

# SUSTAINABILITY @ ST JOHN'S

April 2021

At St John's, we're continuing to increase our focus on environmental sustainability, and looking to improve across all areas of the College, no matter how big or small the measures are.

As members of the college, your feedback, ideas and thoughts about existing or new initiatives are greatly valued and welcomed. To get in touch, please contact the JCR Ethical Affairs Officer, SBR Environment Officer, or the Domestic Bursar's office: [DBursar@joh.cam.ac.uk](mailto:DBursar@joh.cam.ac.uk)

We encourage all College members to work with us to make a difference. Below you can find details of some the things we've been doing recently, some reminders, and some ideas of what you can do to help.

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## GARDENS

- Check out this website for ideas about small initiatives you can do at home to encourage rewilding and biodiversity: <https://www.rewildmystreet.org>
- Get involved with the student allotments at 1 Madingley Road. Contact Margherita Battistara (mb2258) for more details.
- New water butts have been installed for the gardeners to use at the green house and for the student allotments at 1 Madingley Rd – these will save mains water being used for watering.
- The gardeners have installed some squirrel proof bird feeders outside their office and in the spinney. Use iRecord, a citizen science project, to log your wildlife sightings across the University estate: <https://www.conservation.cam.ac.uk/how-use-irecord>

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## ENERGY SAVING

- College buys the most efficient appliances wherever possible. Energy labelling has recently changed to encourage innovation: <https://energylabel.org.uk/changed>
- Remember to use energy in your room/office efficiently:
  - turn lights off when leaving your room;
  - switch your monitor off when it's not in use and ensure your computer is switched off at the end of each day.
  - turn chargers and other appliances off at the wall when not in use;
  - only fill the kettle with the required amount of water before boiling;
  - check the stickers on banks of light switches to ensure you're switching the right one;
  - wash laundry on a cycle of 30 degrees C.

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## WASTE

- Yellow bins for Vegware takeaway containers from the Buttery have been installed in Cripps and Forecourt. Please only put Vegware containers in these so that the waste doesn't become contaminated.
- New food waste, recycling and landfill bins have been placed around the site in wooden structures near A New Court and E Chapel Court.
- Put broken or unwanted electrical equipment in the WEEE bin behind the Maintenance department near the end of Cripps Lane.
- Recycle clothing and household goods in the BHF bin in the Cripps bin area.

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## CYCLING

- Cycle or walk rather than using a taxi or car whenever possible.
- All student cycles must be registered with the porters at Forecourt Lodge.
- It's unsafe and illegal to cycle without lights before sunrise and after sunset, so make sure you have lights for your cycle and that they're charged.
- Cycle parking is available in College at Cripps and Forecourt on the main site, and there is limited additional secure parking for extra valuable cycles, which can be accessed on application to the Domestic Bursar's office ([DBursar@joh.cam.ac.uk](mailto:DBursar@joh.cam.ac.uk))
- Shower facilities for staff who cycle or run to work are available in the Gym, ODS basement, and in some departments including Maintenance, Housekeeping and the Domestic Bursary.
- There are new e-scooters and e-cycles from Voi in Cambridge: <https://www.voiscooters.com>

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## MAINTENANCE

- If something breaks in your room/house/office remember to report it to Maintenance via the fault reporting link: <https://www.joh.cam.ac.uk/maintenance-requests>
- The first College air-source heat pump is currently being installed in a refurbishment in Benian's Court. Contact Maintenance ([maintenance@joh.cam.ac.uk](mailto:maintenance@joh.cam.ac.uk)) if you would like more information.

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## FEEDBACK

Contribute your ideas for energy saving, reducing waste and other sustainability initiatives via representatives on the Sustainability Forum or directly to the Domestic Bursar's office: [DBursar@joh.cam.ac.uk](mailto:DBursar@joh.cam.ac.uk)

