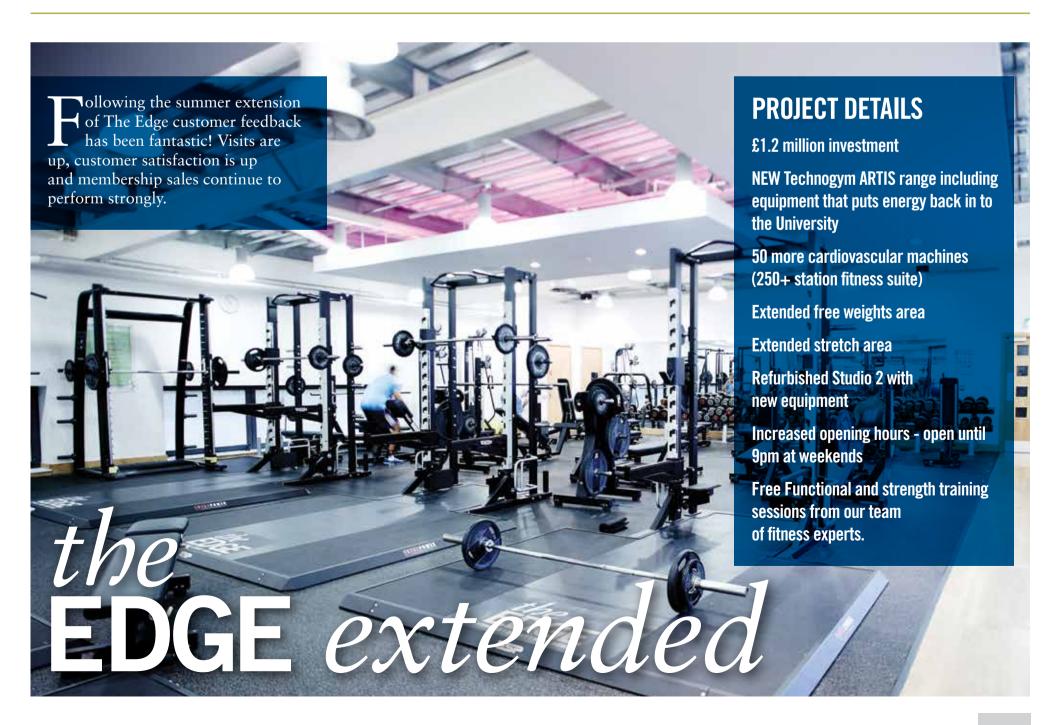
£4.95

CHEWING GUM RECYCLING

n Tuesday 30 September the University launched a new scheme to recycle used chewing gum. Bright pink 'Gumdrop' bins (see attached picture) have been sited at 10 locations on campus for the disposal of the gum. Once filled they will be returned to Gumdrop Ltd where the bin and gum will be recycled into new Gumdrop bins and other products such as plastic rulers, combs, food containers and cutlery.



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Meanwood Beck-ons University Volunteers

¶ight volunteers from The University of Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and a team from The Conservation Volunteers (TCV), at Meanwood Valley Nature Reserve, located in North West Leeds. The volunteers' principal task was to revet an existing bank of Meanwood Beck, thereby reducing its erosion, and the subsequent effect on the local water quality, biodiversity, and the native White Claw Crayfish in particular.

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We would like to offer our thanks to all those involved at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and The Conservation Volunteers, who helped make a very enjoyable and informative day

The team set about constructing a number of small fascines, or bundles of coppiced willow that had been cut by TCV the previous day, at Esholt located between Bradford and Leeds. The bundles of willow were then carried to the work area, where a framework of thicker willow posts had been driven in to the riverbed, in close proximity to the eroded bank. The bundles were then placed between the two rows of posts, which were then anchored off, and further bindings attached between each pair of posts, to prevent the bundles floating out of their cradle. The posts were then driven further into the riverbed, thereby tightening the cradle framework, and securing the bundles still



From left: Tim Brear; Steven Welch; Don Vine (YWT Conservation Officer); Tony Hall; Cat McKenna; Sarah Ford; Xavier Mama; Isabel Cotton; and Mike Leonard (behind the camera)

further. The volunteers then filled in the small gap between the bundles and the bank, with any remaining pieces of willow and soil.

The initial impact is that the willow fascines will provide a barrier to erosion, when the Beck runs more strongly over the winter. However, the nature of willow is that despite the impact of coppicing, new shoots and roots should sprout from the old stems in spring, and willow also has a potential growth rate of two metres per year! The new roots will then act as additional earth anchors in the riverbank, and the whole structure will become a living barrier to erosion in that area, thereby helping the water quality and local biodiversity along that stretch of Meanwood Beck.

We would like to offer our thanks to all those involved at Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and The

Conservation Volunteers, who helped make a very enjoyable and informative day. If you are interested in further information on local activities and nature reserves in the Leeds area, or would like to join one of the organisations, then further information can be found at:

Yorkshire Wildlife Trust: www.ywt.org.uk The Conservation Volunteers: www.tcv.org.uk

OVER £500 RAISED FOR CHILDREN IN NEED!

To support Children in Need last week our Great Food at Leeds Cafés organised some fundraising. This ranged from raffles, to selling cakes and even dancing!

They raised a total of £518.98, a great achievement!

Below is a list of the Cafés involved and how much they raised:

Dolche Vita Café: £122.59 Café Maia at Houldsworth: £18.44 Waterside Café: £12.60 Café Seven: £105.00 Business School Café: £143.66 Parkinson Court Café: £68.76

Baines Wing Café: £47.90

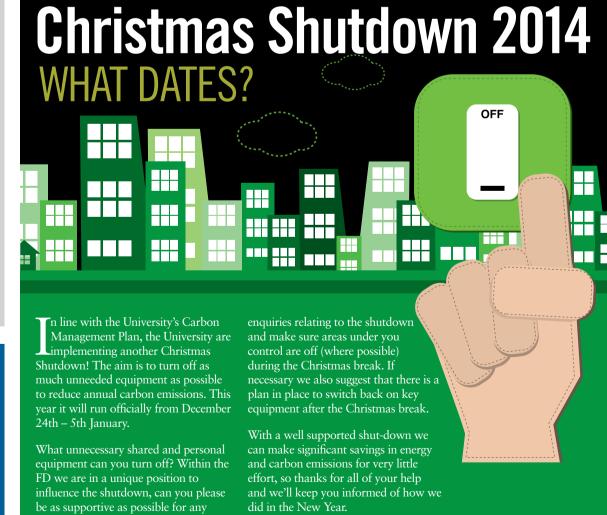


We're really proud of all our staff for their contribution to Children in Need.

d matters editorial Panel

If you have a story, event or achievement that you want to share, then please get in touch with the service contacts below

Estates - Majid Khan Campus Support Services - Eloise Owram Commercial Services - Matt Hamnett or Susan Pimblett Residences - Sophie Shand Sustainability - Xavier Mama





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