

Reports from Representatives January 2023.

Haslemere Hall report from Cllr Simon Dear

The main problem confronting the Hall at the moment is the need for a new flat roof to the Annexe. I've been up there and it's completely shot, verging on dangerous to walk on it's so soggy.

New Building Regulations requirements for insulation mean it will be very expensive to re-cover, something in the region of £50,000, which the Hall will struggle to find.

Staffing – the Hall has maintained its headcount of 7 since February 2020. It's person one short in the Box Office and the Manager is happy with everyone's performance.

The Hall has a new social media specialist and all events are being promoted that way.

The Trustees hope to modernise the sound system but at a cost of c£20,000 it's likely to have to wait.

Hall charges have gone up but only by a 3% increase, way below inflation, and has generally been accepted. It seems user groups were anticipating a higher increase due to the current climate.

Local firm PAAC IT have upgraded and replaced the IT systems which has made them much faster, more secure and efficient.

A Volunteer training session took place last autumn and a Front of House training session was conducted on 4th January.

There is a legal case going on brought against the Hall by a woman who was denied entry because she'd brought her cat to sit on her lap. The view of management was that other customers may be allergic to cats and it wasn't a risk worth taking. Apparently she has been denied access to other premises in the town for the same reason.

Transition Town Haslemere report from Cllr Claire Matthes

The first Green Drinks of 2023 once again filled the room at the start of this month with lots to reflect upon from 2022 and plans to make for 2023. Join them on the first Thursday of each month from 7.30pm in The Snug at The Mill, Shottermill Road.

Winter wassail



Join in with the winter wassail in the orchard at Swan Barn Farm. Wassail is the ancient and often raucous rite of blessing orchards to ensure a good harvest in the year to come. 6-9pm Friday 20 January. There will be a torch procession from the Hunter Base Camp at Swan Barn to the orchard at 6.30pm. Entry is free. Hot food and drink will be available - but CASH only. There is no parking on site so please park in one of town car parks. The event is organised by COPSE in partnership with the National Trust and Transition Haslemere.

Monitoring the water of the Wey



Water Rangers freshwater testkit

The River Wey Trust is a charity that coordinates historical, environmental and wildlife conservation and management along the southern branch of the River Wey, which includes the source on Black Down and the streams that feed into the river through Haslemere. As part of its mission to stimulate interest, research and appreciation of the river, the trust conducts regular monitoring of the water quality – which we learnt about at December's green drinks. You can volunteer to help with the monitoring or other conservation actions or just learn more about the Trust's work [here](#). *At the time of writing this, Thames Water reports on their website that the Haslemere Sewage works had been discharging into the River Wey for 26.5 hours in the last 48 hours, so this is a live and very real issue for us all here in Haslemere.* [EDM Map | Storm discharge data | River health | Thames Water](#)

Home energy efficiency retrofitting

TH will be presenting their new home energy efficiency retrofitting programme in partnership with the Petersfield Climate Action Network (PeCAN) to Haslemere Town Council at their meeting from 6.30pm on 19 January. If you want to find out more about it in the meantime, you can go to the website [here](#).

Repair cafe

The repair Cafe has a new venue - the Swan Inn on the High Street from 10am to 1pm on the first Saturday of each month. They will try to fix almost any household item, including electrical appliances, toys, clothing, upholstery, garden tools, kitchen utensils, bikes and electronic items like phones and computers. You can just turn up with your item on the day or book in advance on the website [here](#).

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**.