

# Leader's Update

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## Introduction and welcome

Welcome to my latest Update.

I am delighted to start today's Update by celebrating the excellent work of our councillors which has been recognised on a personal, local and national level. Recent acknowledgements include a heartfelt thank you from a resident, an award from a local association and a nomination for a national award. This goes to show the vital role that our councillors play in representing the interests and views of North Northamptonshire residents. Congratulations to all concerned.

The Executive met yesterday (Thursday 16 November). 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 or read the live tweets on X (formerly Twitter).

The next Full Council meeting has been arranged for Thursday 7 December. The meeting will be live streamed on YouTube from 6pm. The agenda will be displayed on our website in the week before the meeting.

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Residents on means tested benefits who use pre-payment meters or non-standard fuels and are eligible to apply for Winter Energy Support. This financial aid is part of the Household Support Fund which is funded by the Department for Work and Pensions.

Organisations in North Northamptonshire are encouraged to check their eligibility and apply for two grants which are funded by the government's Shared Prosperity Fund. Grants of up to £15,000 are available for community support funding. Grants of up to £25,000 are available for youth community funding in 'left behind' areas. The closing date for applications for both grants is Monday 27 November.

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Residents looking for new career or training opportunities are invited to come along to our Job Fair with Tresham College and Jobcentre Plus on Tuesday 28 November. The event will take place from 3pm to 6pm at Kettering Learning Centre.

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Our LIVE team has launched this year's Coats for Kids campaign. If you have any pre-owned children's winter coats to donate, please give the team a call or drop them off during office hours. Further details are included below.

Voi has expanded its service in the east of Kettering so that e-scooters are now available across the entire town. E-scooters and e-bikes provide a greener and cheaper alternative form of transport to help cut congestion and pollution for all.

Residents who have made key contributions to health and wellbeing, physical activity and sport in the area have been recognised for their excellence at the North Northamptonshire Council's Active Communities Awards. I have included a list of all the 2023 winners below.

The council is considering making a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to cover Rushden town centre. It has been designed to cover anti-social behaviour hotspots and to prevent this behaviour from moving to nearby parks and public spaces. Full details of this, and other current consultation and engagement activities, can be found on the Your Voice Matters website.

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

## **Celebrating the vital work of our councillors**

### **Councillor commended for loyalty and commitment**

I received an email last from a resident about the positive impact that another North Northamptonshire Councillor, Cllr Lora Lawman, has made on their local community.

The resident commended Cllr Lora Lawman for her loyalty and commitment to her constituents and her outstanding work to resolve a planning issue.

I know that Members across the whole area will be doing great work for their communities and constituents. Please do let me know if you have any positive feedback or good news stories that you would like me to highlight.

### **Rothwell Town Council wins Council of the Year 2023 award**

Congratulations to Rothwell Town Council for winning the Council of the Year 2023 award. The award was announced at the [Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils](#) (NCALC) AGM meeting earlier this month.

The Northamptonshire County Association of Local Councils is a not-for-profit membership organisation, representing, training and advising the parish and town councils of Northamptonshire.

### **Two councillors nominated for national awards**

Congratulations are in order for two councillors from North Northamptonshire Council who have been named finalists in the [National Association of Local Councils](#) (NALC) Star Council Awards 2023.

Established in 1947, NALC is the only national body that represents the interests of 10,000 local (parish and town) councils in England. NALC works in partnership with county associations to support, promote and improve local councils.

The [Star Council Awards](#) are the only awards in England that recognise the local (town and parish) council sector. They celebrate the positive impact on their communities of local councils, councillors, clerks and county associations.

- Cllr Mark Pengelly is nominated for Councillor of the Year.
- Cllr Simon Reilly is nominated for Young Councillor of the Year.

The winners of the Star Council Awards will be announced during NALC's annual parliamentary reception, which will take place on Wednesday 29 November at the House of Lords in Westminster.

Congratulations to Mark and Simon – I wish you the best of the luck in the finals.

## Forthcoming meetings

- **Full Council:** Thursday 7 December from 6pm.
- **Executive:** Thursday 21 December from 10am.

The agenda and papers will be published on the [Council meetings](#) section of our website in the week before the meeting.

These meetings will be live streamed on our [YouTube](#) channel.

