

Northamptonshire ACRE News

JUNE 2020



A NEW MONTH IS HERE!



PARISH COUNCIL & COMMUNITY HALLS

To find out about the added benefits of being a member go to:

<https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/thank-you-our-parish-council-members>

Parish Council Membership

- FREE telephone & email advice
- Discounted Rural Officer visits
- Discount on training days, workshops & hosted events
- Advertising via Social Media accounts & Village Viewpoint
- Updates of our services at NACRE & The Barns
- For more information:

<https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/ourservices>

Community Halls Membership

- Discount on charged services
- Advice on funding & applications
- Free Telephone & Email support
- Discounted Community Facilities Advisor visits
- Bi Monthly newsletter
- Free electronic Village Hall information sheets
- Access to specialist legal advice
- For more information:

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BULK OIL SCHEME

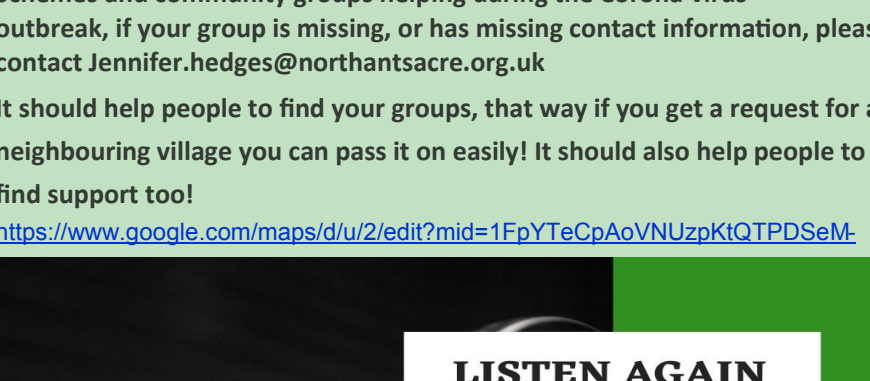
<https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/>

NACRE have been running a bulk oil buying scheme since October 2011.

We set it up with the key aim of helping residents in villages who are off gas to get the best possible price for their heating oil in order to save them money, especially those in fuel poverty. During the time it has been going we have helped our members to save over £198,500 against the highest prices quoted and approximately £80,500 on the average, on over 1.7 million litres of oil.

For more information go to:

<https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/olive-our-online-bulk-oil-buying-scheme>



Northants ACRE have created a google map of all the Good Neighbours Schemes and community groups helping during the Corona-virus outbreak, if your group is missing, or has missing contact information, please contact Jennifer.hedges@northantsacre.org.uk

It should help people to find your groups, that way if you get a request for a neighbouring village you can pass it on easily! It should also help people to find support too!

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/2/edit?mid=1FpYTeCpAoVNUzPKIQTPDSeM>

LISTEN AGAIN

Rural Officer, Jennifer Hedges on BBC Radio Northampton

[HTTPS://WWW.BBC.CO.UK/SOUNDS/PLAY/P08F95FM](https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p08f95fm)

BERNIE KEITH'S SHOW
104.2FM/103.6FM

LET'S TALK GOOD NEIGHBOURS

JOIN RURAL OFFICER JENNI FOR A COFFEE AND A CHAT ABOUT HOW GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEMES MIGHT HELP YOUR COMMUNITY
#NORTHANTSGOODNEIGHBOURS

Come and join our rural officer Jenni for a coffee and a chat about all things Good Neighbours!

It's your opportunity to find out more and ask questions!

If you need help using zoom or would like more information please let us know!

Topic: Find out more about Good Neighbours
Time: Jun 24, 2020 10:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88530529318...>

Meeting ID: 885 3052 9318

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S COVID-19

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

HTTPS://WWW.NORTHANTSACRE.ORG.UK/COVID-19

WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE VILLAGE AWARDS SO ALTERNATIVELY WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE 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

<https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/covid-19>

Since 1 June community buildings have been allowed to open for use by a pre-produced or nursery providing early years childcare. National ACRE has produced detailed [guidance](#) for community buildings and village halls setting out the steps which committees need to take before re-opening for this purpose.

Community buildings are also permitted to be open to provide essential voluntary activities or urgent public support services (including the provision of food banks or other support for the homeless or vulnerable people, blood donation sessions or support in an emergency).

Community buildings which do not accommodate a pre-school or provide an essential service must remain closed to the public until at least 4 July, when the Government has indicated that hospital and leisure buildings (such as village halls and community centres) should re-open. It would be sensible for committees managing these community buildings to start preparing to re-open. National ACRE's guidance for halls preparing to re-open for pre-schools (above) contains a useful checklist (see section 5).

For further help or information please contact our Community Facilities Adviser: frances.harris@northantsacre.org.uk

THE BARN'S

Announcement

SOCIALLY DISTANCED VIEWINGS AVAILABLE FROM 15TH JUNE 2020

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: info@hunsburyhillcentre.co.uk

NEWS ROUNDUP

Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme
Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

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 to reduce the cost of installing gigabit-capable broadband when part of a group scheme.

Rural premises with broadband speeds of less than 100Mbps can use 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/>

Covid-19 Emergency Funding (including Coronavirus Community Support Fund) – The National Lottery Community Fund

The National Lottery Community Fund has launched a £200m fund aimed primarily at small to medium organisations in England. The fund is part of the Government's £750m financial support package for charities and social enterprises announced by Government on April 8. They will distribute the Government funding alongside National Lottery funding, to support organisations to continue to deliver services to people and communities affected by COVID-19.

The application you need to fill in is the same whether your funding comes from the Government or from the Lottery.

They can fund activities supporting people and communities affected by COVID-19. They can also help organisations overcome any acute financial difficulties they're facing because of the pandemic.

They are looking to award funding between £300 to £10,000 or funding over £10,000 to cover your spending for up to six months after award.

There will be high demand for this funding, and the Lottery say they will have to make some tough choices. They expect the funding to be heavily oversubscribed and anticipate only being able to support a proportion of applications.

You can only apply once for COVID-19 emergency funding in England.
<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/covid-19/learn-about-applying-for-emergency-funding-in-england>

Emergency Essentials Programme – BBC Children in Need

Family Fund Business Services are working in collaboration with BBC Children in Need to deliver the Emergency Essentials programme supporting children and young people living with severe poverty as well as additional pressures such as domestic violence, disability or poor health in the family.

The programme can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Gas or electric cookers
- Essential household items
- Furniture and kitchen equipment
- Children's beds and bedding
- Washing machines
- Fridges and freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing in exceptional or emergency situations.

Applications must be completed by a registered referrer who is part of an organisation that is supporting the family or young person and capable of assessing their needs.

<https://www.familyfundsolutions.co.uk/emergency-essentials/>

VILLAGE VIEWPOINT SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to advertise your village facilities or have a Community event you would like published in our next issue then please send any information to: acre@northantsacre.org.uk or contact us on: 01604 765888

Do you have pictures of your village you would like us to showcase on our website, if so then send them to: acre@northantsacre.org.uk and let us promote the beauty of rural Northamptonshire.

For further information about how we handle your personal data and your rights in relation to your personal data please refer to our data protection policy which is available via our website:
<https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/privacy-notice-and-data-protection-policy>