



## Report to Parish Council from the Hambledon Greening Working Group: Monday July 4th 2022

### Repair Café:

- The first Repair Café in Hambledon was held in the Church on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>. We had 11 repairers and 6 helpers on site and managed to repair and sharpen over 60 items which were weighed to calculate carbon savings. There was a very positive response from villagers during the busy morning session.
- The next one in Hambledon will be on July 16<sup>th</sup> and we already have 11 repairers and 5 helpers who have volunteered to be there.
- We also plan to hold a mini-Repair Café at the Greening Fair on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> in order to spread the word and encourage more people to visit both venues in Denmead and Hambledon.

### Recycling:

- The Pop-Up Recycling Station continues to function well to coincide with the monthly visits from the Little Green Van. May was very busy – perhaps because it coincided with the Repair Café – and June was quieter but there is clearly a felt need within the village for collection of recycled materials that WCC does not collect, particularly hard plastics and blister packs.
- We will continue to monitor the amount collected and assess the viability of a monthly collection in terms of work load for the volunteers.

### Retrofit/Community Energy:

- We are hoping for renewed interest in retrofit issues with the coming of the autumn and winter months and are including an article on heat pumps in the coming edition of *The Hambledonian* in the hope that this could generate more discussion within the village community and more articles on a variety of related topics.
- The thermal camera work has been put on hold due to Alasdair McKenzie's temporary absence and the time of year. It will begin again in the autumn.
- Sue Crossley visited a Retrofitted Open House in Durley recently and Nigel Foster visited the Green Homes Fair in Winchester last Saturday, both organised by WinAcc.
- We are in communication with Stuart Mills of WinAcc and are planning a possible Q and A meeting in the autumn with some expert speakers where retrofit issues such as heat pumps, insulation, double glazing and solar panels can be discussed. Date to be confirmed.
- We are also in contact with Energise South, and their Community Energy hub based in South Harting, a village also very dependent on oil-based heating. Nigel plans to attend their 'Your home, Your energy, Our future' event on 29<sup>th</sup> June which will provide basic information about low carbon options for different types of houses.

### Re-Naturing:

- The PC requested a more detailed plan on the Upper Glebeland. This document has been provided by Nigel Foster and circulated to the PC for further discussion.

### National Greening Campaign:

- Sue and I both plan to attend a mini-greening conference organised by Terena Plowright in Winchester on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)

