

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP UPDATE

Report for Parish Council meeting 12th February 2024

- As mentioned previously, the latest HDC Parish and Neighbourhood Council Climate Action Group meeting was held and an Easy Wins document that was put together. This updated document has been reviewed again and there are number of areas where possible improved communications with parishioners should be our next priority. I have now learnt from HDC that this will be main agenda item for the next Action Group meeting in March. My recommendation is therefore that I report back after that meeting to we can identify potential areas we could work on. An ideal point for the APM too.
- Churchman's Meadow - recently some issues had been raised over the guards protecting the saplings in Churchman's Meadow but this has now been resolved . Cllr. Ryan obtained new guards and organised a small working party to put these in place. The saplings previously planted in the main seem to be growing well.
- Thermal Imaging Camera – this was borrowed from HDC and a large number of photos were taken of Rudgwick Hall and Jubilee Hall. This really confirmed what we were knew already over buildings needing action around loss of heat in particular. The intention is to put together yet another Task and Finish Group for Jubilee Hall in particular to move this project forward. The paper below, which was shared at the latest HROS meeting shows some examples of the benefit of the use of the camera.



Thermal Imaging
Camera Examples.pc

- Start to seriously consider planters or other projects for the village for 2024. When work was recently undertaken at Churchmans Meadows one possible thought was to have 2 planters either side of the entrance to the playground. To be considered further.
- A discussion is being held with Go Greener Rudgwick to have better signage in KGV to show the way to recycling centre. This stemmed from a new parishioner who came to KGV to undertake some recycling but could not find the bins!

Further actions to be worked on:

Continue to work on:

- Community orchard - could this be done? Churchman's Meadow seems to be the best option. Funding to be considered – free trees an option or use EMR? Need to consider what fruit trees and where to place them and organise a visit to discuss.
- There is still the aim to place suggestions in the parish magazine for tips around the house for saving energy and other environmental issues.