

VILLAGE VIEWPOINT

The magazine of Northamptonshire ACRE

Working with rural communities to improve the quality of life for all



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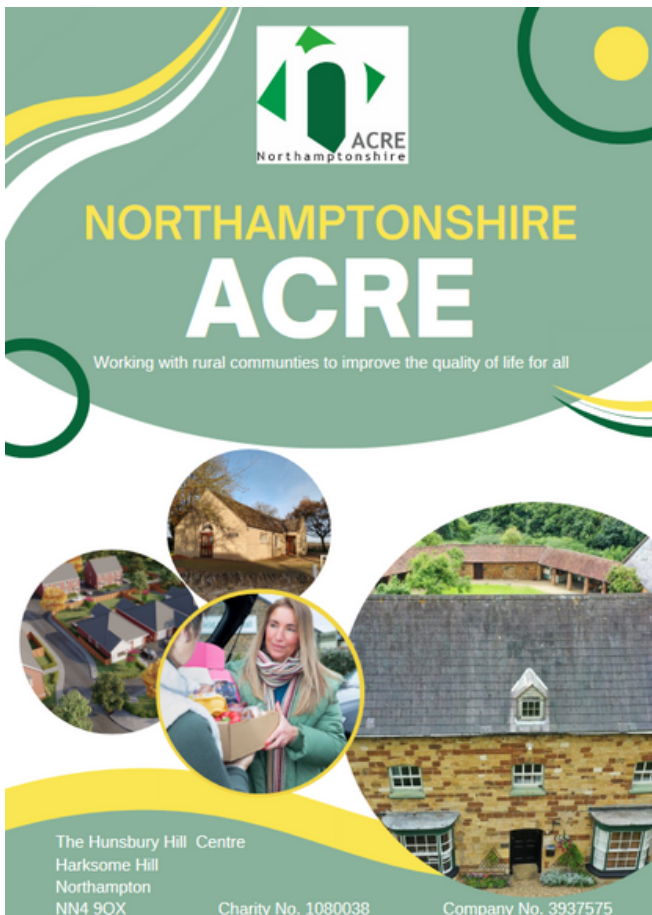
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Find out about Northamptonshire ACRE

Welcome to this Winter edition of Northamptonshire ACRE's Village Viewpoint.

For over 76 years we have been supporting rural communities in Northamptonshire, working with them to improve the quality of life for all their residents, especially for those who are disadvantaged by their rurality.

Our focus is and always has been on community development and engagement including helping groups to access funds for projects. If you would like to know more about our work and how we can help your community, why not download our new brochure for more information: <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/about-northamptonshire-acre>



Welcome to our new Chief Executive

The Trustees and staff of Northamptonshire ACRE are delighted to welcome Nicola Toms as the new Chief Executive of the charity. Nicola joins us from her previous role as Deputy CEO at Daventry Volunteer Centre where she worked for many years supporting the residents of Daventry and the surrounding villages.

Nicola is taking over from Elaine O'Leary who has worked at Northamptonshire ACRE for over 13 years and been Chief Executive for 8 years. Elaine said "I have loved my time with the charity, it's been such a privilege to work here, supported by a wonderful Board of Trustees and a fantastic group of staff. They have made my job so much easier! I hope Nicola will enjoy her new role as much as I have and with all her experience of working in the voluntary sector, she will be a huge asset to the charity. Northamptonshire ACRE is in good hands and will continue to support the rural residents of this lovely county to ensure they are not disadvantaged by their rurality."

WHY NOT BECOME A VOLUNTEER THIS YEAR?

We all have busy lives so we know it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be so enormous, not just to those you are helping but yourself as well! Becoming a volunteer is an opportunity to offer vital help to people in need, worthwhile causes, and the local community. As a volunteer it can be so rewarding to you, not only will you meet new people, you can gain new skills, get experience and make such a difference impacting on your community.

Volunteering and giving to others is great for mental and physical health for all involved and can help reduce stress, keep you stimulated and provide a sense of purpose. You will connect with others and most importantly it is great fun! If you are interested in volunteering in your community we can help find the right role for you. And we would welcome volunteers as well!



