

Green RAU News

Welcome to the first edition of the Green RAU newsletter - highlighting the key environmental achievements and initiatives of the last few months!

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December
14



Recent Achievements



Gloucestershire
Environmental
Business of the
Year Finalist



All student
bedrooms now
provided with
recycling facilities



Shuttle bus route
expanded to
provide free
service to Harnhill



Awarded
Fairtrade
University Status



Phases 1-3 of our
Environmental
Management
System accredited



9% less electricity
used on campus in
August - Oct 2014
than the same
period in 2013

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Case Study 1: Gloucestershire Business Awards

The RAU was selected as one of only three finalists in the Environmental Business Award category in a record year for the Gloucestershire Business Awards; receiving 110 entries across 14 categories.



The Awards recognised the RAU's unique position of tackling climate change through our teaching, research and knowledge exchange activities, as well as through the way we manage our operations.

Initiatives which were particularly commended included our new foundation degree in British Wildlife Conservation, our use of cutting edge technologies at the Rural Innovation Centre and the Biomass Boiler System on campus.



Case Study 2: Accommodation Recycling

Target Recycling Rate (2014/15) = 27%

Baseline Recycling Rate (2012/13) = 22%



We think these flash new bins will get us well on the way to hitting our recycling targets!

Last year, surveys revealed that a significant amount of good recyclable material was being thrown away, increasing costs for the University and damaging the environment. We realised that we could help by making it a lot easier for people to do the right thing.

So this year, all student bedrooms are equipped with a segregated bin for landfill and dry mixed recycling, meaning that students no longer have to make trips to the communal recycling points every time they want to recycle a single sheet of paper.

Phil Wood, Facilities Manager, came up with this exciting initiative and put it in place for the new academic year with fantastic support from the Housekeeping Team.

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Case Study 3: Shuttle Bus

We know that the location of the campus can sometimes make it difficult to travel sustainably, so we run a free Shuttle Bus into town during term time to help with this. In response to feedback from staff and students, we now also run trips to and from Harnhill, making it easier, cheaper and greener to get to the farm.

Have a look at the new timetable on Gateway or the Intranet and remember - this service is free for all staff and students!

Baseline Student Non-Car Use (2013/14) = 7%

Target Student Non-Car Use (2015/16) = 17%

Coming Soon



Sub metering and water audit programme to be undertaken to identify areas for improvement



Solar PV panels to be installed on Woodlands roofs, with real-time display of energy generation



RAU EnviroSoc creating community allotment and wildlife area on campus

And finally...

In order to strengthen our commitment to improving environmental performance, the University has updated the Environmental & Sustainability Policy. You can find it on the intranet, website and on Gateway!