

The Village Viewpoint



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It has been an unprecedented few months since our last magazine was published and we hope that you have been able to stay safe and well during the coronavirus pandemic. Although it has been a difficult time for many people, the pandemic has also shown how wonderful communities can be when they come together to help each other, particularly the most vulnerable among them. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all those thousands of wonderful volunteers who have come forward to help their neighbours. You are our Community Champions.

Best wishes, Elaine O'Leary
Chief Executive Northamptonshire ACRE.

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The view from Northamptonshire ACRE



Did you know....

Northamptonshire ACRE (NACRE) is an independent charitable organisation that supports and assist rural communities across the county on a wide range of topics, from developing a community shop, pub or transport scheme, assistance with community and neighbourhood plans, flood risk management, to wanting to know more about the best energy efficiency measures for your hall or how to obtain affordable housing. We are passionate about helping your rural community achieve a vibrant, sustainable future that includes everyone.

Established for over 60 years, NACRE is dedicated to rural matters and we are in a unique position to provide bespoke support specifically tailored to meet the needs of our members such as Parish Councils and their residents. Our Community Facilities Advisor has been supporting village hall and community centre members for over 5 years, offering detailed knowledge and expertise especially around the governance and legislation issues that so many hall committees have to deal with.

We were designated as a Rural Community Council by the government many years ago and are one of 38 RCCs (one in each county) across England. Together, with our national body, ACRE, we form the ACRE Network. Like all the ACRE Network members, we work tirelessly to make sure the rural voice of England continues to be heard at a national and local level. So if there are issues that are vexing your community and which you would like us to highlight, please let us know. Our contact details are at the end of this magazine.



The Barns at Hunsbury Hill

We at Northamptonshire ACRE know we are lucky to be able to work in such a lovely environment as the Hunsbury Hill Centre and it seems many other people feel it is a lovely place to get married. We have a trading arm, **The Barns at Hunsbury Hill**, which runs events at the centre such as weddings, corporate and social meetings and wakes.

Our Events Co-Ordinator, Sarah Clarke, did a great job last year in encouraging couples to book at our venue and we had over 80 weddings held at The Barns in 2019. This enabled us to bring any surplus funding generated from the trading arm back into the charity and this is used to support our work with our members across the county.

Sadly this year due to the coronavirus, many of our weddings have had to be postponed to next year, which is upsetting for the couples who have often been planning their big day for many months. However it has given us time to get those little jobs done around the site that keep getting put off to a 'rainy day', so that everything will look wonderful when the weddings can restart.

We also cater for meetings, training events and workshops in our Low Barn or for those larger corporate events why not try our High Barn. There is free parking and wifi, access and facilities for those with mobility impairment and we can provide all refreshments and food from sandwiches to sit down meals to a hog roast.

Please contact our Events Co-ordinator Sarah Clarke at info@HunsburyHillCente.co.uk for more details.

The view from Northamptonshire

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Meet our new trustee - Miranda Wixon



"I am delighted to join the board of Trustees at Northamptonshire ACRE. Born on Dartmoor now living in rural Northamptonshire for the past 25 years I have a passion for the rights of people in rural life. Qualifying as a Nurse in London I went on to have a career in Senior Management and have always held voluntary sector positions alongside my full time job. I remain committed to speaking up on behalf of others to ensure equality of access to health and social care and for the rights and wellbeing of older and vulnerable people. In the past two years I have been volunteering for food charities and have been drawn by the largely unspoken food poverty that is prevalent in our society and is hidden especially in rural communities.

The current Coronavirus pandemic has changed the way that everyone thinks about food. From the empty supermarket shelves to school closures. 100% of our calorie intake was now taken at home. This only to deepen the marked inequalities that existed before the pandemic hit our shores. Working with SOFEA (South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance) and FareShare, the national leader in distribution of surplus food, I was supported to start an emergency larder project in Northamptonshire. With the support of NACRE, SNVB, Grand Union Housing Group and other charities I was able to identify people in all of the villages in South Northants that would help me to distribute food boxes to people isolating and in need. With no charge to individuals and no funding from the councils from 1 April to middle of June 2020 we were able :-

- * to deliver 10,000 food boxes;
- * 80 tonnes of food;
- * Making 20,000 meals;
- * Delivered into 90 towns and villages in South Northants and its surrounds to over 1850 individual homes representing 5000 people;
- * Working with 500 volunteers



It has been the most incredible mobilisation of volunteers in a generation. Total strangers coming together to help their neighbours in every village and every community within Northamptonshire. It has been a wonderful story to share with so many other volunteers and I am looking forward to working with NACRE to capture the essence that has helped Northamptonshire fight the Coronavirus so far for so many and to look to a post COVID world that has the rural communities at it's heart"

Would you like to become a Trustee?

If you are passionate about helping our rural communities and would like to join Miranda as a trustee, feel free to contact Elaine O'Leary for a chat. For more information on the role and to download an application form, see our website <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/trustees-northamptonshire-acre>

Northamptonshire's COVID-19 Community Champions

Sadly due to the coronavirus outbreak we have had to take the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 Northamptonshire Village Awards.

Normally throughout May and June our dedicated team of volunteer judges would be meeting to shortlist entries, travelling out across Northamptonshire to view the villages that have entered and meet their residents, then deciding on the gold, silver and bronze categories. This year it is not possible to hold our regular Northamptonshire Village Awards due to the measures we must all take to shield vulnerable members of our communities.



But the judges felt they wanted to show recognition of all the work that so many volunteers have been doing across the county to support those in need. Therefore we have decided to launch **Northamptonshire's COVID-19 Community Champions**. Groups across the county are invited to share details of the many ways they are supporting the more vulnerable in their community. Examples of the support provided can be in whatever way a group chooses, whether through stories, photos, video diaries or brief statements and examples of the best community initiatives will be brought together into a booklet celebrating Northamptonshire's volunteer champions. All entrants will receive a Community Champions certificate and will be invited to take part in a celebratory evening that Northamptonshire ACRE will host in Spring 2021.

To be part of the celebrations simply complete the online form at <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/covid-19> and [email](mailto:acre@northantsacre.org.uk) a supporting statement along with photos, videos or social media links that highlight how your group or village has supported your community during the pandemic. An example might be a lockdown video diary or photographs of foodbank volunteers delivering food parcels to neighbours. Entrants can nominate what they believe to be their best example of community spirit.

The deadline for entries is 31st August 2020

If you would like more information about Northamptonshire's COVID-19 Community Champions, please get in touch via email: acre@northantsacre.org.uk.

We look forward to receiving your entry!

Bringing the Rural to the Town: Project update



In the previous Village Viewpoint we told you about the exciting and ambitious project the charity has started with the Hunsbury Hill Centre '**Bringing the rural to the town**'. This project centres around the restoration and development of the Grade II listed farmhouse, outbuildings, hovels and the 13 acres of woodland, scrub and gardens.

