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Dear Colleagues,

This week's catch up showcases just some of the great work by staff across the charity to get our name out there whether by events, videos or media.

Signs of Spring Survey Coverage

[The survey](#) has caught the media imagination again this year with 30 articles and 10 BBC Radio interviews. Daniel Aswar, Biodiversity Training Programme Team Leader stepped up to the microphone and did a media round which included BBC Radio Newcastle, Merseyside, York, Cornwall, Somerset, Lincolnshire, Shropshire, Hereford & Worcester, Wales and BBC WM which covers the West Midlands. You can hear an example [on BBC sounds](#) for the next few days at about 1h:31min in.

Northern Region Institute of Outdoor Learning Conference

The team at Castle Head hosted a well-attended conference of over 100 outdoor practitioners from all stages in their careers, with students from the University of Cumbria alongside 'veterans' of the industry. Some had previously worked at Castle Head. There was a wide selection of workshops to join, including some led by Field Studies Council staff, which led to interesting conversations about the future of the industry.

I've had excellent feedback from those who had attended including *"From being greeted and shown where to park, through to the refreshments and excellent lunch, the staff team were most friendly and accommodating to all...To sum up: a great venue, with great staff, for a great opportunity for outdoor professionals to meet"*. So thank you to Centre Manager Matt Healey who has only just joined us, and his team who made it happen.

Green Jobs for Nature You Tube Video

Epping Forest Tutor Bageshwer Singh has made [this video](#) where he talks about routes into the sector and the attributes needed. It's part of an excellent series made by the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management where people from a wide range of environmental careers talk about what's involved and how they got into the sector. They are an excellent resource for anyone you know who may be interested in green jobs.



Dale Fort is the perfect location for University field trips

For those of you who haven't had a sneak preview, here Tom Stamp, Catherine Gillatt and the scenery itself star in [this new video](#) aimed at our university customers.



Also in the Media

Our offer of support to schools impacted by Kingswood's closures was picked up by several outlets including both the [education](#) and [charity](#) press. Em Kendall's write up of the autumn Slapton Ley Research Seminar has been published in this quarter's Horizons Magazine from the Institute of Outdoor Learning. It's behind a membership paywall but if you are a member the [site is here](#). If the coming spring is turning your thoughts to gardening, Olivia Watts from the Marketing Team writes [regular articles](#) in the Amateur Gardening Magazine.

Associate Tutors Familiarisation Day at Flatford

Sixteen Associate Tutors recently attended a sunny day at Flatford as the Centre looks forward to a good year with their Adult Courses. For some tutors it will be their first year teaching Adult Courses at Flatford but others are already in double figures. Topics covered included a brief history of Flatford and the Field Studies Council and practical subjects that you would expect such as classroom set-ups and resources, admin and safety procedures. There was also a virtual presentation from Sarah Fenn from the Marketing team about Social Media and obviously there was a great lunch.

Everyone got something out of the day including those who have been teaching at Flatford for years. One emailed to say *It was a lovely day and great to get to know both staff and other tutors. Really like the ethos of the Field Studies Council and proud to be an Associate Tutor.* Thank you to Centre Manager Nate Whittaker, Senior Tutor Simon Ward, Regional Administration Manager Di Warren and Chef Matt Thompson for making it all happen.



Welcome to Field Studies Council

Chris Manktelow has joined the team at Amersham as Tutor
Lynne Dowson has joined the team at Dale Fort as Education Support Assistant
Sami Padley has returned to Castle Head as a Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Previous catch ups can be found [here](#).

Best regards

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