

Stay Connected Locality Newsletter

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Countywide

Countywide Jubilee Queen of Arts Activity

Children and young people in Northamptonshire are being asked to display their creative skills ahead of the Platinum Jubilee in June by taking part in the countywide Queen of Arts Activity.

With the dual aims of including as many people as possible and having a minimal impact on the environment, West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) and North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) are challenging everyone to up-cycle household items by decorating them in honour of Her Majesty.

The councils will display all entries in a digital Jubilee exhibition which will tour the county's libraries, starting in the west before moving on to the north.

Judges will select their favourite and the winning entrant will be invited to attend the Big Lunch as a special guest on Sunday, 5 June.

Entries must be sent to queensjubilee@westnorthants.gov.uk by Friday, 13 May and include the entrant's name, age and a couple of lines stating, 'what the Queen means to you.'

Full details [Children and young people asked to get crafty for Queen of Arts Platinum Jubilee Activity | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)



Knife Angel Visit to Northamptonshire

Northampton-Wellingborough-Corby

The Knife Angel, the National Symbol Against Violence and Aggression, will be in Northampton's All Saints Plaza during the first 2 weeks of May before travelling to Corby via Wellingborough. The statue is made of over 100,000 knives collected at knife amnesties. It was made at British Ironwork Centre by artist is Alfie Bradley. See [Knife Angel](#) for more details.

For a full calendar of events to raise awareness and reduce violence and aggression in West Northamptonshire visit [Knife Angel | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)

There are school workshops, parent awareness sessions and major bleed training amongst a whole host of sessions and events. A knife amnesty will also be taking place, with anyone able to dispose of blades with no questions asked and no fear of reprisals.

The Angel will leave Northampton on 14th May where it will travel onto Wellingborough for a short visit at The Old Grammarians Memorial Sports Field, Sywell Road, NN8 6BS. Where there is an afternoon of events happening. Starting with a march against Knife Crime and the need for safer streets leaving from Shelly Road at 11.00am and finishing at The Old Grammarians.

The knife Angel will then travel onto Corby Knife Angel will be on display in the paved area near to Lloyds Bank, Willow Place Shopping Centre, Corby, from 14th-29th May. To find out more about the events happening in Corby please visit [Knife Angel to visit North Northamptonshire | North Northamptonshire Council \(northnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)

The Corby campaign is being directed by the following ethos/vision:

Hope – Every young person should be given the chance and opportunity to have an aspirational future and be able to turn their life around if they have experienced violence and exploitation.

Unite – Agencies and the community working together to prevent and stop all forms of violence and aggression and promote respect and diversity across all communities and cultures.

Heal – Taking time to remember those who have experienced violence and aggression, supporting individuals, families and communities shattered by violence and working together to rebuild and move forward.

For up to date information on the Knife Angel visit to Northamptonshire please visit [Knife Angel Northamptonshire | Facebook](#)



NTFC Community Trust

The Pathways4Recovery project allows great individual progress, taking first steps to reach employment. Receiving a one to one or small group support shows individuals how they can overcome their own barriers to enter work. We will support in job research, developing a CV or even personal challenges. There is no age limit to the programme and we are flexible around the time needed to provide support. To be eligible you must be unemployed and in receipt of universal credit. [Pathways 4 Recovery — Northampton Town FC Community Trust \(ntfccommunity.co.uk\)](#)

Traineeships If you are aged between 16-18 or 19-24 and not in education or training, then why not consider a free, 10-week full time traineeship. You'll get to work behind the scenes across the community, club and on matchdays developing skills, confidence, and qualifications, all for FREE! This is a fantastic opportunity to gain work experience and learn new skills, offering career progression paths within a sport and leisure environment.

As well as 10 weeks of work experience, participants will be able to complete a series of qualifications, such as sports leadership, as well as one-to-one support to improve employability skills such as CV writing, interview techniques and job searching. For further information please visit [Traineeships — Northampton Town FC Community Trust \(ntfccommunity.co.uk\)](#)

Maternal Mental Health Awareness week Tuesday 3rd –Sunday 8th May

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Service (SPMHS) will be hosting events during the week across the county raising awareness of maternal mental health conditions and providing details of the support available in Northamptonshire.

The service provides assessment, advice and specialist treatment and support for women in Northamptonshire who experience moderate to severe mental health conditions during pregnancy and after having a baby. For more information about the SPMH service, visit www.nhft.nhs.uk/perinatal

For further information on the week's events, which are being held across the county please see [Maternal Mental Health Awareness Week – Delapré Wellbeing \(delaprewellbeing.co.uk\)](#) booking is required for some activities.



Enfold Training

Our next round of training for individuals to book onto is starting next week.

It runs Thursday 28th April, Thursday 5th May, and Thursday 12th May from 7.30pm-9.30pm via zoom. 6 hours of fantastic training for just £30 per person! Developed and delivered by individuals with lived experience of Autism which brings the training alive with fresh insights.

To book please visit [Enfold Training](#)

Please share this opportunity with colleagues, parents, and those you support. Don't forget you can also book our training for your organisation to receive 'inhouse' and in person if you prefer!

