

Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group

Report for the Harlton Annual Parish Meeting, 18th April 2023

The Haslingfield and Harlton Eco Group formed in February 2021 and our second year has been full of activity, and events. We now have a lovely website, hheco.co.uk, our newsletter has 145 subscribers and we are meeting in person regularly in both villages, and working with both Parish Councils.

Highlights from the past year include: the 3-day “Green” Jubilee Celebration which was attended by many Harlton residents; an event called “Re-Imagining our Future Together” co-organised with other local eco groups; an eco-decorations stall at the Charity Christmas Fair; planting flowers and bulbs in the Wellhouse Meadow and Lilac Close in Haslingfield; organising regular pruning and mulching sessions at the Haslingfield Community Orchard; holding information meetings about the Greater Cambridge Partnership Transport plan and the new Extinction Rebellion non-disruptive protest strategy; and completing a climate emergency plan for Haslingfield which was accepted by the Haslingfield Parish Council.

We are currently working on a Community Share Fair event for the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday on 8th May at the Haslingfield Village Hall, to which Harlton residents are warmly invited; helping to plan a second “Re-Imagining Our Future” Event; helping with attempts to form a Neighbourhood Plan Committee in Haslingfield; and working on plans to take part in the Cambridge Nature Festival.

Harlton residents are involved in many of these activities, and we now have a Harlton sub-group which is working with the Parish Council to reduce mowing (look out for wildflowers and bees on the Village Sign Triangle this summer!). This spring we launched the Let It Grow project which encourages residents to set aside part of their gardens for nature, and it has been heartening to get an enthusiastic response. One thing we have discovered is how many people in Harlton are already taking steps to live in a more planet-friendly way.

Everyone is welcome to join us, to get involved and contribute ideas for future projects in Harlton and beyond!