

Cllr Simon Dear – Haslemere Hall

Haslemere Hall has asked me to pass on a huge 'Thank You' to all its friends who sit on Haslemere Town Council for the most generous act of kindness it showed in supporting the Hall in such difficult times.

The grant the Council approved will really will make a huge difference, as The Hall has not had any income for a while and also no luck with applying for other grants intended for arts charities and venues.

It goes without saying that all Councillors will be most welcome in the future and Howard, The Trustees and Staff hope to see you as soon as our town's own arts venue is able to open again.

In the meantime, the Hall has accommodated the NHS Eye Screening programme and of course the Community Store each Wednesday. Groups that hire the Hall in the daytime will come back at various stages with Surrey Theatre Academy starting on April 12th and U3A probably not until September.

With regards to cinema, the Hall can start from May 17th, however as the government haven't finalised social distancing and given dates for this to cease, it could still only operate with 150 seats which is the break-even number.

Experience last year showed that people haven't felt confident about this, so numbers were too low to be economical. Also, new films are still few and far between so they may just show what had been planned with existing tickets already purchased.

Hamish Donaldson's Haslemere Festival will be one of the first things happening, although the majority of these events are not at the Hall. However, the Piccadilly Dance Orchestra, Julia Donaldson and Imagine That Productions with Spring into Musicals will be there as part of the Festival.

Prior to all this though, the Hall is the new home for the elections on the 6th May.

Cllr Claire Matthes – Transition Haslemere.

Transition Haslemere continue to hold their monthly 'Green Drinks' on Zoom. After a period of inactivity on the Transition allotment, things are hotting up with deliveries of locally-sourced horse manure and discussions around what seeds we have saved from last season and what we would like to grow. We are also very much looking forward to when restrictions allow us to meet up again as working on and meeting up at the allotment had been a key highlight for members last spring/summer. When we do, it is likely we will have to co-ordinate ourselves to keep to the rule of six people, as we did before. To join us, email info@transitionhaslemere.org

Repair Café launches (virtually, for now!)

Love Haslemere Hate Waste and Transition Haslemere have now launched a Repair Café, to fix everyday household products and extend their life to save them from landfill. We have a team of fixers who can repair garden and other tools, small electrical items, toys, clothing, bikes and lots of other items. Just ask us!

While we'd love to set up a physical workshop in the community, Covid restrictions mean we can't do that just yet. So, we're launching a remote Repair Café. Residents email us with the details of the items they would like repaired, with pictures if possible, and we'll get back to them with how we can help. The service is free but donations are welcomed in exchange for repairing the items, and will help Love Haslemere Hate Waste and Transition Haslemere run even more campaigns to make Haslemere a more sustainable town.

Email us with your repair requests on hello@lovehaslemerehatewaste.co.

The active travel group is currently reviewing sites for new bike racks. We are proposing to use the planter style racks like the ones outside Waitrose. We are also, among other things, investigating drawing up a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan – a formal documentation of proposals for the town that can be used to apply for government funding. We have had a couple of meetings with Surrey Highways to discuss these issues and work towards a way forward for Haslemere. This will require considerable research and mapping of walking and cycling routes. If you can help or want to get involved in other ways get in touch at info@transitionhaslemere.org.

The Surrey 20's Plenty initiative to make 20mph limits a local choice and simpler to implement has been lobbying county councillors and has a draft county level motion waiting in the wings.

Godalming Town Council discussed the 20s Plenty issue at a meeting of the Policy and Management Committee on 11th March, calling for wide-area speed limits across Godalming working in partnership with Waverley Borough Council and Surrey County Council. [0.-11-March-2021-PM-Agenda-EV.pdf \(godalming-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

There is an active group exploring these issues in Haslemere. For all queries drop an email to: haslemere@20splentyforus.org.uk

If you'd like to know more, get involved or receive the monthly newsletter, email info@transitionhaslemere.org

TRANSITION HASLEMERE – a brief reminder...

Transition Haslemere is a local voluntary group taking action on **climate change** and the **long-term sustainability** of our environment for ourselves, our children and the generations to come.

We are part of the international Transition Town movement that encourages communities to come together to develop local practical solutions to the challenges of climate change and sustainability. The key characteristic of a transition town initiative is that it comes from the **community**.