## The Corby Sixth Form officially opened

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This followed a recent visit by HRH The Duke of Gloucester and James Saunders Watson, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, who were welcomed by students and stakeholders and given a tour of the facilities.

The ceremony was an opportunity for The Bedford College Group to introduce its new Chief Executive, Yiannis Koursis OBE, who shared his excitement for the future of the project and thanked all involved for making the Corby Sixth Form a reality.

The state-of-the-art campus situated in the heart of Corby town centre is net zero carbon in operation and currently has its first year cohort of students studying A-levels and Diplomas.

It is great to see the classrooms and impressive facilities in use and students learning about a variety of topics.

The surrounding area is already seeing a positive impact, with students and staff contributing to the local economy.

The [Corby Sixth Form](#) will continue to grow to accommodate up to 660 students per academic year.

The new campus has been delivered in partnership between The Bedford College Group and North Northamptonshire Council, with the Sixth Form being run by The Bedford College Group. The site was made possible due to funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities received by the council.

The project has been facilitated through the [Corby Towns Fund](#), which sees the Corby area receiving £19.9m from central government for four projects, including Corby Sixth Form.

## **Primary school relocation to Glenvale Park Development given the go ahead at Executive Meeting**

This week the Executive considered the proposed relocation of a Wellingborough primary school to the brand new school building at the Glenvale Park site.

It was agreed that Wilby CEVA Primary School will relocate to the Glenvale Park Development to coincide with the start of term in September 2024.

The formal Department for Education (DfE) process of making a significant change to a maintained school will now commence. Simultaneously, the necessary preparations and planning for the relocation will begin immediately.

Families from the Glenvale Park Development with primary aged children will be able to apply for a school place as part of the normal council admissions process.

## **Community Managed Libraries Programme completed**

A long-term project to transfer libraries to become community managed in North Northamptonshire has now been completed.

Raunds Library is the final library to be transferred - with the Creating Tomorrow Academy Trust and the Raunds Community Library Trust selected to run the library in partnership. The transformation of the Library Service in Northamptonshire began in 2019 under the predecessor authority, Northamptonshire County Council. The programme sought to keep some libraries directly under the local authority management with the remainder managed by community groups.

Since the creation of North Northamptonshire Council in April 2021, the council has been continuing the programme of transferring some libraries into community management. Irchester Library transferred in October 2022 and Rothwell in May 2023.

In North Northamptonshire the community managed libraries are:

- Burton Latimer
- Danesholme
- Desborough
- Earls Barton
- Finedon
- Irchester
- Raunds
- Rothwell
- Thrapston
- Wollaston.

I'm delighted to see the completion of this programme of work which has seen an innovative model introduced to ensure libraries continue to be at the heart of our communities.

I'd like to thank all of the staff involved for all of their hard work and dedication and, of course, the community groups themselves, without whom this would not have been possible.

## **Celebrate the magic of Christmas on the High Street with the 'Hi Santa Stops' festive trail**

Christmas is coming and festive spirit is in the air as North Northamptonshire Council has launched a magical interactive experience designed to spread cheer and encourage people to support their local businesses this festive season.

Made possible through funding awarded to the council from the government's [Shared Prosperity Fund](#) (UKSPF), 'Hi Santa Stops' is part of the [Hi Street](#) campaign and is set to be a fun and charming trail adventure for children, families, and adults alike.

It aims to bring smiles to faces, and a sense of community across 14 local towns, and asks people to step out of their home to stroll through town centres and discover their local businesses, instead of scrolling through computer and phone screens as they prepare for their Christmas festivities.

A total of 56 local businesses have joined in to become a 'Hi Santa Stop', as the trail invites people to explore local town centres, High Streets, and shopping areas to hunt for 8 enchanting clues across 7 trail areas, from Santa himself.

Discovering these clues unlocks a [heart-warming message from Santa](#) who will give participants a letter to help unveil a festive-themed word once all 8 clues are found. People can then go on to enter a prize draw if they wish, where they could win £500 worth of gift vouchers to use at local businesses (terms and conditions apply), and as an added bonus, everyone taking part can collect a bag of sweet festive treats sourced from two local confectionery companies as a reward for completing the challenge.

'Hi Santa Stops' will run until Saturday 23 December giving people plenty of time to enjoy the activity during the lead up to Christmas, and unlock the clues at their leisure.

