

Leader's Update

14 October 2022

Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to my latest Update.

The Executive meeting was held yesterday in the Council Chamber at the Corby Cube. Two funding items were on the agenda which may be of interest. Firstly, the extended Household Support Fund (HSF) 3 scheme will support our most vulnerable residents this Winter. Secondly, the Safer Streets Fund Round 4 – 2022-23 will pay for a range of safety improvements in two communities – one in Wellingborough and one in Kettering.

Next Friday (21 October) the BBC Children in Need's Rickshaw Relay will pass through Wellingborough as part its 2022 charity appeal on its way to Silverstone. Also taking place that day will be Techspo, a digital showcase event in Kettering for students from local schools, organised in conjunction with Tresham College.

The council has announced a series of free-of-charge swimming sessions for young people across North Northamptonshire during October half term to help keep them fit and active. The annual Corby bonfire and fireworks display, which is also a free entry event, is being organised for the evening of Friday 4 November. I hope that you and your family and friends will be able to join us.

The council is celebrating several successes this week. Barnwell Country Park won a 'Local Favourite' award in a UK's Favourite Parks competition. Northamptonshire Heritage Forum handed out five awards to local organisations and attractions including Chester House Estate, the NeneValley project, Sywell Aviation Museum and Wellingborough Museum.

Our Democratic Services Team is on the shortlist for an ADSO ((Association of Democratic Services Officers) Team of the Year award. I wish them the best of luck while we await the outcome. The council also achieved Silver status in the Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS) for outstanding support towards the Armed Forces community this year.

You can find more about all of these stories (and more) in this Update.

Whatever your plans are, I hope you have a great weekend.

Executive Meeting

The Executive met yesterday (Thursday 13 October) in the Council Chamber at Corby Cube. If you missed the live streaming, you can [watch the recording](#) on our YouTube channel. You can also [view the agenda and papers](#) on our website.

Vulnerable North Northamptonshire families to get cost of living support this Winter

More vulnerable residents in North Northamptonshire will be given a helping hand through the Government's extended [Household Support Fund \(HSF\) 3 scheme](#).

The council will use the £2,465,491 grant, provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), for these payments.

A report before the council's Executive yesterday recommended that the money is used to target three specific areas. These have been identified as those which will provide the most effective support during the Winter and up until March 2023:

- School holiday food support scheme.
- Those working but receiving a low wage.
- Community engagement, food banks and emergency funding.

The school holiday food support scheme will operate by providing a £15 voucher in readiness for the October half term, as well as the Christmas break to families of eligible children (those receiving free school meals).

Up to 4,000 households of people who are working, but receiving a low wage, will be able to apply for further financial relief via an online application process. Details of eligibility terms and how to apply will be released soon.

The council will also work with community groups to identify where best to target funds which would benefit up to a further 1,750 families. This assistance will either be in the form of direct payments, payments to charities or assistance to food banks.

I am delighted that the government has made another round of this funding available so that we are able to offer assistance to vulnerable residents in our area.

The first two rounds of the scheme were very well received and brought much needed assistance for some of the people in our area. This round of funding specifically targets people who are working and on a lower income as well as families with children. It also allows us to work with community groups so we can ensure that the funds are there for those that need it most.

It is anticipated that the Safer Streets funding and projects will have a wider benefit than reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and that they will help improve the health and wellbeing of people living in these areas too.

Funding for Safer Streets projects

The Executive met yesterday to discuss how nearly £550K of Home Office Safer Streets funding should be spent to make two North Northamptonshire areas safer and better places to live.

It was agreed that the [Safer Streets Fund Round 4 – 2022-23](#) will be used for a range of safety improvements in two communities – one in Wellingborough and one in Kettering.

In both areas, the funding awarded by central Government will help control access to alleyways where anti-social behaviour and crime are causing problems for local residents, as well as plans to extend the CCTV networks. In addition, community facilities will be provided or improved, such as outdoor gym equipment, to divert young people away from crime.