The overall aim of the project is to enhance the Hunsbury Hill Centre to make it a secure base for NACRE, a valuable resource for the local community, a beacon for the rural communities that NACRE serves and an improved venue for the wedding and conference business. We are also determined that all the improvements will embrace green technology, environmental sustainability and recycling.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed GSS Architecture, Kettering to work with us in developing the site. GSS Architecture have recently worked on the renovation of Northampton Museum and have specialist experience of architecture for the conservation of historic buildings.



Northants ACRE is working with GSS to determine how best to develop the site so that it not only makes the most of all the buildings, continues to provide an excellent resource for events but also becomes a valuable community asset and rural beacon for our members, showcasing what can be done that groups can

The first phase of work is to enter an Expression of Interest to the National Lottery Heritage Fund followed by a development application, once the Heritage Fund reopens its programmes. It is also hoped that we will be able to hold our postponed community festival in early Summer 2021 in order to share our ideas and work with our members and the wider community. Please keep an eye out on our website for further updates on the progress of the project. We would love for you or your community to be involved.

<https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/rural-town-0>

A Tribute to Mr Edward George Burman 1927—2020

We at Northamptonshire ACRE are always keen to find out more about the heritage of the Hunsbury Hill Farm as it has a fascinating history. We have opened the site up a number of times for the national Heritage Open Days and a few years ago we had an unexpected visitor to the site on one of these days.



Ted with his mother Angelina who continued to live at the cottage till her death.

Edward George Burman or 'Ted' as he was always called, was born at Hunsbury Hill Farm Cottage on 24/12/1927. His mother Angelina and his father George lived at the Farm with her parents.. Ted grew up with his sister Ada on the Hunsbury Hill Farm and loved the tranquil, rural life. As a boy, he helped with the harvest, hay making, ploughing with horses and milking the dairy herd by hand. He grew up with Dick, Jack and Bill Rose whose family worked the farm. Dick still lives in a cottage on the site to this day!

Ted attended Rothersthorpe Elementary School until he was 14 years old and then left to become an apprentice at Matthew's Iron Works as a wheelwright making wheels for carts. He loved this work and he became very skilled at his job. Ted seemed to be very good at making things with his hands throughout his life whether that was working as a body builder at Aston Martin, where he made the ash frames for those wonderful hand built cars, building a tandem with his best friend Harry, which they used to tour all over Britain, making his own fireworks or designing and creating his own boat! Not everything he built was completely successful - the ski bike he made for his children looked fantastic but unfortunately, the braking and steering system had not been tested. It went like a rocket but there was no alternative but to bail out or crash!

Besides his many building projects, Ted was a proficient skater, loved to dance, developed a successful tennis club and continued to enjoy the rural life he had grown up with , especially shooting and fishing. He met his wife Pat when she was working at the Northampton Library and they were married at St Michael's Church, Kettering 1955. They had two children, Jane and Jeremy. Later in his working life, Ted joined Bells in Kingsthorpe. Pat had become a draughts woman and Ted started to fit the beautifully made marble fire places (that Pat had drawn to scale and hand coloured) into customer's homes . One of those fireplaces is still in Mrs Burman's cottage!

Sadly age finally caught up with Ted and Pat, who became ill with cancer and dementia. Ted looked after her at home right until the end of her life and with the help of his children, continued to live at home afterwards. Ted was quite content with his own company. Having been lucky enough to have had such an interesting and varied life, he loved to tell everyone about the past.



Ted outside his old family cottage.

Lockdown was an upsetting time for Ted especially as it meant he could not see his grandchildren, his great granddaughter or meet his new little great grandson. He had suffered with COPD for many years and had developed a chest infection, which made him breathless. Sadly, on the date of his Mother's birthday 16th May 2020 Ted passed away peacefully at home.

We are glad that Ted got to see his old home one more time before he died and the staff and Trustees at Northamptonshire ACRE send their condolences to the Burman family.

Our NLCF Good Neighbour Schemes project



Thank you to the National Lottery Community Fund, which has awarded us over £272,000 to set up Good Neighbour schemes in Northamptonshire

In our last edition we announced that we had been awarded over £272,000 from the National Lottery Community Fund to establish further Good Neighbour schemes in Northamptonshire. The new funding means we can assist up to 30 rural communities across Corby, Wellingborough, Kettering and East Northamptonshire to set up Good Neighbour schemes over the next 3 years.



As the song goes... Everybody Needs Good Neighbours!

These initiatives are run by local volunteers to provide day to day support to other residents in their community who have low level needs and may require help or activities on an occasional or regular basis. This could be collecting prescriptions, dog walking, tidying a garden, changing a plug, providing a lift to the shops, visiting/phoning a resident for chats or taking them to a new activity in the village. This project will enable up to 600 local volunteers to directly support more than 1,000 vulnerable community members – mostly isolated, older people and carers. Together, they'll build stronger relationships and help to lessen some of the loneliness that so many rural residents can go through.

Any group that wants to become a scheme will receive assistance from NACRE with surveys to ascertain need, templates of policies, procedures and constitutions, toolkits and guides, links to other schemes, regular network meetings and support to set up activities to bring residents together. Each new scheme can also apply for up to £700 from the project to help them cover the cost of insurance, DBS checks, publicity and a mobile phone in their first year.

If you would like to know more about Good Neighbour schemes, you can find further details on our website at: <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/good-neighbour-schemes> or tel. 01604 765888. Or maybe you would like to put your village forward to be one of the 30 we support to set up a scheme. If so please contact Jenni Hedges, Rural Officer to arrange a chat with her and to find out more details. Jenni can be contacted by email: jennifer.hedge@northantsacre.org.uk or tel. 01604 765888.

The money raised by the National Lottery Community Fund is distributed to good causes and is the largest community funder in the UK. Since June 2004, the National Lottery has made over 200,000 grants and awarded over £9 billion to projects that have benefited millions of people. To find out more about the projects they fund or to apply for funding go to: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>



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Northamptonshire ACRE can help you support your community to set up a Good Neighbourhood Scheme as part of our National Lottery project.

What is a Good Neighbours Scheme?

A Good Neighbours Scheme is established by communities and run by local residents to provide support to their neighbours who may need help on a regular or occasional basis.

