



Parish Councillor Network Meeting

Wednesday 20th July 2020

Project Updates

Agenda

- ❑ Welcome & Introductions
- ❑ Rural Wellbeing Service & Good Neighbours Schemes
- ❑ Sustainable Food Places
- ❑ The Grow Cook Eat project – Lorraine Hirst/Alex Copeland
- ❑ Grow Green Together Conference 12th September
- ❑ AOB:
 - Any questions
 - What would you like to discuss in future meetings?





Good Neighbour Schemes

Joanna Browning and Claire Yow

GNS Fieldworkers

The logo features a large, stylized heart shape formed by a thick orange line. Inside the heart, the words "RURAL WELLBEING SERVICE" are written in a bold, green, sans-serif font, stacked in three lines.

RURAL WELLBEING SERVICE

Bringing
health & wellbeing advice
to rural communities

NLCF Good Neighbours project

- ❑ National Lottery Community Fund providing over £272,000 for 3 years
- ❑ To set up and support 30 Good Neighbour schemes across North Northants. (we are still supporting new and existing schemes in West Northants)
- ❑ Covers 2 Fieldworkers to help set up the schemes and support them
- ❑ Up to £700 available to each scheme for set up costs (North Northants and parishes in Northampton only)



What are Good Neighbour Schemes?

- ❑ Volunteer led
- ❑ Community determined
- ❑ Low-level, reliable support
- ❑ Reassurance & confidence
- ❑ Independence & relief
- ❑ Combatting isolation & loneliness



Type of support offered

- ❑ Each scheme is different, it's what volunteers can offer e.g.
 - ❑ Household tasks
 - ❑ Transport
 - ❑ Befriending
 - ❑ Exercise
 - ❑ Administrative help
 - ❑ Shopping & prescriptions
 - ❑ Help with pets
 - ❑ Sharing skills, seeds, plants & paint
- ❑ A steering group will define what assistance they want to offer and within how large an area. Schemes can be in both rural and urban locations.



Setting up a scheme

- ▶ Identify need and volunteers through survey – we can provide a template
- ▶ To establish a Good Neighbour Scheme you will need as a minimum:
 - ❑ A steering group (2 to 4 volunteers)
 - ❑ A constitution
 - ❑ Bank account
- ▶ Scheme also requires insurance, mobile phone, you might like a laptop, marketing & publicity materials, DBS checks for volunteers and training.
- ▶ Scheme set-up is between £700-1000 and ongoing costs are very low.



How NACRE can help

- ❑ Up to £700 for start up costs*
- ❑ Support
- ❑ GNS Guide booklets
- ❑ Policies & Templates
- ❑ Evaluation forms
- ❑ Network opportunities
- ❑ Mentoring
- ❑ Training
- ❑ Celebration



I already run a community group, can I become a Good Neighbour Scheme?



- ☐ We welcome existing neighbourhood groups to join the network and access help and support.
- ☐ You do not need to change the name of the group, or your community offer, all we ask is that you have a constitution and bank account (so you can access funding) and that you have a safeguarding and equal opportunities policy.
- ☐ We do not interfere or take over a group- the group will still be managed and run by the community- we are just here to help and support if needed.

[www.northantsacre.org.uk/ good-neighbour-schemes](http://www.northantsacre.org.uk/good-neighbour-schemes)



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Sustainable Food Places

What is a Sustainable Food Place?

- ❑ Working across all aspects of the food system to solve some of today's most pressing social, environmental and economic issues.
- ❑ Was originally Sustainable Town Place but broadened out
- ❑ Helping local authorities, businesses and organisations take simple actions to tackle the climate and nature emergency through food:
<https://www.sustainablefoodplaces.org/>
- ❑ West Northants already registered as a SFP:
<https://goodfoodwnorthants.org/sustainablefoodplace.html>
- ❑ Several groups working on different aspects including climate change group.



North Northants Sustainable Food Network

- ❑ North Northants recently set up Sustainable Food Network
- ❑ Members include MiN, Voluntary Sector, Public Health, North Northants Council
- ❑ Working to become a registered place – applying in October.
- ❑ Logo developed and website due to go live from Monday 25th July: <https://nnsustainablefoodnetwork.co.uk/>
- ❑ Successfully received funding from Community Renewal Fund

**To ensure North Northamptonshire is a sustainable food place;
where everyone can enjoy healthy, local, affordable food;
communities can help shape their local food environment;
and where together we can work towards the eradication of food
poverty and insecurity**



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The key areas of the project

- ❑ Develop an online map of food producers, retailers, food banks, food larders and any other community organizations focused on food waste and poverty.
- ❑ In conjunction with MiN, pilot 3 food apps and an assessment tool for retail and hospitality businesses, the apps helping businesses to reduce food waste and encourage sustainability.
- ❑ Research the food chain system in the north of the county, then produce a report highlighting identifying any issues that were found with suggestions for how these might be rectified.
- ❑ Submit an application for North Northamptonshire to become a registered Sustainable Food Place.



