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All requests for Community Support please email info@serve.org.uk

FUNDING



**North
Northamptonshire
Council**

NNC has a new Rural Community Capital Funding round opening from March 4th to April 2nd. There is £217,840 available from the Shared Prosperity Fund and the criteria is as follows:

The creation of or improvements to local rural green spaces, existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions and active travel enhancements e.g. community transport

Organisations will be able to apply for up to £20,000 and must be in a rural area of North Northamptonshire.

Full details will be available on the council's community funding pages 4th March

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/communities-assets-and-grants/community-funding/rural-community-capital-funding>



HSF4 (Household Support Fund round 4) funding and how it is being distributed across North Northants.

Household Support Fund | North Northamptonshire Council

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund>



Northamptonshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Here at NHFT we offer the opportunity to complete the ImROC Peer Support Worker Training Course prior to applying for a role, whilst the training does not lead directly into a paid role, the course provides trainees with the knowledge and skills needed, as well as helping trainees to decide if the role is for them. We are now recruiting for the next cohort, planned to start at the beginning of June.

The training will be delivered over 10 weeks with the first and last sessions being delivered face-to-face and all others sessions delivered over Microsoft Teams. Students are expected to attend at least 80% of the sessions to complete the course. Please see documents attached for more information.

If you are interested in applying for the training please complete an application form via the link here by Friday 05th April: <https://forms.office.com/r/Kwakj161Kt>

Please see NHFT Peer support documentation attached

Mental Health



Awareness courses

FREE half-day courses for frontline staff and volunteers across Northamptonshire

Build your knowledge of mental health to equip you in supporting others.

2024 COURSE DATES:

Rushden Mind:

- Thursday 8 February
- Friday 22 March
- Friday 7 June

Northampton Mind:

- Wednesday 28 February
- Monday 29 April
- Tuesday 25 June

All sessions 9.30am – 1pm

This course is free to attend under The All-Age Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training Framework



**Register your interest [here](#) or by emailing:
mhsptesting@westnorthants.gov.uk**



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Drugs & Alcohol



What's the score?

Empower yourself and reduce the stigma.
Learn in a safe, non-judgemental
environment.

To learn more about **Drugs and Alcohol
Awareness** book our **free** training here:
aquariusnorthants.eventbrite.com



Be drug & alcohol

FREE

Be Positive

Help reduce the incidents of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder



To learn more about FASD book our free training here:

aquariusnorthants.eventbrite.com



What is FASD?

FREE

Suicide First Aid USI SFA (Understanding Suicide Intervention) Suicide First Aid

**FREE one-day course for frontline staff/
volunteers across Northamptonshire of VCSE,
health and social care, North Northamptonshire
Council, West Northamptonshire Council.**


Build the knowledge, skills
and confidence to start
supportive conversations,
which can help someone
with thoughts of suicide
stay safe from their
thoughts and stay alive.

UPCOMING COURSE:

Tove Valley Centre, Towcester

Wednesday 27 March 2024

9am - 5pm

*This course is free to attend under The All-Age
Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Training
Framework and is being delivered by* 



**Register your interest [here](#) or by emailing:
mhspttraining@westnorthants.gov.uk**



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Northamptonshire Emergency Response Corps
MONTHLY TRAINING EVENINGS

Northamptonshire Prepared



SAFEGUARDING



THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2024

IN PERSON COURSE, Starts at 7pm

Venue to be confirmed

More joining instructions will be sent upon registration (see below)

THIS COURSE IS OPEN TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND HOSTED BY NERC

OUR TRAINING HAS NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES.

- It ensures that volunteers are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond to emergencies effectively, which can save lives and reduce the impact of disasters.
- Training helps volunteers to understand their roles and responsibilities during an emergency, which can prevent confusion and improve coordination among responders.
- Training can boost volunteers' confidence and reduce anxiety, enabling them to perform their duties more effectively.
- Training can help volunteers to develop new skills, which can be useful in their personal and professional lives.
- Trained volunteers can serve as ambassadors for emergency preparedness in their communities, promoting awareness and encouraging others to get involved.
- Training is essential for emergency key skills volunteers to ensure they are prepared and capable of responding to emergencies and serving their communities.



Safeguarding is ...

