

Prince of Wales Award – Opportunity for Groups and Organisations

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) has recently been in contact with a regional opportunity which may be of interest to organisations and community groups in Wiltshire. Applications for the prestigious **Prince of Wales Award** administered by the Royal Bath & West Society are now open for nominations of eligible groups.

The Prince of Wales Award has been running for several years and is intended for projects that are run by the people, for the people with the option for large and diverse parts of the community to become involved.

Applications should be received by the **closing date of Friday 24th March 2023**. All nominations are reviewed by a panel of judges and those chosen will then receive a short visit by the judges on 17th April 2023 before those shortlisted are invited to the first day of the Royal Bath & West Show. The winning project will be announced at the opening ceremony of the Show on 1st June 2023. The winner will be presented with a certificate and keep sake as well as a prize cheque of £1,000 and will then be free to enjoy the Show for the rest of the day.

To be eligible, organisations or groups must be:

1. Located in Bristol, BANES, Somerset, Dorset, Wiltshire or Gloucestershire
2. An organisation run by the community for the community
3. Improving the lives of the whole or specific part of the local community
4. Sustainable

The full criteria and a link to the application form can be found on the website:

www.bathandwestsociety.com/grants-scholarships-conferences-awards/the-prince-of-wales-award

Community First Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

The Community First Bulk Oil Buying Scheme is managed by Oil Fuel Poverty Solutions (OFPS) and aims to reduce the cost of domestic heating oil. By bringing communities in Wiltshire together and making the most of joint buying power, savings can be passed to households, business and organisations. Every time a tanker makes a delivery, it uses a lot of diesel – a full tanker can get as little as eight miles per gallon! If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village, instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village. To take advantage of the scheme you pay an annual membership fee to Community First, which covers as many oil orders through Oil Fuel Poverty Solutions as you need during the course of the year.

Membership fees:

£24 per year (domestic) | £36 per year (community building) | £120 per year (business)

For more information about the Community First Oil Buying Scheme, please visit:

www.communityfirst.org.uk/oil

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