



Report for the Parish Council from the Hambledon Greening Working Group: Monday November 1st 2021

Retrofit:

- Our Energy survey has now had 30 responses.
- Our retrofit meeting on Oct 13th with Christine Seaward, CEO of the Sustainability Centre, was very productive.
 - As a result, Alasdair has purchased a thermal imaging camera which we will use to take pictures of homes and assess their heat loss. Hopefully, we can recoup the money at £10 a photo.
 - We hope to have a new website up and running by the end of November which will allow us to post a range of resources for the community including retrofit options and case studies.
- Our visit on Oct 19th to the Sustainability Centre was a great success for the 10 supporters who went. The retrofit technology in their Eco-Lodge is very impressive: solar tiles, ASHP, GSHP, local red cedar cladding, upcycled furniture, local pottery, bedding, paintings etc. A truly remarkable and beautiful achievement on our doorstep. We were also filmed as part of a South Today piece on Christine's excellent project to remove VAT from retrofitted building work.

ReNaturing:

- We will meet on Nov 15th to wrap up the Rewilding (tokens) phase of the campaign, having reached our 1000 hours of rewilding activities, and we plan to continue further renaturing projects through membership of the Wilder Community, part of HIWTT, details to be discussed at the meeting. This will hopefully allow us to become involved with two local biodiversity programmes: ReNature: Nature Recovery in the SDNP and the HCC Parish Pollinator Pledge.
- Unfortunately we were unable to arrange a November Litter Pick and the Tree Walk will be done in the spring.

Public Meeting:

- We are in the process of organising a public online meeting at the end of November to conclude the HGC Rewilding phase, build on the current Retrofit phase and introduce our Recycling and Repair plans as well as the next phase of the Greening Campaign – Health and Well-being – which will begin formally in the new year. We will also have a speaker who will have returned from Cop26 and be able to give a report on the UK Action Plan and next steps.

PC Bank Account:

- We are now using the PC bank account for those of our supporters who might want to donate their carbon offset payments towards HGC projects. We also have received a generous gift for a Greening project from the Hambledon Hilly.

Hambledonian:

- We will be submitting 3 articles to the *Hambledonian* on Recycling, Energy Survey and the Sustainability Centre visit.

We remain grateful as always for the support of the Parish Council.
Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)