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Revitalising Wellingborough: A walk toward civic and business pride



Civic and community leaders from North Northamptonshire Council, Wellingborough Town Council, and the Wellingborough Wombles came together last week for a town centre walkabout focused on identifying opportunities for improvement.

The visit highlighted key areas for action, including graffiti removal, waste management and tackling fly-tipping. Longer-term plans include addressing anti-social behaviour and exploring future options for the old market place - all part of a shared commitment to revitalising Wellingborough and fostering pride in the town. Similar walks will be scheduled in the coming months.

More on this story: [Fact-finding Wellingborough walkabout aims to boost business and civic pride.](#)



Latest news

Congratulations to all of our local GCSE students



I'd like to congratulate all Year 11 students receiving their results this week. This is a key moment in their journey, and I'm proud of the hard work and commitment they've shown. I encourage them to embrace the opportunities ahead.

For students who find they have not received the grades they hoped for, or who may be unsure of their next steps for September, [there are many options available](#), and schools can offer advice, guidance and support.

More on this story: [North Northamptonshire Council congratulates Year 11 students on Results Day](#)

Council cracks down on illegal disposal of white goods



Our Waste Enforcement Team is reminding residents to dispose of white goods - such as fridges, freezers and washing machines - safely and legally. This follows a recent rise in white goods being left out on pavements and roadsides by residents and businesses in Wellingborough.

Recent enforcement action taken includes a £1,000 fine issued to one individual and formal warnings given to four others who removed their items after being identified.

- Items in good condition could be donated to local charities for reuse or taken to your local [Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) for disposal.
- You could book a [Bulky item collection](#) via our website.
- If you choose to use a private waste carrier, always make sure they are registered and ask for a waste transfer note - this document proves your waste was handed over responsibly and legally. Without it, you could be held liable if the items are fly-tipped.

More on this story: [Council issues reminder on how residents can dispose of white goods.](#)

 Community matters

Stay safe with cosmetic products: Know what to look for



Our Trading Standards Team is urging residents to stay informed and protected when buying cosmetic products.

Top tips for safe shopping:

- Always read the label. Look for the UK/EU responsible person's name and address - this shows the product meets safety standards.
- Follow instructions and warnings. Use products only as directed to avoid health risks.
- Buy from reputable retailers. Avoid items labelled "for professional use only" - these are not meant for general consumer use.

More on this story: [Trading Standards joins forces with East Midlands colleagues to crackdown on unsafe cosmetic products.](#)

Council's Executive members pick 320kg of litter in Corby



Members of North Northamptonshire Council's Executive took to the streets of Corby this week on a litter-pick - collecting more than 320kg of waste. Cans, litter, bottles, and other rubbish were bagged up for recycling and waste disposal.

The Executive focused on the Barnsley Square area of Corby to gather up litter as well as clearing back overhanging vegetation to open up the paths through the trees. Leading by example, the Executive members also intend to focus on other areas across North Northants.

More [information about street cleansing, environment and litter-picks](#) can be found on the council website.

National Emergency Alert Test: Sunday 7 September 2025



The UK Government will conduct a nationwide test of the Emergency Alerts system at 3pm on Sunday 7 September 2025.

The Emergency Alerts system is designed to warn people of life-threatening situations, such as extreme weather, flooding or fires. The test is part of the Government's Resilience Action Plan to ensure the system works effectively and that the public is familiar with it.

During the test, mobile phones will vibrate and make a loud siren sound for roughly ten seconds, even if they are set to silent. A message will also appear on phone screens, making it clear the alert is only a test.

For more information, please visit the GOV.UK website: [National Emergency Alert test to be held on 7th September](#).

Fraudulent Text Messages Warning



We'd like to make you aware of parking scams that are operating nationally and send fraudulent text messages claiming you've received a parking fine. These fraudulent text messages often include a link and urge you to pay immediately. If you receive one, do not click the link or enter any payment information or your personal details.

North Northamptonshire Council does not issue parking fines by text message or WhatsApp. These will be done via a notice on your car or in the post. You can visit the council's website for more details about fraudulent text messages and [how to pay a genuine parking fine](#), also known as a Parking Charge Notice (or PCN).

 Your Voice Matters

View and respond to current consultations, and take part in engagement surveys and discussions

Carers Strategy 2024-2029: 2025 review



In April 2024, the Council introduced the fully co-produced Carers Strategy 2024-2029, shaped by the voices of unpaid carers with lived experience of supporting family, friends and loved ones.

The first year of implementation is complete and we want to review our progress - what has worked well, recognising challenges and celebrating achievements.


If you are an unpaid carer, this is your opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences. You can view the [Carers Strategy 2024-2029](#) on our website.

This survey closes at 11:59pm on Sunday 21 September 2025.

 [More to explore](#)

Stay informed with our latest press releases

- [North Northamptonshire Council congratulates Year 11 students on Results Day](#)
- [North Northamptonshire awarded prestigious national Social Enterprise Place status](#)
- [Update on the implementation of the North Northamptonshire wide Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policy](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council wishes Year 13 students the very best of luck on Results Day](#)
- [North Northamptonshire to mark 80th Anniversary of VJ Day with Lamp Light of Peace tribute](#)

 [Thank you](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. If you have any questions, please email executive@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

Cllr Martin Griffiths

Leader of the Council

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