

## **Green League 2008: Environmental Policy Notes**

An environmental policy provides a formal, public and permanent demonstration of intent regarding performance. It is crucial in ensuring there is sustained, strategic improvement in environmental performance.

Strong policies contain significant time-bound targets for the reduction of specific environmental impact. Warwick University were awarded a top score of 100% for their Environmental Policy, some of the strengths included in their policy were:

- A detailed and thoroughly examined, well thought out action plan with time-bound targets and careful consideration towards impacts that schemes may have on the University and the Environment.
- Inclusion of Biodiversity including the germination of wild flower meadows at the front entrance of the University.
- Availability to both staff and students on the University website
- Commitment to waste management, including recycling facilities and areas to be improved and also implemented, showing a commitment to continual changes and improvements.
- A number of full time members of staff committed to areas of Environmental interest such as Waste and Recycling Officer and Environment Officer. Members of staff dedicated to make changes in the University infers a dedication towards continual change and a propinquity to commitment for environmental issues.
- A green travel scheme which includes cycle facilities and research into sustainable transport facilities.
- These schemes are widely available and encouraged. Raising awareness amongst the staff and students.

One of the most refreshing aspects of Warwick University is the determined lobbying from students. Due to this, Universities – Warwick being a prime example – are listening to the voices of conscientious students voicing concerns over global warming.