When the projects start, residents should begin to see noticeable differences. We plan to work with residents and homeowners to ensure that the work completed meets the needs of the communities.

Improving local areas is a key priority for us as a council. The team is looking forward to working with partners including the Northamptonshire Office of Police and Fire Crime Commissioner and Greatwell Homes on implementing these improvements.

Corby's bonfire and fireworks display back with a bang

The skies above Corby will be lit up with fireworks once again as the annual bonfire and fireworks display returns on Friday 4 November.

This free event, organised by the council, will take place in the area around the Boating Lake, with the bonfire being lit at 7pm, followed by an impressive firework display from 7:30pm.

This year's event will see the return of food stalls on site, alongside the popular torchlight procession which will leave from outside Corby International Pool at 6:45pm.

Road closures will be in place from 6pm with no access from the BP Fourways Garage, Cottingham Road along Westcott Way.

This year's event has been sponsored by Premier Roofing Systems Ltd, Northamptonshire Pallets Ltd and Pipelife UK Ltd.

It is great that the torchlight procession is able to return after we had to hold a scaled back event last year. I am sure there will be a brilliant atmosphere in the town as the community comes together for this spectacular evening of entertainment.

Digital showcase event aims to create career pathway for talented pupils

School pupils aiming for a future career in the digital and technology industries will have the chance to network with local sector leaders at a showcase event next week.

The council is working with Tresham College, part of The Bedford College Group, to host the invitation-only Techspo event at the Kettering campus on Friday 21 October.

Tresham College will have a series of exhibition stands on their technology courses - from digital marketing to game design and software development.

Technology companies will be attending to share their work and career opportunities with names signed up so far including Smart Octopus Voice Agency, AR Media, Starship Robotics and Voi E-Scooters.

Students from local schools will take part in a Dragons Den-style competition to pitch ideas for protecting the environment and improving town centres using new technology. There will be prizes of a VR headset for the best ideas.

The event is seen as a great opportunity for new connections to be made between schools, Tresham College and local technology businesses to spark future collaborations and pathways into the industry.

The session is part of the Digital Northamptonshire initiative which also includes the Merged Futures event hosted by the University of Northampton this Summer.

This showcase is a great way of demonstrating the talent we have in North Northamptonshire. Creating opportunities for our young people in the area is a key priority for the council. Bolstering the digital economy is essential to ensure future growth and opportunity.

The BBC Children in Need Rickshaw Relay is coming to Wellingborough

Also next week, Matt Baker MBE and a team of five incredibly inspiring young people, all supported by [BBC Children in Need](#), will take on a relay-style ride over five days. Each rider will take a section of the journey, travelling through their hometowns and visiting places across the UK which hold a particular significance for them along the way. This much-loved BBC Children in Need staple will raise life-changing money for the charity, as part of its 2022 appeal.

The [Rickshaw Relay](#) will run from Monday 17 October and Friday 21 October. On Friday, the ride will start in Wellingborough and finish in Silverstone.

Routes - Start and End Points

Day one - Monday 17 October - Sunderland to Durham

Day two - Tuesday 18 October - Warrington to Wrexham

Day three - Wednesday 19 October - Aberystwyth

Day four - Thursday 20 October - Birmingham to Kenilworth

Day five - Friday 21 October - Wellingborough to Silverstone

Matt Baker MBE said: 'We know it's a challenging year for everyone, but if you're able to donate, it would be greatly appreciated and it will make a huge difference to the lives of children and young people all over the UK.'

You can follow their journey on BBC Breakfast every morning from 6am or watch the special one-off documentary on BBC One on Tuesday 15 November.

Make a splash at our free under 18s swimming sessions this October half term

Young people are being invited to take the plunge and enjoy free swimming sessions across North Northamptonshire this October half term.