By registering the schemes will get:

- Free support, advice and resources
- Training
- Up to £700 of grant funding (East Northants, Kettering, Corby and Wellingborough)
- Become part of a larger network of groups with a new forum
- Regular networking meetings



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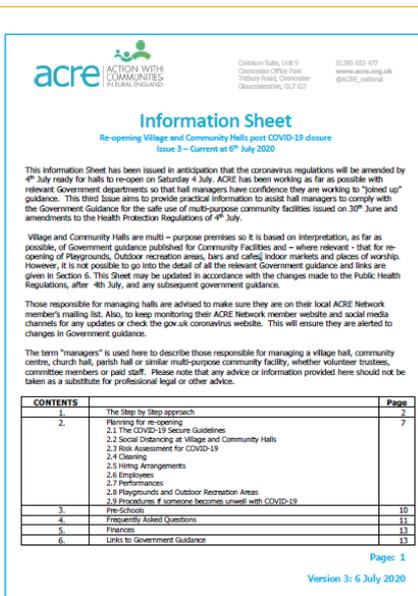
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Latest community transport directory



Our Northamptonshire Community Transport Directory 2020 is now available for any community group, village or individual to download for free from our website: <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/new-community-transport-directory-now-available>. The directory gives information on all the current known community transport schemes across the county and identifies the villages each one serves. Alternatively contact Jenni Hedges on jennifer.hedges@northantsacre.org.uk for a copy of the directory.

ACRE Village Hall Information sheet re opening of halls



Information Sheet
Re-opening Village and Community Halls post COVID-19 closure
Issue 3 - Current as of 6th July 2020

This information sheet has been issued in anticipation that the coronavirus regulations will be amended by 4th July ready for halls to re-open on Saturday 4 July. ACRE has been working as far as possible with relevant Government departments so that hall managers have confidence they are working to "joined up" guidance. This third issue aims to provide practical information to assist hall managers to comply with the Government Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities issued on 30th June and amendments to the Health Protection Regulations of 4th July.

Village and Community Halls are multi-purpose premises so it is based on interpretation, as far as possible, of Government guidance published for Community Facilities and - where relevant - that for re-opening of Playgrounds, Outdoor recreation areas, bars and cafes, indoor markets and places of worship. However, it is not possible to go into the detail of all the relevant Government guidance and links are given in Section 6. This Sheet may be updated in accordance with the changes made to the Public Health Regulations, after 4th July, and any subsequent government guidance.

Those responsible for managing halls are advised to make sure they are on their local ACRE Network member's mailing list. Also, to keep monitoring their ACRE Network member website and social media channels for any updates or check the gov.uk coronavirus website. This will ensure they are alerted to changes in Government guidance.

The term "managers" is used here to describe those responsible for managing a village hall, community centre, church hall, parish hall or similar multi-purpose community facility, whether volunteer trustees, committee members or paid staff. Please note that any advice or information provided here should not be taken as a substitute for professional legal or other advice.

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If you are a village hall committee, community building provider or playing field association, this has been an especially difficult time for you. After managing the closure of your facility, you have now had to prepare for its re-opening. Arguably, this requires far greater planning than the relatively straight forward process of closing. Thankfully, National ACRE has produced a detailed information sheet (Issue 3 dated 6 July) setting out what you need to do in order to make your facility Covid-19 secure. This third Issue provides practical information to assist hall managers to comply with the Government Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities.

The information sheet is available to all Community Facilities members by contacting Frances Harris: frances.harris@northantsacre.org.uk or tel. 01604 765888.

Future Training and Events



Parish Councillors Network Events

Over the last year we have held several Councillor network meetings and discussed a range of topics as part of our Resilient Communities theme: how rural residents can prepare to lessen the impact of any crisis that might arise so that the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in the local area are increased. These network meetings are an opportunity for Parish Councillors to meet up with other Councillors, in an informal setting, discuss issues or concerns relating to their Parish, share ideas and knowledge and if possible, hear from external speakers on topics of relevance to their work. Sadly due to the coronavirus pandemic, it is not possible to have our normal face to face meetings but instead we are going online!

The slides and notes from previous network meetings can be accessed on our website: <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/parish-councillor-network-meetings>. If you would like more information about these events, please email acre@northantsacre.org.uk or tel. 01604 765888.

Increasing the biodiversity of your community



Tuesday 28th July

4pm to 6pm

via Zoom

Theme: Increasing the biodiversity of your Parish

Increasing the biodiversity of your parish is a follow on to our recent meeting in February that looked at how villages and rural communities could become carbon neutral and help mitigate the effects of climate change on their environment.

Some of the areas that Councillors might like to discuss:

- What does biodiversity mean and how does it affect a rural community
- What is your community doing to increase the biodiversity of your area
- Do you have any biodiversity/ carbon neutral plans?
- Community energy schemes - is there interest?
- Developing a 'green database' of good practice from rural communities
- Northamptonshire Climate Change Strategy 2020 - 2023
- Possible funding pots



We will have a presentation from **Richard Hollingum, Trustee Northants ACRE**, about the exciting project that is taking place at the Hunsbury hill Farm and which we hope will become a beacon of best practice for biodiversity and green projects for our members.

For more information and to book a place email: acre@northantsacre.org.uk. Alternatively you can book a free place via our Eventbrite page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parish-councillors-network-improving-the-biodiversity-of-your-community-tickets-112495489036>

Future Training and Events



Village Halls Training - Understanding Your Governing Document

Late September 2020 - Date TBC

10am to 12pm

via Zoom

Cost: £25 members and £30 non-members

The training will look at governing documents for community facility charities such as village halls and playing fields. Areas covered will include:

- * Types of governing document
- * Appointment of trustees
- * Charitable objects
- * Dissolution clauses
- * Power to amend
- * S.280 Charities Act 2011

This is ideal training for Village hall and Community Centre Trustees who would like a better understanding of their charity's governing document. It would also be of help to committees who are considering undertaking a review of their governing document with a view to amending it.

The training will be delivered by Northamptonshire ACRE's Community Facilities Adviser and places are limited. The date of the training will be confirmed shortly. To book or for more information, please contact acre@northantsacre.org.uk or tel. 01604 765888.

Community training - Communities Prepared

October 2020 - Date TBC

2pm to 4pm

Via Zoom

Communities Prepared is a nationwide community resilience programme aiming to equip volunteer organisations in communities across the country with the knowledge and tools to effectively prepare for, respond to and recover from, emergencies such as flooding, snow, other severe weather events and utility failures. The programme has backing from the National Lottery with additional support from the Prince's Countryside Fund and SSSEN.



As a partner of Communities Prepared, we are able to deliver training resources for volunteer organisations and leaders. Our trainer will help your community learn how you can be prepared for natural emergencies as well as man-made or civil emergencies and will provide resources to take away and support what you have covered. You will also be shown how to become a member of Communities Prepared and be able to access the advices, resources and network.

Further details will be issued shortly. For more information email Jennifer.Hedges@northantsacre.org.uk or tel. 01604 765888.



Spotlight on...

