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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>



Fraud and Cyber Scams Free Talk

*Join us to hear Northamptonshire Police's
latest advice on scams and how to:*

- Spot the signs of romance fraud
- Identify fake calls, texts and messages
- Avoid doorstep crime
- Protect your personal information online
- Keep your devices secure

Monday 11th March 2024

First Talk: 10am - 11am

Second Talk: 11:30am - 12:30 pm

Home Instead East Northants, 3 Regent Park, Booth Drive,
Park Farm South, Wellingborough, NN8 6GR

Book Now:

Tel: 01933 678775

lucy.darnell@homeinstead-eastnorthants.co.uk

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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Wellbeing
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Council



A GUIDE TO APRENTICESHIPS

A workshop for employers from organisations actively engaged in voluntary, community, or social enterprise activities across Northamptonshire.

**THE ANNE GOODMAN CENTRE FOR CARERS,
123 MIDLAND ROAD,
WELLINGBOROUGH,
NN8 1LU**

TUESDAY 5TH MARCH

10.30AM - 1.00PM

SCAN THE QR CODE, CALL, EMAIL OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW*:

01933 677907
admin@northamptonshire-carers.org
www.northamptonshire-carers.org/Event/a-guide-to-apprenticeships

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSEMBLY
VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE
BY THE SECTOR FOR THE SECTOR




For further details or to book a place, please make contact with Northamptonshire Carers on 01933 677907, option 1 or email: admin@northamptonshire-carers.org or scan the QR code on the attached poster which takes you to our website.



Join us

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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!



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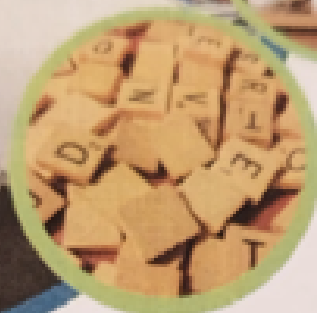
EMAIL info@serve.org.uk for more information

PLACE

Valley of Hope



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**WARM SPACE
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IRTHLINGBOROUGH
EVERY MONDAY & FRIDAY
10:30AM - 1:30PM**

Volunteers Wanted!

Warm Space Irlthlingborough
Community Centre 1000 347



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01933698347

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**Irlthlingborough
Town Council**

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.



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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.

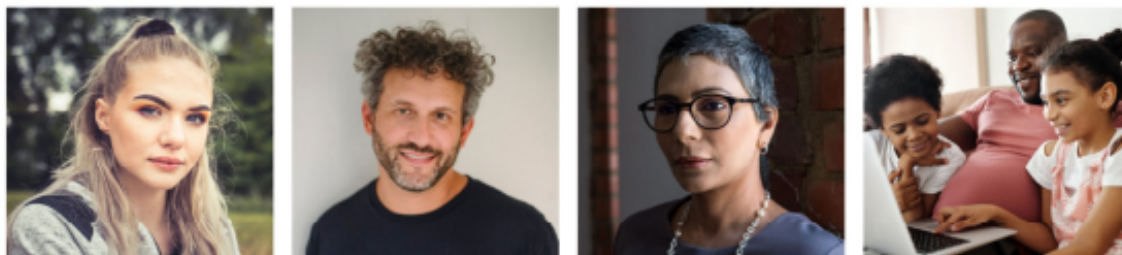
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Northamptonshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust



MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE AND STAND AS A GOVERNOR

Join our 'Become a Governor' webinar to learn more

You have an exciting opportunity to make a positive contribution to NHFT as a Governor.

We're looking for candidates, 16 years old or over, and with a range of backgrounds and life experiences, to become a Governor.

Watch our 'Become a Governor' webinar on the website below.

Book your place on the webinar, or find out more, at www.nhft.nhs.uk/elections



03000 273 981



foundationtrust@nhft.nhs.uk

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Governor vacancies

Public Daventry and South Northants – two vacancies
Public Northampton – two vacancies
Public Rest of England – one vacancy
Patient and Carer – seven vacancies
Staff Governor – five vacancies

**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
FOR YOU,
WITH YOU**

Review Date: January 2025



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Kettering



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 **Institute of
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Carer Voices are hosting a Professionals Networking Conference, with a focus on Coproduction.

