



## Parish Council from the Hambleton Greening Working Group: Monday December 6th 2021

### Public Meeting:

- We held an online public meeting on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> which attracted about 30 attendees. The four expert speakers very generously gave their time and addressed the issues of COP26, retrofit, recycling and well-being:
  1. David Cowdrey, Director of External Affairs at MCS Charitable Foundation, who spoke on the Glasgow Action Plan for the UK and feedback on policy post-Cop, from which he had just returned.
  2. Christine Seaward, CEO of the Sustainability Centre, talked about our retrofit phase, current and ongoing, offering her own unique expertise in this area.
  3. Wendy Theobald-Morgan, deputy leader of Denmead Scouts, talked about their excellent recycling project and how we as a community can get involved.
  4. Anthea Cooke, HGC mentor for the next pillar of our campaign, Health and Well-Being, introduced herself and her plans for this next exciting new phase, to begin in January.

### Website:

- Nigel Foster has made great strides with a website for HGC. A draft version using Wix is now in place and has been seen and edited by other members of the HGC committee.
- There are plans for the website to go live sometime after the public meeting on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and Nigel advertised the website during that meeting.

### Repair Café:

- Sue Crossley has been working hard in liaison with Peter Salsbury from All Saints, Denmead and Clare Seek from Repair Café Portsmouth, to set up a Repair Café in Hambleton Church (in conjunction with Hambleton Eco-Church) every fourth Saturday, from 10-12am in the church, alongside another held once a month on a Wednesday in All Saints, Denmead.
- We are actively looking for volunteers who might offer their skills (repairing furniture, jewellery, IT, clothes, toys, bikes, electrical appliances, crockery etc.) and Sue advertised the Café at our public meeting.
- See <https://repaircafe.org/en/> for more details on this world-wide movement.

### Recycling:

- Sue Crossley and Andrew Negus have been working on a plan whereby Hambleton's smaller recyclable goods can be taken by the Hambleton community to Denmead Scouts Sustainable Centre run by Angela Harwood in return for some help from Hambleton to transport the goods.
- It is proposed that anyone who can't get the recyclable goods to Denmead can ask for it to be collected (probably monthly) by HGC.
- Clear and soft plastics can be recycled at Sainsbury.
- This scheme will be brought in in January and details will be sent out to inform the community.



- In the New Year, Hambleton School, Pre-School and After School Club, and Scouts have been engaged to collect milk bottle tops and crisp packets. Hambleton WI has been invited to make sustainable bags with ID, to put in each building.

**Renaturing:**

- In January, we will begin the planning required to become a Wilder community, part of the HIWWT Team Wilder.
- We are actively looking for someone to lead this new project which will continue the work we began with the Rewilding phase of the Greening Campaign which has now been completed, having reached the goal of 1000 hours of active rewilding within the village.
- Many thanks to Craig Whitelock from HIWWT, who led us through that phase and who is still working with the school and pre-school on biodiversity projects.

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

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)