



Local Link

 Latest news

To receive six Green Flag Awards during the scheme's 30th anniversary year is a significant accomplishment. I would like to thank everyone involved for their continued commitment to caring for and enhancing these much-loved green spaces for current and future generations.



Community matters

Helping children get ready for school

Starting school is an important milestone in a child's life, and I am pleased that our libraries are helping families prepare through the new Ready Steady School collection.

Available free to borrow across North Northamptonshire, these specially selected picture books cover topics such as routines, friendships, emotions and early learning. They are designed to help children build confidence and excitement as they get ready to start school. Library staff are also on hand to recommend titles tailored to individual children and families.

I am also pleased that Family Hubs North Northamptonshire will be running free Ready Steady School sessions in libraries during the summer holidays. These sessions will provide children and parents with extra opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence needed for a positive start to school life.

I would encourage families to take advantage of these excellent resources and activities. To book a place on a Ready Steady School session, please visit the [Courses, Events and Things to Do](#) section of the Family Hubs North Northamptonshire website.

Make the most of the summer holidays in North Northamptonshire

The summer holidays are a great opportunity for children and young people to stay active, try something new and have fun. A wide range of activities are available across North Northamptonshire, including swimming sessions, sports programmes, holiday clubs, camps and creative events for all ages and abilities.

Eligible families can also benefit from the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which provides funded activities, healthy meals and enriching experiences during the school holidays.

I encourage families to explore the fantastic opportunities available locally and make the most of the excellent leisure facilities, schemes and passes on offer. I hope everyone enjoys a safe, active and memorable summer break.

Find holiday activities near you: [Summer holiday activities for children](#).

Looking ahead to Northamptonshire Day 2026

I am proud that this year's Northamptonshire Day celebrations will be hosted in Kettering, building on the success of last year's event in Northampton's historic Market Square.

While Kettering will provide the backdrop for the celebrations, Northamptonshire Day is about much more than one town. It is an opportunity to celebrate everything that makes our county unique – from our rich history and heritage to our vibrant communities, culture and beautiful countryside.

We are fortunate to live in a county with so much to be proud of. Northamptonshire Day brings together residents, businesses and community organisations to showcase the very best that Northamptonshire has to offer.

With fewer than 100 days to go, preparations for Northamptonshire Day 2026 are already well underway. I look forward to sharing more details in the coming weeks as we count down to another fantastic celebration of our county, its people and its achievements.



Upcoming meetings

Watch Council meetings live or on demand

You can watch Executive and Full Council meetings live, or catch up afterwards, via our official Democratic Services YouTube channel.

Full details for each meeting – including dates, agendas and papers – are available on our ModernGov meetings portal, where you can also view future sessions.

Upcoming meetings:

- [Executive – Tuesday 11 August 2026 from 10am](#)
- [Executive – Tuesday 15 September 2026 from 10am](#)
- [Full Council – Thursday 24 September from 6pm](#)



Your Voice Matters

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

- [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.
- [Wellingborough Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order \(PSPO\) Extension](#) – Closes 10 August 2026.

Please visit the [Your Voice Matters](#) hub for further information. Please share with family, friends, or others in your networks who may be interested in contributing their views.



More to explore

Keep up to date with our latest press releases

- [Update on works taking place on Pytchley Road, Kettering](#)
- [Vision for future of leisure, health and wellbeing outlined](#)
- [Hundreds of non-compliant toys seized in North Northants](#)
- [Call for families to help improve school transport](#)
- [SEND school strikes gold as it becomes first locally to win award](#)
- [New funding to support young people now available](#)
- [Works to start on new section of the Greenway in Kettering](#)
- [Countywide commitment renewed to ending domestic abuse and sexual violence in Northamptonshire](#)
- [Northamptonshire Tourism Conference 2026 to showcase opportunities for growth across the county's visitor economy](#)
- [Nene Valley Crematorium donates more than £5,000 to support local charity's vital missions](#)
- [Order children's free school meals now via Parent Portal](#)

View all council news and updates on our website at: [News](#).



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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