Join us for a morning of Networking, learning and empowerment.

There is no single formula for co-production but there are some key features

Date- 22nd March 2023

Time- 10:30-12:30

Where- Threshing Barn, Chester House, Irchester, Wellingborough, NN29 7EZ

Cost - FREE :)

Open to all professional within North Northamptonshire working with families and/or young people 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities?

We are encouraging attendance from Commissioners, service leads, managers directors, CEOs, team members and wider

Sample agenda (full Angela will be sent out ahead of the conference)

10:30-10:45 - Arrival and Networking

10:45-12:00 - Presentation and group activities

12:00-12:30- Networking and Light Lunch

Book your tickets today: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/networkingconference>

**Professionals
NETWORKING
CONFERENCE**

A morning of networking,
learning, and empowerment,
with a focus on coproduction.

**FREE TO
ATTEND
LUNCH PROVIDED**
*Open to all professionals
working within North
Northants

Friday, 22th March
10:30-12:30PM
Chester House, Irchester,
Wellingborough, NN29 7EZ

BOOK NOW →

Book your tickets here:
<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/networkingconference>



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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www.movenorthamptonshire.org



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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Contact Louisa at 07895 747225 or
louisafundraising@gmail.com to book a stall!

Wellingborough
Museum
12 Castle Way
NN8 1XB

30th March
11:00-15:00



wellingboroughmuseum@msn.com

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9th MARCH
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Saturday 23rd March 10-12Join us and **Wellie Wombles** litter picking

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Town CouncilVisit wellingboroughecogroup.org.uk/eco/litter-picking or call 07311 705705

*NEW shorter Community Forum
for more sharing and connecting*

Sponsored by Co-op, hosted by your
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Wellingborough Organisations

Community Forum

Join us on the last Friday of every month at 2pm

Connect on Zoom or at ECO HUB, Glamis Hall

Come to share what you do in Wellingborough

By working together we make a difference!



Register: wellingborough.org/site/communityforum

Join: facebook.com/groups/wellingboroughorganisations

Call: 07954 082802 Email: info@wellingborough.org



Databank at **The Mallows Company**

Are you unable to apply for a job online, bank online or access essential services on line, due to having no internet connectivity??

The Mallows Company in partnership with Good Things Foundation who developed the National Databank, distributes Free Data to people in the community to help them access the internet.

To get your free SIM Card or Voucher: Join us on Saturday 9th March at the Daylight Centre between 10am and 3 pm

Eligibility criteria

The Mallows Company can give free data to people who are:

18+ years old **and** from a low income household. They must also qualify in **one** or **more** of the following statements:

Have no or insufficient access to the internet at home

Have no or insufficient access to the internet away from the home

Cannot afford their monthly contract or top up

northamptonshire sport

TOGETHER FUND – CELEBRATION AND LEARNING EVENT

Thursday, 14 March, 6-8pm

Cornmarket Hall, Kettering

Or

Wednesday, 27 March, 3 till 5pm

Sikh Community Centre & Youth Club, Northampton.

Northamptonshire's Sport is excited to celebrate and thank you for your work keeping Northamptonshire active. We want to share some of the learning we have picked up and allow you to network with other organisations like yours and colleagues from the local councils and public health.

We hope to be able to share more information about our potential role as local Sport England Investment partners with those in attendance. A lot of this will have come off the back of the success of the Together Fund, which you played a crucial part in.

Join us at this FREE event, where we will look to celebrate you and explore the concept of 'Tackling Inequalities through Sport and Physical Activity'

Unfortunately, we only have **1 place per organisation**. If you need additional support to attend, please register that person after yourself, if you don't mind.

Please confirm attendance by the **7th March 2024**.

<https://www.northamptonshiresport.org/case-study/togetherfund/>

Invite to Mental Wellbeing Support Workshop

Following a review of current arrangements for promoting mental wellbeing through a contract with MHNC was undertaken during the summer 2023, and which concluded that these arrangements were no longer sufficiently reflective of local public health priorities, both Councils stated in a letter to the VCSE sector their intentions to align future work on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing and preventing mental ill health with the Northamptonshire Mental Health Prevention Concordat, and NNC & WNC Health and Wellbeing Strategies, to ensure a more strategic approach.

