



North Northamptonshire Council acknowledges and welcomes Corby's fantastic achievement in being shortlisted for the UK's first Town of Culture competition.

Selected as one of just 15 towns from nearly 400 entries across the UK, Corby has earned a place in the next stage of the prestigious competition.

The town will now go on to develop a full bid for the chance to host a major programme of cultural activity and events in 2028.

North Northamptonshire Council has been proud to support bids from Corby, Wellingborough, Kettering and Rothwell, working closely with local partners to showcase the incredible creativity, rich heritage, vibrant cultural offer and strong community spirit that exists across North Northamptonshire.

Corby's shortlisting is a testament to the passion, ambition and collaboration of those involved. The success shines a spotlight on the area's thriving cultural scene and highlights the important role that culture plays in bringing communities together, boosting pride of place and supporting local prosperity.

More information is available on GOV.UK: [Shortlist for UK Town of Culture revealed](#).

Kettering Library reopens in style

I am delighted to see Kettering Library fully reopen in its stunning original home.

This much-loved building sits at the heart of the town and provides a welcoming space for people of all ages to learn, connect and explore.

Following its restoration, the library looks absolutely amazing, as you will see in the [Kettering Library opens](#) video.

We look forward to welcoming residents and visitors alike to enjoy all that this fantastic facility has to offer. Whether you're looking to access digital resources, take part in community events, support your learning or simply enjoy a great read, there is something for everyone at Kettering Library.

Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to transfer everything back to its original home.



Community matters

Summer holiday activities for children

We want every child and young person in North Northamptonshire to have the opportunity to enjoy a fun, active and memorable summer. That's why we've put together a fantastic range of activities to suit all ages and interests, from sports camps and teen-only sessions to countryside walks and family-friendly activities.

We know that the cost of activities can be a challenge for some families, so we're pleased to be offering a variety of free and low-cost options to help as many residents as possible take part. Whether you're looking to try something new, stay active, or simply spend quality time together, there's something for everyone this summer.

Find out more on our website: [Summer holiday activities for children](#).



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- [Healthy lifestyles – Food and nutrition: views of children and young people](#) – Closes 31 July 2026.
- [Healthy lifestyles – Food and nutrition: views of parents/carers](#) – Closes 31 July 2026.

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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.

Kind regards,

Cllr Martin Griffiths

Leader of the Council

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