

## WINTER WELLBEING



Many people in rural communities are struggling at this difficult time.

Household incomes have been significantly reduced for some families due to COVID-19 and we want to make sure that they know where to turn to for help to cover their heating bills.

Northamptonshire ACRE have put together a list of contacts for householders to turn to for support with their heating bills if they need to.

In addition to our list of contacts (on the right), there is the Northamptonshire Warm Homes Fund <a href="https://www.northantswarmhomes.com/warm-homes-fund/">https://www.northantswarmhomes.com/warm-homes-fund/</a> Eligible homes could get a new central heating system fitted for free thanks to the fund but you need to check the eligibility criteria to see if your household qualifies.

Consumers in rural areas off the gas grid can pay significantly more for the same fuel sold in urban areas. Northamptonshire ACRE has a bulk oil buying scheme for residents who are off gas, where members benefit from achieving the lowest possible prices without having to shop around or commit to buying in large volumes. In addition, the scheme increases the sense of community spirit and reduces the amount of tanker traffic on our rural roads, making it safer, quieter and more environmentally friendly.

If you would like more information on our bulk oil buying scheme go to <a href="https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/olive-our-online-bulk-">https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/olive-our-online-bulk-</a>

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Citizens Advice Bureau

Tel: 03454 04 05 06 www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Covid Household Winter Support Scheme

Tel: 0300 126 1000 option 5
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cor
onavirus-updates

The Home Heat Helpline

Tel: 0800 33 66 99

**Energy Saving Trust Helpline** 

Tel: 0300 123 1234

**National Energy Action** 

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