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Norfolk Net Zero Communities

Cosy homes, connected communities

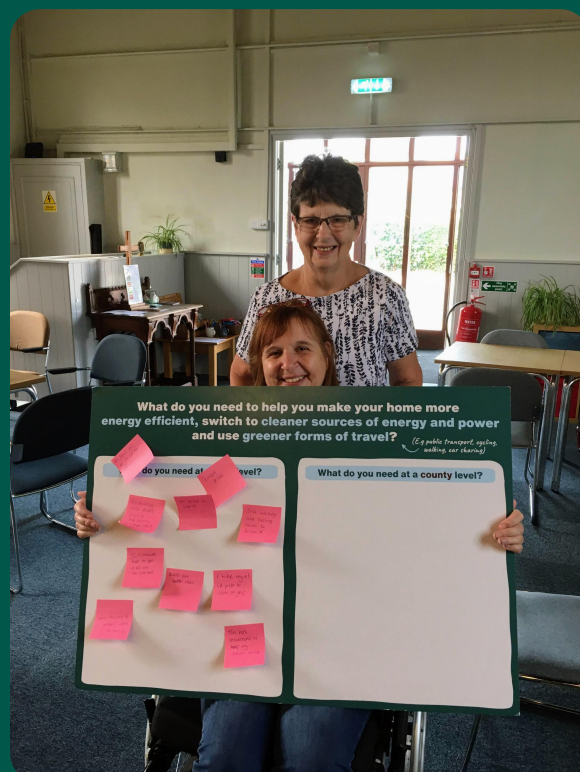
Welcome to the Norfolk Net Zero Communities Newsletter and thank you for your interest in the project. As a reminder, you can find more info about the project on [our website](#).

In this month's edition we look ahead to the next phase of the project, celebrate a successful event in Ormesby and share an important request for you to fill out and share a 3-minute survey to help make Norfolk homes warmer, greener, and cheaper to run.

Project stages - where we're at

In the first phase of the Norfolk Net Zero Communities project, we focused on gathering insights. Through attending events, hosting conversations online and in-person, and engaging with the seven pioneering communities, we've learned a lot about the barriers to home retrofit, energy efficiency and more sustainable transport. We're now in the next phase where we're evaluating what is working, and what else might work in helping reduce these barriers.

We've begun evaluating interventions such as 'Open Home' events and 'Energy Drop-In' sessions. We will be gathering feedback in-person, via [our latest survey](#) and through a focus group session in March.



A big thank you to Ormesby

As part of this new project phase, we helped deliver a successful 'Warm Home and Energy Drop-In' at All Saints Parish Hall in the parish of Ormesby St Margaret with Scratby for Ormesby Ward residents.

This event, supported by **E.ON**, offered valuable guidance on grants to reduce the cost of home improvements, alongside support from **Great Yarmouth Borough Council's Community Hub** and **Councillor Geoff Freeman**.

We're thrilled to share that **57 residents attended**, with many now referred for grants to improve home heating, given advice on how to reduce energy bills, or being helped to install mobility aids like handrails through the Community Hub referral program.

Curious about grants available to you? If you're a resident of Ormesby have a look at the [E.ON Grant Finder](#) and if you're from one of the other six communities in the project please have a look at your local council website or on the [Norfolk Warm Homes website](#).

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Your thoughts on heating and powering your home

We want to hear from you! We'd be grateful for 5 minutes of your time to complete and share [our short survey](#) on heating and powering your home. 🏠. Your feedback will help shape future support and information for communities across Norfolk.

And as a thank you, you'll be entered into a draw to win a **£50 Love2Shop voucher!** 🎁

We're especially eager to hear from 25-55-year-olds, whose voices have been underrepresented so far in our work. If you know friends, family, neighbours or colleagues in this age group, please [share this survey](#) with them— every response helps us better support our communities.

[Share the survey with your networks](#)

Workshop on energy efficiency in traditionally built homes

We've heard your feedback—many of you want more guidance on making your traditional and heritage homes more energy efficient, and we're here to help! Tackling older properties can be challenging, as it requires balancing energy efficiency with preserving the unique character and features of buildings. This free [one day workshop on 19th March](#) in Swaffham will provide practical advice, expert insights, case studies and a chance to make a plan for your building. Sign up to the event on [Eventbrite here](#).

[Reserve your spot here](#)



Fancy a chat? We're all ears

We want to hear from you about what it's like to live in your local community and the barriers you face towards having a more energy-efficient home and using greener travel options.

Send us an email at norfolk@hubbub.org.uk and let's have a call or meet for a cuppa.

[Have your say](#)



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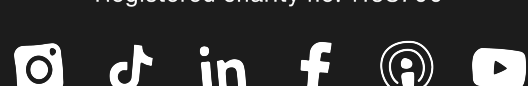
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