Safeguarding is a term used in the United Kingdom and Ireland to denote measures to protect the health, well-being and human rights of individuals, which allow people – especially children, young people and vulnerable adults – to live free from abuse, harm and neglect.

The training will involve -

- Be aware of key guidance to safeguarding.
- Recognising tell-tale signs of abuse and neglect.
- Improve your communication ability.
- Know what to do if you have a concern about the safety and welfare of someone.

BOOK NOW
 COMPLETE THE
 ON LINE REGISTRATION



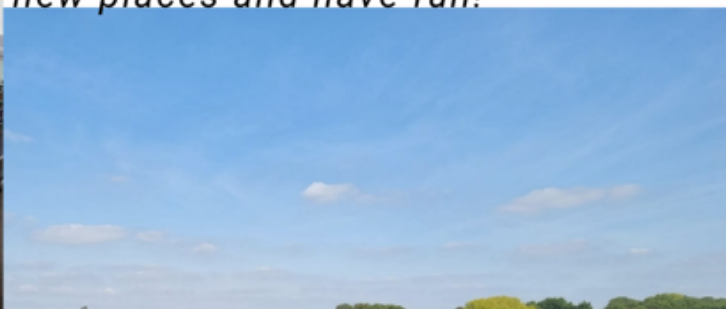


Join us

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Drivers take people on day trips to a wide variety of locations,
seaside to shopping centres and pub lunches.
Lunch and drinks provided.

*Combat social isolation, help people make new friends and
see new places and have fun!*



www.serve.org.uk

01933 315 555

8 West Street, Rushden, NN10 0RT

Charity Number 1043321 Company Number 2951827

EMAIL info@serve.org.uk for more information

VOLUNTEER

We are looking for volunteers to step forward for this worthwhile project. Help us to change the lives of lonely, isolated people. Help us make a difference.

If you would like to become a VOLUNTEER, and you are 18+ you can download our Volunteer Befriender Role Description and Application Form from our website Countywide Befriending (serve.org.uk)

If you would like to speak with us about the Befriending Service you can contact one of the coordinators directly (details on poster) or our Befriending Manager, Jonathan Cook on 01933 315555. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER

IS YOUR ORGANISATION LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS?

If the answer is "YES" then please register your organisation on the brand new countywide volunteering website.

www.communityactionnorthants.org.uk

You can register your volunteer opportunities on our database

- New opportunities will be viewed by us before going live
- You can look forward to receiving more volunteer enquiries

Please see attached volunteer database guide

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supporting independence

BEFRIENDER VOLUNTEERS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ACROSS

- East Northants
- Wellingborough
- Kettering
- Corby

PROVIDE COMPANIONSHIP

... to older people aged 65+ who are lonely, isolated & frail who need a weekly visit to help improve health and wellbeing

COME & JOIN US AS A BEFRIENDER

East Northants & Wellingborough
cheryl.smith@serve.org.uk
07764 560 863

Kettering & Corby
sonia.stewart@serve.org.uk
07711 185 917

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COMMUNITY ACTION NORTHANTS
creating volunteering connections
in Northamptonshire



Community Responder Volunteer

We need you to make a difference to older people.

This service aims to provide company, reassurance, and low-level support to an older vulnerable person in their own home. This could be anything from a welfare check to offering some companionship when a delay is anticipated for Primary or Secondary care support. It can be a worrying time when older people are waiting for further support at home, our aim is to assign a volunteer to be that much needed "friendly face" for up to two hours.

This service currently covers Northampton and Wellingborough and the surrounding areas, including East Northamptonshire.

To join this rewarding service, we ask that you are:-

- age 18 or over
- a confident caring person with empathy for older people
- able to stay calm and offer reassurance
- living locally in the current service area

Your visit could include:-

- making a drink
- packing an overnight bag
- making someone comfortable following a fall
- contacting a family member or friend
- providing reassurance and a listening ear
- liaising with your Service Manager as required

Please note this role will not involve any manual handling (lifting or moving) of people. We are sure that you will enjoy volunteering with us, and that you will always feel supported and safe.

If you would like an informal chat to find out more, please call Kathy Smith on 01604 210618 or email communityresponders@ageuknorthants.org.uk

Scan me to apply.