Enfold Young Person Autism Advisory Project YAAP

Are you aged between 11 and 25? Would you like to meet other young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)? Would like to be involved in having a say in the development of services in Northamptonshire for Autistic Young People? Would you like to be involved in co-production?

Then please join our Young Person Autism Advisory Project YAAP, we are creating a team of young people to be available to consult on projects and services in the county and an opportunity to meet like-minded young people.

Our project will work closely with Health Services and Local Councils to provide opportunities for you to voice your opinions in the way these services are developed and delivered. Some of these opportunities will be rewarded with gift vouchers in recognition of your input and time.

During the sessions we will break into two groups 11-17 and 18-25 year olds. Meetings will take place at Telford Lodge, 5pm – 7pm, Rothwell Road, Kettering NN16 8FX on the following dates: 12th May 26th May 9th June 23rd June 7th July and 21st July. Buffet provided.

Please email diane@enfold.org.uk or contact 07845 905 766 for more information and a registration form. Please visit [En-Fold - Northamptonshire Autism Support | Facebook](#)



Family Learning in Northamptonshire

Courses to support parent and families: Courses are easy to book online at [Northamptonshire Adult Learning](#)

Help parents manage transitions from Primary to Secondary School

A short course of 3 weekly evening sessions to help prepare parents for a year 6 child's transition to secondary school. Start dates: **Wednesday 8th June @ 7pm and Tuesday 14th June @ 7pm**

Free 123 Magic Courses for Parents

8 Family Learning Tutors are now qualified to deliver the popular 123 Magic Parenting Course in Northamptonshire.

Free online courses for parents starting soon:

Resilience for Families

123 Magic

Support your child's learning in Maths and English

Please visit [Get Going Adult Learning Courses](#)

Healthy budget cooking

Basic digital skills for families

Online safety for families and lots more

Bookmark Family Learning's 'Get Going' website please visit [Get Going Adult Learning Courses](#) and book your courses.

County Lines in Northamptonshire – Free Parent Webinar

Join our interactive webinar where we will share what criminal exploitation including county lines is and how to spot signs it may be happening to your child or a child you know.

We cover what it looks like in your local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

The interactive webinar will also give you the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with others.

Learn what county lines is

Understand what is happening in your local area

Understand the signs that your child might be at risk

Learn how offenders groom and exploit children

Tuesday 17th May, 7.00-8.30pm. To register please visit [County Lines in Northamptonshire - Free Parent Webinar Tickets, Tue 17 May 2022 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

This will be held on zoom. The event is hosted by PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) and feature speakers from Northamptonshire Police, Barnardo's, OPFCC and PACE



Hope for Families - Parenting Courses

Time out for parents - children with special needs

This 7-session course gives an opportunity for parents and carers of 3-11 year olds with a disability or additional needs to share and support one another. Each session focuses on helping you to meet your child's needs.

Date and time: Friday mornings 9:30-11:30 am, 20th May - 8th July (with a break for half term)

Cost: £20 per household including accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99), additional resources and goodies. Bursary places are available for parents who qualify. To Book please visit [Time out for parents - children with additional needs](#)

Handling anger in the family

This is a short 4-week online course for parents of children aged 5-16 years. We will look at how we can manage and handle anger in a safe and healthy way, starting with ourselves as parents and carers and then with helping our children.

Date and time: Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:00 pm from 8th - 29th June

Cost: £12.50 per household including accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99) and additional resources and goodies. Bursary places are available for parents who qualify. To book please visit [Handling anger in the family](#)

If you have any questions about the above courses, please do not hesitate to contact Louise Willis Hope for Families Coordinator 07784 333825 louise@hopeforfamilies.org.uk

South Northants and Daventry

Daventry Anti-violence event – Friday 6th May 3.30-6.30pm

The Daventry Anti-Violence event is being held to mark the presence of the [Knife Angel](#) in West Northants and encourage Daventry's commitment to anti-violence. Coinciding with the Northampton based Knife Angel activities during those two weeks, Daventry is holding its own Anti-Violence Event to show solidarity for the cause. The event and all the activities are free, and all ages are welcome.

- **When:** Friday 6th May 2022
- **Time:** 3.30-6.30pm
- **Where:** Daventry New Street Park, New Street, Daventry
- **Entry:** FREE to come along to and Family Friendly

On the day you can expect a number of activities and entertainment to get involved with, plus the opportunity to sign up to be an anti-violence ambassador and get advice from various agencies about violent crime. So come along and enjoy

- Music
- Street and Chalk Art
- Free BBQ
- The Youth Bus will be there by Guiding Young Minds
- CPR demonstration by the Emergency Services Cadets
- Youth activities and games

For more information please visit [News | Daventry Town Council](#)

Towcester Platinum Jubilee Fayre

11am - 5pm Towcester Recreation Ground - A fun community event, organised by a collaboration of local voluntary organisations, led by the Rotary Club of Towcester.