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- ❑ The working title of the project is *Full*  *Circle*
- ❑ An agreed generic questionnaire for any organization that is contacted is agreed, this can be paperless and filled in on a laptop or phone.
- ❑ SharePoint portal set up .
 - Data base of contacts established with NACRE and MiN
 - Any Data collected can be easily analysed, therefore adding to the ease of the end report
- ❑ Introductions underway to all the researched and known contacts of interest.
- ❑ Online map developed
- ❑ Pilkington Communications marketing agency have been engaged to work on publicizing the project in anticipation of the launch.

Community Renewal Fund Apps

- ❑ The app licences have been bought and are being issued to interested parties.



Food Loop and Too Good To Go focus on reducing food waste



Zellar focuses on helping companies assess their sustainable status /score and offer help to improve it



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- Flyers have been generated which give contacts an easy overview of the apps and online map.

FULL CIRCLE

FOOD CHAIN, SUSTAINABILITY AND FOOD WASTE PROJECT

Be part of this amazing FREE 4 part pilot project to raise food chain awareness and introduce emerging technologies to support sustainability and food waste use in your North Northamptonshire business.

- 1 NORTH NORTHANTS INTERACTIVE FOOD CHAIN MAP AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD PLACE**
- 2 ZELLAR SUSTAINABILITY APPLICATION**
- 3 FOODLOOP BUSINESS TO BUSINESS FOOD WASTE MATCHING**
- 4 TOO GOOD TO GO BUSINESS TO CLIENT FOOD WASTE MATCHING**

FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/FULLCIRCLEPROJECT](https://bit.ly/fullcircleproject)

The food waste apps we are utilising come free to you as part of our pilot will link and introduce a comprehensive list of businesses, charities, community initiatives enabling us to upcycle and/or redistribute surplus food and maximise the amount that is repurposed and minimise the amount that ends up in the AD or landfill.

zellar

An online platform for recording local offset partnerships, emission reduction, renewable energy and low carbon technology with a recognisable format that fits to sector insights. This has been trialled across a number of sites with considerable engagement. zellar.com

Sustainable Food Place:
The project is working towards making North Northants a Sustainable Food Place. <https://www.sustainablefoodplaces.org/>
To do this we want to understand the food chain system within North Northamptonshire, the wide range of suppliers and providers that exist there and any issues they may be experiencing. We are carrying out several tasks to help with this, including developing a free online interactive map of hospitality outlets, food retailers, food banks and community food projects which can be accessed by the general public and others within the food industry.

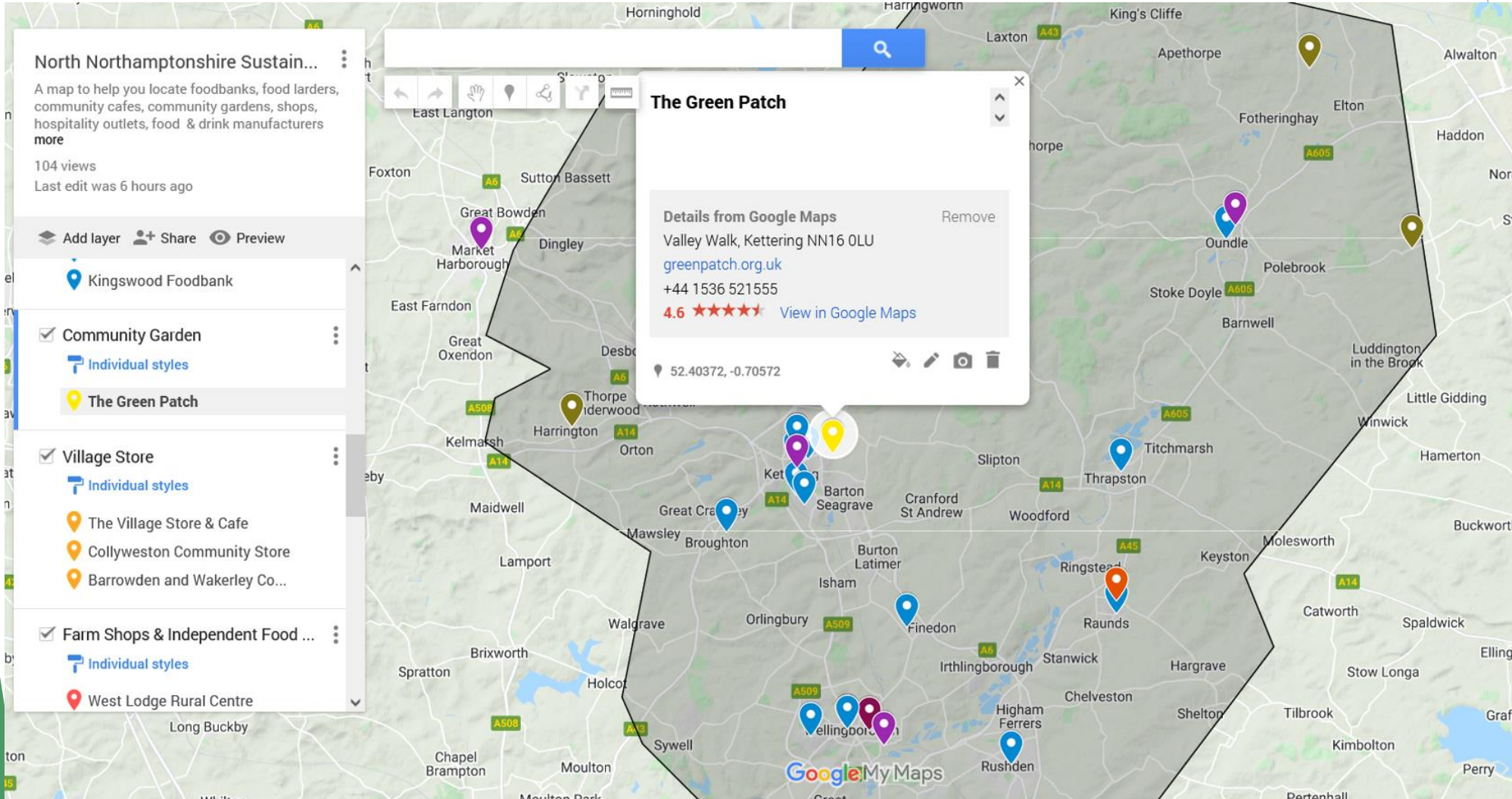
To complete the MiN / NACRE questionnaire and find out more use the QR code, follow the link below
<https://bit.ly/FullCircleProject>
Alternatively contact:
Jay@MadeinNorthamptonshire.org or
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The online map



