

New West Northants food plan launched to boost healthy eating and sustainability

The West Northamptonshire Sustainable Food Network (WNSFN) has launched the first ever West Northants Food Plan, as part of HARVEST 2026, the area's flagship celebration of community, growers, local food, and healthy eating.

Developed in partnership with West Northamptonshire Council, the University of Northampton, local charities, growers, health professionals, businesses, and community groups, the Food Plan sets out a bold, collaborative vision for a fairer, healthier, and more resilient local food system.

The plan builds on two years of research, community engagement, and the momentum generated by the West Northants Food Summit and the area's recognition as a Sustainable Food Place.

The Food Plan outlines clear priorities for promoting healthy eating, reducing food insecurity, supporting local producers, tackling food waste, embedding sustainable procurement, across all neighbourhoods.

The HARVEST 2026 campaign brings residents and partners together to celebrate and showcase the extraordinary work already taking place across West Northamptonshire. From community larders and fridges, to regenerative farms, school programmes, and neighbourhood-led projects these activities help to strengthen the local food economy.

Nicola Toms Chair of WNSFN, said: *"The food plan reflects the collective commitment of organisations across West Northamptonshire to ensure that everyone, regardless of income, background, or postcode, has access to nutritious food and the ability to participate in shaping our local food future. We want to ensure that HARVEST 2026 reaches as many people as possible, and shows what is possible when we work together to make a big difference."*

For more information, to view the full Food Plan, or to get involved with WNSFN's work, please contact: **hello@goodfoodwnorthants.org** or visit <https://goodfoodwnorthants.org/>

