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Dear Colleagues,

It's a shorter catch up this week as I know quite a few staff are off for half term and I have been on the road visiting Blencathra and Millport

A busy week in the media

Chelsea Flower show and the media interest in wildlife gardening continued to open up opportunities to talk about what we offer and the impact it has. Philip's interview with [Radio Shropshire](#) (22 minutes in) led to further requests so I'd like to thank him for spending his Saturday morning, coffee in hand, doing a series of live interviews across the network including

[BBC Radio Norfolk](#) (1hr08 mins in)

[BBC Radio Newcastle](#) (1hr16 mins in)

[BBC Radio Solent](#) (covers Hampshire, Dorset and Isle of Wight 1hr 23 mins in)

[BBC Radio Wiltshire](#) (1hr 38mins)

Further opportunities are also being pursued. We like to keep expanding the pool of people willing to do radio interviews as we develop this area of work further. Local stations like a variety of voices even on the same subjects, so if you are interested, do contact the marketing team.

Westfield Health and Westfield Rewards All Staff Dial-ins

All staff are encouraged to join one of two upcoming all staff zoom meetings with a representative from Westfield. They will take place on 6th and 15th June at 11.30am and invites will be landing in your inboxes shortly.

You will be able to find out how to save money with Westfield Health not only on regular health expenses such as sight tests and dental check-ups, but also on diagnostic and / or treatment costs for a range of conditions. Given the difficulty of accessing GP appointments and the length of some waiting lists, these benefits are well worth exploring. Westfield Rewards offer discounts on everyday shopping but also on slightly more exciting purchases such as gifts, tech, holidays and even airport car parking for those planning a trip abroad.

Line managers are kindly asked to make all staff aware of these sessions, including those that are not regular IT users.

Continuing the signature spring clean

A quick reminder that if you haven't already done so, please declutter your email signature and weed out anything that isn't the official signature block: additional internal and external links, logos, slogans and text. The only exception is a simple message about your working hours if you think that would be helpful, and the addition of your preferred pronouns if you want to state them. These need to be in the same font and colour as the rest of your signature.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Charlotte Pringle is Epping Forest's new Administration and Customer Relations Team Leader
Bonnie Arnold and Mohammed Shahr have both joined Flatford Mill as Hospitality and Catering Assistants

Gordon Hanlon is Millport's new Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Changes within centres include Kayleigh Hunter at Juniper Hall becoming the new Trainee Tutor and Higher Education Placement Students Co-ordinator and James Fuggle has changed from Trainee Tutor to Tutor at Epping Forest.

Mark