It will be supported by a campaign to encourage participation in the trail including a promotional video, advertising, social media activity on the [Hi Street Facebook](#) and [Hi Street Instagram](#) pages.

We will be promoting the national [Small Business Saturday](#) event as part of the campaign which takes place on 2 December, and sharing festive events happening during the festive season in North Northamptonshire, particularly those run by our Town Council partners including light switch-on events, Christmas markets, as well as free parking in some town centres in December.

All the information people need to take part is on the [Hi Street](#) section of our website including the trail areas and all local businesses involved.

## **Join us next week at our virtual climate change conference**

Our third annual climate change conference, [NNClimate23](#), will be broadcast live on YouTube on Wednesday 22 November, starting at 9:30am. The event will showcase sustainability and environmental projects in North Northamptonshire.

The day will focus on three sessions:

- 9:30am to 11am: Farming and Sustainability (with three speakers)
- 11:25am to 1pm: Towards a New Green Economy (with four speakers)
- 2pm to 3:15pm: Youth and Community (with three speakers).

The conference will be virtual, taking place online to reduce the carbon footprint of the event.

It will be broadcast live on YouTube for anyone to watch. We hope you can join us.

## **Financial assistance for businesses looking to reduce carbon emissions launched**

The council has launched a new grant scheme - NNDecarb - to help local businesses invest in measures to increase energy efficiency, move to a lower carbon economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Small- or medium-sized businesses can now apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 towards 50% of project costs, with the remaining amount to be match funded by the business.

The funding can be used for:

- lighting and lighting controls
- heating and heating controls
- insulation
- energy efficient machinery and equipment (e.g. air compressors)
- solar panels
- heat pumps
- biomass boilers
- energy storage
- building energy management systems.

More information about eligibility and how to apply can be found on the [NNDecarb business grant scheme](#) section of our website.

The deadline for applications is Friday 15 December 2023.

This project is funded by the UK government through the [Shared Prosperity Fund](#).

## **Financial support over the Winter for low income residents using pre-payment meters or 'non-standard' fuels**

North Northamptonshire Council is urging low income residents who have pre-payment meters or use 'non-standard' fuels not to miss out on financial [Winter Energy Support](#) - part of the government's [Household Support Fund](#).

Non-standard fuels include tank or bottled gas, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), oil, wood and solid fuels.

Residents who use pre-payment meters or non-standard fuels and are on means tested benefits are eligible to apply. Means tested benefits are Council Tax Support, Housing Benefit, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA), Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Income Support, Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit and Universal Credit).

The total value of all Winter support payments awarded to successful applicants will be £150, up to 31 March 2024. Only one award for Winter energy support will be made per household.

Successful applicants will receive a payment to their bank account.

To receive support, you must:

- be over the age of 16 years (not in full time education),
- have the right to work in the United Kingdom,
- be a resident of North Northamptonshire,
- not have been in receipt of Winter Energy Support from North Northamptonshire Council as part of any financial aid award from the Household Support Fund since 1 April 2023,
- be in receipt of means tested benefits,
- use a pre-payment meter or non-standard fuel (such as oil) for heating the home.

You must provide evidence of:

- your National Insurance number,



- one month's full bank statement dated within the last three months showing receipt of means tested benefits,
- proof of up-front payment for energy (receipt, bill or statement of account showing name, address and account details) dated within the last three months.

To apply for support, please visit the [Winter Energy Support - HSF](#) section of our website.

Professionals, voluntary organisations, carers, family members and friends can apply on behalf of a resident, subject to being able to supply the required information.

\*Please note that if you have made or are making a financial aid application through the Household Support Fund, you will be provided with the Winter Energy Support as part of any approved claim. A separate application for Winter Energy Support isn't needed and won't be approved.

## **£145,000 available for community support grants**

Voluntary and community organisations in North Northamptonshire can now apply for capital and revenue grants of up to £15,000 to help improve the lives of residents across the area.

Organisations including parish councils, charities, community groups and school parent-teacher associations (PTAs) are encouraged to check their eligibility and apply online.

The funding must be used to support any of the following priorities:

- Community mental health and wellbeing.
- Connecting communities to services and services to communities (transport, social or digital inclusion, accessibility, outreach, language support, etc.)
- Supporting the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector with bid writing and funding support.
- Volunteering (recruitment, training and retention) - how to work with volunteers and community networking.

