

Case study

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire

Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN) is the primary rural development specialist organisation for the county, providing specialist rural knowledge and intelligence to influence and advocate on behalf of its rural communities.

Throughout their 85 year history, the organisation has encouraged, supported and enabled people in activities that benefit those who work and live in their local area. RCAN's main areas of expertise include rural intelligence, community planning and support, transport and access, health, economic regeneration, the environment, and regional rural policy influence.

An important area of RCAN's work is assisting parishes with their preparation of community led plans, helping them overcome difficulties by providing support and advice, raising issues at strategic levels, improving communication, providing encouragement and using their experience of similar problems elsewhere to assist others.

One example of this in practice is Normanton on Soar, where building on a parish plan enabled parishioners to open a new village hall and community shop. The parish council also received recognition with a quality status.

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