Age UK Northamptonshire is a registered charity (1059995) and company limited by guarantee. Registered in England and Wales No: 3294424. Age UK Northamptonshire Trading Ltd is a limited company. Registered No: 2966624, a trading company and subsidiary of Age UK Northamptonshire and donates its net profits to that Charity. Both companies share the same Registered Office: The William and Patricia Venton Centre, York Road, Northampton NN1 5QJ. Tel: (01604) 611200.

Integrated Care Northamptonshire



Volunteer Opportunity

We are putting transformation in practice and embarking on an exciting new way of working between partners. Led by the North Northants voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector we are working with the Integrated Care Service (ICS) to transform how services are delivered.

The service motto is: 'We don't give up on people'.

We are looking for positive and motivated volunteers In North Northants, who want to make a difference by supporting people to access the services they need:

Can you

- Accompany someone to an appointment – GP, other
- Drive and/or escort someone to an activity or group
- Help someone with their shopping
- Assist SNN staff at appointments
- Make wellbeing calls
- Practical support such helping make appointments etc..

Full training will be provided, flexible hours to suit.

For more information email info@serve.org.uk



**Accommodation
Concern**

Exciting New Job Roles – Do you want to make a difference to people lives?

We have several exciting new job roles at Accommodation Concern from Benefits and Housing Advisors to Community Tenancy Support Workers.

We are thrilled that our workforce is expanding and can't wait to get new people on board with us!

We have several vacancies for each of the roles and some are full and part time.

As always we are looking for the right person, so even if you have no experience we would be prepared to train you!

If you are the person who always helps people, fills in forms for people, helps people with their money or simply helps people to keep their homes in good order we want to hear from you

The closing date for applications is Thursday 21st March 2024 at 12pm.

For more information and to submit an application form, please visit <https://www.accommodationconcern.co.uk/careers/>.



SERVE are recruiting a new CEO!!

About Serve

We are an award-winning charity in Northamptonshire committed to supporting older people, people with disabilities and their carers.

We operate out of our HQ's in Rushden, Northamptonshire with a Day Centre in Higham Ferrers and a small office in Kettering.

Our vision is a society that fully respects the rights of older people and people with disabilities and where age and disability are not barriers to opportunity, fulfilment and dignity.

Our mission is to help adults who require support services to maintain their independence.

About the Role

As the CEO of Serve, your role will be to provide the strategic leadership, vision and direction to help the organisation to deliver its mission to support independent living for older adults and people living with disabilities and their carers. You will collaborate with the Trustees to provide strategic direction, operational management and impactful leadership to ensure the effective delivery of our services and the fulfilment of our organisational goals.

You will play a vital role in the continued growth and financial sustainability of Serve and will work alongside sector partners to improve the lives of service users across Northamptonshire and North Bedfordshire.

How to Apply

If you would like an informal conversation about the role with Jess Slater, CEO of Serve, please email Jess at jess.slater@serve.org.uk.

Please apply by completing the Serve application form and equal opportunities form on the website or complete the attached application form and equal opportunities form

Please send completed applications to info@serve.org.uk

Closing Date for applications: Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 4.00pm.

Interviews Dates: 11th and 12th April 2024.



You're Invited
SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday 16th April

FREE EVENT

**HEALTHY ACTIVE AGEING -
ADDING LIFE TO YEARS**

VENUE:

**Waterside Campus, University
of Northampton, NN1 5PH**

TIME:

1 pm until 5 pm

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 26TH FEBRUARY 2024



Keynote speaker:

**Sir Muir Gray, Founder
of the Live Longer Better
Revolution and leading
adviser for the Optimal
Ageing Programme.**

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part of the
INTERNATIONAL
WAENDEL *Walk*
weekend

Wellingborough
Friday 17th May 2024

**FRIENDSHIP
WALK**

Tickets available now or on the day

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ECO GROUP

reduce - reuse - recycle - repeat

GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

TOWN CENTRE

Saturday 23rd March 10-12Join us and **Wellie Wombles** litter picking

EVERYONE WELCOME

Meet at our Recycling
Station on Market StreetWellingborough
Town CouncilVisit wellingboroughecogroup.org.uk/eco/litter-picking or call 07311 705705

Wellingborough District Hindu Association

133 Highfield Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1PL
Registered Charity No. 276747

in association with

ASHA WOMEN'S GROUP

presents



International Women's Day Celebrations 2024

Together we can Inspire Inclusion!