The image shows the cover of a volunteer handbook for ACRE Northamptonshire. It features a collage of photos showing volunteers in various settings: one person in a red jacket and white hard hat working with a large green log, another person in a red jacket and white hard hat working with a large green log, and a person in a red jacket working in a garden. The ACRE Northamptonshire logo is in the top right corner. The text on the cover reads: "JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY", "Help us to support people within rural communities and be a part of our team.", "We Need Help For:", "• Help with transport", "• Help preparing food", "• Help with shopping", "• Help with gardening", "• Help with maintenance", "FIND OUT MORE", "Contact Us", "01604765888", and "acre@northantsacre.org.uk".

Northamptonshire ACRE is a successful local charity, working with and supporting rural communities across the county. We are a small, but highly motivated team and would welcome the valuable time of volunteers to help us continue our great work.

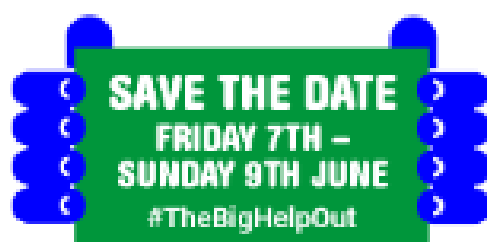
Why not ask for a copy of our new Volunteer Handbook that lists the many different ways you can help? You can read about these on Page 4 of the Handbook.

However you can help we will be pleased to hear from you. So if you would like to volunteer or want to find out more about volunteering with Northamptonshire ACRE, please email acre@northantsacre.org.uk or call 01604 765888 for your copy of the new Volunteers Handbook.



You can also search for volunteering opportunities in your community with the countywide Community Action Northants website. The site is run by an alliance of the Volunteer Centres in Northamptonshire <https://communityactionnorthants.org.uk/>

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING:
LEND A HAND. MAKE A CHANGE. JOIN THE BIG HELP OUT.



Last year, Northamptonshire Community Foundation joined the Lord-Lieutenant's Office to support The Big Help Out, in celebration of King Charles III's Coronation and to highlight the vital importance of volunteering in our local communities.

In 2024, we're once again supporting this cause and will be working with charities and community groups across the county to give residents the chance to discover volunteering opportunities in their local area.

We're very grateful for King Charles III's support of the return of The Big Help Out:

"This summer, between 7 and 9 June, there will be another opportunity to join so many dedicated volunteers in giving time to a worthy cause of their choosing, whether that is supporting a local food bank, tending a community garden, spending time with a vulnerable person or teaching a skill to young people,"

"Whoever and wherever you are, each of us will have a chance to play a small part in helping transform our communities for the benefit of all."

If you're a local volunteer-led organisation looking to get involved in The Big Help Out 2024, talk to our Grants Team about funding options available from the range of grants we manage as a foundation.

Email enquiries@ncf.uk.com or call 01604 230033.

Join us as we raise awareness of volunteering throughout the UK and provide opportunities for people to make a difference in their communities.



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Find out more and sign up today:

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT DIRECTORY 2024

It's here! Our 2024 directory of all community transport providers in the county is available to anyone who would like a copy. To get your copy please call us on 01604 765888 or you can email acre@northantsacre.org.uk.

Community transport providers in Northamptonshire provide a valuable and often essential service to vulnerable people. Poor rural bus networks cause isolation and push more people into poverty. Community transport schemes across Northamptonshire help 1000s of people reach doctors and hospital appointments and take them to fetch groceries.

Thank you to all the organisations and transport schemes that have contributed to this guide. This guide is updated regularly, and every effort was made to ensure the information was correct when it was published. Please contact Northamptonshire ACRE should you wish amendments to be made to the content in the directory or if you are aware of a scheme not included.



If you are an local authority, organisation or business wishing to use the information from the directory, please ensure that you credit Northamptonshire ACRE as your source by providing a link to our website and contact information: <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/latest-transport-directory-now-available> .

Have you heard about the **ABILITY** Bus?

ABILITY is a local bus service operating in your area, covering West Northants with a fleet of ten vehicles based at Caswell, near Towcester.

As a not-for-profit social enterprise (similar to a charity) providing bus services for the rural areas across West Northamptonshire.

One passenger says, *"It's a very friendly service, other passengers on the bus are very friendly and the driver always has a laugh with us, we love going out on the bus, it's really good value, we go to Northampton every week"*.

The bus service is available for **anyone** who needs it. Our youngest passenger is 6 months old and our eldest is 102. Getting out just once a week allows social interaction and a marvellous boost to your wellbeing.

We take people to local towns to enable them to do their shopping, have a wander around the shops and attend to any business they have in town, before returning home.