Happy @ Home

Happy @ Home helps to reduce the feelings of isolation in elderly residents across West Northants, enabling them to remain living independently in their own homes. This is done through befriending, currently via phone calls. Volunteers and elderly people are matched through the scheme and get to know each other through the calls, building friendships, support and reducing social isolation. Happy @ Home is run by Daventry Volunteer Centre and Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire for residents in Daventry District, South Northants and Northampton.

View their video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=UTbjPjiWwP8&feature=emb_logo



**Happy
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Happy@Home Northampton Service update

Happy@Home Northampton will accept referrals for telephone befriending and also any applications or interest from potential telephone volunteers.

So if you know of either a lonely person or a possible telephone volunteer please let us know!

07718 651631 or happyathome@voluntaryimpact.org.uk



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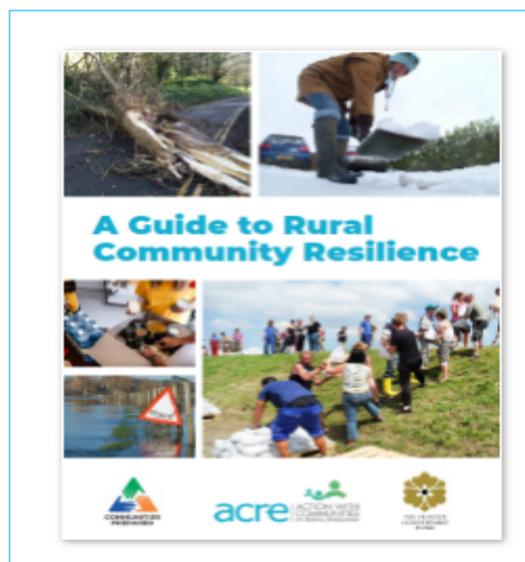


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New guide to Rural Community Resilience

From floods to pandemics – resilience for rural communities at times of crisis



Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) has published a new guide with Communities Prepared (a Groundwork South initiative) to help rural communities become more resilient in the face of emergencies.

Drawing on the experience of local rural charities and existing initiatives, the guide provides practical tips for rural residents to prepare for, and help each other, at times of crisis. It shows how volunteer groups can be set up to develop emergency plans that identify local risks, and maps out the resources and support which can be mobilised should situations arise that threaten the health, wellbeing and livelihoods of people in the local area.

Financial backing for the guide has been primarily provided by The Prince's Countryside Fund, with additional support from The National Lottery Community Fund.

This essential guide will make it possible for everyone in the countryside to recognise the risks to their community, understand what can be done to prepare for them, and be familiar with the emergency actions that can be taken in conjunction with other agencies should the worst happen.

To get your copy of the guide, or for more information about how Northamptonshire ACRE can support your community to build resilience please email acre@northantsacre.org.uk.



Future Northants— New Unitary Councils

Local government in Northamptonshire is facing it's biggest change!

Government legislation has now been passed to create a new West Northamptonshire unitary authority serving the areas of Daventry District, Northampton and South Northants, and a new North Northamptonshire unitary authority serving Wellingborough, Kettering, Corby and East Northants. These two new councils will start providing services to the residents and businesses of Northamptonshire in April next year.



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The existing eight councils are working together on preparations to create the two new councils. The new unitary councils will be responsible for all public services provided to residents in their areas – currently these are split between the district and borough councils and the county council, which can seem fragmented to residents, as well as being more costly to deliver in some cases.

In March 2020, Leaders and Chief Executives of the 8 Northamptonshire Councils met the County's MPs to discuss the progress made on Local Government Reform. At the meeting it was agreed that significant benefits could be achieved if everyone looked at delivering a single integrated plan for the transformation.



PROSPECTUS FOR CHANGE: An integrated plan for Local Government Reform and Transformation in Northamptonshire sets out the group's thoughts and key priorities for the Local Government Reform programme. The aim is that positive outcomes for residents and businesses should drive everything that is done.

The document can be downloaded at: https://futurenorthantswest.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/LGR_Prospectus_for_Change.pdf

In the video update below the Leaders of the new North and West Northamptonshire Shadow authorities, Cllr Roberts and Cllr McCord, highlight the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the next chapter of the journey to create the two new unitary councils by April next year. With many council resources countywide focused on dealing with the Covid-19 response, the scope of the Future Northants Programme is currently being reviewed to understand what needs to be done and can be delivered to create the new unitary councils on 1 April 2021. View the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=faX23Lv6q7s&feature=youtu.be>

If you are a Parish Council and would like more information about the Local Government Reform programme, please contact Northants CALC. More details are on their website: <https://www.northantscalc.com/> or tel. 01327 831482.



Spotlight on...

Northamptonshire's Community Resilience Hub
#NorthantsTogether

The Northamptonshire Community Resilience Hub runs the Community Resilience Service that was set up in response to the coronavirus pandemic with the aim of co-ordinating requests for help. This is done in conjunction with the District and Borough Councils. The Resilience Service maps any requests received by area and links them up with local community groups, volunteers and voluntary organisations who have pledged their support.

Northants Together continue to receive calls from members of the public who need help, so please promote the number where you can to anyone who needs assistance and help to support Northamptonshire's vulnerable residents.

You can email customerservices@northamptonshire.gov.uk or the dedicated support line number is:

0300 126 1000 (option 5)

The Community Resilience Hub has published regular updates about its work. If you are helping someone in need and have a Twitter or Facebook account, please post about your role using the hashtag #NorthantsTogether. Your post may be included in the Hub update.

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The Community Resilience Hub 100 days update is now available to be downloaded at: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/Documents/Special%20edition%20100%20days%20Community%20resilience%20update.pdf>



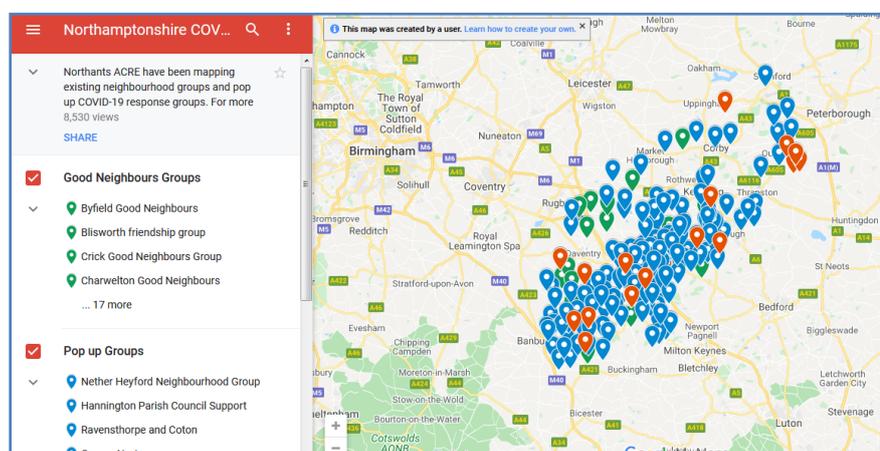
COVID-19 and Mutual Aid Groups



Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen an unprecedented number of groups spring up across the county to help provide support to the more vulnerable residents of their community. The response to the crisis has been fantastic by both local people and the voluntary sector. Northamptonshire ACRE has been working with many of these pop-up groups to ensure they have the necessary support and resources to help them with their volunteering.