Free daily sessions will be available from Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October at the five North Northamptonshire pools:

- Corby – From 11am to 12:30pm - Corby East Midlands International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George St, Corby NN17 1QG.
- Kettering – From 11am to 12:30pm - Kettering Pool, London Rd, Kettering NN15 7QA.
- Rushden – From 11am to 12:30pm - Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden, NN10 9SJ.
- Thrapston – From 11am to 12:30pm - Nene Leisure Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4JY.
- Wellingborough – From 1:35pm to 2:55pm - Waendel Leisure Centre, Thomas Street, Wellingborough, NN8 1DZ.

For booking and more information, please contact your [local swimming pool](#).

The sessions are available to anyone under the age of 18, however, children under the age of eight will need to be accompanied by an adult.

Swimming is a fun activity for all and has many health benefits. Keeping the sessions free makes the activity accessible to all. Improving the lives of young people is a priority for us and swimming is a tremendous way of boosting their wellbeing.

Great result for local community as team effort sees football goals installed

There'll be no more need for jumpers for goalposts at one Kettering park after the council teamed up with the local community.

Two full-sized goalposts have been installed on parkland in Thurston Drive, Kettering, paid for from council funds and a locally run internet crowd-funding page spearheaded by local man Rhys Alford.

With a nearby full-sized pitch out of action after it was condemned Mr Alford started to raise money for improved football facilities.

Adding to the community contributions – the council offered funds from its grounds maintenance and leisure budgets towards the cost of the goals.

The local residents have shown real determination and drive to improve football facilities in their area and this is commendable. I'm delighted that we were able to help take this forward, leaving a great result for all.

Meanwhile, the council is working to bring the nearby full-sized astro-turf pitch back into use.

Following a surface safety test carried out in 2019, the pitch was condemned due to the playing surface not meeting the necessary safety standards.

The council is now working with the Football Foundation to take forward a project to see a new playing surface installed.

Council wins Silver Award for commitment to supporting the Armed Forces community

North Northamptonshire Council has achieved Silver status in the [Ministry of Defence Employer Recognition Scheme \(ERS\)](#) for outstanding support towards the Armed Forces community this year.

The ERS recognises organisations that have actively demonstrated their support for the Armed Forces community through implementing practical policies in the workplace.

This includes commitments such as paid time off for reservists and cadet force adult volunteers and ensuring HR policies are inclusive of veterans and military spouses.

Under the scheme, employers support defence personnel and encourage others to do the same.

The scheme has three levels, bronze, silver and gold. To achieve silver, organisations must proactively demonstrate that the Armed Forces community are not unfairly disadvantaged as part of their recruitment policies.

They must also actively ensure their workforce is aware of their positive policies towards defence people issues.

As a member of the [Armed Forces Covenant](#), we have a duty and commitment to support ex and current service personnel in any way we can. We not only appreciate our Armed Forces' service to the country but also the important role they play in our communities throughout North Northamptonshire.

Armed Forces Community Hub sessions

If you are a member of the Armed Forces community, please come along to one of our Armed Forces Community Hub sessions. As well as a chance to have a cup of tea and a chat with friends, this is a great opportunity to seek help and advice in a relaxed setting.

Corby - West Glebe Pavilion, Cottingham Road, Corby NN17 1SZ.

Sessions will be held from 1pm to 3pm and 6pm to 8pm on:

- Tuesday 25 October
- Tuesday 29 November
- Tuesday 13 December.

Kettering - Kettering Room, Corn Market Hall, 42 London Road, Kettering NN15 7QA.

Sessions will be held from 1:30pm to 3:30pm and 6pm to 8pm on:

- Thursday 11 November
- Thursday 8 December.

Barnwell Country Park wins 'Local Favourite' award

[Barnwell Country Park](#) has achieved 'Local Favourite' status in a UK's Favourite Parks 2022 competition.

In the Fields in Trust competition, parks were nominated by their users - with 364 parks nominated nationally and over 30,000 votes cast. Barnwell Country Park was one of three parks in North Northamptonshire to be nominated for the award, alongside Irchester Country Park and Corby Sculpture Park.