A wide variety of stalls, activities, and entertainment to be held on the Recreation Ground. If you would like to get involved, please contact a member of the organising committee or email towcesterplatinumjubileefayre@gmail.com Details of all Jubilee celebrations can be found on the Town Council website [Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend | Towcester Town Council \(towcester-tc.gov.uk\)](#)

Towcester Library – Jubilee craft

They will be held on Monday 30th May 2-4pm and Tuesday 31st May 10-12pm or 2-4pm in the half term holidays. As we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that week, our craft activities will all be on the theme of the Jubilee.

All three sessions will run the same activities, so just pick which session suits you best. To book spaces, please email us on Towcester.LibraryPlus@westnorthants.gov.uk and let us know how many places you need and which session you would like to book for. Activities will be suitable for children aged approx. 3+ with no upper limit.

Brackley Jubilee Events Programme 2022

Brackley Town Council and the Community Events Committee present the Brackley programme of events for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Weekend.

Thursday 2 June:

Brackley Platinum Jubilee Festival at Brackley Rugby Club. 15:00 – 23:00. FREE ENTRY.

Bank holiday celebrations will kick off with a spectacular one-off event suitable for the whole family. Live music and kid's entertainment will begin at 15:00 and lead into the evening/nighttime. At 21:45, the official lighting of the beacon will take place on the mound at the Rugby Club.

Friday 3 June:

Children's Crown Making Workshops at Egerton Hall. Sessions start times: 10:00, 12:00 and 14:00. Free entry - must pre book.

Please contact Brackley Town Council to book your child/children onto a workshop. Call 01280 702 441 or email office@brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk.

Jubilee Traditional Dancing and Singing for Fun - Brackley Town Hall. 10:00-12:00. FREE ENTRY

A morning of traditional dancing mainly from the Georgian era and singing for fun with songs from around the British Isles. Everybody is invited to watch both groups, whilst having lots of fun, laughter, and a chat! Demonstrations will be held in the Civic Hall.

Traditional Dancing: 10:00 – 10:30. Singing for Fun: 11:00 – 11:30

Saturday 5 June:

Brackley Community Carnival at Magdalen College School, St John Site. 12:00-16:30. Free entry.

Come along and join in the fun at this year's Brackley Community Carnival. There is something for the whole family to enjoy and a perfect opportunity for us to come together as a community to celebrate. The carnival procession will leave from Bracken Leas School at 11:00 and arrive at Magdalen College School – St John Site at 12:00.

Details of all events can be found on the Brackley Town Council website [HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee | Brackley Town Council \(brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk\)](https://www.brackleynorthants-tc.gov.uk)

Daventry Jubilee celebrations

Not only is the mayor planting a commemorative tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, but local crafters are running a community project:

Knit at Tree for the Jubilee is a collaborative project with Northampton Museum and Art Gallery (NMAG). To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we're asking our crafty community to help us make a beautiful knitted and crochet blanket.

Pick up your knitting pack from either museum and/or patterns and yarn to crochet flowers and part of the tree canopy.

What: Knit a square or crochet flowers for the Jubilee blanket

When: Pick up a knitting or crochet pack before the end of June 2022

Where: Collect a knitting pack or yarn for crochet pieces at either Daventry Museum & Town Council, 3 New Street, NN11 4BT

or

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, 4-6 Guildhall Road, NN1 1DP

Deadline: Knitted squares and crochet pieces must be handed in to either museum by 4pm on 2nd July

Crafty Crown Making

On the Queen's Birthday Saturday 11th June, and the same day as the Motorcycle Festival, we will be holding Crafty Crown Making workshops from the Museum on New Street from 11am—2pm. No need to book just come along - and it is **FREE!**

All details can be found by visiting [Queen's Jubilee 2022 | Daventry Town Council](#)

Platinum Photography Competition

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Chris Heaton Harris MP has launched a Platinum Photography Competition for all primary school aged children across the Daventry Constituency!

The theme of the competition is "what my community means to me"- this could be a photo of your favourite park, favourite tree to climb, favourite sport you play, or favourite activity to do with your family.

The winning entry will feature on his card to the Queen and entries close on Sunday 22nd May. Please email all submissions to chris.heatonharris.mp@parliament.uk

For more information, please visit [News | Chris Heaton-Harris \(heatonharris.com\)](#)

Harpole WI Fete

Come and join us at the Harpole WI Fete, raising funds for local charities. Taking place at Harpole playing field, free admission, all welcome, lots of stalls to enjoy, food vans and Gallones ice cream. Sunday 15th May. Open between 11am-4pm. For more information please visit [Duston & Upton life Facebook](#)

Brackley Library – Creation club

A free craft session for children aged 4+ with a new craft to make each week. All children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Every Saturday morning 10.30am

Please let us know if you are able to attend or are interested in going.

brackley.libraryplus@westnorthants.gov.uk

Northampton

Delepre Wellbeing Hub

Delapré Wellbeing is a new wellbeing hub being developed for our Northampton community. We want to empower people across the town to take control over their health and wellbeing through cultural experiences, events, classes and more. It is created by, led by, and designed by you.