Community Renewal Fund Next steps

- ❑ Continue to roll out licences for apps
- ❑ Monitor the engagement with the apps
- ❑ Go live with website and map
- ❑ Continue to research and make new contacts for map
- ❑ Work on engaging with Hospitals.
- ❑ Finalise report for NNC
- ❑ Complete evaluation of project (external company)
- ❑ Apply to SFP for registration
- ❑ Increase membership of the North Northants Sustainable Food Network
- ❑ For more details please contact:

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Grow, Cook, Eat project

Lorraine Hirst/Alex Copeland

The background features abstract green geometric shapes, including triangles and polygons, some of which are outlined in white. These shapes are layered and overlap, creating a modern, architectural feel. The colors range from light mint green to deep forest green.

Grow Green Together Conference



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE'S

GROW GREEN TOGETHER CONFERENCE

MAKING OUR COMMUNITY A GREENER PLACE



Representatives
from
West and North
Northants Councils

Russell Horsey
Urban Forester

Dr Janet Jackson
Senior Lecturer
Environmental Science
University of
Northampton

The Hunsbury Hill Centre
Monday 12th September
10AM - 4PM

Dr Mark Avery
Environmental
Campaigner

Tickets £25 each (includes lunch)
Book a ticket at:
<https://bit.ly/3oe6kWm>

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE'S

GROW GREEN

CONFERENCE

10am: Welcome and agenda for the day

10.15am: Dr Mark Avery, Environmentalist

Keynote speech: What does the environment do for me?
Q&A session

What can I do for the environment?

10.40am: Dr Janet Jackson, University of Northampton

10.55am: Russell Horsey, Woodland Dwelling

11.10am: Coffee and split into breakout groups.

12pm: Feedback and Panel session with Dr Janet Jackson, Russell Horsey and Alice Whitehead, Save our street trees

12.30pm: Lunch

1.15pm: Food panel discussion with Introduction from Shena Cooper, Fruitful Abundance

2.00pm: Council panel – Representatives from West and North Northants Councils.

3pm Coffee break

3.10pm: Developing sustainable food networks – breakout sessions with food networks and organisations working on food programmes including Sustainable Food Network North Northants and West Northants Sustainable Food Place.

3.40pm: Review of the day and Pledges

4pm: Close

In partnership with CAWN
and
University of Northampton

More details at: www.northantsacre.org.uk
Or Email acre@northantsacre.org.uk



Workshops

- ❑ Several workshops in run up to conference
- ❑ Some online and some in person
- ❑ All free

Thursday 4th August 11am. How to green your community building:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grow-green-together-how-to-green-your-community-building-tickets-384516207327>

Monday 8th August 5.30pm Butterfly Conservation in Northamptonshire

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grow-green-together-butterfly-conservation-tickets-384600268757>

Tuesday 23rd August 1.30pm. Nature tour of the UON Waterside Campus visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grow-green-together-uon-centre-tour-tickets-384617540417>



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