

A brief resume of The Hambledon Greenings activities over the summer of 2021 For meeting of Members of the Parish Council 6th September 2021

April public meeting to launch of **Rewilding Campaign** with speakers introducing what we can all do in our own environments

Wildflower seeds – donated by Premium Crops and supported by De Mellows Finance, packed by Zeb Jay Duke of Edinburgh candidate – **distributed** in Hambledonian Magazine to village. Continued wildflower planting and tending in the churchyard.

Further our joint aims for carbon neutralisation with **links with Eco Church** through joint plan for energy fair, including members of their committees at our committee meetings
Establishing a Retrofit sub-committee.

May Public meeting with speakers on **Retrofit and Community Energy(CE)** .

It was decided with discussion with our mentors that, in spite of HCC support for the village to be given the opportunity to be involved in a pilot scheme for **CE**, this should **be put on hold** until there is further national direction for carbon neutralisation within National Park and for historic building.

Litter pick in conjunction with PC

June **Flora Walk** on Speltham Down to familiarise with wildflowers on the down with Leader Shirley Medgett (a property owner of parish) from The Environment Agency. Very informative, well supported and enjoyed by 15, Oversubscribed. Request for further such events.

July - **Insect Walk for children**. Planned and cancelled twice due to thunder storm threats. Now planned to take place in the churchyard at Hambledon Greening Fair

Progression of retrofit. HGC meeting with John Thornton present to try to progress the a sensible approach for applications for planning of double glazed windows in historic buildings. With much research and help and support from John, furthered by Nigel Foster and Alasdair Mackenzie. Eco Church given diocesan support for further progress for Retrofit to the church .

August – **stand at Horticultural Show** – to show what has been going on throughout the year for HGC, photos of Primary School participation throughout the year and H&IWWT involvement with the school linked to HGC through our mentor; making Bug Boxes at the show. The stall v well supported. Hort Show gave excellent recognition of the HGC in its choice of classes illustrating the aims of the campaign.

September - **Hambledon Greening Fair** planned jointly and run with Hambledon Eco Church, to engage the community's minds in Eco matters across the board.

HGC Stall to include elements of Recycling Sustainability and Substitution, putting out our Energy Survey to gauge what the community most needs help with; also to gauge community demand for recycling. HGC working with Wildlife Trust and Sustainability Centre Stalls, and WinAC stall and demonstration.

HGC meeting planned for later in September to further Retrofit and Sustainability.

Grant Information passed on by PC for Grants under Climate Change Together– on investigation, as like other grants put forward by HCC, this does not cover furthering the communities desire for further recycling, only for 'waste at source' and other matters presently not in HGC Remit

In summary Hambledon Greening Campaign has grown, showing further support and awareness over the summer with involvement from a wider cross section of the community. Aiming to have greater involvement with the Pre-School and its parents and further the Retrofit and Sustainability phases.

HGC realise that HCC through PC are responsible for waste collection, but together with Eco Church would like to further elements of recycling not covered by HCC. Denmead Scouts have done this and HGC would like to follow their example. HGC are trying to gauge enthusiasm for such a project at HGF which would be within the Sustainability Phase of Greening which will be brought forward shortly. HGC would welcome further discussion with the PC on this matter. What are HCC plans for this all grants coming through at present are for 'waste at source'

October -**Visit to Sustainability Centre** to be further planned to see Buildings which have been renovated under Retrofit

November- consider further **litter pick**

September 6th 2021

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