

## INTEREST IN THE ENVIRONMENT IS GROWING...

At the latest meeting of the Hackleton WEB (Wildlife, Environment & Biodiversity) Group, there were nearly twice as many of us present than last time, which is sign of positive growth...

The meeting took place in Carey Chapel on Tuesday March 5<sup>th</sup> and was attended by 20 people - including Jan Wood and Harry Mellor from **CA-WN** (Climate Action West Northants) who gave us a presentation on their activities and how we can make a difference. They gave out copies of their booklet "Claim Back Your Space -Working With Nature". You can read that and learn about them on their website:

<http://exchange.ca-wn.org/claim-back-your-space-3/>

Members of the various local groups gave updates on their work and shared information on other initiatives in which the wider community might wish to get involved These included:

**The Big Plastic Count**, a survey conducted by Greenpeace into household plastic waste. You were asked to count the number of different plastic items you recycled in one week (March 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>) and submit the results for a nationwide count. I will let you know the results in due course. Several of us took part. Apparently, nearly 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging are thrown away by UK households every year, and just 12% is recycled in the UK. You can read about The Big Plastic Count here: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

**The Green Machine**, a company that brings zero waste shopping to your doorstep. They have a mobile refill service that can serve villages or even deliver to your home. This cuts waste and reduces carbon emissions. There was a lot of interest at the meeting, and the Parish Council is also keen to be involved in bringing it to a location in Hackleton. Have a look at their website and sign up for more news. Find out more at: <https://www.greenmachinerefill.co.uk>, or Green Machine Refill Ltd on Facebook.

**Repair Café**, is nationwide initiative where, once a month, residents can take their damaged or broken items to get them repaired. Carey Chapel may provide the location; we are now looking for people who can repair household items and clothes. There's a brilliant set-up at Towcester that you can read about here: [repaircafe@renew169.org.uk](mailto:repaircafe@renew169.org.uk) This is a venture we would like to get underway in the near future.

You can see from the above that we are committed to the Three Rs: Reuse, Recycle, Reduce. By adding Repair, we hope to provide a further R to the mantra! Anyone can join our group. We meet quarterly, but we have an active email group, sharing thoughts, information and stories. We are committed to action, which is all-important for the future of our community, children and grandchildren. If you'd like to be involved, contact me: [royhawkesford@gmail.com](mailto:royhawkesford@gmail.com)

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