Jenni Hedges, our Rural Officer, has produced an Emergency Community response pack, which each group has received. The pack provides information about ensuring volunteers keep themselves safe, along with examples of various policies such as safeguarding, data protection, lone working and others. The pack also provides advice on how any COVID-19 group, wishing to sustain the work they are doing on a longer term basis, can become a Good Neighbour scheme. If any COVID-19 or Good Neighbour scheme groups would like a copy of the pack, please email Jennifer.hedges@northantsacre.org.uk or tel. 01604 765888.

Jenni has also produced a map of all the COVID-19 groups and Good Neighbour schemes that we have been working with in the county, which can be viewed at: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1FpYTeCpAoVNUzpkTQTPDSeM-uk4GiIBB&ll=52.28534850695994%2C-0.8279635499999305&z=9>



If your group is not on the map but you would like it to be, please contact Jenni and she will be happy to add the details: Jennifer.hedges@northantsacre.org.uk or tel. 01604 765888.

Local and National News



Public Health Northants EqIA

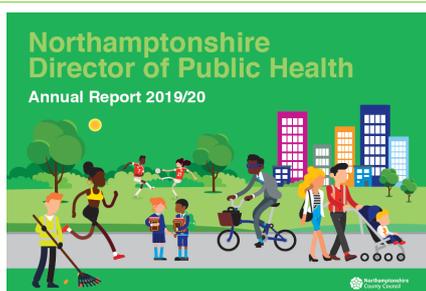
Public Health Northamptonshire has published a coronavirus Equality Impact Assessment that was developed for Northamptonshire Ethics Advisory Group. The assessment explores the impact of the pandemic on different groups of people over various timescales and what any potential mitigations might be.

The EqIA is a snapshot in time in May 2020, so is not the definitive answer it recognises that further impacts and factors will become apparent over the coming months. However it does provide a population level overview that allows organisations to carry out their own more detailed EqIA action plan by clicking on the 'Action' button on each page. PHN is keen to have your feedback about the document and especially whether your organisation has used the action plan.

The EqIA can be downloaded at: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/adult-social-care/policies/Documents/COVID-19%20EqIA.xlsx>

Population Group	Demographic Overview	Covid-19 Impacts	Summary on a Page [Print Version] <i>(opens in Internet Browser)</i>
Population Overview			SUMMARY
Assets & Benefits		IMPACTS	SUMMARY
Age over 18	OVERVIEW	IMPACTS	SUMMARY
Age under 18	OVERVIEW	IMPACTS	SUMMARY
Cancer	OVERVIEW	IMPACTS	SUMMARY
Carers	OVERVIEW	IMPACTS	SUMMARY
Dementia	OVERVIEW	IMPACTS	SUMMARY
Disability	OVERVIEW	IMPACTS	SUMMARY

Northants Director of Public Health report 2019-20



Every year Directors of Public Health in England have a statutory duty to write an Annual Public Health Report to demonstrate the state of health within their communities. The 2019-20 annual report has been published and can be downloaded from the Public Health Northants page: <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/health/health-and-wellbeing-board/Pages/jsna-and-reports.aspx>. Last year's report focussed on health inequalities across the county and this year's

report builds on that, identifying the underlying causes of poor health and providing ideas for action that could be adopted locally to address them.



Spotlight on...



Whilst Coronavirus presents a significant long-term threat to the health of our rural communities, we are keen to shine a light on the ways rural residents are coming together and helping each other at this time. Over the last few years Northamptonshire ACRE has supported the development of Good Neighbours Schemes across the county and one such is Byfield Good Neighbours. www.byfieldgoodneighbours.com

Rachel Johnston, Secretary for Byfield Good Neighbours Scheme outlined some of the ways they have supported their neighbours during the pandemic. 'Our initial aim was to reduce trips and contact for all Byfielders, so we focussed first on streamlining shopping and it's distribution and the village's prescriptions, with a rota for deliverers that tracked who went to whose property and spread out their volunteering efforts with plenty of time in between requests.' A WhatsApp group was established and Karen the 'Shopping General' organised a team of deliverers to distribute shopping requests safely around the village. Karen even arranged group sourcing efforts from a fruit & veg wholesaler who delivered twice weekly orders, and large bags of flour and potatoes that could be shared by all those who needed it.

Although Byfield had a good bank of volunteers going in to the crisis, a significant number of them needed to shield, so the group were always considering how they could be included in the Good Neighbours activity for the village. For some, this was making friendly care calls to those feeling lonely, or sourcing items from their sheds or kitchen cupboards when a request was put out. Other initiatives were the Plant and Seed Exchange, which was a roaring success, regular delivery of papers to a core set of villagers, a website with weekly quizzes posted, village virtual scavenger hunts, sharing photos of favourite spots, resources for home-schooling, and 93 year old Dorothy happy to coach villagers on what could be created out of their pantry shelves! The full details of Byfield's fantastic efforts, along with stories from the many other Good Neighbour schemes who did such fantastic work during lockdown, can be found on our website at: <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/good-neighbour-schemes>

Here are some impressive statistics that highlight how so many have benefited from this service in Byfield. We thank Rachel and all of the Good Neighbours Scheme volunteers in Byfield for all that they do.

And thank you to all our wonderful Good Neighbour volunteers in so many villages.

We appreciate everyone who is joining in & supporting Good Neighbours

HERE ARE THE LATEST STATS TO PROVE THAT YOU'RE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

-  **425 calls fielded**
-  **641 shopping requests**
-  **15 newspapers a week plus 64 other tasks**
-  **nearly 700 nice surprises!**
-  **1462 prescriptions**
-  **50 masks hand-made**

 **DELIVERED**

420 households in the village (out of 580 ish houses) are involved with Good Neighbours either volunteering, receiving deliveries or both - **that's 72+%!!!!**

It's time to celebrate
Northamptonshire's
Covid-19 2020



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE INVITES ALL NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUPS TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATIONS OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S COVID-19 2020 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS.

THESE CELEBRATIONS WILL SHOWCASE ALL THE WONDERFUL WORK THAT VOLUNTEERS ARE DOING DURING THE PANDEMIC.

TO BE PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS SIMPLY FILL IN OUR ONLINE FORM AND TELL US HOW YOUR GROUP HAS SUPPORTED OTHERS DURING THIS PANDEMIC.