We are a fully registered and compliant bus service, registered with the Traffic Commissioner. All drivers receive MiDAS training and are DBS checked.

Passengers with Concessionary bus passes travel FREE after 09:30, fare paying passengers are able to pay in advance on board the bus.

We offer a range of services...



1. **SHOPPER BUS** – we provide a service to take you to your local town for shopping, don't struggle with your shopping, we can give you a hand, the driver will stow your shopping in the back, to get on and off the bus easier!
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3. **GROUP TRAVEL** – if your local group needs to hire a bus with a driver, just let us know where and when you would like to travel and we will give you a price.



We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us!

Check out our website for more information and look out for us on Twitter and Facebook

Give us a call **TODAY 01327 604123**

www.abilitycic.org.uk

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) appoints new Chief Executive



Corinne Pluchino, an experienced leader with a lifelong interest in rural affairs will join the charity in May. She replaces Richard Quallington who announced his departure last year, having spent 8 years in the role.

Corinne is currently Director of Fundraising, Marketing and Communications at WWT, the charity for wetlands and wildlife. She has previously served as Chief Executive of Campaign for National Parks and has held senior roles with SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity and Hill & Knowlton, the global communications consultancy.

She is also a former trustee of CPRE, the countryside charity. With expertise in communications, public affairs, and stakeholder engagement, her experience includes housing and development, environmental, farming, health, and social care issues. She aims to put the needs and interests of rural communities firmly on the next government's agenda.

Speaking of her appointment, Corinne said *"I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to join ACRE, and to work with its network of thirty-eight member organisations that are dedicated to supporting rural communities across England. It is essential that the significant challenges faced by many people living in rural areas are better understood and they are not disadvantaged by where they live. There are also real opportunities to achieve change through positive action. I am looking forward enormously to working with the ACRE team, the wider network and our partners to deliver these ambitions."*

James Blake, Chair of ACRE said, *"We are delighted to be welcoming Corinne to ACRE at this important time for our organisation. With the prospect of a new government on the horizon, it is essential we have someone of Corinne's calibre in post to build our reputation for championing the needs of rural communities, as well as continuing to deliver for our members."*

Corinne will be joining ACRE at a time of adaptation in its network where members have stepped up to help rural residents through the cost-of-living crisis; delivering new projects to improve health and wellbeing, supporting individuals with fuel poverty, and developing a new network of Rural Housing Enablers to help communities secure more affordable homes.

Corinne will take up her appointment at the end of May.

ACRE is the national body of the ACRE Network, England's largest rural grouping of community support charities which support initiatives that equip people with the knowledge, skills, and connections needed to improve their local community.

Only 1 in 6 rural councils have made use of key affordable housing option

Only a fraction of rural local planning authorities (17%) have made use of Rural Exception Sites, a mechanism introduced to boost the supply of affordable housing in rural areas, according to new research by University College London (UCL) on behalf of the Rural Housing Network.



Rural Exception Sites were introduced in 1991 to enable the development of affordable homes on underdeveloped land that would otherwise be restricted for residential development. The sites have the potential to provide much needed affordable housing amidst the escalating rural housing crisis.

The past few years have seen housing prices in the countryside rise at a quicker rate than in urban areas placing additional strain on household finances and forcing many people to move. In turn, this can affect the viability of local businesses and services. According to recent government statistics, the most affordable homes in rural areas cost 8.8 times earnings compared to 7.6 times in urban areas (excluding London).

Out of 145 rural local authorities, only 25 used Rural Exception Sites to deliver affordable homes between 2021 and 2022, resulting in 546 homes being built. However, nearly 3,000 affordable homes could have been developed if the vast majority of rural councils had utilised rural expectation sites in the time period, presenting a massive, missed opportunity.

The research looks at some of the reasons why Rural Exception Sites haven't been fully utilised and outlines a number of recommendations to help successfully deliver affordable homes in rural areas including emphasising increasing the support and resources for Rural Housing Enablers. You can read more about the research [here](#).

However, thanks to recent funding from Defra, the [ACRE Network](#) is working with members to create a [network of RHEs](#) to work with communities across England.

Northamptonshire ACRE: Press Release

Affordable housing in rural areas boosted by launch of new scheme

Communities in Northamptonshire's rural areas are set to benefit from a new package of government funding announced in November designed to unlock affordable housing opportunities.

The funding comes from a national £2.5 million government fund to support the work of Rural Housing Enablers who broker conversations between residents, councils and builders about securing housing that meets local need.

