

## Necton Parish Council Green Projects

Necton Parish Council are committed to improving the green credentials of Necton village through promoting green projects and raising funding for them. This is the **Necton Parish Council Green Project List** and progress will be reviewed on a six-monthly basis at the Parish Council meetings. Additions to the list are invited from councillors and residents. Any resident interested in joining the Necton Parish Council Green Committee should contact the Parish Clerk.

### Short Term

#### 1. Recycling

It is important for the Parish Council to lead the way in this. Recycling should be routine in the parish office and recycling bins are needed in the office. Waste bins in the village should have appropriate segregation compartments.

#### Litter

Litter can harm wildlife and the dropping of litter is actively discouraged. **Litter Clean-up Days** are organised as needed by the Parish Clerk and residents will be encouraged to clear litter left outside their houses.

#### 2. Flooding

Clearing of ditches has been raised on a number of occasions in parish meetings and by parishioners. This is not the responsibility of the Parish Council but we believe a person should be nominated to inspect the ditches and drains on a monthly basis and liaise with Highways or other responsible organisations / people to ensure the work is done. Possibly the Parish Council could, on a one-off-basis, clear the drains and ditches to a standard that we can ask those responsible to maintain.

#### 3. Allotments

Green vegetables grown in the allotments could be sold to the public at the allotment site. Locally-grown produce reduces the need for world-wide supermarket transport that adds particulates and greenhouse gases into the environment. This would require liaising with the allotment management committee and could involve provision of a shed for this purpose.

#### 4. Village Lights Off at Night

Saving electricity use is an important consideration for greenhouse gas reduction. We recommend a working group should be set up to get the views of the community and move this project forward if there is sufficient support for it. There is a time-critical element to this project because the timers should be put in the LED street lights when they are installed this year.

#### 5. Improvement to Village Hall Entrance

Provision of a small raised flower bed beside the pavement by the way in to the car park would improve the environment for insects and make the entrance more attractive to residents and villagers.

#### 6. Green Notice Board

We recommend the setting up of a green notice board within the council premises that would display information on green projects for the home. Villages could then follow up on their own green projects.

## **Longer Term**

### **7. Solar Thermal**

The provision of solar thermal at the village hall and / or the sports and social club to provide hot water should be investigated. This could reduce the consumption of electricity and therefore reduce the production of greenhouse gases.

### **8. Wildflower Meadow and Nature Trail**

Provision of an area to support nature and insects should be considered, perhaps this could be done in the Marl Pit. Also, a village nature trail with information on the flora and fauna nearby would add both to nature conservation and resident amenity in the future. There would be a case for this to include a pond to extend the types of bird in the village, possibly sited near the old village pond. Access from the school to allow classes to use the nature trail would be an advantage.

### **9. Village Garden Amenity**

Provision of a small garden with hedge screening between the village exercise machines and Church farm would provide a relaxing environment for the village that could have memorial seating and would increase the flora and fauna in the village. It could also join the village nature trail and encourage walking and thus the fitness of residents.

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