ALL FORMS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE 31ST AUGUST 2020.

**FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.NORTHANTSACRE.ORG.UK**



Funding news: COVID-19 support



Heritage Emergency Fund – The National Lottery Heritage Fund

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has put together a £50million fund to support the heritage sector as an immediate response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The UK-wide fund - money raised from The National Lottery - will address immediate pressures over the next few months for those organisations most in need. It is now open for applications until 30 June.

The £50m fund is available for grants of between £3,000 and £50,000. It is available to organisations across the full breadth of heritage, including historic sites, industrial and maritime heritage, museums, libraries and archives, parks and gardens, landscapes and nature. Organisations which have received funding in the past or are either a current grantee, or still under contract following a previous grant, can apply.

Priority will be given where:

- there is limited or no access to other sources of support
- where heritage is most at risk
- where an organisation is at risk of severe financial crisis due to coronavirus (COVID-19)

For more information go to: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/heritage-emergency-fund-launches-help-sector-updated>

Government £200 million Coronavirus Community Support Fund

The Government's new £200 million Coronavirus Community Support Fund has opened for applications. The fund which is being administered through the National Lottery Community Fund has two key objectives:

1. To increase community support to vulnerable people affected by the COVID-19 crisis; and
2. to reduce temporary closures of essential charities and social enterprises, ensuring services for vulnerable people impacted by COVID-19 have the financial resources to operate, and so reduce the burden on public services.



Charities and not for profit organisations will be able to apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000 or for grants above £10,000. Decisions on funding will be made within weeks. Applications can be submitted at any time. Go to: <https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/covid-19/learn-about-applying-for-emergency-funding-in-ai> for more information.

Government support for businesses during COVID-19

If you are a business, it's not too late to apply for the financial support offered by the government during this coronavirus pandemic. Find out about business rates relief, whether you are eligible for the Coronavirus small business grant or Retail, Hospitality and Leisure grant, Bounce Back Loan, support for the self-employed and much more at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-support-for-businesses-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

HM Government

Support for business

Funding news cont: COVID-19 support



National Lottery Community Fund has announced they are working with five other organisations to distribute £45 million. The partnerships will focus on supporting specialist organisations that work with those communities that have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19:

* **COVID-19 Homelessness Response Fund (£5 million)**

Provide financial relief to small and medium sized homelessness charities to adapt their service delivery to respond to the crisis and what they have learnt over the last few months about how to deliver services to people experiencing homelessness during a pandemic. Deadline is 3rd August.

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/connect/blogs/2020/jul/13/covid-19-homelessness-response-fund-launches-second-round-of-funding>.

* **COVID-19 Community Led Organisations Recovery Scheme (£10 million)**

To support community-led organisations with particular interest in funding BAME-led or BAME-supporting organisations. Deadlines on 28th July, 4th August and 11th August (open and close on the same day).

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/get-support/programmes/covid-19-community-led-organisations-recovery-scheme/>

* **Community Justice Fund (£5 million)**

To support specialist social welfare advice organisations, providing flexible support so that organisations can respond to the challenges in ways that best meet their beneficiaries' needs but for which they do not currently have the funds. Operating on a rolling weekly basis as applications come in, with no fixed deadline.

<https://www.communityjusticefund.org.uk/>

* **Barrow Cadbury Trust Covid-19 Support Fund (£5.15 million)**

To specifically target small and medium sized voluntary sector groups supporting migrants and refugees. Deadline is 2nd August.

<https://www.barrowcadbury.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes/covid-19-support-fund/>

Other funding pots:

BBC Children in Need and Youth Futures Foundation (£6 million)

Inspiring Futures Programme aims to improve the employment prospects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. Grants of between £10,000 and £80,000 are available for projects that help children and young people to build the confidence and skills they need as they develop, supporting them to secure employment and fulfil their career aspirations. Deadline is 31st July.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/>



Support for UK Arts, Culture and Heritage sector

The Government has announced a £1.57 billion package of support for the UK's arts, culture and heritage sector to 'help weather the impact of coronavirus'. The package will be delivered through a mix of grants and loans and capital investment. To find out more go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/157-billion-investment-to-protect-britains-world-class-cultural-arts-and-heritage-institutions#:~:text=Britain's%20globally%20renowned%20arts%2C%20culture,coronavirus%2C%20the%20government%20announced%20today.>



Funding news cont: COVID-19 support



Northamptonshire Community Foundation - Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is the leading independent grant-making charity in the county and work with fund holders and donors to ensure projects make a sustainable impact on local needs, helping our donors make the most of their charitable giving. A second wave of funding for NCF's Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund is now available and focuses on two areas:



Crisis Response Grants

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to support community action to help vulnerable people affected by the Covid-19 outbreak. NCF aims to make funding decisions as quickly as possible on a rolling basis while the fund is open. All grants will be paid by BACS and you may receive a telephone call from a member of the team about your application to help speed up the decision making process.

Strategic Response Grants - Only for applications covering Corby and Kettering

Grants between £10,000 - £20,000 to strategically support community action to help vulnerable people affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. You must evidence how you are working collaboratively with other agencies and organisations to address an urgent need with a co-ordinated response. Partnership applications are especially welcome with a lead organisation applying. They aim to make funding decisions as quickly as possible on a rolling basis while the fund is open. All grants will be paid by BACS and you may receive a telephone call from a member of the team about your application to help speed up the decision making process.

To discuss a strategic response proposal please contact Rachel McGrath: rachel@ncf.uk.com

The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust: Charity Survival Fund (£10 million fund)



The fund will provide core funding to help charities, to offset lost income in the current financial year. UK charities operating in the Trust's priority areas (Health and Wellbeing, Welfare and Education, Arts and Culture) with an income of below £5 million and experienced a loss of income due to Covid-19 are eligible to apply. Grant size is dependent on charity income size, for example, a charity with an income over £500,000 can apply for a grant up to £250,000. Deadline is 27th July.

<https://www.juliahansrausingtrust.org/charity-survival-fund/>

Forthcoming funding opportunity:

Comic Relief and National Emergencies Trust (£3.4 million)

Comic Relief has partnered with the National Emergencies Trust to award £3.4m worth of grants to 10 BAME- led organisations who will distribute the funding to small and micro projects across the UK. This includes £2.75m in emergency funding from the NET's Coronavirus Appeal. These grants will be available from mid-July and each organisation will set their criteria and grant amounts individually, with applicants applying to them directly.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/news/comic-relief-delivers-3-4-million-fund-for-bame-led%20projects/>



Funding news cont...



GSK IMPACT Awards 2021



Watch last year's winner on Youtube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=7e00e46hHc8&feature=emb_logo

This award is administered by the Kings Fund and provides funding, training and development for charities doing excellent work to improve people's health and wellbeing.