Theme: **#InspireInclusion**

Sunday
17th March 2024



2:00pm
to 6.00pm



Hindu Community Centre

Highfield Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1PL

When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion,
we forge a better world.

When women themselves are inspired to be included,
there's a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment.

* Meet & Greet * Dress to impress * Fashion Catwalk *

* Entertainment * Video Presentations * Bollywood *

* Professional Group Photo Session (strictly 2pm to 3pm only) *

* Raffle *

❁ **Free Entry** ❁ **Free Refreshments** ❁

Note: This event is NOT open for children under 14

RSVP by Thursday 14th March 2024

For further information, please contact:

| Sohas Patel 07545 877 196 | Varsha Patel 07763 608 464 |

| Sudha Patel 07789 022 458 | Angie Riley 07810 265 150 |

| Hindu Community Centre 01933 274 330 |



The King's Award
for Voluntary Service

MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR CANCEL PROGRAMME

International Women's Day

International Women's Day



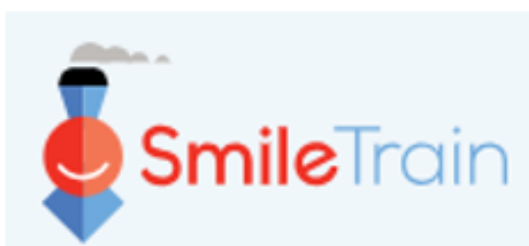
The Rotary Club of Rushden
presents an evening with



Fynnius Fogg

in support of SmileTrain,

with an evening of music from the 1950s to the 1980s.



Fynnius Fogg
winners of the
Queen's Award for
Voluntary Service.



Providing free
cleft treatment for
children around
the World.

Saturday, 13 April, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Windmill Social Club,

Glassbrook Road, Rushden, NN10 9TH

Admission £10 by ticket from

Windmill Social Club, |

01933 313456 or on the door.

Raffle

Bar



North Northamptonshire Council

North Northants Family Hubs has commissioned Anna Freud, a children's mental health charity, to collaboratively develop:

- **a perinatal mental health and parent-infant relationships strategy, and**
- **an infant feeding support action plan.**

The project is our first opportunity to take a deep dive into perinatal mental health, infant feeding, parent-infant relationships, and related services. Your input, experiences, feedback, and reflections are crucial for this project's success. While we've made several requests in a short period due to the rapid transformation, it will not be a constant demand as we shift to normal operations in the coming months. Your participation at this stage is appreciated.

The work will bring together the experiences, insights and perspectives of local families, service providers and commissioners. It will build on the many strengths and assets of the local area and will place the voice of the infant at the heart of the work at every stage. You can read more about the project in the attached information leaflet.

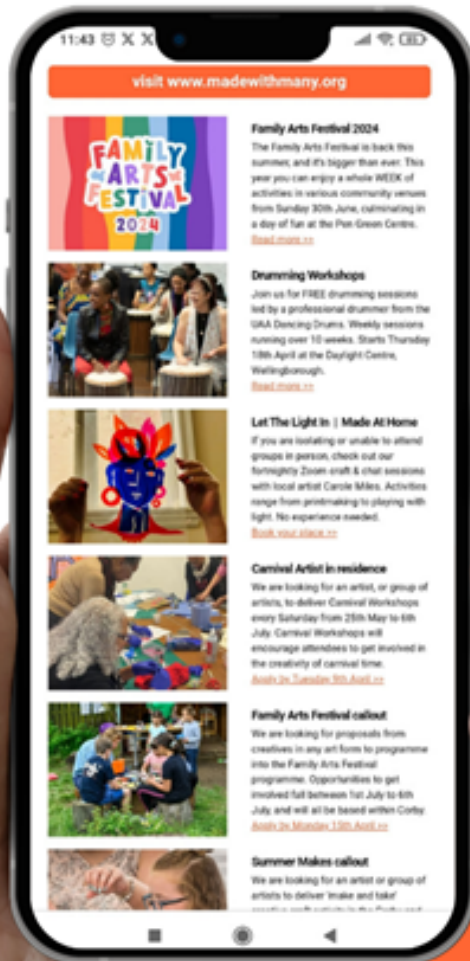
How can you get involved? We are asking for your help to support the development of this work by completing a survey. This survey (link below) will gather the perspectives of professionals working with families in pregnancy and the early years in North Northamptonshire, with a particular focus on support for perinatal mental health, parent-infant relationships and infant feeding.