The project is one of 37 from across the country to receive funding from the Thriving Communities Fund. The fund has been set up to support communities to address the issues that they face as a result of Covid-19.

Please visit [Delapré Wellbeing – funded by Thriving Communities \(delaprewellbeing.co.uk\)](#) to see further information of the various events that are being held, including walking groups, book club, board games café, yoga, and photography.

[Save Our Street Trees - Northampton](#) are hosting a free, mini-Urban Tree Festival at the Abbey on Saturday 21st May, 2-5pm. Enjoy tree yoga, forest crafts, tree art workshops, guided tree trails and lots more! For more information please visit [Urban Tree Festival 2022 - Save Our Street Trees](#)

The Power of Connection, Sunday 8th May

11am-12noon: Walk - Join us for a maternal mental health wellbeing walk and connect with other parents and members of the team and appreciate the benefit of walking and connecting in improving mental wellbeing.

12noon-1:30pm: Book on to sessions for Baby Cues and Responsive Parenting, Self-Care, and Sensory Group and understand the benefits these are for improving of maternal mental health. Come speak to the professionals and practitioners and understand about maternal mental health and how we support women and families.



Community Law Foundation – restart drop in sessions at the One Stop Advice Centre

Help and advice can be found at the One Stop Advice centre in the Guild Hall, Northampton.

Mondays – Immigration

Tuesdays – Welfare benefits and Energy Advice

Wednesday – Debt

Thursday – Housing (appointment only)

All details can be found by visiting [Our Drop-In Advice Sessions - Community Law \(communitylawservice.org.uk\)](http://communitylawservice.org.uk)



Sport4Fitness CIC

Sports 4 Fitness Sunday Disability Club

The Sunday disability club starts back up on Sunday 1st May at Fernie Fields Sport & Social Club Fernie Fields, Moulton, Northampton NN3 7BD.

People need to book their place to attend:

1-2pm is over 16s session. To book please visit [Sunday Club Over 16s](#)

2:30-3:30pm is under 16s session. To Book please visit [Sunday Club Under 16s](#)

Its £5 per family as a non-member or £2.50 as a member. To be a member you need to fill out a form and pay £15 for the year. Membership forms available on request info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk

To check out all the details please visit [Current Sessions – Sport4Fitness CIC \(sport4fitness-cic.co.uk\)](http://sport4fitness-cic.co.uk)



Silhouette Youth Theatre Open day

Do you want to join Silhouette or know somebody who does?

Saturday 7th May 12.00 – 2.30pm Weston Favell, sign up to come along. [OPEN DAY! – Silhouette Youth \(silyt.com\)](#)

NORTHAMPTON Town Council

EID on the Racecourse!

Come together for a community day of activities for the whole family. With rides, bouncy castle, and pop-up stalls! Including food and drink stands and craft and clothes stalls. Plus, a presentation on the main stage, including children's performances, Nasheed artists and more. Also, you can visit the mayor in the main marquee! Saturday 7th May 11am-6pm, The Racecourse Northampton.

Briar Hill Community Café

Meet and Connect. Every Wednesday 12-2pm Briar Hill Community Centre, Springs Road, Northampton NN4 8SX. Advice, guidance, and support, free Play and Stay for under 5's, free refreshments and homemade cakes, meet others in your community. For further information contact marketing@communityspacesnn.org or 01604 408 365



Dostiyo

Dostiyo is a voluntary organisation providing Advocacy, Advice, Information and Support services. Over the past 30 years Dostiyo has been actively working towards enabling full participation of Asian men and women in social activities to overcome cultural, religious, physical, and social barriers they face in their daily lives. Find Dostiyo on Facebook [Dostiyo Npton | Facebook](#)

Dostiyo Community Fridge, 11am-1pm Wednesdays and Thursdays.

62-66 Dunster Street,
Northampton,
NN1 3JY
01604 745340.

A community fridge is a space where everyone can share their surplus food, including donations from local food businesses, producers, households and gardens. Enabling local communities to give what they can and take what they need so that nothing goes to waste.

Doddridge and St James Community Centre – Food Parcels

The Doddridge Centre have received funding from Northamptonshire Community Foundation's Family Food Aid Fund allowing us to create food parcels containing non-perishable items for local families. The criteria is living in St James or surrounding area and local families with children or young people.

If you need a parcel, please call into see us between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours, please email us at cd@doddridgecentre.org.uk to arrange collection.

To see what else is going on visit [The Doddridge & St James Community Centres | Facebook](#)

Friends@the Doddridge

We are hosting our first FRIENDS @ the Doddridge event, and we are also launching our community rooms. We've worked really hard to create a safe and welcoming space for the local community to use free of charge. If you are free to join us on Friday 6th May from 10am to 12noon (either drop in or stay for the whole event) we would love to see you for a cuppa.



Flourishing Babies

Flourishing babies is an exciting partnership, supporting parents and parents to be in getting off to the best possible start with their pregnancy and new baby. They offer pregnancy support and baby care skills programme, perinatal support on a 1:1 basis and in peer support groups. New groups starting in May:

Watch Wait Wonder infant led approach to increase parent child sensitivity and parental attunement to child cues to develop a more organised or more secure attachment relationship. Suitable for infants 4months – 2 years, virtual.