Joint applications between organisations are welcomed as it can help deliver and enhance projects. One organisation needs to apply and take the lead during the application process.

Please refer to our [community funding policy](#) and [community funding privacy notice](#) for further information.

To apply for funding, please visit the [Community funding](#) section of our website.

The closing date for applications is Monday 27 November 2023.

This project is funded by the UK government through the [Shared Prosperity Fund](#).

## **Youth community funding available for 'left behind' areas**

In 2022, research from [Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion](#) (OSCI) and [Local Trust](#) identified 225 '[left behind' neighbourhoods](#) in England.

The 'left behind' neighbourhoods in North Northamptonshire were identified as:

- Avondale Grange, Kettering
- Kingswood and Hazel Leys, Corby
- Queensway, Wellingborough.

A new [Youth community funding](#) grant has been funded by the government's [Shared Prosperity Fund](#), which means that organisations in North Northamptonshire can apply for up to £25,000 to support community activities and help improve young lives in these areas.

Funding can be used for positive activities to boost youth (0 to 25 years old) engagement in the community and help them avoid crime or anti-social behaviour.

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The following organisations are encouraged to check their eligibility and apply online:

- parish councils,
- charities,
- community and voluntary groups,
- clubs,
- not-for-profit organisations
- religious bodies.

School parent-teacher associations (PTAs), friends of groups and health charities can also apply if their projects benefit the wider community and support our aims.

Joint applications between organisations are welcomed as it can help deliver and enhance projects. One organisation needs to apply and take the lead during the application process.

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To apply for funding, please visit the [Youth community funding](#) section of our website.

The closing date for applications is Monday 27 November 2023.

## **Cash boost for Rushden swimming pool**

The Splash Leisure Pool in Rushden is set to benefit from a cash boost after a successful bid for government funding.

The swimming pool, run by Freedom Leisure, will be awarded £114,206 from the [Swimming Pool Support Fund](#) (SPSF), which is administered by Sport England.

An increase in energy costs meant that without the money the pool would have struggled with the running costs.

The Splash Leisure Pool is a much-loved community facility. This money will mean that it will maintain the opening hours that people are used to, keeping it as accessible as possible.

### **Swimming Pool Support Fund**

The Swimming Pool Support Fund provides a total of £60 million to local authorities in England as a support package for public leisure facilities with swimming pools and is split into two phases.

A revenue fund of £20m is available to support facilities with swimming pools with increased cost pressures, leaving them most vulnerable to closure or significant service reduction.

A capital stream of £40m is available from the government for capital investment to improve the energy efficiency of public facilities with pools in the medium to long term.

The contractual arrangements for the Splash Leisure Pool meant that it was eligible to make an application to the revenue fund.

## **Job Fair at Kettering Learning Centre**

Are you on the lookout for new career or training opportunities?

Then make a date with our job fair with Tresham College and Jobcentre Plus on Tuesday 28 November at Kettering Learning Centre.

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## Wellbeing event for drivers of heavy goods vehicles

The council recently teamed up with partners to host a wellbeing event for heavy goods vehicle (HGV) drivers who use the Welcome Break Rothwell Truck Stop.

The UK's HGV driving industry plays a crucial role in keeping the nation's supply chain moving. However, many HGV drivers are experiencing symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and complex-PTSD (C-PTSD).

The high stress culture and demands associated with long-haul truck driving places drivers at risk for mental health and sleep disorders and, thereby, increased risk for accidents, injuries and fatality.

Officers from Public Health Northamptonshire, Community Wellbeing and Environmental Health collaborated with representatives from the Road Haulage Association (RHA), Welcome Break, Action for Happiness, the University of Northampton and Kettering Mind to offer support to drivers.

There was a high level of engagement with drivers and the team is now looking at onboarding other truck stops to support a larger event next year.

For more information, please read our guest blog for PTSD UK entitled [Driving Change: Tackling PTSD in HGV drivers](#).

## Launch of Coats for Kids campaign

Our Learning Independence Volunteering Employment (LIVE) team is a specialist team that supports individuals with learning disabilities and related barriers to employment. The LIVE Team sits within our Adult Social Care service.

Our LIVE team has just launched this year's Coats for Kids campaign.

