

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP UPDATE

Report for Parish Council meeting 11th March 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 – **now confirmed to be 25th March**. I will report back after that meeting to we can identify potential areas we could work on. An ideal point for the APM too.
- 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 now to put together yet another Task and Finish Group for Jubilee Hall in particular to move this project forward.**
- 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.**
- Discussions are being held with Go Greener Rudgwick to have better signage in KGV to show the way to the recycling centre. **Further discussions ongoing.**
- Map of Parish land now obtained and ongoing discussions being held on a number of options including a community orchard (Churchmans Meadows, KGV) and a biodiversity project in woodland at the back of Foxholes (including owl boxes). On the orchard front contact has been made with Loxwood, Steyning and HDC climate Group to ascertain where free orchard tress (or reduced cost) could be obtained from. **The Steyning Community Orchard team have now offered significant support to help us and a possible meeting to be arranged.**
- Horsham Climate Group A-Z Grant Funders List being reviewed to consider if any of these organisations could support our work on Jubilee Hall with donations. **To date only 3 from 20 seem relevant.**
- Work started on slides for APM.