

Northamptonshire ACRE



**Want to save money on the
cost of your heating oil?
So do we!**

**Join our new community-based
countywide oil buying syndicate
and see how easy it is**

www.northantsacre.org.uk



All profits will go directly
to supporting Northamptonshire ACRE
who work to enable rural communities to be more
socially, economically and environmentally sustainable.

What's the scheme about?

Northamptonshire ACRE has set up a new social enterprise that will reduce the cost of your domestic heating oil each time you place an order.

All you need to do to take advantage of the scheme is to pay an annual membership fee, which will cover as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

What's the snag?

There isn't one. The scheme is being promoted by Northamptonshire ACRE, the only county-wide specialist rural charity (see overleaf for details)

By bringing communities throughout Northamptonshire together and making the most of joint buying power, we can make savings and pass them directly to people like you whose fuel costs are high simply because you use oil-fired central heating.

The environment benefits too

Every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel – a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

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Annual membership fees

Domestic: £20 ★ Community Building £30 ★ Business: £100
which will cover your oil deliveries for a year.

5 easy steps to cheaper heating oil

Step 1: Join the Northamptonshire ACRE Scheme

Request a membership form from Northamptonshire ACRE or apply via the website www.northantsacre.org.uk

Step 2: Wait to hear from your local co-ordinator

We will let your local co-ordinator know that you have joined the scheme. Each month they will email you to ask whether you want to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

Step 3: Place an order

Let your local co-ordinator know you want to buy oil. Each month they submit a total village order to us. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

Step 4: Sit back whilst we negotiate the price

We negotiate the best price from a whole range of suppliers. Your local co-ordinator will advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company

The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and you pay the company supplying the oil direct.

About Northamptonshire ACRE

Northamptonshire ACRE is an independent charity founded in 1946.

Our strategic aims are:

- To encourage and support community-led planning such as parish plans and rural community action
- To support the identification of rural needs, particularly for the disadvantaged
- To raise awareness of rural issues, lobby and influence policy
- To support the provision of affordable and accessible rural services
- To work in partnership with others, encouraging co-operation and influencing the allocation of resources
- To monitor our performance and provide value for money to our funders
- To encourage the development of staff and those working on behalf of the organisation

Find out more about who we are and what we do by visiting our website for news and events, publications, funding information and links to other useful organisations. If you would like to support the work of Northamptonshire ACRE, you can join our membership scheme.

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