If you have any pre-owned children's Winter coats to donate, please give the team a call:

- Kettering: 01604 362820
- Corby: 01536 261066
- Wellingborough: 01604 362197.

Alternatively, please bring them along to:

- Wellingborough: 6 Harrowden Road
- Kettering: 40 London Road.

The offices will be open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.

Both the Wellingborough and Kettering offices have a North Northamptonshire Council logo on display.

## Voi e-scooters now more widely available in Kettering

Rental e-scooters are now more widely available in Kettering as operator, Voi, has expanded its service in the town.

Voi e-scooters will now be available in the east of Kettering, including at the new development, Hanwood Park.

The expansion means that e-scooters are now available across the entire town, providing a greener and cheaper alternative form of transport to help cut congestion and pollution for all.

Voi worked closely with North Northamptonshire Council and Hanwood Park on the project.

Since the e-scooter trial was launched in Kettering in partnership with Voi in December 2020, public hire e-scooters and e-bikes have become an important addition to transport in the town, with just over 15,000 people in Kettering now signed up to Voi.

E-scooters are a much greener way to travel and since their introduction in Kettering have replaced over 241,000 car journeys, reducing CO2 emissions by an estimated 82 tonnes.

As part of Voi's mission to provide safe, sustainable and reliable micromobility for all, Voi riders can take advantage of Voi for All discounts which provide discounted travel to people on low incomes, including refugees and asylum seekers, disabled people and people over 65, to help with the cost of living.

For further information, please visit the [Voi e-scooters and e-bikes](#) section of our website.

## **Active Communities Awards: A celebration of health, wellbeing and sporting excellence**

Residents who have made key contributions to health and wellbeing, physical activity and sport in the area have been recognised for their excellence at the North Northamptonshire Council's Active Communities Awards.

It was an evening of celebration at Holiday Inn Corby on Wednesday night (15 November) as local sports performers, clubs, schools, groups and organisations were recognised at the event.

Local sporting hero Heather Fell, an Olympic Silver Medallist in Modern Pentathlon and former World Number One, attended in the role of special guest.

The 2023 winners are:

- Community Club - Great Oakley Cricket Club.
- Community Group/Organisation - Linwood Community Cooperative Ltd.
- Sports Activator - Ian Gow.
- Community Champion - Prince Caesar.
- Young Volunteer - Matthew Edward.
- Disability Sports Performer - Ellie-Bea Thomas.
- Get Active - Young Person - Skye Ferris.
- Get Active - Denise Lamour.
- Sport School of the Year (Primary) - St Mary's CEVA Primary School.
- Sport School of the Year (Secondary) - Bishop Stopford School.
- Health and Wellbeing Initiative - Kings Cliffe Active.
- Young Sports Person - Isabella Howser.
- Local Sports Performer - Alice Bates.
- Outstanding Recognition Award - Mandy Young MBE DL.
- Special Recognition Award - Nando Di Matteo.

More information can be found on the [Active Communities Awards](#) website.

## **Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Order in Rushden town centre**

The council is considering making a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) to cover Rushden town centre.

A PSPO is made under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to help the police and council officers to take action against those causing the problems.

Earlier this year, I met council officers, Stephen Mold, the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, and representatives from Northamptonshire Police and Rushden Town Council to have a walkabout and look at hotspot areas in Rushden.

The proposed PSPO would prohibit anti-social behaviour such as alcohol consumption, rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour, using the public space as a toilet, begging and the misuse of motorised or powered vehicles.

Making a PSPO requires the council to consult residents, shops, businesses and service organisations on whether people feel the restrictions are right for Rushden town centre.

Once the consultation has ended, the results will help shape the final draft PSPO and that will go to Executive for consideration and approval. Once approved, it will have a start date and will last for a 3-year period.

Signage will be displayed in the designated area informing people that the area is covered by a PSPO and what could happen if somebody breaks the rules and continues to carry on behaving against the PSPO. This can be a fixed penalty notice (FPN) fine or even an appearance in court.

The questionnaire can be completed online at [Public Spaces Protection Order - Rushden Town Centre](#).

Alternatively, you can email [kish.lad@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:kish.lad@northnorthants.gov.uk) or write to North Northamptonshire Council, Safer Communities team, 1st Floor Deene House, New Post Office Square, Corby NN17 1GD.