Me, you, us, group 6-week group for Mums and Dads who are expecting or have a baby up to 9 months, virtual

For further information please visit [Flourishing Babies Service - Family Action \(family-action.org.uk\)](https://family-action.org.uk) or contact Zoe Reynolds on 07970 168804 or Flourishingbabies@family-action.org.uk

Free Sports Employability Course at Lings Forum Leisure Centre NN3 8JR

This Sports Project is being run by Prospects and Trilogy Leisure. Course begins on the 18th May 2022 – 18th June 2022. Are you aged 16+ interested in sport and not in employment or education? Learn key skills to help you become employable in sport with our 6-week course. For more information please contact Paul White on 07714 736730, email paul.white@prospects.co.uk Or Marj Wright on 07714 736721, email marj.wright@prospects.co.uk

Week 1 - **A little bit about me?** (meet and greet)

Week 2 - **What employability skills are required when looking for a job?** (researching vacancies identifying skills/ qualities)

Week 3 - **CV - Is it fit for purpose?** (Reviewing CVs is it sellable?)

Week 4 - **Interviewing skills** (Mock interviews and how to succeed at an Interview)

Week 5 - **Speed Networking with employers and training providers /Action Planning** (what am I going to do next when the course ends and plan goals?)

Headfest '22 – How Are You

Monday 9th May 2022 – Sunday 15th May 2022

The Royal & Derngate is collaborating with BBC Radio Northampton to present a weeklong festival of talks, workshops, films, and comedy promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. Head Fest '22 How are you will take place at the theatre and in our Film house from Monday 9th May – Sunday 15th May 2022.

HeadFest talks and workshops are free of charge, but people are encouraged to book in advance to ensure a place.

There will be the opportunity to take part in experiences such as yoga, drumming therapy and mindful crafting, and there will be Q&A sessions with people talking about their mental health, including the Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police, Nick Adderley, and Craig Bowler, a lawn bowler from the county who's been selected to play at the Commonwealth Games this year for Disability Bowls after he turned his life around following a suicide attempt.

The Filmhouse will be showing films with a mental health connection, including **Encanto** and **Rafiki**, followed by Q&As. The festival will be opened by BBC Radio Northampton's **Helen Blaby**, who will also host a **Eurovision** evening in the Filmhouse, an ever-popular feel-good event!

For the week long schedule of events please visit [Headfest-22-Schedule.pdf \(royalandderngate.co.uk\)](#) and to book tickets [HeadFest '22 - Royal & Derngate \(royalandderngate.co.uk\)](#)

For the performances, tickets can be purchased in the usual way by calling Box Office on **01604 624811** or online from the individual event pages on this website. The films and Eurovision event can be booked on [HeadFest 22 - Northampton Filmhouse](#)

East Northants

Free Super Ones Cricket Sessions for SEND Young People

For young people with any disability aged 12-25 years old. Every Friday evening from 6.00pm-7.00pm at the Pemberton Centre, H E Bates Way, Rushden. For more information, please contact Jackie.Ackroyd@freedom-leisure.co.uk or Pratik.rachh@nccc.co.uk

What's on at Oundle Library in May?

Jubilee Activities are all FREE to attend and enjoy

Saturday 7th May 10.30am – 11.30am Jubilee Saturday Play, Decorate a Giant Castle, Bookable

Saturday 14th May 10.30am – 12.30pm Jubilee Lego Duplo Challenge, Drop In

Saturday 21st May 10.30am – 11.30am Family Jubilee Activity, Paper Plate Craft, Bookable

Saturday 28th May 10.30am – 11.30am Family Jubilee Activity, Jubilee Bookmarks, Bookable

Wednesday 1st June 2pm – 4pm Jubilee Tea and Cake in Library Garden, Drop In

Saturday 4th June 10.30am – 11.30am Family Jubilee Activity, create a Crown to wear at your Jubilee celebration

Pop into the Library throughout May to browse our DISPLAYS OF PAST JUBILEE'S, to take part in our Jubilee Quiz and our Royal Treasure Hunt.

To book your place email us on Oundle.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk call us on 0300 126 3000 option 5 option 3 or pop into the library.

Thrapston Celebrates the Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Thursday 2nd June at 9.30pm – Beacon lighting at the Peace Park. The beacon will be lit at 9.45 to coincide with other events taking place across the UK. Featuring Thrapston Town band and Thrapston Plaza Opera and friends.

Saturday 4th June – Picnic in the park. All afternoon at the peace park. Bring your own picnic and share the afternoon with the town.

Sunday 5th June – The Big Jubilee Lunch. Get together with your neighbours and hold a street party to celebrate. Dig out your bunting and flags and take part in our Best Decorated Street.

Rushden Library Anime/Manga Club

If you are a teen or know one who is interested in Anime and/or manga. Why not come along and join our new club on Saturday 7th May from 2.00-4.00pm. An opportunity to share and practice your artwork and drawing skills. To discuss your favourite characters and films, Cosplay is welcome so come along dressed up. Address for the library is Newton Rd, Rushden NN10 0PT.