The awards provide organisations with an important quality mark. Winning organisations are visited by a photographer, have a professional film made about their work and receive support with press and publicity. The GSK IMPACT Award winners are presented with their awards at a ceremony in central London. With up to 400 guests in attendance, the event provides an excellent opportunity to showcase work and raise profile. The overall winner will receive £40,000.

Deadline is 14th September. https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gsk-impact-awards/how-to-apply?gclid=Cj0KCQjwupD4BRD4ARIsABJMmZ8zkwMushmOh8Ljxc3ilHff3Noob_DCE2vEDmiDndiypJk8QtVnEHwaAio_EALw_wcB

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme



Gigabit-capable broadband connections offer the fastest and most reliable speeds available, and the Government "is committed to a vision of a digitally connected Britain."

Homes and businesses in rural areas of the UK may be eligible for funding towards the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband when part of a group scheme. The scheme, run by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, provides rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps vouchers worth £1,500 per home and up to £3,500 for each small to medium-sized business (SME) to support the cost of installing new fast and reliable connections.

More information is available via the website. <https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

Opening
Soon

Armed Forces Covenant Fund:

Tackling Loneliness Programme - Due July 2020. Up to £60,000 over 2 years for projects to reduce social isolation amongst Armed Forces families, including veterans.

Forces for Change Programme - Due August 2020. Up to £20,000 for projects focused on delivering support rather than activities.

<https://covenantfund.org.uk/programmes/>

Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund

The England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT), hosted by Birmingham City Council, is providing grant funding for local groups that want to raise awareness of the issues of illegal money lending in their community. The funding has come from the proceeds of crime taken from convicted illegal money lenders. The closing date for applications is 31st August 2020. More details and application form at: <https://www.stoploansharks.co.uk/cash-seized-from-loan-sharks-to-fund-community-projects/>

Funding news cont...



Northamptonshire Virtual Funding Fair 2020

Tuesday 28th July to Thursday 30th July 2020

10am - 3pm

This virtual funding fair is being organised by Kettering Voluntary Network, Daventry Volunteer Centre and Kettering Borough Council. It will take place over 3 days with the opportunity to hear presentations from a number of funders including the National Lottery Community Fund and Northamptonshire Community Foundation.

Further details and how to book will be published at www.thisisKettering.com/funding/fair.

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ARE YOU A COMMUNITY GROUP WHO REQUIRES FUNDING?



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VIRTUAL FUNDING FAIR 2020

Tuesday 28th July – Thursday 30th July,
10am – 3pm

You are invited to the Northamptonshire Virtual Funding Fair 2020

Due to current circumstances, we will be holding a virtual funding fair via Zoom over a three day period. This is your chance to attend a virtual session and listen to presentations from funders to understand who could help with your projects.

Funders will also provide valuable information on how best to apply for grants, along with special hints and tips through a series of presentations.

The National Lottery Community Fund and Northamptonshire Community Foundation are just two of the funders who will be presenting.

The schedule of presentations and information on how to book will be published at

www.thisiskettering.com/fundingfair

Northamptonshire ACRE will be doing two presentations at the funding fair:

- ◆ Wednesday 29th July 2020, 12.30pm to 1.30pm
- ◆ Thursday 30th July 2020, 12pm to 1pm.

We will have presentations about our National Lottery Community project for Good Neighbour Schemes, community resilient work and support for community facilities including village halls.

Funding news cont...



Church Conservation Grants – William and Jane Morris Fund

The Morris Fund was formed in 1939, using a bequest to the Society from May Morris, younger daughter of William and Jane Morris. In accordance with May's will, the Fund only supports work carried out under the principles of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), which was founded by May's father .

Grants between £500 and £5,000 are awarded to churches, chapels and other places of worship in the United Kingdom for the conservation of decorative features and monuments, but not for structural repairs. Grants will be awarded to support smaller programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative or non-structural features such as:

- stained glass windows
- sculpture
- furniture
- internal monuments and tombs
- wall paintings



The object must date from no later than 1896 (the year of William Morris's death). The next deadline for applications is 31 August 2020: <https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

Grant schemes for electric vehicle charging infrastructure

The government offers grants to support the wider use of electric and hybrid vehicles via the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV). This includes:

- The Workplace Charging Scheme (WCS) - a voucher-based scheme providing support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charge-points, for eligible businesses, charities and public sector organisations.
- The On-street Residential Chargepoint Scheme (ORCS) - provides grant funding for local authorities towards the cost of installing on-street residential chargepoints for plug-in electric vehicles.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-grants-for-low-emission-vehicles>

Community Tree Planting funds

Schools and community groups proposing to undertake well-planned tree and hedge planting projects this winter (November 2020 – March 2021), and ideally in National Tree Week, can apply for funds from £300 to £1500. Apply from now onward. See <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>.



Co-op Foundation latest round of its #iwill Fund

They are offering grants of up to £10,000 to help young people support each other during bereavement. They expect to make about five grants to successful applicants from across the UK. Funding is for one year and successful organisations will be able to apply for additional grants in year two and three of this fund. Deadline is: 31 July 2020. For details and to apply see https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/funding_support/iwill-fund-bereavement/

Funding news cont...



Community energy grants and support

Rural Community Energy Fund

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) is a £10 million programme that supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects with community benefit. It is being delivered by the five Energy Hubs in the North East, North West, Midlands, South West and South East of England on behalf of the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs.



The aims of the fund are to:

- * Support rural communities by helping them to maximise the income-generating potential of renewable energy and put this income to work in their local area
- * Increase the uptake of community and locally-owned renewable energy to support the Government's targets for renewable energy and carbon reduction
- * Enable communities to access the economic and social benefits associated with renewable energy schemes through the promotion of rural growth, job creation and volunteering opportunities.

Rural communities can apply for up to £140,000 in funding to support renewable energy projects. RCEF offers grants to help cover the costs of professional fees and consultancy when investigating whether a project is viable, and for creating a full business case to take projects forward. Examples of the types of technologies that can be used in renewable energy projects include solar panels, wind turbines, hydropower and heat pumps. For more details, contact info@energyhub.org.uk or see <https://www.energyhub.org.uk/rural-community-energy-fund/introduction/>.

Green Homes Grant



From September 2020 homeowners are able to apply for a £5,000 Green Homes Grant voucher to pay for the installation of energy saving home improvements.

This is part of a new government grant scheme comprising a £3 billion investment to help the UK meet climate change goals. The scheme will officially launch in September with applications for required energy efficiency measures distributed to local accredited installers.

Once one of these suppliers has provided a quote and the work is approved, the voucher is issued. Approximately half of the fund will be distributed to the poorest homeowners, who will not have to contribute anything to the cost. Improved energy solutions like cavity and loft insulation can save households up to £600 a year on energy bills and significantly reduce carbon emissions.

