

Village Halls Week 2021

Village Halls Week starts on Monday, 25th January. This year it's a very special celebration because not only is it the ACRE Network's centenary year it's also our **75th birthday**. Northamptonshire ACRE was founded in 1946 and it's been our privilege to support village halls and their rural communities ever since. So, to mark this noteworthy year, we (working with National ACRE) have organised a packed schedule of events to celebrate Village Halls Week.

Domesday Book

National ACRE has created a Domesday Book for village halls to sign and record a century of rural community action. Use your entry to talk about what you're doing, the difference you make to your community and your hopes and plans for the future. This is a great opportunity to showcase your work alongside community halls from across England.

<https://acre.org.uk/news/2021-01-21-domesday-book-set-up-to-capture-the-work-of-village-halls-in-their-centenary-year>

Monday 25th January – BBC Radio Northampton

To kickstart the week, BBC Radio Northampton will be focusing on the importance of village halls – particularly over the past 12 months – and the challenges they face. Tune into the morning Breakfast programme and the afternoon Drive show. There'll be interviews with Northants ACRE's Community Facilities Adviser and trustees from Weedon Village Hall, Roade Village Hall, Broughton Village Hall, Moulton Community Centre, Yelvertoft Village Hall and Stanwick Village Hall.

Tuesday 26th January 10.30 am – FREE Northants ACRE Networking Event

As part of the week's celebrations, we're holding a networking event for community buildings via Zoom. There'll be a training session on safeguarding for village halls. So grab a cuppa and come and join us. If you'd like to participate, please contact frances.harris@northantsacre.org.uk.

Tuesday 26th January 2pm – National Rural Touring Forum

This virtual event gives you the opportunity to find out more about rural touring from NRTE, National ACRE partner and one of the supporters of this year's Village Halls Week. Use this link to register:

https://twitter.com/ACRE_national/status/1351208741782364161

Wednesday 27th January 10.30am – Beyond Covid

Join National ACRE for an online event sponsored by Norris & Fisher to find out how your village hall can recover from Covid-19. Use this link to National ACRE's webpage to book your place:

<https://acre.org.uk/our-work/village-halls-week>

Thursday 28th January 10.30am – a Zero Carbon Future for Village Halls

Be a part of a conversation about what the future holds for village halls and join an online event sponsored by Utility Aid to find out how your village hall can contribute to a zero-carbon future. Use this link to National ACRE's webpage to book your place:

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Friday 29th January 10.30am – 100 Years of Village Halls

Listen to a podcast sponsored by Allied Westminster with Louise Beaton OBE discussing the history of village halls. Louise is a special adviser to National ACRE and was recently recognised in the New Year's Honours for her long-standing dedication to village and community halls. Use this link to National ACRE's webpage to register your interest:

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