



Report to Parish Council from the Hambleton Greening Working Group: Monday March 7th 2022

Repair Café:

- An application for the HCC Waste Prevention Grant has been submitted and a response is expected by mid-March. Many thanks to the Parish Clerk for her invaluable help in completing and submitting the application.
- The first of many Repair Cafe in-person planning meetings has now taken place between Denmead and Hambleton. We are aiming for an early April opening, starting in Denmead. Volunteers from both communities will hopefully commit to helping in both venues to build community cohesion. The search for more Hambleton volunteers continues.

Recycling:

- The Hambleton WI sustainable bags have been presented to Hambleton School and Pre-School to store recycled milk bottle tops and crisp packets. Photos were taken and an article written up for the Hambletonian.
- Concern has been expressed by Denmead Scouts Recycling group that Terracycle will no longer take crisp packets and other materials from April. Terracycle argue that supermarkets are now doing this but there is no evidence of wider supermarket recycling taking place. Councillors from Denmead and Waterlooville will be meeting with Sainsbury's to put pressure on them to do so.

Retrofit:

- The Sustainability Centre has sent us nine fact sheets on Retrofit topics, including external and internal wall insulation, solar panels, ASHPs, biomass etc. These will be put on the website and information circulated to supporters.
- HGC continues to encourage villagers to make use of our thermal camera while the weather is still cold enough to make it useful.

Greening Fair:

- An application is planned for a WCC Small Grant to help funding for the Fair on Sept 10th once a suitable activity or piece of equipment has been decided on. HGC are meeting with Eco-Church once a month to plan for the Fair.

We remain grateful as always for the support of the Parish Council.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)