Who should fill in this survey? Anyone who works directly or indirectly to support women, babies and families in pregnancy and the early years in North Northamptonshire. For example, you might be a health visitor, family worker, mental health professional, midwife, commissioner, volunteer at a local charity, stay and play worker, housing officer or police officer.

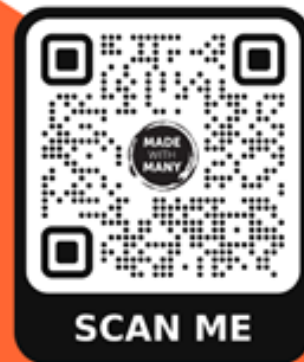
The survey link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FamilyHubs_NorthNorthants . The survey will close on Monday 18th March.

Thank you in advance - your contribution is key to building an integrated and seamless offer of support for babies, women and birthing people, and their families.



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our 2024 events



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SERVICES WITHIN EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT & ACROSS NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Free, Independent & Confidential specialist casework and advice to residents within EN and across North Northamptonshire.

Advice Sessions:

- **Raunds Library** 25th January and 22nd February – Debt advice. Drop-In session 2pm - 4pm. Please bring up-to-date information relevant to your enquiry, plus income & expenditure. Follow-up work provided as required.
- **Encompass Rushden** – Weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Appointment required.
- **Wellingborough office** – appointments available through the week for all areas of advice.
- **Citizens Advice offices (Kettering and Corby)** – Debt advice. Appointment required.

Appointments available in person or by phone. Home visits available to housebound.

To make an appointment or for more information:

Telephone 01933 313020 (lines open Mon-Thurs 10am-2pm & Fri 10am-1pm) or

Email enquiries@communitylawservice.org.uk

See our website for more details: www.communitylawservice.org.uk

Services Available:

Debt - debt counselling, negotiating with Creditors, access to Grants, Debt Relief Orders, Bankruptcy, County Court Judgments & Court representation.

Welfare Benefits - complex Benefit claims/entitlement, benefit challenges, overpayments, Tribunal representation.

Housing - re-possession and eviction, court representation, Court Duty sessions for emergency Housing cases, Anti-Social Behaviour defence.

Energy Advice - Utility debt advice, Energy efficiency advice, tariff checks, billing queries, benefit advice and Income maximisation, emergency energy credit, supply reconnection, access to Grants.

Immigration Advice – Home Office Applications, advice on residency, immigration tribunals.





Interested in the Voluntary Sector in Kettering & Corby? Consider joining Kettering Voluntary Network (KVN) and/or Corby Voluntary Network (CVN)! It keeps you in touch with like minded organisations! Receive mailings and invitations to networking meetings and events! It's local and free! Contact sean.silver@groundwork.org.uk or mobile 07912 480537

Could your organisation benefit from some Support? We offer support to KVN & CVN (Kettering Voluntary Network & Corby Voluntary Network) members to help you to check that your policies and procedures are up to date and discuss business planning or funding applications. We are also here to support Trustees with Governance matters!

CAN (Community Action Northants) provides support in Volunteering brokerage! Sign up and see volunteering opportunities near you, and advertise your organisations volunteering offers! Community Action Northants - Volunteering opportunities in Northamptonshire

Tesco Community Grants (formally Tesco Bags of Help)! Groundwork administers and support groups to apply to this fund for Tesco! Any not for profit organisation can apply & criteria is anything to benefit community!

More info click here: [Tesco Community Grants](#)

Comic Relief Funding! Groundwork UK administer & support groups to apply to this fund! More information on application and criteria for funding here! <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/national-grants/comic-relief-community-grants/>



As a Registered Body for Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS), we provide a countywide service taking care of all administration for you, providing any documentation required and processing forms on your behalf.

The following prices apply:

Volunteer DBS Checks £10 each

Paid Staff Standard Checks £41 each

Paid Staff Enhanced Checks £57 each

This above costs include all administration charges and documentation



**Disclosure &
Barring Service**

If you require any further information,
please contact Michelle on 01933 315555

**For more information please email
michelle.bathurst@serve.org.uk**

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Please see ENFOLD newsletter attached