Hope Messy Church

Starting on Friday 6th May and then running every first Friday of the month is a café style Messy Church session. If you have a Child(ren) who enjoy getting a little messy, listening to stories and you enjoy a cup of coffee why not come along. From 6.00pm-8.00pm at Hope Church, Linnets Lane, Higham Ferrers. All ages welcome. For more information, please contact Eileen on 07942357130.

Rushden and Higham Food Bank

If you or someone you know is struggling for food our foodbank services all those that live in Rushden and Higham Ferrers. We are open every Tuesday and Thursday, 9.30am-12.30pm at 19-21 Church Street, Rushden, NN10 9YU.

You do not need a referral and can turn up on the day. You do not need to bring anything with you. If you have any questions, please contact us on 01933 733001 or email info@encs.org.uk.

Rushden Big Jubilee Lunch

Sunday 5th June at the Walled Garden, Hall Park, Rushden. Bring your own picnic or purchase refreshments on the day. Lots of live music and entertainment so fun for the whole family. From 12.00pm-5.00pm.

Oundle Skatepark Consultation

A new skatepark is coming to Oundle and we (the Oundle Town Council) want your views on the design. Please take a look and tell us what you think of the design by visiting [Oundle \(maverickskateparks.co.uk\)](http://Oundle(maverickskateparks.co.uk)) Consultation closes on 26th May 2022.

Wellingborough

Warmer Wellingborough Projects

If you have Gas and Electric price increase worry, you are not alone. Come along to the workshop at the Victoria Centre on Tuesday 24th May from 18:00 – 19:00. We all need to be aware and more fuel efficient.

Please contact the Victoria Centre for more information and to let them know you will attend. So they can get a hot or cold drink waiting for you. Email info@victoriacentre.org.uk or call 01933 277 400.



Northamptonshire Carers

As part of their 30 years celebrations, Northamptonshire Carers every month from April 2022 to December 2022, will bring you food from all different parts of the world. More dates to be advertised!

Tuesday 12th April – Indian

Tuesday 10th May – Italian

Tuesday 7th June – Philippines

Tuesday 12th July – Burmese

Everyone welcome to join us, the cost is £3 per head, 12 – 2pm at The Anne Goodman Centre for Carers, 123 Midland Road, Wellingborough NN8 1LU

If you need more information, please email admin@northamptonshire-carers.org or contact 01933 677907, option 1.

Northamptonshire Carers are hosting a Tea Dance as part of Dementia Action Week, Wednesday 18th May 2022, at 2pm – 4pm, 123 Midland Road, Wellingborough NN8 1LU. Please come and join in the fun dance and sing along with the wonderful Sammy Dean. Free parking is available in the Castle Car Park, Castle Way, Wellingborough NN8 1XA. Please contact us to reserve your places on 01933 677907. Donations on the Day would be very welcomed.

Flipper Club in Association with Spectrum Club

Swimming club for those with SEND and their family/carer. Every Saturday from 12.00-1.15pm, at the Waendale Leisure Centre, Thomas Street, Wellingborough. NN8 1DZ. Cost is £2.00 per person and under 3's go free. Hoist and pool pod available.



Learn English - Free Classes at the Victoria Centre

Part of the Information Centre for New Arrivals and Welcome Ukraine Project come along and learn English for beginners. On Fridays from 10.00am-12.00pm at the Victoria Centre, 46-50 Palk Road, Wellingborough. To book please contact our office 01933 277400.

Family Fun Day at Bassetts Park

The Wellingborough Rotary Club are holding a family fun day on June 4th at Bassetts Park. For more updates, please check out their Facebook page [Rotary Club of Wellingborough Hatton | Facebook](#) or email info@hattonrotary.co.uk



The Big Jubilee Lunch

Sunday 5th June from 12.00-2.00pm at Croyland Park, Wellingborough. Why not come dressed in Red, White, and Blue, prizes are being given to the best Jubilee hat so have a go at making one. Bring your own lunch and enjoy the giant games out for you to have a go at for Free. There will also be live music. For more information, please visit [Events | Wellingborough Town Council](#)



Earth Heroes FREE Craft Day

Sunday 29th May at the Hemmingwell Community and Skills Centre, 10.00am-3.00pm. **Free to attend.** Drop in at any time (no booking necessary) and Join the Wild Tribe. We will help you to make

Hanging Plant Pots with Soil and Seeds, Masks and Capes, Recycled Robots.



Hello Africa - Celebrate Africa Day

Saturday 28th May from 2.00pm onwards at WACA, Rock Street Wellingborough, NN8 4LW.

A **free creative event for the whole family** including creative art, story telling, drumming, children's activities and refreshments. Even some special guests will be turing up on the day!

No need to book just turn up for an afternoon of family fun.

Kettering



Desborough Library and Community Hub

Under 5s Activities

Story Stomp

Wednesday's 9.30am - 10.15am for ages 0-4, Join us for a story, songs, and movement.

