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Dear Colleagues,

Firstly, I'd like to wish everyone dealing with A level results in their family today all the very best.

Cycle to Work

If you've been inspired by the Olympics, want to get out an about now that summer has finally arrived and/ or want to do something about carbon emissions don't forget our staff Cycle to Work scheme. It provides us with the opportunity to save on the purchase of a bike and accessories. As an extra boost, our scheme providers have a  [competition open](#) until 30th September, so now is a good time to apply.

The  [Cycle to Work scheme poster.pdf](#) summarises the key benefits, criteria for the scheme and how to apply or you can find out more about the scheme conditions in the [staff handbook](#) - section 32 (page 204 onwards). Two members of staff from Rhyd-y-creuau have already taken up the offer. Tony has cycled over 700 miles on his new bike and the 'Bike with a View' photo is courtesy of Gem.



Field Studies Council in the Media

It's been a busy time on the airwaves again. Evie Bevens, Biodiversity Learning Development Officer was on the Bradford and Beyond 4pm-5pm Programme on BCB Radio talking about the courses available as part of the Trees for Cities project. The clip [is here](#), 20 minutes in. Jo Harris was on Radio Shropshire talking about the huge response to our Signs of Spring project and you can [hear Jo here](#) at about 12 minutes in, just after The Bangles which Jo and Joy agreed was a fine way to be introduced to an audience.

Finally, The One Show has also been in contact wanting to pick up on the results. The clip was due out this week but hasn't appeared so far. You might remember that The One Show kicked the Signs of Spring survey off back in January with Amy Bandaranayake resplendent in her bobble hat. We were pleased that they closed the loop on the project by reporting the results. Sadly, there was no opportunity for an interview with staff, but we'll keep that connection going.

Central Sales Meet Up

The Central Sales team are based in different areas of the country but recently met up in person at Nettlecombe to welcome newest member Kiran, share ideas and discuss daily obstacles. The "wonderfully patient Hannah" provided them with some expert on-site Biology tuition, the rivers and species ID practical being a particular highlight. It really helped the team to experience fieldwork as taught to visiting groups so they can share this knowledge with customers during the booking process. "The hospitality shown by all centre staff was first class and the food was amazing as usual - Thank you".



Welcome to Field Studies Council

Alex Cruice has joined the team at Margam as a Tutor

Archer Blurton has joined the team at Nettlecombe as an Education Support Assistant

We have our new Trainee Tutors starting this week too and they are

Hannah Gibbs and Emily Day at Juniper Hall

Faye Hindley at Blencathra

Lucy Davies at Slapton

Kelsie Cooling at Epping Forest.

Special Mention: National Dog Day on August 26th

Every dog has their day and so we'd like to do a light-hearted celebration of our unofficial members of canine staff whether they come to work or occupy your home office. The marketing team would like to feature them on social media and the staff news page.

So please send photos of your dogs 'at work' by 22nd August to marketing@field-studies-council.org with their name, age, breed and their role at Field Studies Council. Rosie for example is the Chief Exercise Officer, getting members of the marketing team out of the office at lunchtime for a route march to stretch their legs. Winnie my Great Dane makes an excellent draft excluder.

Previous Catch Ups and the latest Health and Wellbeing post can be [found here](#).

Best Regards

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