The scheme, which is being delivered by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) on behalf of Defra, will help boost the supply of new, affordable homes across England. Northamptonshire ACRE, the local ACRE Network member, is one of the beneficiaries of the funding and will be developing a new Rural Housing Enabler role as a result.

This month the charity appointed Rural Officer Jenni Hedges, and Rural Fieldworker Claire Yow into the Rural Housing Enabler post. Jenni and Claire are hugely experienced in working with local communities and supporting them to vocalise their needs. They will be looking for innovative partnerships with Parish Councils, community groups, Registered Providers, the private sector and others to increase the pipeline of rural affordable housing schemes in Northamptonshire and to support delivery.

Jenni and Claire will be working closely with Philippa McKenna, Project Delivery Manager at Midland Rural Housing, who is the consultant engaged by NACRE to provide the housing expertise for this project.

Communities interested in finding out more about the programme are encouraged to contact our Rural Housing Enabler, Jenni Hedges, for an initial conversation: Jennifer.hedges@northantsacre.org.uk. Or call 01604 765888.

Our Parish Council membership is fantastic value at only £42 per year

We support Parish Councils in any community work. We do not offer training or governance support as that is delivered by NCALC. If you would like to know more about our work, please download our brochure [here](#). Here are some of the benefits you can experience when a Parish Council member:

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Parish Council Membership

Parish Council Membership is excellent value at £42 per year (incl. VAT) and assists the charity to sustain its work. As a Member you will enjoy the following benefits:

- ◆ FREE telephone and email advice (up to 5 hours per year)
- ◆ Monthly e-bulletins containing latest funding news and other relevant issues
- ◆ DISCOUNT on visits from our Rural Officer and Rural Fieldworkers
- ◆ DISCOUNT on our 'charged for services' such as:
 - ◆ Training, workshops and masterclasses with specialist guests
 - ◆ Assistance with planning consultations and Housing Needs Surveys
 - ◆ Preparation of business and project plans e.g. for Neighbourhood Plans
 - ◆ Development and facilitation of community engagement events
 - ◆ Advice and support on setting up a rural social enterprise
- ◆ DISCOUNT on OCSI Profile reports highlighting key statistics in your area - ideal for Community Plans
- ◆ FREE access to additional resources and support through our national ACRE Network
- ◆ Periodic updates about the benefits and services provided by Northamptonshire ACRE and The Barns at Hunsbury Hill (our trading arm).

In addition, our Rural Team can provide support in connection with many aspects of community life including:

- ◆ Assistance with writing funding applications
- ◆ Community transport schemes
- ◆ Energy efficiency measures and fuel poverty
- ◆ Rural broadband and connectivity issues
- ◆ Sustaining and developing local services such as shops and pubs

For more details about Northamptonshire ACRE and how we can help

Visit: <http://northantsacre.org.uk/>

Download our brochure [here](#)

Telephone: [01604 765888](tel:01604765888)

Email: acre@northantsacre.org.uk



Don't forget!



NACRE Networking Event

As part of Village Halls Week, Northamptonshire ACRE will be holding a free in person networking event for community buildings on .

Architect, Steve Wolstenholme from Stanhope Wilkinson Associates, will talk about community buildings in the context of environmental sustainability.



Time/date: Wednesday 20 March (1pm-3pm)

Venue: Hunsbury Hill Centre, NN4 9QX

To book, please contact: frances.harris@northantsacre.org.uk

Impact Community Carbon Calculator

The Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE), a leading climate emergency charity, has developed a community carbon calculator. Impact is a digital visualisation tool that helps you understand your community's carbon footprint. It draws on more than 30 datasets to estimate the total amount of greenhouse gases produced directly and indirectly as a result of everyday human activities in the given locality - heating homes, using electricity, transport, producing and distributing food, disposing of waste, etc.

It works for parishes, wards and local authority areas and helps identify the areas where taking action to tackle climate change can make the biggest difference.



The centre has a wealth of useful information about energy saving measures both for residents wanting advice on making their homes more efficient or saving money on bills to supporting communities to tackle the climate emergency and make the energy system better.

The Energy Saving Trust is also a useful site to visit for details about saving money on bills or what support is available if your community is interested in delivering a zero carbon environment.