Booking Required

Baby Time

Wednesday 10.45am - 11.15am for pre-walkers, Join us for free play, rhymes, messy play, and sensory play.

Little Steps

Friday 10.15am - 11.15am for crawling age 3 years (siblings welcome). Join us for a play session for crawling babies, rhymes, messy play, and free play.

Please book

All the above sessions cost £1 per child and (max £2 per family)

Rhymetime

Friday 2pm – 2.45pm for ages 0-4 Free

Booking required, opens on a Thursday at 9 am the week before the sessions

Email desboroughcml@gmail.com Call 01604 368169 Facebook Messenger [Desborough Library and Community Hub | Facebook](#)

Knit and Natter Tuesday 3rd, 10th and 17th May 2022 at 1.30pm - 3.30pm

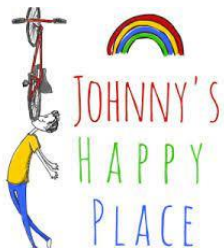
Friends of Desborough Library Coffee Morning is the 1st Thursday of the month

Come and join us for a hot drink and cake, whilst supporting the library. Check out the crafts for sale and the second hand book sales as well.

Monday 30th May **Free First Aid Workshop** for 10 – 19 year olds, 11.30am – 12.30pm

The British Red Cross aim to give young people the confidence and willingness to help someone in an emergency.

To book please email desboroughcml@gmail.com Call 01604 368169 Facebook Messenger [Desborough Library and Community Hub | Facebook](#)



Johnny's Happy Place – Grief Café

Saturday 7th May 2022, 10am – 2pm

Losing a loved one can be difficult. For those of us that are grieving and have a loved one die, talking about them is the one real way to keep them alive in our hearts and in our memories, so why don't we give ourselves the opportunities to do so?

Well here you can. Pop in and see us and tell us about your loved one. Talking is a really big step.

For more information on the welcoming weekend Café for anyone suffering with their mental health please visit [Johnnys Happy Place | Facebook](#)

Located at Johnny's Happy Place Keystone, 97 Rockingham Road, Kettering NN16 9HX



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Big Lunch on Sunday 5th June 2022 at Wicksteed Park

A Big Picnic Lunch event on Sunday 5th June has been planned by North Northamptonshire Council to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's 70 years of service. An exciting day for all the residents and community groups to enjoy this special event and various activities taking place in this picturesque park. A fun day of celebrations for everyone in the community to meet up and reconnect with people you might not have seen for a long time or the opportunity to make new friends.

For other events in the county please visit [The Queen's Platinum Jubilee | North Northamptonshire Council \(northnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)



Northamptonshire Carers Drop In Support

Do you look after someone? Are you an unpaid carer? Carers are people who look after someone who may have a physical or learning disability, mental health problem, drug or alcohol addiction, or elderly/frail. Two new Carers' Drop in at Mawsley Village Medical Surgery and Desborough and Rothwell.

Come along to our Mawsley Carers Drop In, on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (starting Wednesday 11th May 2022) from 2pm – 3.30pm at Mawsley Village Medical Surgery (1st Floor), School Road, Mawsley NN14 1SN. Carer and cared for welcome. For more information email admin@northamptonshire-carers.org or telephone 01933 677907 option 1

Desborough and Rothwell Carers Drop In, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 1.30pm - 3.30pm in Large Meeting Room, Desborough Library, High Street, Desborough NN14 2QS. For more information email kayg@northamptonshire-carers.org or telephone 01933 677907.

Kettering Vegan Market 4th June 2022

To be held at Market Place, Kettering NN16 0AJ, 10.30am - 4pm

This exciting market event returns on the 4th June 2022, with vegan street food vendors, artisan bakers, craft brewers, ethical jewellers, local artists, zero waste champions and environmental charities. Something for everyone to sample and purchase. Save the date in your diary!

Christ The King in Association with En-Fold, Family Fun Day

Saturday 7th May 2022 from 10.00am-2.00pm.

Come along and meet local support services, charities, and SEN information as well as local crafts and food stalls. A family fun day including bouncy castle, outdoor activities, games, tombola, and raffle. Location is Christ the King Church, Deeble Road, Kettering NN15 7AA.

Mind Kettering Hoarding Peer Support Group

This group will be held on the first and third Wednesday every month from 5.00pm-7.00pm. We can support people to make positive changes to their living situation through practical advice. The space is non-judgmental and is a place for people to come together with others who share their experience. For those who are 18+ years. To access this group please ring 01536 523216 or email resourcecentre@ketteringmind.org.uk

Corby

Cornerstone Methodist Church – Here 4 You Welcome Café

Wednesday Mornings 9am – 11.30am commencing 27th April 2022 at Cornerstone Methodist Church, Kingsbrook, Corby NN18 9HY

Come and join us for refreshments, chat, friendship, support, comfort

Free signposting to help with money management, well-being, family support, adult learning, community issues, bereavement and much more available.

