



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

Repair Café:

- The Repair Café in Hambleton on Saturday Oct 15th was well-supported with 13 repairers, 6 helpers and 19 repairs carried out. Three repairs could not be undertaken because they were sealed units.
- Plans are being considered for including a bike repair workshop for children, possibly in the March RC, and a sewing workshop possibly on January 21st, when the next Repair Café in Hambleton will be held.

Recycling and LGV:

- The Pop-Up Recycling Station continues to function well to coincide with the monthly visits from the Little Green Van. The next one will be held on Nov 19th.
- We hope to be recycling plastic flower pots at that time.
- Unfortunately the LGV has felt the need to cease trading after 2022 so HGC is looking for an alternative.

Retrofit:

- An article for The Hambletonian has been written up on the Retrofit evening.
- Those requesting thermal images of their homes at the Retrofit evening have been contacted and told that they will be taken once the weather has turned colder.

Biodiversity/Re-Naturing:

- The Autumn Walk led by Shirley and Rob Medgett on Oct. 28th was a great success with all 12 places filled. An article for The Hambletonian has been written up.
- Another walk is planned for the spring.
- Along with Eco-Church, HGC is involved in a national soil sampling project in the churchyard.

Phase 3 of the Greening Campaign:

- We are still awaiting further news from the national Greening Campaign about the Food and Waste phase.
- However, we are interested in moving ahead with plans for one or two village composters and with that in mind, Sue Crossley will make contact with other villages who have taken this route to consider best practice. Penny Mahon will contact HCC's Beth Richards about applying for a Waste Prevention Grant towards composters and Belinda Johnson will write an article for the next Hambletonian to elicit responses to the project before we move ahead, given that it would need village volunteers to manage them.

Parish Council support:

- While we remain hugely grateful to the PC for their financial and other support, it was agreed that the presence of a councillor at our meetings from time to time would be most appreciated.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)