You can find more information about CSE and the Carbon Calculator [here](https://www.cse.org.uk/impact-community-carbon-calculator/):

<https://www.cse.org.uk/impact-community-carbon-calculator/>

CSE will be holding a free webinar on Tuesday 23 April, 11am to 12pm to share how the carbon calculator works and how communities have used it in their climate action work.

Use this link to register your attendance: [Tuesday 23rd April session](#) and book a ticket.

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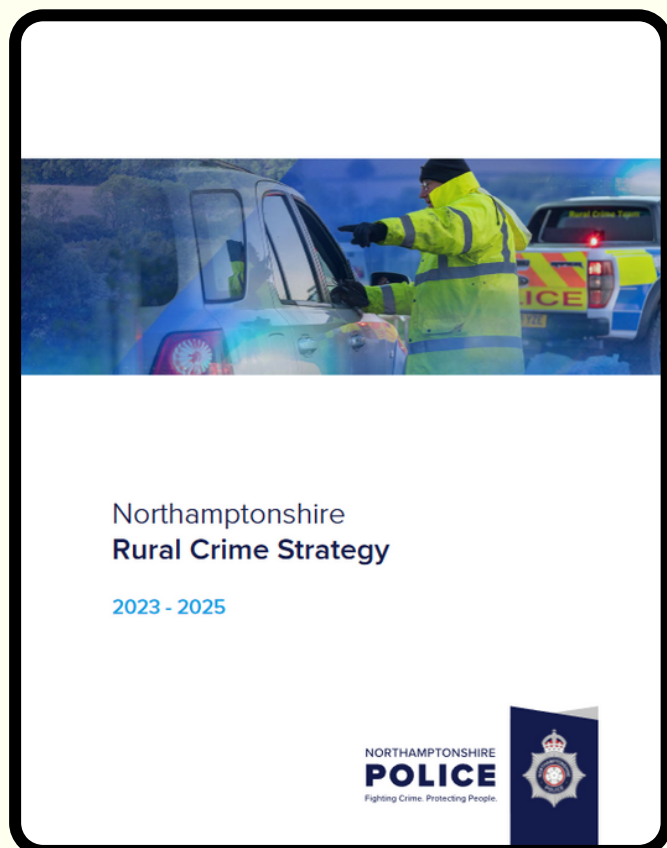
Northamptonshire Rural Crime Strategy 2023-25

Rural crime doesn't have a definition and isn't recognised as crime in its own right.

Instead, rural crime is a term that covers many different crime types and incidents that affect rural communities.

Northamptonshire Police considers a rural crime to be:

A crime or incident type which occurs in any geographical area ordinarily described as 'rural', and where the criminal activity is more prevalent in, or unique to, rural areas.



You can read the full strategy from Northamptonshire Police [here](#).



Community Facilities Membership

Community Facilities Membership is excellent value at £48 per year and assists the charity to sustain its work. As a Member, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- ♦ FREE telephone and email advice (up to 5 hours)
- ♦ FREE electronic copies of National ACRE's invaluable Village Halls Information Sheets (charged to non-members)
- ♦ FREE electronic copies of the bi-monthly Community Facilities Newsletter (with all the latest news affecting community halls and open spaces)
- ♦ DISCOUNT on the cost of purchasing National ACRE's model legal documents including Model CIO Constitution, Model Trust Deed, Model Hire Agreement
- ♦ Regular e-bulletins containing the latest funding news, legal and regulatory changes and other issues of immediate relevance to community facilities
- ♦ Access to specialist legal advice from National ACRE's legal advisers
- ♦ Periodic updates about the benefits and services provided by Northamptonshire ACRE and The Barns at Hunsbury Hill (our trading arm)

In addition, our trained Community Facilities Adviser can provide advice in connection with all aspects of managing community buildings, church halls and open spaces on matters including:

- ♦ Compliance with legal and regulatory obligations such as charity law, Charity Commission regulations, licensing, insurance, risk assessments and policies
- ♦ Governance covering trustee roles, updating your governing document and becoming incorporated
- ♦ Funding and grant applications
- ♦ Training on topics such as social media, PAT (Portable Appliance Testing), Playground Inspection and Governance