For more information contact:

Caroline Barratt – Kingswood Community Chaplain

youth@ketteringcorbymethodists.org

Reverend Andrew Farrington, Minister

Andrew.farrington@methodist.org.uk

07985 308637

Priors Hall Park Community Centre, Corby NN17 5EB

Deep Roots Tall Trees Choir is looking for new members, you do not need any previous choir experience but lots of enthusiasm is a good start! We meet Monday evenings 7pm – 9pm, at Priors Hall Park Community Centre, Corby, Led by Choir Director Gareth Fuller. First session is free and then £5 a week. For more information, please email info@deeprootstalltrees.org or visit [Deep Roots Tall Trees | Facebook](#)

Carroll's Country Beginners Line Dancing Class! Great form of Exercise!

First session free and then £4 per week on Wednesday 7pm – 8pm, 1st room floor, Priors Hall Park Community Centre, Corby

Little Stars a Friendly and Welcoming Baby and Toddler Group, Thursday 10am – 11.30am during term time. For Parents and Carers to come with their babies/toddlers for a morning of playing, craft, music, and

chat. Booking essential at: stmarysweldon.org any queries please contact Louise at louise@stmarysweldon.org

Rugby Stars every Sunday for children aged 2 to 7 years of age, fun and safe introduction to rugby, teaching fundamental rugby skills whilst helping children to become confident team players in an environment they can have tremendous fun! To find out more information and to book please email info@rugbystars.co.uk call 07838 165 042 or visit [Home - Rugby Stars - Rugby For Tots and Children aged 2 to 7 years!](#)

For more activities at Priors Hall Community Centre, please visit [Priors Hall Park Community Centre | Facebook](#)

What's on at Corby Library in May?

Weekly Events

Monday 2pm – 3pm Baby Time Under 1's Bookable (School Term Time Only)
Tuesday 9.30am – 12 Blue Badge Support (Appointment only)
Tuesday 2pm – 4pm Canasta Group – (Fortnightly)
Wednesday 2pm – 5pm Blue Badge Support (Appointment only)
Thursday 9.30am – 10am Rhyme Time – under 5's Bookable
Thursday 11.30am – 12.00 Rhyme Time – under 5's Bookable
Thursday 2pm – 4pm Knit and Natter Group
Friday 10.30am – 11.30am Story Time – Under 5's Bookable (School Term Time Only)
Friday 2pm – 5pm – Blue Badge Support (Appointment only)
Saturday 10.30am – 12.00 Family Activities See Below



Jubilee and Pole Fair Events at Corby Library

Jubilee Activities at Corby Library

Saturday 21st May Queens's Jubilee Family Craft, 2pm – 3pm, Bookable
Saturday 28th May Family Craft – Royal Fireworks, 10.30am – 11.30am, Bookable
Wednesday 1st June Family Craft – Royal Party Poppers, 10.30am -11.30am, Bookable
Saturday 4th June Family Fun and Games, 11am – 3pm, Drop In

Pole Fair Activities at Corby Library

Saturday 7th May Family Craft – Fire Breathing Dragon, 10.30am – 11.30am, Bookable
Saturday 14th May Meeting the Vikings of Mercia! TBC – Please ask at Library Desk
Wednesday 18th May Human Library – Pole Fair Tales TBC – Please ask at Library Desk
Saturday 21st May Pole Fair Screening and Q&A Session, 10.30am – 12, Drop In
Saturday 28th May Pole Fair Family Craft Session, 2pm – 3pm

Extras this month in May

Monday 2nd May (Ask at Desk about joining) Adult Reading Group
Wednesday 18th May TBC 2pm – 4pm (Ask at Desk about taking part) Human Library – Pole Fair Past and Present (TBC Please ask at desk to confirm date)
Wednesday 25th May (Ask desk about joining) Sounds Reads Group
Saturday Children's Crafts AM Sessions 10.30am – 12.00 and PM Sessions 2pm – 3pm

Please ask staff for more details on any of the activities listed.

Saturday crafts will be detailed on library posters and Facebook also.

You can contact us for information via email at corby.libraryplus.gov.uk, by phone on 0300 126 3000 (options 5 then 3), or by direct message if you follow us on Facebook.



Corby Pole Fair, Friday 3rd June 2022 at Charter Field, Corby NN17 1UX

The Pole Fair is a major community celebration, which will take place on Friday 3rd June 2022, 6am – until late, cost is £1. This unique tradition comes around every 20 years, attracting large crowds to enjoy outdoor attractions, entertainment and of course, the reading of the Royal Charter at the three entrances to the village.

There are lots of historical stories associated with the Pole Fair, from its evolution as a small Viking settlement, to the right to hold fairs granted by Henry III in 1226, and the story of why Elizabeth I granted the Corby Charter after being rescued by local men after falling off her horse in Rockingham Forest.

This year's celebrations includes Pole Fair Traditions of Community Breakfast, Teddy's Bears Picnic, Children's Entertainers, Giant Puppets and Parade, Music, Bands, Jousting, Viking Encampment, Dancing and Storytelling and Heritage Trail and lots more please visit [Corby Pole Fair 2022 - Made With Many](#) or follow the activities on Corby Pole Fair 2022 on Facebook [Corby Pole Fair | Facebook](#)

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