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Dear Colleagues,

It's a short catch up this week but I'm in good company as the Manager's Briefing was similarly short of news. The lack of news isn't down to a lack of activity - rather the reverse as it's a particularly busy time across the organisation so people don't have a moment to email news in.

Mental Health First Aiders Update

With a recent change in personnel, the list of Mental Health First Aiders has been updated and posters with their contact details will be going up in centres and offices. A new [dedicated section of the Employee Hub](#) introduces them. We have an impressive total of ten Mental Health First Aiders, and they have a range of different day jobs across the charity. I want to thank them for stepping up and pay tribute to the way in which they carry out such an important role.

Peers For the Planet

Let's draw a veil over the House of Commons this week and instead look at the Lords. We were recently introduced to the work of [Peers for the Planet](#) - a large cross party Climate Change and Nature Action Group of around 170 supporters. They come from all parties and none and have wide range of disciplines. Earlier in the year, Peers from the group secured changes to ensure that the delivery of our climate and nature targets are firmly within Skills England's remit and priorities. Skills England is the new body tasked with driving the nations skills strategy.

They are currently working on (among other things) ensuring better nature connection as part of the bills currently going through the parliament and we have supplied information that we have relating to the barriers that many young people have reported to developing the green skills for nature that they need for their next career or study step. We will look to work with them more closely.

Visit of HRH The Princess Royal

We were pleased (and a little relieved) to hear yesterday that the final programme for the visit next week has been approved with no changes. Those expecting more details will get them shortly.

Welcome to Field Studies Council

Jane Ochwat has joined the team at Flatford as Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Rachel Lewis has joined the team at Margam as General Assistant.

Also this week:

Brian Ward has become a permanent member of the team at Castle head as Hospitality and Catering Assistant

Priscilla Corte De Jesus has returned to Juniper Hall as Casual Hospitality and Catering Assistant.

Best regards

Mark