

University of Wolverhampton Student Sustainability Newsletter - September 2026

Welcome to a Sustainable Year at the University of Wolverhampton

Welcome to the University if this is your first year, and welcome back if you are a returning student! At the University of Wolverhampton, we are committed to sustainability and reducing our impact on the environment. Every student can play a part in creating a greener campus and a more sustainable future.

Live Sustainably

Being sustainable doesn't have to be difficult or expensive.

Try These Simple Changes

-  Walk, cycle, or use public transport whenever possible.
-  Carry a reusable water bottle and coffee cup.
-  Bring reusable shopping bags.
-  Reduce food waste by planning meals and storing food correctly.
-  Consider buying second-hand clothing, books, and household items.

Earn a Sustainability Digital Badge

Did you know you can gain recognition for developing your sustainability knowledge and skills?

The University's Sustainability Digital Badge allows you to:

- Learn about sustainability challenges and solutions
- Learn about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Develop valuable employability skills
- Demonstrate your commitment to sustainability
- Enhance your CV, LinkedIn profile, and job applications

Many employers are looking for graduates who understand environmental and social responsibility.

Take the opportunity to stand out from the crowd.



Link to course: <https://canvas.wlv.ac.uk/enroll/XF31XA!>

Save Energy and Water

Reducing energy and water consumption helps lower costs and reduces carbon emissions.

Save Energy

- Turn off lights when leaving a room.
- Unplug chargers and appliances when not in use.
- Use natural daylight where possible.
- Put laptops and devices into sleep mode when taking breaks.

Save Water

- Take shorter showers.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth.
- Report dripping taps or leaks through Planon.
- Only boil the water you need in kettles.
- *Every drop and every watt counts.*



🌿 Get Involved: Planting on Campus

Would you like to leave a positive legacy at the University?

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities for students to participate in:

- Tree planting events
- Community gardening activities

These activities are a great way to:

- Meet new people
- Enhance your wellbeing
- Support local wildlife
- Make a visible difference on campus

Contact Wild WLV: WildWLV@wlv.ac.uk. To express your interest!



✦ Make Your Sustainability Pledge

What action will you take this year to help create a more sustainable future?

Take this quiz to find out what your carbon footprint is: <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>

My Sustainability Pledge

I pledge to:

- ☐ Recycle correctly
- ☐ Reduce my energy use
- ☐ Save water
- ☐ Travel sustainably
- ☐ Reduce single-use plastics
- ☐ Participate in a campus sustainability activity
- ☐ Complete the Sustainability Digital Badge

Choose one action or choose them all. Every positive step contributes to a greener University community.

♻️ Recycle Right

Recycling is one of the easiest ways to reduce waste and protect our environment.

Top Recycling Tips

- Use the recycling bins available across campus and in accommodation.
- Empty and rinse containers before recycling.
- Flatten cardboard boxes to save space.
- Check signage on bins to ensure items are placed in the correct container.
- Avoid contaminating recycling with food waste.

Remember

Not everything can be recycled. When in doubt, check the information displayed on campus bins.

Small actions make a big difference!



Look out for student branded signage around campus!



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The Chaplaincy runs pre-loved item events

You can collect items that you need including kitchenware and you can also donate kitchen items such as pots and pans that you no longer need. Living sustainably can save money while helping the planet!

Together We Can Make a Difference

Sustainability is everyone's responsibility. By making small changes every day, we can collectively reduce our environmental impact and create a healthier, greener campus for future generations. Let's make this academic year our most sustainable yet.

University of Wolverhampton Sustainability Team

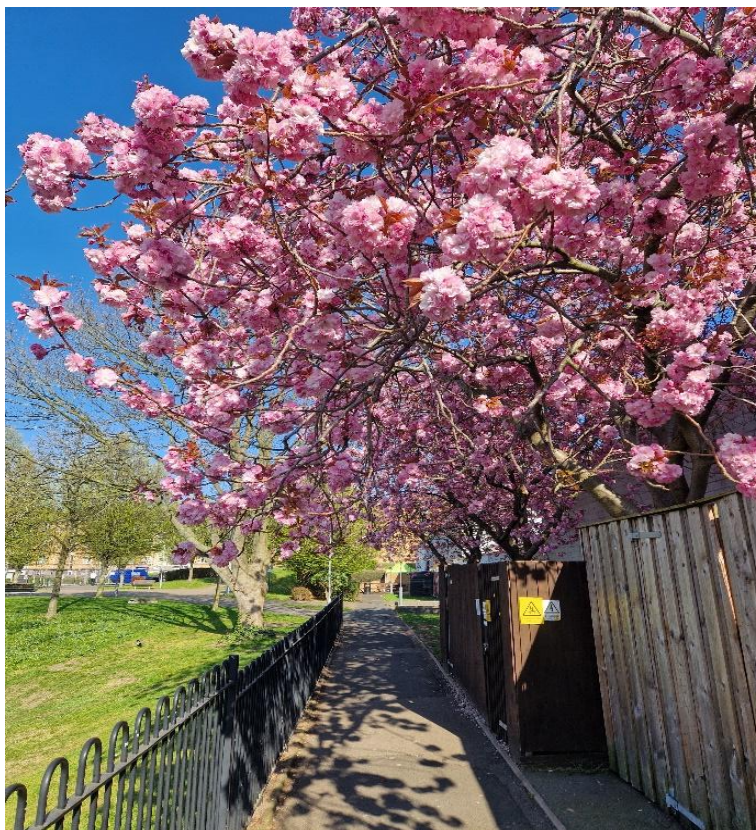
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More information can be found on the ESG Webpages:

<https://www.wlv.ac.uk/about-us/corporate-information/environmental-social-and-governance/>



Cherry trees at the Walsall Campus in full bloom in Spring