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Dear Colleagues,

Housing 2025 Show

In a new venture for us and at a time when housing is very much in the news, staff from the Biodiversity and Business Development teams are attending this [national event](#) in Manchester to seek out the business opportunities relating to our Biodiversity Net Gain training offers. It's a big event and with a very short turnaround time, thank you to all those who managed to get all the material together.

Hire a Canoe

With the recent good weather, I'm pleased to say that Hire a Canoe is proving very popular with over 150 bookings since April. Well done to all those involved.

Award Nomination

We've been nominated again this year for the School Travel Organiser Award in the Best Geography Learning Experience. You can find out more [here](#).

Time for Geography: new video series

We have been working in partnership with Time for Geography, University of Sheffield, and University of the West of England to produce two new videos on geographers' use of qualitative and quantitative fieldwork to investigate the geographical impacts of urban change. The [first](#) is looking at using photography and soundscape analysis and the [second](#) is on pedestrian analysis featuring well known Field Studies Council staff.



Westminster Hall Debate

Last week, Tim Farron secured a [Westminster Hall debate](#) on Outdoor Education. These tend to be good natured discussions rather than the usual adversarial shouting matches, and a government minister is always invited to respond at the end, it is well worth a listen if you can spare a few minutes. We got name checked which is always nice, but more to the point it highlights MPs who have a genuine interest in the issue and we can follow that up with them. We often find that a school from their constituency has visited one of our centres very recently.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Becky Harvey has joined the team at Blencathra as Hospitality and Catering Assistant.
Adam Wilson has joined the team at Amersham as General Assistant.

Special Mention

Many congratulations to former Chair and Trustee Professor Pete Higgins who has received an OBE for services to the environment and outdoor education in the King's Birthday Honours List.

Best regards

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