Parks finishing in the top 20% of the public vote achieved 'Local Favourite' status, reflecting the love shown for them by their local communities.

The full listing of UK's Favourite Parks 2022 winners can be found on the [Fields in Trust website](#).

Thank you to everyone who voted. Thank you to the country park rangers and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication in keeping our parks to such a high standard.

If you haven't visited one of our beautiful [country parks](#) lately, please do so - there is so much to enjoy!

Northamptonshire Heritage Forum Annual Awards 2022

Last week, Northamptonshire Heritage Forum hosted an evening celebrating the very best of Northamptonshire's rich heritage at the Northampton Museum and Art Gallery.

I am delighted to tell you that five awards were presented to organisations in the North Northamptonshire area, including Chester House Estate, Nenescape, Sywell Aviation Museum and Wellingborough Museum.

Award winners:

- **Chester House Estate - Best Special Project (Completed Over 5 Years) for 'Restoring the Chester House Estate'**
The Chester House Estate is a £15.5m heritage restoration project, funded by North Northamptonshire Council and The National Lottery Fund (NLHF), consisting of a large 17th century (Grade II Listed) farm including a farmhouse and surrounding barns. The restoration of the estate, and creation of new retail, accommodation and catering facilities, a new museum and Archaeological Resource Centre have delivered a wonderful new heritage asset to Northamptonshire. The project has been wildly successful thanks to the energy and passion of the volunteers and staff team.
- **Chester House Estate - The People's Choice Award**
This vote was for the organisation that the public would most like to visit. The Chester House team won the award taking over 20% of the vote from a shortlist of 10 voted for by the public. This award was supported by BBC Radio Northampton and John Griff DL.
- **Nenescape Landscape Partnership Scheme - Heritage Organisation of the Year**
Over the last five years his remarkable organisation has, under the auspices of the River Nene Regional Park, brought together and supported a vast number of local enterprises who operate in the Nene Valley. Their three-fold aim of listening to the past, exploring the now, and securing the future has allowed them to upskill, encourage and fund many of the forum's membership who, in turn, have delivered truly excellent projects which have engaged and delighted the public, and made the Nene Valley area more accessible and resilient in the longer term. The project was initially granted £2.6m over five years by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and received an additional £2m of donations and the support of the University of Northampton. The current iteration of the Nenescape project is due to end at the end of October. The judges and Northamptonshire Heritage Forum wished to congratulate the small but inspiring Nenescape team for successfully fulfilling their vision.
- **Sywell Aviation Museum - Best Event Award for 'Grand Opening and 21st Birthday Party'**

Their first 'Grand Opening' in 3 years (due to COVID) was held to launch the Museum's 2022 season and celebrate their 21st birthday. The team delivered a spectacular event pulling in a record number of visitors and participants. Delivered on a tiny budget, it provided a great day out free to the public.

- **Wellingborough Museum - Best Project Under £500 for 'Arnie the Dragon'**

All the Arndale shopping centres in the UK once had a wooden 'sculpture' and the Wellingborough Swansgate Centre had a dragon named Arnie. This was installed in 1975 and was a feature that was played on by youngsters until 2003. The project restored this much-loved dragon and returned it to the public.

About the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum

Founded in 2002, the [Northamptonshire Heritage Forum](#) is a volunteer organisation run by an elected committee and funded by member subscriptions. The organisation supports and coordinates over 100 heritage organisations in the county by providing access to training, joint marketing, and funding advice via Museum Development East Midlands. This support is afforded to museums, historic houses, galleries, outdoor sites such as battlefields, churches, and local history societies and groups. The forum also has a group of individual members who are interested in heritage, including authors and speakers.

Democratic Services shortlisted for ADSO Team of the Year Award

North Northamptonshire Council's Democratic Services Team has been shortlisted as a finalist for the Team of the Year Award at the [ADSO Awards 2022](#) (Association of Democratic Services Officers).

