

Northamptonshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England)

Some points from the Parish Council Networking Event - Tuesday 25th February - Topic for discussion: How to become a carbon neutral village. I have put the points most related to carbon neutrality in bold.

- **Ashton Hayes was shown as an example of a village that in 2006 started their programme to become carbon neutral.** <http://www.goingcarbonneutral.co.uk/>
- **The University of Chester helped Ashton Hayes by making an online Community Carbon Calculator which other places are free to use if the university is credited in any publicity.** <http://www.goingcarbonneutral.co.uk/community-carbon-calculator-un/>
- The government has guidance on community orchards https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/11466/1973262.pdf There will be a community orchard stall at the Community Festival on 4th April. <https://www.northantsacre.org.uk/community-festival>
- **The government has set up The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF), a £10 million programme which supports rural communities in England to develop renewable energy projects, which provide economic and social benefits to the community.** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-community-energy-fund>
- There is a zero-waste shop in Flore. <https://coffeeandrefills.com/>
- Daily Bread Co-op (DBC) use non-plastic packaging for the products they pack themselves. DBC deliver monthly to community buying groups for no charge. There is a group in Braunston a.mawer@virgin.net
- There is a Save our Street Trees Group in Northampton <https://www.facebook.com/saveourstreettrees/posts/444097242945520>
- **There are websites that help choose the right trees for a changing climate** <http://righttrees4cc.org.uk/>
<http://www.landis.org.uk/soilscapes/>
- Jennifer.hedges@northantsacre.org.uk at ACRE can offer advice on managing land for biodiversity.
- I met Paul Reynolds and James Wood from Barby and Ian Massey from Kilsby who are facilitating climate action groups in their villages. We suggested we would cooperate informally as a three villages climate action network.

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