This consultation closes at midnight on Sunday 31 December.

## Your Voice Matters

Please find below details of our current consultations and engagement activities. Please use the links below to provide your feedback and inform council decisions and share with family and friends who may be interested in shaping future plans.

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

- [Activities and respite for children with disabilities that provide a short break - consultation 2023](#). Northamptonshire Children's Trust is seeking views on a proposed new way of delivering activities and respite (short breaks) for disabled children in Northamptonshire. Closes 19 November 2023.
- [Corby Station to Town Centre link road and Smart and Connected Corby projects consultation](#). In September 2022, we conducted engagement activities regarding the proposed Corby Station Link Road and Smart and Connected Corby projects. These two projects are part of the programme of projects being funded through the Corby Towns Fund which the council was awarded £19.9m from the government to deliver. Closes 22 December 2023.
- [North Northamptonshire Hackney Carriage de-zoning and byelaw review](#). On 14 September 2023, the council's Executive Committee agreed to carry out a consultation process to inform the decision making in relation to the matter of the potential removal of hackney carriage administration and enforcement zones within the North Northamptonshire area. Closes 21 January 2024.

## 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):

- [Primary school relocation to Glenvale Park Development given the go ahead at Executive Meeting](#)
- [Financial assistance for businesses looking to reduce carbon emissions launched](#)
- [Celebrate the magic of Christmas on your High Street with the Hi Santa Stops festive trail](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council Community Managed Libraries Programme completed](#)
- [The Corby Sixth Form officially opened](#)
- [New Public Space Protection Order for Rushden to be consulted on](#)
- [Future plans for North Northamptonshire recycling centres to be discussed by Executive](#)
- [Adoption of East Northants Local Plan to be discussed](#)
- [Proposed primary school relocation to Glenvale Park Development to be considered at Executive Meeting next week](#)
- [Council Tax Support proposals in North Northamptonshire to be discussed at Executive](#)
- [Thousands of those aged 65 and over urged to get their flu vaccination](#)

- [Replacement of Kettering Library roof on Executive agenda](#)
- [Cash boost for North Northamptonshire swimming pool](#)
- [£145,000 available for community support grants in North Northants](#)
- [Financial support over the winter for low income residents using pre-payment meters or 'non-standard' fuels](#)
- [Grants for left behind areas in North Northants now available](#)
- [Wellbeing event held to coincide with National Lorry Week](#)

## 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 (13 to 15 November)

- We know your time is precious, so we've made it easy to pay, report and apply online. Say goodbye to being on hold, do it all at the touch of a button and use our website wherever you are!  
[www.northnorthants.gov.uk/contactus](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/contactus)  
(Reach 1,855, Link Clicks 18, Engagement 152)
- North Northants... your voice matters... take a look at our consultation and engagement site and have your say on a variety of topics including taxi de-zoning and the Corby Station link route:  
<https://ow.ly/Pea750Q3Xh5>  
(Reach 1,624, Link Clicks 10, Engagement 91)
- Are you on the lookout for new career or training opportunities? Then make a date with our job fair with Tresham College and Jobcentre Plus on 28 November at Kettering Learning Centre. It's happening from 3pm to 6pm and you'll meet many employers who can help you make your next career move.  
(Reach 1,615, Link Clicks 0, Engagement 28)

### Top Tweets so far this week (13 to 15 November)

- Are you on the lookout for new career or training opportunities? Then make a date with our job fair with Tresham College and Jobcentre Plus on 28 November at Kettering Learning Centre from 3pm to 6pm. You'll meet many employers who can help you make your next career move!  
(Impressions 519, URL Clicks 0, Engagements 5)
- North Northants... your voice matters... take a look at our consultation and engagement site and have your say on a variety of topics including taxi de-zoning and the Corby Station link route:  
<https://t.co/dU9i2PXFRc>  
(Impressions 480, URL Clicks 1, Engagements 4)
- Lots is happening with BIPC Northamptonshire for their fantastic Build Your Business programme, including advice, support and workshops to help local businesses grow! It's free to get involved, find out more and register at <https://t.co/w3SrxApNML>  
(Impressions 389, URL Clicks 1, Engagements 3)

## Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any ideas for items to include in future updates, please email me at [executive@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:executive@northnorthants.gov.uk).

With Best Wishes,  
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