The three other councils on the shortlist are: The London Borough of Sutton, West Northamptonshire Council and Wirral Council.

The winning team will be announced at the ADSO Annual Conference and Awards Ceremony on 17 to 18 November 2022.

Congratulations to the team – we'll be keeping our fingers crossed...

New Northamptonshire Suicide Prevention Strategy relaunched on World Mental Health Day

In Northamptonshire, around 60 people take their own life each year.

Suicide prevention is a priority for everyone, as each of those 60 deaths can potentially be prevented.

That is why local partners felt it was appropriate to relaunch The Northamptonshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2022-25 on World Mental Health Day (Monday 10 October).

This year's theme was 'Make mental health and wellbeing a priority', a message strongly believed in by the multi-agency Suicide Prevention Steering Group.

The Northamptonshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2022-25 documents local partners' approach to reducing suicide and self-harm across the county. It provides an update on the national and local picture on suicide and a review of the previous strategy.

It also sets out seven key priorities:

- Reduce the risk of suicide in key high-risk groups.
- Tailor approaches to improve mental health in specific groups.
- Reduce access to means of suicide.
- Provide better information and support to those bereaved or affected by suicide .
- Support the media in delivering sensitive approaches to suicide and suicidal behaviour.
- Support research, data collection and monitoring.
- Reduce the rates of self-harm as a key indicator of suicide risk.

The strategy, which will be reviewed annually to ensure continuous development links to other local plans and services including Health and Wellbeing services, the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Transformation Plan, Healthy Schools Programme, Rough Sleepers/Single Homeless Plan and Drug and Alcohol Services.

The multi-agency Suicide Prevention Steering Group will monitor the outcomes of the strategy and report these to the relevant committees and boards.

New Public Health web pages go live

The development of northnorthants.gov.uk continues with another service migrated over. As part of the disaggregation of Public Health, the service's web pages have gone live in the North of the county.

We have a wealth of information on the council's website to help people improve their health and wellbeing, including support to stop smoking, lose weight and support independence. It allows us promote these pages when we run our different campaigns through the year.

Please visit the new [Health and Wellbeing web pages](#) for information and advice on a wide range of services including:

- Urgent mental health and support
- Stop smoking
- Weight management
- Healthy Schools service
- Supporting Independence Service
- Preventing falls

Ancient woodland practice provides forum for team bonding sessions

Workers who feel they might be in need of some team-bonding can take advantage of dedicated coppicing sessions in North Northamptonshire's ancient woodland.

The [Corby Woodland Project](#) has welcomed in the new coppicing season in [Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods](#) in the town.

Coppicing is a traditional method of woodland management that has been practised for more than 1,000 years to regenerate forest and provide fuel and materials for many crafts. Young tree stems are cut down to near ground level to encourage the development of new, vigorous shoots.

All equipment and risk assessments will be included, and those taking part will be provided with a tool safety brief upon arrival by a parks and woodland ranger. Participants are asked to provide their own gloves.

Sessions are available Mondays to Fridays between October 2022 and March 2023, subject to staff availability.

Anyone interested in taking part should contact rebecca.jenkins@northnorthants.gov.uk in the first instance.

We have some wonderful pockets of ancient woodland in our area and I'm delighted that we're able to provide a forum where people can reconnect with nature, while building a bit of team spirit.

Engagement with local residents on electric vehicle charging points launched

A survey has been launched on potential locations for on-street electric vehicle charging points in seven towns across North Northamptonshire.

Some 21 sites are being considered in Corby, Desborough, Higham Ferrers, Kettering, Rothwell, Rushden and Wellingborough. Residents living nearby will receive a letter inviting them to have their say on the proposed sites.

The letter will be from Liberty Charge, who are running the project alongside the council.

All the sites are in locations with little or no off-road parking to support those residents who do not currently have the option of charging at home.

All feedback will be reviewed by the council. Before installation goes ahead, residents will have a further opportunity to comment on the designation and operation of the bays through the Traffic Regulation Order process.