<https://www.government-grants.co.uk/green-homes-grant-voucher>

Interested in sustainable energy? The Centre for Sustainable Energy has lots of advice and support worth checking out: <https://www.cse.org.uk/>





Spotlight on...

Postie's Foodbank



POSTIES FOODBANK

Kevin, a postman based at the Crow Lane depot, let us know that they have set up a foodbank for people in need (vulnerable, those now out of work, those self-isolating etc) for anyone who is in the postal address areas of **NN2, NN3, NN6, and NN7**.

As key workers the Crow Lane Posties can get to every address in the NN2, NN3, NN6, and NN7 areas dropping off supplies as part of their daily deliveries.

Please let Kevin know if:

- * You become aware of anyone in need in these postcode areas: NN2, NN3, NN6, and NN7 and Kevin or the regular postman/woman will deliver a food parcel.
- * If you would like to make any donations to the foodbank: non-perishable items only for example, tinned-soup, pasta sauce, baked beans, chick peas, kidney beans, tomatoes, vegetables, tuna, rice pudding, pasta, tea, coffee, UHT milk, toiletries, cooking oil, cartons of fruit juice.

MAKE DONATIONS AT THE CROW LANE DEPOT OR ON YOUR DOORSTEP:

Crow Lane depot covers [NN2, NN3, NN6, and NN7](#). The posties are picking up donations and giving food parcels out when requested in these areas of Northamptonshire. You can take donations to the Crow Lane Royal Mail Depot, Northampton NN3 9BX, or regular posties in these postcode areas are happy to pick up any donations from residents' door steps.

If you would like to make a donation, please put a small note on the donation box/bag to ensure they understand that it is meant for them by writing for example: 'For Posties Foodbank'. In case there is no post for you on that day, it might be a good idea to check during the day to see that the food has been taken unless you are happy to leave outside overnight.

For any more information, Kevin's email is: mills.kevin@btinternet.com

Be #ScamAware

It's important to always keep an eye out for scams. They can and do affect anyone. People can be especially vulnerable at times like this when they're worried about their families, health, money and work. If you think you have been scammed, there are 3 steps you need to take:

Could it be a scam?

Be #ScamAware

Contact the Citizens Advice consumer service online or at **0808 223 1133** for advice.

Watch out for coronavirus scams— whether that's emails pretending to be from the government, adverts selling face masks at high prices, or someone knocking at your door asking for money for a fake charity.

Don't give money or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust, and don't click on any links they send you.

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NATIONAL TRADING STANDARDS Science Team

Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

1) **Contact your bank** immediately to let them know what's happened. You should also change any relevant log-in details, and check for viruses if you were scammed on a computer.

2) If you have lost money because of a scam, **check if you can get it back**. Make sure you tell your bank what happened straight away. If you've paid for something by card or PayPal, depending on the circumstances they might be able to help you get your money back.

3) **Report the scam**. This helps the enforcement authorities to track down and stop the criminals responsible, and protects others from being scammed:

- Call the **Citizens Advice consumer service** on 0808 223 1133. We'll pass on details of the scam to Trading Standards, and be able to provide further advice

- Report all types of scams to **Action Fraud**, the UK's national reporting centre for fraud. They'll also give you a crime reference number.

Here are some of the main warning signs of scams to look out for:

- * It seems too good to be true – for example you've won a competition you don't remember entering
- * Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly
- * You're being urged to respond quickly so you don't get time to think about it or talk to family and friends
- * You've been asked to pay in an unusual way – for example by bank transfer or gift vouchers
- * You've been asked to give away personal information

If you think someone might be trying to scam you, get advice. Contact the Citizens Advice consumer service for help with what to do next, and report scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud.

Charity Commission Updates



COVID-19 Guidance for the charity sector

The Charity Commission's most recent guidance (updated 26 June) includes guidance on using reserves and cancelling or postponing AGMs and other meetings.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector>

COVID-19 related financial difficulties for the charity sector

The Charity Commission recognises that many trustees are having to cope with financial challenges that will have a major effect on their charity. They have produced some guidance for trustees who may be facing difficult situations during COVID-19 and how to work through them.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-financial-difficulties-in-your-charity-caused-by-coronavirus>



Reporting serious incidents to the Charity Commission

The Charity Commission has updated its guidance for trustees on what they should do if a serious incident occurs during the pandemic. The guide discusses whether trustees should/should not be reporting certain issues and other steps to consider. The Commission says they appreciate the unprecedented nature of these times and encourage swift reporting so they can understand the issues charities are facing.

The guidance is found at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reporting-serious-incidents-to-the-charity-commission-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic?dm_i=6S7,6WAQN,WXN73,RPKC4,1

Charity Commission Latest

Keep up to date with all the latest information from the Charity Commission including finding out how your charity can ensure it doesn't become a target of fraudsters during the coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

A large banner with the text 'CHARITY COMMISSION' in white capital letters on a green background. Below the banner is a silhouette of a village skyline against a light blue sky.

CHARITY COMMISSION



VILLAGE VIEWPOINT MAGAZINE

ADVERTISING RATES

Northamptonshire ACRE welcomes adverts from community groups, councils and local companies. All adverts must be provided as print ready copy and photos should be a minimum of 300dpi. Adverts can be in colour or black and white. Adverts must be emailed to the editor in the correct size required.

With effect from 1st January 2020:

The prices are as follows:

<u>A5 Format</u>	<u>Price per single issue (includes VAT)</u>	
	<u>Internal Pages</u>	<u>Back Cover Advert</u>
Full page (145mm x 210mm)	£60	£85
Half page (145mm x 105mm)	£35	n/a

Additional issues:

There is a **10% DISCOUNT** on adverts in 2 consecutive issues. **15% DISCOUNT** on adverts in 3 or more consecutive issues.

Community groups:

Please Note: If you are a community (not for profit) group wishing to advertise in the magazine, there is a discount on the prices shown. Please contact acre@northantsacre.org.uk for more details.

Submission Deadlines:

Issue	Summer	Winter
Submission Deadline	20th April	20th August
ACRE Mailing Deadline	June	December

Booking an advertising space:

For more details or to receive a booking form, please contact acre@northantsacre.org.uk

Contact Details



Who to contact for...

General Enquiries:

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The Hunsbury Hill Centre
Harksome Hill
Northampton
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T. 01604 765888 (switchboard)

E. acre@northantsacre.org.uk

W. www.northantsacre.org.uk/

F. <https://www.facebook.com/northantsacre/>

T. @NorthantsACRE

Village Hall Enquiries:

Frances Harris
Community Facilities Adviser
Northants ACRE

01604 825888 (direct)

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E. frances.harris@northantsacre.org.uk

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