



## Report to Parish Council from the Hambleton Greening Working Group: Monday April 4th 2022

### Repair Café:

- Our application for a Waste Prevention Grant from HCC has been awarded and the Grant Agreement Form signed. We have been awarded £4500 (of the £5000 applied for) to be delivered in 4 tranches and are very grateful for HCC's generosity.
- It has been agreed with the Parish Clerk that the monies will go into the HGC working group section of the PC bank account and will be transferred into the Repair Café account in full each time. HGC's monthly report will contain an itemised list of expenditure for the PC's scrutiny.
- An introductory session will take place on Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm in Denmead Community Centre where anyone interested in being involved can come along and ask questions of the committee and of people already involved in the Havant Repair Café.
- The search for more Hambleton volunteers is proving positive and we have several names signed up.
- Work is continuing on the insurance required for the Church venue. HGC is in dialogue with Jim Twiney, Rachel Houlberg and Helen Finch.
- The first Repair Café in Denmead Community Centre will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup>. We plan to hold the first Hambleton Repair Café in the Church on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. Further dates are: Denmead, June 18<sup>th</sup> and Hambleton, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Recycling:

- There was tremendous support both for the Little Green Van and for our Recycling Pop-Up which was organised to coincide with the LGV's first visit to Hambleton on March 19<sup>th</sup>. It was felt that it might be helpful for villagers to have somewhere local to bring their recycling material, particularly if they found it difficult to access the sites further afield. Many thanks to Nigel Foster who kindly provided a range of labelled boxes and disposed of them afterwards. The hard and soft plastics bins were filled several times! We plan to do the same again with the Van's next visit on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Retrofit:

- Work with the thermal camera is ongoing. Alasdair McKenzie attended a half-day seminar on the use of thermal imaging cameras run by Community Energy South and gleaned more information on their use and how to combine that with advice on more effective home insulation.
- HGC are planning to contact Christine Seaward of the Sustainability Centre about writing an article for the Hambletonian on the advantages and disadvantages of heat pumps which are currently getting very mixed reviews in the press. We will also canvas opinion among villagers who have heat pumps and try to build a dialogue on the subject in order to give the most helpful advice.
- Nigel Foster will write to Flick Drummond MP about the challenges of improving insulation and installing heat pumps in older buildings and how that fits with the government's Heat and Buildings Strategy, which has the aim to achieving an EPC C level in most homes by 2035 and installing heat pumps when old boilers need replacing.

### Rewilding:

- HGC would like to suggest that a PC subcommittee of interested parties be set up to examine the viability of leasing the Upper Glebeland behind the tennis court for village use. To be viable as a rewilding project with tree-planting, it would require a long lease (of 100 years?) and so cannot realistically be an HGC project. If the PC was interested, HGC would be willing to draw up a plan. Interested parties could include the Scouts, Hambleton Primary School, the Horticultural Society and HGC, among others.



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

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)