



Welcome to the Local Link from North Northamptonshire Council

Issue 3 - 25 July 2025. Featuring: Green Flag Awards for our parks and green spaces. New Executive Director of Children's Services appointed on secondment. New affordable housing. And more...



Top story

Green Flag Awards for our parks and green spaces

Parks and woodlands in North Northamptonshire have been awarded the prestigious Green Flag Award, officially recognising them as some of the best in the country.

Coronation Park, East Carlton Country Park, Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods, Rockingham Road Pleasure Park and Sywell Country Park all received the international quality mark for parks and green spaces.

This achievement is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Council's teams and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure these spaces remain clean, safe and welcoming for residents and visitors alike. [More on this story](#)



Latest news

New Executive Director of Children's Services appointed on secondment

The Council is pleased to welcome Cornelia Andrecut, Director of Children's Social Care at Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) to the Council's Corporate Leadership Team on a year-long secondment as Executive Director of Children's Services. In this role, Cornelia will also serve as the Council's statutory Director of Children's Services (DCS).

Cornelia began her new role on 16 July, and will continue to be part of the NCT Senior Leadership Team throughout the secondment. This collaborative arrangement will support the development of the Council's Children's Services and further strengthen the close partnership between North Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire Children's Trust. [More on this story](#)

New affordable housing development launched in Kettering

The Council officially launched its latest affordable housing development in Kettering, with a special event held on 16 July attended by local dignitaries, partners and community members.

The new homes, located on the site of the former Grange Methodist Church on Stamford Road, offer high-quality, accessible living for local residents. The development includes a mix of 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom homes, all designed with modern, inclusive features to meet a range of needs.

Prospective tenants have been given the opportunity to bid for these homes, which reflect the Council's ongoing commitment to delivering affordable, sustainable housing across the area. [More on this story](#)

The Council advances hybrid working model alongside workspace transformation plans

The Council is moving forward with plans to implement a formal hybrid working model as part of a wider workspace transformation project across its estate. Hybrid working has become the norm across many organisations and is essential for meeting business needs while maintaining flexibility.

The initiative aims to ensure refurbished office spaces are used efficiently and effectively; support the development of a 'One Council' culture and foster team spirit through in-person collaboration.

Staff have been updated on upcoming works at Haylock House in Kettering, which will undergo a full refurbishment during Winter 2025/26. Future works are also planned for Bowling Green Road and Corby Cube offices. [More on this story](#)



Community matters

Residents' Satisfaction Survey

There is still time to take part in our [Residents' Satisfaction Survey](#). Your feedback is vital in helping shape the services we provide and the future of our community. Anyone living in North Northamptonshire can take part.

This survey will close on 27 July.

Supermarket voucher applications temporarily paused

The Council has temporarily paused applications for its [supermarket voucher scheme](#), which supports eligible individuals and families on a low income.

Due to an exceptionally high volume of applications received since 23 June, the fund is currently on hold until 4 August.

This temporary pause will allow the Council to process existing applications and ensure fair distribution of support.

Have your say on our draft Anti-social Behaviour Policy

The Council is preparing to introduce its first-ever Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) Policy, in line with the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003, which requires local housing authorities and registered social landlords to publish a policy and procedures for tackling ASB.

We are now inviting residents, partners and stakeholders to share their views on the [draft ASB Policy](#), which outlines how the Council plans to respond to and investigate reports of anti-social behaviour across the area.

This survey will close on 10 August.

Wellingborough Green Space Day at Nene Valley Crematorium

Join us for a vibrant celebration of North Northamptonshire's treasured green spaces. Hosted by Nene Valley Crematorium, this [free open day](#) invites you to explore the beauty and importance of our natural surroundings. Come along between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 9 August and experience how green spaces support health, biodiversity and community connection.



Your Voice Matters

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

- [Alcohol Needs Assessment](#) - Closes 27 July 2025.
- [Spring Rise Park, Kettering CCTV - New cameras](#) - Closes 10 August 2025.
- [Proposed Calisthenics Equipment in Queensway Park, Wellingborough](#) - Closes 10 August 2025.
- [Local Elections Voter Experience Survey](#) - Closes 10 August 2025.



More to explore

Stay informed with our latest press releases

- [Make sure your Electoral Registration details are up to date](#)
- [£7.7m of highways schemes confirmed for across North Northants](#)
- [Residents urged to report anti-social behaviour](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council leads free fun-packed Active Families Fun Days throughout August](#)
- [£90,000 refurbishment of West Glebe 3G Astro turf now complete](#)
- [Gold award for North Northamptonshire Council's continued commitment to the Armed Forces community](#)

- [Works to improve safety at A6 junction start](#)
- [Drugs are changing: Recreational drug users warned about contaminated street and online drugs](#)
- [Award winning outreach activities in Kettering this summer](#)
- [Tender for refuge and support services for victims of Domestic Abuse in Northamptonshire gets the go ahead](#)
- [North Northamptonshire libraries offer support for residents to connect to NHS App](#)
- [£2,800 fine for fly-tipper caught in Corby](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council invites applications for the role of Independent Remuneration Panel Member](#)
- [Improvement to North Northamptonshire Council's school application process](#)
- [Progress made on Cornerstone roof project as scaffolding and temporary tent installed](#)
- [Cottingham C of E Primary awarded the first Healthy Schools 'Gold Award' by North Northamptonshire Council's Public Health team](#)



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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