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NORTH NORTHANTS SUSTAINABLE FOOD NETWORK

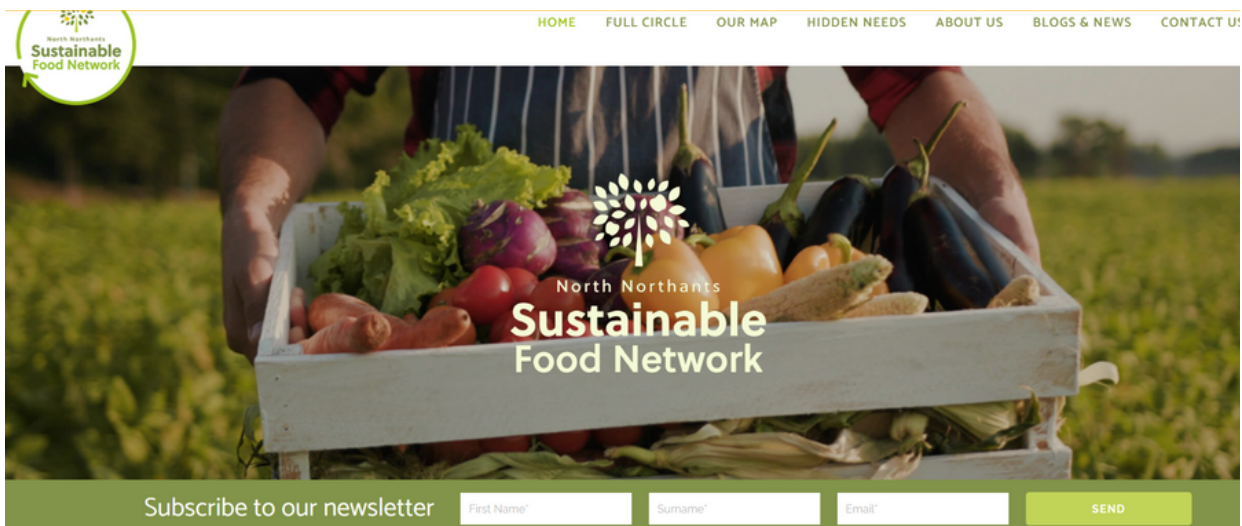
The North Northants Sustainable Food Network was set up by Northamptonshire ACRE and Made in Northamptonshire as a result of concerns raised about food access and insecurity in the north of the county during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our steering group is made up of voluntary sector organisations, representatives from North Northants Council and Public Health, and local businesses.



Our vision is to empower, promote and strengthen North Northamptonshire's status as a 'Sustainable Food Place' – somewhere everyone can enjoy healthy, local, affordable food and where our communities can actively play a part in shaping their own food network.

You can find out more on our website:



Welcome to North Northants Sustainable Food Network

<https://nnsustainablefoodnetwork.co.uk/>

You can subscribe to our newsletter via our website, which comes out approximately every 6 weeks. If you are a food producer or retailer, hospitality business, or community food group why not sign up to our Charter and pledge to work with us on making North Northants a more sustainable food place.

Funding News



Northamptonshire
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Giving back to our county

Grants from Northamptonshire Community Foundation

Rural Community Needs fund

Northamptonshire Community Foundation has opened their Rural Community Needs fund, which came out of their 'Shining a Spotlight on Rural Community Needs' campaign last year. The aim of this fund is to address urgent needs in rural communities such as access to community transport, fuel poverty, refurbishment of community building and equipment, access to wellbeing and health services, activities and education services for young people and support for older people.



Deadline: 05/04/2024

Location: Northants

Grant Amount: £10,000

Project Type: Rural needs

Find out more about the fund [here](#).

Anchor Community Connection Fund

The Anchor Community Connection Fund has been established to support local organisations, causes or programmes that bring people together to share food and strengthen community connections.

The programme's main objective is to make a positive difference by connecting communities through food. Therefore, eligible projects must be focused on food-based activity.

This fund will award grants of up to £3,000 and is a rolling programme. Organisations can apply at anytime until the fund closes on Friday 29th March. More details [here](#).



Deadline: Rolling
programme

Location: Northants

Grant Amount: £3,000

Project Type: Connecting
communities

Footie for All Fund now open

Tesco Stronger Starts (managed by Groundwork UK) funds grants for healthy food and activities for children across the UK. They have partnered with The Sun to power their Footie for All campaign with the Tesco Stronger Starts programme to create a Footie for All Fund.

They will be providing £150k in grants to grassroots football clubs across the UK as well as raising awareness of the importance of children having opportunities to thrive through opportunities for more physical and mental wellbeing.

The Footie for All grants will support grassroots clubs in providing more spaces, better equipment and new kits – anything they need to help support children in their local communities.



