



Report to the Parish Council from the Hambleton Greening Working Group: Monday October 10th 2022

Hambleton Greening Fair:

- Due to the unexpected death of Queen Elizabeth on Sept 8th, and as a mark of respect, the Greening Fair was cancelled on Sept 11th and will be held again on Saturday, May 13th 2023. We hope that it could coincide with the Hort Soc Plant Sale and are currently in discussion on that possibility.

Repair Café:

- The mini-Repair Café that was to be held at the Greening Fair on Sept 11th was also cancelled. The next Repair Café in Hambleton will be held in the Church on Saturday Oct 15th.

Recycling and LGV:

- The Pop-Up Recycling Station continues to function well to coincide with the monthly visits from the Little Green Van. There was a hiatus with the LGV in September due to family bereavement but both will be held again on Oct 15th.

Retrofit:

- The Retrofit evening held last Tuesday October 4th in the Village Hall attracted a good-sized, enthusiastic audience of 34 and wide-ranging questions were directed at each of the three speakers. Unfortunately one of the speakers, Bean Beanland of the Heat Pump Federation, contracted Covid so had to deliver his talk via Zoom but the technology worked very well thanks to the support of Roger Palmer. Bean has written a detailed article which we will be put on the website and all three sets of slides have been passed on to our supporters, some of whom had prior engagements that evening. We were grateful for the presence of Councillor Chris Silcock at the meeting.

Biodiversity/Re-Naturing:

- John Dunkley has organised an Autumn Wildlife Walk to be led by Shirley Medgett on Oct. 28th from 10-12pm. Places are limited to 12.

Phase 3 of the Greening Campaign:

- The next phase is going to focus on sustainable communities and among other things will address food, food waste and food security. We are still awaiting the pack from the National Greening Campaign but would like to start discussions on how to make these issues relevant to our own community. While we fully understand how busy councillors are, we would really appreciate it if someone from the PC could attend our upcoming committee meeting on Oct 31st at 5.30pm as we start to discuss these next steps of the campaign.

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



Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)