The survey is available online at [Survey on proposed on-street electric vehicle charging points in North Northamptonshire – October 2022](#).

The closing date for the survey is Wednesday 9 November 2022.

Survey to understand North Northamptonshire's shopping, leisure and town centre requirements

Research into the shopping and leisure habits of people in North Northamptonshire will help shape future planning policies and strategies for town centres.

In developing planning policies and strategies for town centres in North Northamptonshire we need current information and the best way of getting this is to ask people directly.

The council has commissioned specialist consultants Nexus Planning to carry out a Retail Capacity Update, which is a study that will give a better understanding of how and where people like to shop, spend their leisure time and use their town centres.

As part of the study there will be a telephone survey which will involve about 1,300 households in the area over the next few weeks.

The survey should take approximately six or seven minutes to complete and will be conducted by [NEMS Market Research](#). Most approaches will be made outside normal working hours to make sure working households can take part.

No personal information will be collected other than age and gender. Any information provided will be used in statistical form only, so that it will not be possible for people to be identified from their answers.

The council welcomes people taking part in the survey and greatly appreciates all responses, but anyone contacted is under no obligation to take part. If anyone who receives a call has concerns at any point, they should hang up and report it to: planningpolicy@northnorthants.gov.uk.

If you would like to know more about the study, please contact the Planning Policy team at planningpolicy@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Open activities on the Consultation and Engagement Hub

Please find below details of our open consultation and engagement activities. I would welcome your feedback on the following:

[The Electoral Commission consultation on draft guidance for Returning Officers: Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities](#): The Electoral Commission have asked us to help promote a consultation they are carrying out on the draft guidance for Returning Officers: Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities. Closes 17 October 2022.

[Queensway, Wellingborough Alley Gating Scheme 2022](#): We plan to implement a series of security measures within the area, in conjunction with Northamptonshire Police and local community groups. We are asking for views if installing alley gates would positively benefit the local community. Closes 21 October 2022.

[Queensway, Wellingborough CCTV Consultation 2022](#): We plan to implement a series of security measures within the area, in conjunction with Northamptonshire Police and local community groups. We are asking for views if an increased CCTV resource would positively benefit the local community. Closes 21 October 2022.

[Public Consultation on an Application for a Part A2 Permit made under the Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(as amended\)](#): North Northamptonshire Council (Kettering Area) has received an application from Ball Beverage Packaging Europe Ltd for a Part A2 Environmental Permit for a drinks can manufacturing facility at Ball Kettering, Kettering Gateway. The public are invited to comment on this application. Closes 26 October 2022.

[Kettering, William Knibb and All Saints Wards Proposed CCTV](#): We plan to implement a series of security measures within this area, in conjunction with North Northamptonshire Council, Northamptonshire Police and local community groups. We are asking for views on our plans. Closes 28 October 2022.

[Corby Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan](#): Residents are being encouraged to give their ideas on how routes for walking, wheeling and cycling in Corby can be made more attractive as part of the town's new Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). Closes 13 November 2022.

[Visitor Use of the Upper Nene Valley](#): We are currently undertaking a project to understand how people use the Nene Valley for recreation, so we can understand the impact on the important wildlife habitats in the area. Closes 1 December 2022.

Details of all open and closed consultation and engagement activities are available on the [North Northamptonshire Consultation and Engagement Hub](#).

If you have any questions, please email the Consultation and Engagement Team at CET@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Calling all households

We have almost finished completing our checks that the electoral register is up-to-date for this year.

All households across North Northamptonshire received either a:

- Letter marked 'CCA' which only needed to be responded to if the elector details were incorrect.
- Form marked 'CF' which you must respond even if all elector details are correct.

If you have received a form marked 'CF' the quickest way to respond is to visit the [Household Response](#) website and enter the security codes on your form to login and record if any changes.

