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Dear Colleagues,

Field Studies Council in the Media

We've had no luck so far with The One Show clip about the results of the Signs of Spring survey but it's the kind of thing that's easily bumped off the schedule if the guests on the sofa keep talking (although it's hard to resent such a person as Dame Floella Benjamin!).

This piece from BBC Spotlight features Slapton Ley and an excellent interview by Keiran Shaw-Flach who is our National Nature Reserve Ranger. You can see the [clip here](#) 19 minutes in. The request only came in on Friday so thank you to everyone who made it happen and to Keiran for stepping up at short notice. I've been really pleased to see increasing numbers of staff from across the charity saying yes to media opportunities so when in this case Keiran told me that he would have to postpone our prearranged walk around Slapton Ley as he had to deal with a BBC team I was more than happy to be bumped.

Juniper Hall Bioblitz

Over 100 people came to Juniper's recent BioBlitz. Friends of Juniper Hall who helped run the parking and ticketing on the door were joined by Dawn Cook promoting our family courses and stall holders from the local badger, bat and dormouse groups. Two bee keepers were able to show visitors a real bee hive.

Juniper's new wellbeing area (more on that in the upcoming Occasional Staff Newsletter) has been attracting more visitors which have been caught on a camera set up by tutor Steve Savage. There have been nocturnal visits by fox cubs and hedgehogs, and a juvenile heron was just one of the many birds making use of the new pond. Below is Steve's photo of an Azure Blue Damselfly laying eggs.



Contacting HR

I'm sure that you can appreciate that the HR team receive a lot of emails. In order to streamline the process further and help ensure that the right email gets the right person quickly, a new inbox dedicated to payroll enquiries will go live from 1st September:

- payroll@field-studies-council.org will be for anything payroll related once an employee has started employment (not including expenses, which are processed by the finance team).

The other HR emails to use are:

- recruitment@field-studies-council.org this is for anything related to potential/new employees before their first day of employment. E.g. vacancy pack, letters of appointment, DBS/PVG applications, references, and onboarding enquiries.
- hr@field-studies-council.org which is the HR Team inbox for any other HR related enquires not specific to Recruitment or Payroll

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Sian Davies has joined the team at Margam as a Hospitality & Catering Assistant.

We also have some more Trainee Tutors to welcome again this week

Anna Parnum has joined the team at Nettlecombe and Bethan Davies has joined Slapton. The alert among you might remember Bethan, who was featured in a [previous catch up](#) with her now famous large model earthworm which she managed to get through airport security on her way to the recruitment day.

Don't forget National Dog Day on August 26th

As mentioned in last week's catch up, don't forget to send in pictures of your dogs 'at work' to marketing@field-studies-council.org with their name, age, breed and their role at Field Studies Council. We have had some good pics in already but would like more to truly reflect our very diverse pooch population. My difficulty is which of mine to choose.

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

Finally, I'd like to wish everyone dealing with GCSE results day the very best.

Best regards

Mark