



## Report to Parish Council from the Hambledon Greening Working Group: Monday September 5th 2022

### Repair Café:

- The second Repair Café in Hambledon was held in the Church on Saturday July 16th. We had 14 repairers and 5 helpers on site and attracted a large number of visitors from the village and beyond. The next one in Denmead will be September 17<sup>th</sup> and in Hambledon on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The mini-Repair Café at the Greening Fair on Sept 11<sup>th</sup> has 6 repairers coming and we hope it will showcase the café and encourage more attendees.

### Recycling:

- The Pop-Up Recycling Station continues to function well to coincide with the monthly visits from the Little Green Van which now sets up in Orchard House drive to avoid clashes with Village Hall use. July was very busy – perhaps because it coincided with the Repair Café - and Nigel Foster had to make 5 trips to the Sainsbury's hard plastic bin which shows just how inadequate WCC recycling is!

### Hort Soc Summer Show:

- Belinda Johnson, Alasdair and Christine McKenzie and John Dunkley helped at the HGC stall this year. It was set up with information on what HGC has achieved, including Retrofit and Recycling. It included examples of what can be recycled including old biro's, corks, bras, tin foil, metal lids and tetra packs.
- There was also a wormery (made by the Man Shed) for householders without a compost bin and a mini-pond with creatures from a neighbour's old bath/pond to encourage ponds in washing-up bowls. John was also looking for volunteers for a pond in Headstone Copse.

### Retrofit:

- The Greening Fair is promising to be even bigger and more enjoyable than last year's event, with a dual retrofit and well-being emphasis.
- We now have 3 speakers willing to attend a Retrofit evening at 7.30pm on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall: Christine Seward from the Sustainability Centre, who will address the importance of good insulation, and Stuart Mills of WinAcc and Bean Beanland of the Heat Pump Federation, who will address the pros and cons of heat pumps. We will advertise the event at the Greening Fair and beyond.

### Budget:

- Up to date, we have not used as much of our HGC budget as we had originally anticipated for two main reasons: the jury is still out on the need for recycling bins and the Well-being phase of the Campaign has not involved such large expenditure as the previous phases. See current and projected expenditure below.

Expenses	Amount
<b>Spent so far:</b> Setting up and maintenance of website etc.	c £100
<b>To be claimed within next month:</b>	
Summer Show and Greening Fair	c £50
Retrofit evening Oct 4th	c £100 [VH rental: £30; travel expenses: c £30; refreshments: £40]
Secretarial expenses: paper, ink cartridges etc.	£30
<b>To be claimed within the financial year:</b>	
Recycling project	£200
Another public meeting:	£100
Phase 3 of Greening Campaign	£300
Maintenance of website	£50
Secretarial expenses	£20
Misc. (possible raffle)	£50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	£1000



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

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)