



## Welcome to the Local Link from North Northamptonshire Council

**Issue 6 - 10 October 2025. Featuring: Scrutiny-Executive Protocol. Celebrating our new starters and a big win on staff retention. Celebrating 50 years of service. BIG50 website launch.....**

### Top story

#### **Scrutiny-Executive Protocol**

North Northamptonshire Council has developed its first Scrutiny-Executive Protocol to strengthen decision-making and improve service delivery for residents.

The protocol promotes transparency, accountability and collaboration between Executive and Scrutiny functions – each with distinct roles but a shared goal of securing the best outcomes for residents. While the Executive sets policy and makes strategic decisions, Scrutiny committees act as a vital 'check and balance'.

Approved by the Scrutiny Management Board on 22 September 2025, the protocol is to be discussed by the Executive next week. This is a key step toward strong governance and becoming an exemplar council.

View [Agenda for Executive – Tuesday 14 October 2025](#).

### Latest news

#### **Celebrating our new starters and a big win on staff retention**

I was delighted to attend this week's Corporate Induction Welcome Event at the Corby Cube - a brilliant quarterly session that gives new starters the information they need to thrive.

Our Chief Executive, Adele Wylie, opened the event with an inspiring overview of the organisation. I was really impressed by "The Class of '25" – a talented and enthusiastic group, including several Customer Service Advisors who Adele tells me are doing fantastic work in the call centre.

We're proud of our colleagues and committed to being an employer of choice - and it's paying off. We've halved our staff turnover - which reflects major progress in employee engagement and retention.

We aim to keep building on this momentum and continue making North Northamptonshire a great place to work.

Find out more about the roles available on our [Jobs and Careers](#) web pages

### **Celebrating 50 years of service: Alan Heels and Phil Doherty**

Two remarkable colleagues from North Northamptonshire Council, Alan Heels and Phil Doherty, are each celebrating an extraordinary milestone: 50 years of service to local government, totalling a century of dedication between them.

Alan and Phil have spent their careers helping to maintain and improve housing across our area, supporting residents with dedication, professionalism and care. Their work has touched countless lives, and their commitment to public service is truly inspiring.

Chief Executive Adele Wylie (pictured with them above) called them “absolute superstars,” and I couldn’t agree more.

More on this story: [Council colleagues each celebrate 50 years of service.](#)

### **BIG50 website launch**

The [BIG50 website](#) was launched this week as part of [BIG50 Celebration Week](#).

BIG50 is a bold, collaborative vision for how our area will grow and thrive by 2050, involving public services, businesses, education, healthcare, community groups and residents.

Follow BIG50 on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

### **Parking improvements for our Household Waste Recycling Centres**

Parking at Kettering, Rushden and Wellingborough Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will soon be changing to make sites safer and easier to use.

Two rows of parallel parking will be implemented at each site. Corby has successfully used this system for some time.

Further information can be found on the [HWRC parking changes](#) web page.



## **Community matters**

### **Northamptonshire Day: 25 October 2025**

Join us in Northampton Market Square from 1pm to 7:30pm for a vibrant celebration of civic pride, heritage and community spirit.

Expect live entertainment, local food and drink, interactive activities and cultural showcases – all celebrating what makes Northamptonshire a fantastic place to live, work and visit.

More on this story: [Northamptonshire Day to be marked with countywide event.](#)

### **Autumn wellbeing focus**

Autumn is rich with campaigns to support healthier choices and mental wellbeing. These include:

- [World Mental Health Day](#): A chance to reflect, raise awareness and support those around us.

- [Stoptober](#): Encouraging people to quit smoking and take a step towards better health.
- [Go Sober for October](#): A mindful break from alcohol to boost physical and mental wellbeing.

Let's use this season to check in with ourselves and each other. Resources and support are available on our [Health and wellbeing](#) web pages.

### **NHS mobile vaccination van**

The NHS mobile vaccination van is visiting key locations across North Northamptonshire this Autumn/Winter, offering flu and COVID-19 vaccinations, blood pressure checks and other health services.

The service is open from 10am to 4pm. No appointment is needed. ID is helpful but not essential.

Please visit our [Mobile vaccination van](#) web page for full details on dates, locations and eligibility.



### Your Voice Matters

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

- [Keeping Active, Healthy Weight and Healthy Lifestyles Survey](#). Closes 31 October 2025.
- [Healthy Ageing Health Needs Assessment Survey](#). Closes 11 November 2025



### More to explore

#### **Stay informed with our latest press releases**

- [Young people help make Council's first Youth Summit a success](#)
- [Join other families and professionals at SEND workshops](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council Executive to consider a proposed fresh commitment to Arena Sports, Kettering next week](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council is urging community groups and voluntary organisations to apply for grant funding and register to provide 'Warm Spaces' this winter](#)
- [Partnership working tackles fly-tipping at Lower Ecton Lane](#)
- [Changes to housing allocations being considered](#)
- [North Northamptonshire wide Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing policy to go-live](#)
- [Message of condolence from North Northamptonshire Council](#)
- [Statement regarding request for health data in Corby](#)

- [Closure of legacy bank accounts](#)
- [Celebrating local tourism - Northamptonshire Tourism Awards now open for entries](#)
- [Energy efficiency grants for business and community organisations across North Northamptonshire](#)
- [Community grants of between £15,000 and £40,000 on offer to successful applicants from voluntary and community organisations across North Northamptonshire](#)
- [Council sets out its future ambitions and asks for your feedback](#)
- [Council welcomes six new apprentices](#)

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Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. If you have any questions, please email [executive@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:executive@northnorthants.gov.uk).

Kind regards,

**Cllr Martin Griffiths**

**Leader of the Council**

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