For those that do not respond (and received a 'CF' form only), a staff member may call you before Monday 31 October to confirm details. Please help them with their work to let us know your elector details are correct.

If you are not sure how to respond or would prefer to contact us about details on the electoral register, our Elections Team is happy to help. Please call them on 01832 742 076.

The requested information is required by law and not responding or providing false information can result in a £1000 fine.

If you're not currently registered to vote your name will not appear in messages we send - but you can easily [register online at GOV.UK](#) or call 01832 742 076.

Not being registered to vote can affect your applications for loans, mortgages and even mobile phone contracts. It also means you will not be able to vote at election time.

Press releases

To help you stay abreast of the key things the council has been doing, I have included some links to the latest press releases below (starting with the most recent):

[Silver award for North Northamptonshire Council's commitment to supporting Armed Forces community](#)

[Engagement with local residents on electric vehicle charging points launched](#)

[Bonfire and fireworks display back with a bang for 2022](#)

[Make a splash at our free under 18yrs swim sessions this October Half Term](#)

[New Northamptonshire Suicide Prevention Strategy relaunched on World Mental Health Day](#)

[Funding for Safer Streets projects on Executive agenda](#)

[North Northants families to get support for cost-of-living challenges over Winter](#)

[Survey to understand North Northamptonshire's shopping, leisure and town centre requirements](#)

[Great result for local community as team effort sees football goals installed](#)

[Ancient woodland practice provides forum for team bonding sessions](#)

[Digital showcase event aims to create career pathway for talented pupils](#)

[Calling all households](#)

Social media: Top stories

Follow our social media accounts and share our [Facebook](#) and/or [Twitter](#) posts when you can.

Top Facebook posts so far this week (10 to 12 October 2022)

- You now have until 5pm tomorrow to have your say on the proposed plans for a pedestrian and cycle route between Corby town centre and railway station. Find out more: <https://corbytownsfund.co.uk/corby-station-link-public-engagement-haveyour-say/>
(Reach 9,237, Post Clicks 918)
- Make a splash at our free under 18yrs swim sessions this October Half Term <http://ow.ly/b4pw50L6CC8>
(Reach 5,600, Post Clicks 380)
- (Shared post from North Northants Leisure) Young people are being invited to enjoy FREE SWIMMING this October half term!! Free daily sessions will be available from Monday, 24th October to Friday, 29th October 2022, at the five North Northants pools:
 - The Nene Centre, NN19 9SJ, 1.35pm – 2.55pm. Tel: 01933 221622
 - Kettering Pool, NN15 7QA, 11am - 12.30pm. Tel: 01536 234409
 - The Nene Centre, NN14 4JY, 11am - 12.30pm. Tel: 01832 734090
 - SPLASH Leisure Pool, NN10 9SJ, 11am – 12.30pm. Tel: 01933 410505
 - Corby International Pool, NN17 1QG, 11am – 12.30pm. Tel: 01536 464643 or book online.The sessions are available to anyone under the age of 18, however under 8's will need to be accompanied by an adult. Booking is advised. Happy swimming!!!!
(Reach 3,294, Post Clicks 180)

Top Tweets so far this week (10 to 12 October 2022)

- We are currently recruiting for three exciting roles:
 - Assistant Director, Housing
 - Director of Public Health and Wellbeing
 - Head of Performance, Intelligence and PartnershipsFind out more about these roles and apply online: <https://t.co/lcF6BnrjOW>
(Impressions 502, Engagements 12)
- Losing weight can be one of the hardest things to do. So we're here to help get you started. Find great guidance and help online <https://t.co/wlel9wE2ZI>
(Impressions 404, Engagements 9)

- Coming out' to your family and friends can be incredibly difficult. So we're supporting this annual event to let you know there are people who have been there, done that, and are happier than ever. You do it your way, but be proud this #NationalComingOutDay (Impressions 395, Engagements 4)

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have ideas of items to include in future updates please let me know at: executive@northnorthants.gov.uk

With Best Wishes,
Jason