



Transition
Haslemere

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CHAIR'S REPORT

In 2010, Transition Haslemere continued its efforts towards making Haslemere a lower carbon, less oil dependent, more resilient and more sustainable community. Ours are early steps, and much of the effort is of necessity still about awareness raising. To that end we had a presence at many of Haslemere's events over the year, including the monthly farmers' markets, and the Charter Fair and Christmas market.

We ran a successful series of Transition Haslemere Evenings, with talks on permaculture, diet and climate change and home energy efficiency. We also showed the films *Power of the Community*, about Cuba's enforced food self-sufficiency, and *Rebecca's Farm*, about a permaculture approach to sustainable farming.

We promoted sustainable living through our Green Fair in March and DIY Food event in September, and our community garden, based at Lower Roundhurst Farm, had its first year of operation, producing a bumper crop of vegetables.

Several local organisations contacted us for help and support with their sustainability efforts. Haslemere Museum asked for advice in developing their sustainability policy. We supported the National Trust in its application to build a new volunteer centre at Swan Barn – a model of sustainable building. And we were asked by Haslemere Town Council for help in producing the sustainability, landscape and transport sections of the town's new Design Statement.

We upgraded our website and contributed a monthly column to the Haslemere Herald. And we now have over 400 supporters on our mailing list.

We have established Transition Haslemere as the reference point for sustainability issues in the town and surrounding area. This is thanks to the considerable efforts of our supporters.

Sadly, in December we had to say goodbye to Naomi Clarke, the founder of our group, who left to return to the snowy hills of Scotland.

[Clive Davidson, Chair Transition Haslemere](#)