150 x £1,000 grants available

Opened: 11th March 2024

Open to: Grassroots football organisations supporting children under 18 years of age

[More details here](#)



Deadline 5th June 2024
(5pm)

[More details here](#)

FCC Community Action Fund

The FCC Community Action Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations including:

- A registered charity operating a community facility
- A church or parochial church council
- A parish/town council, a management committee or user association acting on behalf of a parish or town Council
- A local authority
- A CASC registered sports club

Requires contributing third party (CTP) payment. Projects must be within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility (for projects in Northants, the relevant FCC waste facilities are at Weldon N17 3JG and Bletchley MK3 5JU).

National Lottery Awards for All Funding



Area: England

Suitable for: Voluntary or community organisations

Funding size: £300 to £20,000, for up to two years

Application deadline:

Ongoing. Apply at least 16 weeks before you want to start the activities or spend any of the money.

More details: [here](#)

The National Lottery Awards for All fund now offers funding up to £20,000 over 2 years (was previously 1 year) covering projects that will do at least one of the following:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage
- support people, communities and organisations facing more demands and challenges because of the cost-of-living crisis.

Morrisons Foundation

The Morrisons Foundation supports registered charities delivering projects that make a positive difference in local communities. The Foundation awards grants of up to £10,000 for charity projects and match funds the money that Morrisons employees raise for their chosen charities.

There are three funding objectives:

1. Tackling poverty and social deprivation;
2. Enhancing community spaces, facilities and services;
3. Improving health and wellbeing.

Applicants need to ensure their project meets at least one of the funding objectives. For full eligibility criteria check the Grant Funding Policy page.

<https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/>

THE BARNs AT HUNSBURY HILL



The Barns at Hunsbury Hill is the trading name for the Hunsbury Hill Centre Ltd, which is the trading arm of Northamptonshire ACRE. Our trading arm runs events at the centre such as weddings, corporate and social meetings and wakes.

This enables 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.

We know we are lucky to be able to work in such a lovely environment as the Hunsbury Hill Centre and it is certainly a popular place to get married!

Our Events Co-Ordinator is Sarah Clarke, who does a great job in encouraging couples to book at our venue. In 2023 we have had 76 weddings held at The Barns and many more will be taking place in 2024.

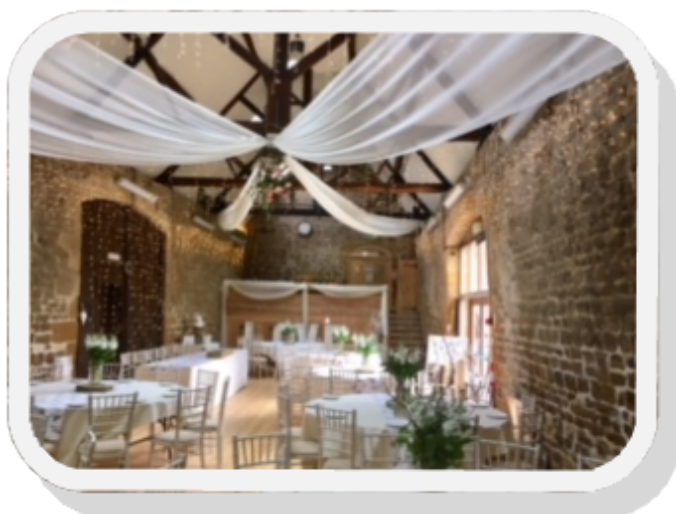
We are able to offer a range of venue prices depending upon the day chosen, all catering is carried out by Impressions Caterers Ltd, who also provide all the bar and waiting staff along with an Event Manager for the day. And our High Barn can be dressed to suit your requirement and taste.

So if you know of anyone looking for a romantic, rustic venue to hold their wedding, where they will receive great service, have wonderful views over South Northants and delicious food to enjoy, why not give them the details of The Barns? If you would like to know more about having a wedding at The Barns, please check our website <https://hunsburyhillcentre.co.uk/>, tel. 01604 702444 or contact our Events Co-ordinator Sarah Clarke at info@HunsburyHillCente.co.uk for more details.

Community events:

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.





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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.

Prices from January 2024

<u>A5 Format</u>	<u>Price per single issue</u>	
	<u>Internal Pages</u>	<u>Back Cover Advert</u>
Full page (145mm x 210mm)	£65	£90
Half page (145mm x 105mm)	£40	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:

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