A joint letter from North Northamptonshire Public Health and West Northamptonshire Public Health was issued on 21st February 2024 stating that each Council would be making separate commissioning arrangements going forward, based on considering local needs and the specific prevention investment and delivery arrangements that operate in their respective unitary authority areas. In this letter West Northamptonshire Public Health stated that it was planning a half day workshop on Friday 15th March 2024 - 9:00am – 2:00pm at The Great Hall, St Andrews Hospital, Northampton, to work with the MHNC and wider VCSE sector to co-produce their new service arrangements.

The overall aim of this half day workshop is to inform the development of a service specification and the service delivery arrangements for VCSE to support the mental health and wellbeing of local people, to be commissioned by Public Health. This will be achieved through Public Mental Health colleagues working with MHNC, VCSE Mental Health Thematic Assembly and wider VCSE organisations to co-produce the new service arrangements.

The objectives of the workshop include:

- sharing a strategic approach for improving public mental health in the Council area
- sharing key priority areas of work programmes, which are evidence-based and cost-effective
- sharing some of the principles that will underpin the new service arrangements
- outlining proposed timeline for the new arrangements to be in place
 - co-developing ideas of delivery approaches to address strategic outcomes and priorities

Please see the below link for further details about the workshop and to book a place.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/westnorthantscouncil/t-xmjkjng>



invites you to International Women's Day 2024



Alison Joseph
Persistent Striver
In Achievement



Award Winning
Mystery Lady
DJ Extrordinaire

Theme: Inspire Inclusion

Saturday 9th March 2-6pm



Celebrating achievements



Fun quiz



Cocktail making



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4. Environmental Awareness

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Email: admin@agenda4change.me.uk

Web: agenda4change.me.uk



North Northamptonshire Council

A local housing strategy comprehensively describes the approach a local Authority and its partners plan to take to meet housing objectives over the medium term, usually the next five years. North Northamptonshire Council are in the process of building a framework for designing its new five-year housing strategy in North Northamptonshire. It is important when doing this to ensure that we capture a broad variety of views from partners, stakeholders, and residents, so that we can frame out the future design work to reflect strategic challenges, priorities and solutions for our housing communities.

In creating this framework, we have met with a core group of officers from around the Council to table the challenges that they face and have reflected this with core data information. We would welcome your contribution to the further development of this housing strategic framework from which the housing strategy will emerge.

Feedback from staff, partners, residents and Members will be at the heart of this new strategy's delivery priorities and the actions that will follow. Therefore, please do not miss this chance to have your say and influence the shape of things to come.

The survey asks you to describe the challenges that you face and suggest solutions that you think will help resolve those challenges. Your responses will help us better understand those challenges and more importantly, help to determine the housing delivery priorities, actions and solutions for the next 5 years. This survey can be responded to anonymously if you prefer.

Please click on the link here to complete the survey.

This survey closes at midnight, 7th March 2024.

For information about how consultation and engagement responses are managed, please see the consultation and engagement privacy notice

**Kind Regards
The Housing Project Team**

<https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/ea2de69a/>



**North
Northamptonshire
Council**

Have your say on how to improve parks and green spaces in North Northamptonshire

People are being asked to **have their say** on how parks and green spaces in North Northamptonshire's urban areas can be improved.

The survey forms part of a wider strategy which aims to attract further funding to develop the natural environment in our towns.

Led by North Northamptonshire Council, the six urban areas identified are Corby, Desborough, Kettering, Wellingborough, Rushden and Higham Ferrers.

The Council is keen to hear from residents, local groups and organisations and businesses with their ideas.

Examples might include any of the following, or other suggestions:

- Developing or creating a new park
- Creation of a new community garden
- Tree planting within urban environments
- Improvements to existing parks or green spaces
- Improvements to accessibility

People have until Monday, March 18 to submit their ideas online.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/957b4b35-ca92-4274-a272-700098417a25>

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bakupcic/>
Twitter: <https://twitter.com/BakupCic>

What we offer here at BAKUP CIC

- * Emergency food and toiletries intervention relief.
- * Support for young parents under 21 dealing with anxiety, stress, and depression.
- * Phlebotomy (Theory and Dry Lab Phlebotomy Course)
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- * Befriending services for older adults over 65 years (Free phone call to talk and support mental wellbeing)
- * Recruitment Services

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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

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