

SUSTAINABLE SURREY



WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?



- The [United Nations Brundtland Commission](#) defined sustainability as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”
- Sustainability is not just about environmental concerns, it's also about economic and social issues and impacts – UN 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- We're already seeing the impacts of climate change. As a major contributor to our local and global community, it's crucial the University acts.
- The University takes part in the Times Higher Impact Ranking each year that measures how we are doing in meeting these goals – Top 100 globally.



UPDATES FROM SUSTAINABILITY



- **Strategy Review** – Integrate into all policies – started with ‘Our Colleagues’.
- **Delivery plans** – drafted for Net zero carbon (2030), Biodiversity, Procurement, Water, Scope 3, IT, Waste, Climate adaptation & resilience. Catering already in place!
- **Waste management** – new bins in high footfall areas, posters + stickers in accommodation. Food waste recycling.
- **Electric vehicles** – 12 chargers in North car park (Stag Hill) - trial run. Salary sacrifice scheme available.
- **Energy** – solar farm approval. Energy team working at demand reduction – IFH 30%.
- **Engagement** – Over 500 people took part in Sustainability Week. First Sustainability Awards. Sustainability Assembly. Green Impact in 2nd year. FHMS + FEPS completing bronze LEAF 24/25.

SUSTAINABILITY – GET INVOLVED



- **Green Impact** – take sustainable actions as a team, get awards – **Sustainability Awards**.
- **LEAF (Laboratory Efficiency Assessment Framework)** – sustainable accreditation scheme for labs.
- **Sustainability Assemblies** – open discussion on specific ways we can make the University more sustainable.
- **Speaker Series** – sustainable thinkers and leaders sharing their work.
- **Community Garden** – space to grow food and herbs on Stag Hill. Every Wednesday, 1-2pm.
- **Sustainability Week** – sustainable activities throughout w/c 31st March.
- Use your volunteering day!



EASY WINS



Food – try plant based, use up your leftover, put food (without packaging) in green food waste bins.



Energy + water – report leaks or faults to Estates, switch off when not in use.



Waste – donate unwanted items to the Community Hub + donation points, buy secondhand, look after your stuff, join the University book swap!



Travel – consider low carbon travel options. Walk, cycle or take the bus to work. EV salary sacrifice scheme + chargers on site.

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