



Happy Sustainable New Year to all our supporters

I guess we are all making our resolutions for 2012. But how long will it be until the first one is broken?

Well here is a great one that is satisfying to do and will help improve our sustainability, improve our diets and will be fun to do.

Grow your own vegetables. Read below to see how we can help you do it.

Community Vegetable Growers Plans for 2012 and Waitrose



After another successful year in 2011, and the addition of greatly appreciated new members, we feel that 2012 should be a year of consolidating our success at Lower Roundhurst Farm and also trying a few new approaches.

We have decided to focus on a smaller variety of vegetables for next year with the hope that we can maximise our rewards if we specialise. We have resolved to get better at succession sowing, in order to extend the season that we can harvest and minimise the waste that can sometime occur in gluts.

We would like to offer a couple of our spare beds to anyone who would like their own dedicated bed. These will be available on a trial basis for a year to allow us to see if there is an appetite for a more conventional "allotment" approach to using the land we have. Anyone who takes up the offer will be asked to help out with general maintenance and contribute some of the harvest to Roundhurst Farm shop, as we do with all our produce in return for them kindly providing us with the land.

We also decided that we need to make it easier for new members to "turn up" and be sure that someone will be available, to simplify this we decided to make **every first Sunday of the month** a "Garden Drop-in-Day" please feel free to drop in after the farmers market between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm if you would like to see what we are up to.

A few of us are usually at Green Drinks on the first Thursday of each month as well. For more information contact us at veggrowers@transitionhaslemere.org



We are going to be one of Waitrose's community groups of the month in February, so please give us all of your green tokens! We will be using the money donated to buy seeds and tools for this year, and to help improve the wildlife-proofing on our patch so we don't have to share so much of the produce with the deer!

Green Drinks



Green Drinks are back and the next one is on Thursday 2nd February from 7.30 to 9.30 pm at the bar of the Georgian Hotel. All are most welcome.

New Outlet for Used Furniture and White Goods

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Probably one of the most frustrating things in modern life is that fact that we send all sorts of good useable furniture and most frustratingly electrical goods to landfill.

In the old days charities could accept electrical goods; nowadays they don't because of "Health and Safety".

Surrey County Council have recently launched the Surrey Reuse Network furniture campaign which aims to increase the amount of furniture and white goods that are reused, aiming to divert 2,000 tonnes going into landfill.

The Surrey Reuse Network offers a wide range of good quality items at affordable prices. Made up of a group of six charities, the network aims to find new homes for donated furniture and kitchen appliances, as well as offering training and employment opportunities and helping local families in need. Buying reusable furniture and kitchen appliances is great value, good for the environment and hidden treasures may be found.

If you want to donate furniture or white goods then make a phone call and it will be picked up from you. Locally there are outlets in Bordon and Guildford.

For more information see the website www.surreyreusenet.org.uk.

Interested in bee keeping?

The Petersfield and District Bee Keepers Association are running basic courses in February and March to provide prospective bee keepers with

- An understanding of the ecological and economic importance of the honeybee.
- The basic knowledge required for the successful management of a colony of honeybees.



For more information see their website <http://www.pdbka.org.uk>.

Free Home Energy Audit Training



Would you like to learn the basics of undertaking a Home Energy Audit?

Action Surrey a group dedicated to helping homeowners, schools and businesses to reduce energy consumption, water consumption and fuel bills is looking for volunteers wishing to learn a new skill and train to be Home Energy auditors. A checklist and audit template is provided along with a CRB check and free training. You can undertake audits in the area where you live; they take about 1- 2

hours and a written report is submitted to the householder.

Training is offered on 24th of February 2012 (09.45 am to 17.00 pm) at Woking Borough Council Civic Offices. To book click here:

<http://homeenergyaudittraining2012.eventbrite.com>

Haslemere Design Statement



In May 2010 Haslemere Town Council voted that a Haslemere Design Statement (HDS) should be drawn up for the Haslemere area. Once adopted by Waverley Borough Council (WBC) it will become a 'material consideration' when planning applications are considered.

A group of enthusiastic and committed residents and organisations including Transition Haslemere consulted widely, including three informal public consultations at which over 4,400 comments were received, and taken expert advice to complete this project.

The resulting draft document has been scrutinised by WBC to ensure conformity with planning legislation.

All Haslemere residents are invited to view and read the draft HDS which can be found at www.haslemere.com/hds

Hard copies of the draft can be seen between 2.00 pm and 9.00 pm at each of the following venues:

- Haslemere Museum : 31st January
- The Hub , Beacon Hill: 1st February
- Haslewey Community Centre : 2nd January

Should you consider that anything could usefully be added, please e-mail at hds@haslemere.com with your observations.

Your comments must arrive before Sunday 26th February.

Dates for your diary

- Jan 30th Steering Group Meeting (Town Hall 7.30 pm)
- Jan 31st Haslemere Design Statement at the Museum (2.00 to 9.00 pm)
- Feb 1st Haslemere Design Statement at Beacon Hill (2.00 to 9.00 pm)
- Feb 2nd Haslemere Design Statement at Haslewey (2.00 to 9.00 pm)
- Feb 2nd Green Drinks at the Georgian Hotel (7.30 to 9.30 pm)
- Feb 5th Farmers' Market (10.00 am – 1.30 pm)
- Feb 5th Veg Growers Garden "Drop-in" L. Roundhurst Farm (11.00 am – 1.00 pm)
- Feb 24th Home Energy Audit Training (Woking Town Hall)
- Feb 26th Closing date for Design Statement comments

For more details on any of these dates please see the website www.transitionhaslemere.org or email info@transitionhaslemere.org

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