



North Northamptonshire has hosted and I am delighted by the support we are receiving from local organisations. Those getting involved include: Age UK Northamptonshire, Accommodation Concern, Citizens Advice, Marlow House, Northamptonshire Carers, Northamptonshire Police and a range of services from North Northamptonshire Council too. Please help spread the word and if you can attend, please do! I want to highlight the £2.465million of funding that is being made available by the Department of Work and Pensions for the Council to use to help the most vulnerable residents in North Northamptonshire. On a similar theme, the Family Hubs Model that was approved at last week's meeting of the Executive provides a significant opportunity for the area – more details below. On the subject of funding, a further £500,000 has been awarded to the Council for improvements to Kettering Town Centre, the works of which have very recently commenced. Given that we are now nicely in Summer, I have outlined some of the exciting events and

People's Fair being held in Kettering next Friday (1 July). This is the first event of its type that

initiatives that are taking place in North Northamptonshire in the coming weeks. On a warm weather-related theme, it is good to see that the Splash Park at the Embankment in Wellingborough is opening this weekend (subject to the weather of course!) I know this news has been very popular on social media and I have provided more details below. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Older People's Fair in North **Northamptonshire** 

North Northamptonshire Council

On Friday 1 July from 10am-3pm

at Corn Market Hall, Kettering

FREE ENTRY

- or better help someone they are caring for. Providing information and advice for older people Organised by North Northamptonshire Council and supported by a range of organisations, it

will cover: Debt, money and pension credit advice. Advice on accessing adult social care services. Health advice and access to healthy activities. Information on social activities and clubs. Advice on how to avoid scams and fraud targeted at older people.

The event is free-of-charge.

Friday 1 July

10am to 3pm

Corn Market Hall in Kettering

The Older People's Fair will be a source of useful information and advice whether you are an older person yourself, a carer or a family member. This community event is intended to help

people plan and live a more fulfilling retirement

over £2million support

The Government's Household Support Fund 2 will give more vulnerable residents in North Northamptonshire a helping hand.

Through the extended scheme, the Council will use

the £2.465m grant provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for these payments. During the first Household Support Fund, a minimum of 50% was designated to be used to support

supermarkets.

families with children. This time it will be split equally between families with children, pensioners and households demonstrating severe financial hardship.

Pensioners receiving Pension Credit will each be awarded £100, with an additional Pension Credit Top Up of £50 for those pensioners with severe disabilities. Pensioners eligible for the payment will be contacted directly by the Council in late July and do not need to apply. North Northamptonshire Council has opted to again provide support to families with children on free school meals, providing £20 school holiday food vouchers for up to six weeks. There is no requirement to apply for this payment, this will be administered as usual through existing school systems in the form of vouchers that can be redeemed against shopping costs in a range of

suffering severe financial hardship, identified through a range of organisations within the voluntary sector. This will enable about 8,000 North Northamptonshire households in severe financial hardship to receive up to a £100 energy or food voucher. The organisations that the Council will use to distribute the hardship vouchers are still being identified, however, we expect to be in a position to start distributing funds in late July. Further communications will be issued nearer the time.

After a two-year absence, due to the pandemic, Party in the Park will return to Croyland Park in Wellingborough on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 July from 12 noon to 6pm. Residents across North Northamptonshire are invited to bring a picnic along to the park and enjoy live music throughout the weekend. Stevens Fun Fair and amusements will also be on site, providing entertainment for all the family.

**Council considers the opportunities for Family Hubs programme** North Northamptonshire Council was recently identified as one of the 75 Local Authorities

services and support. In response, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive agreed to adopt a Family Hub Model for North Northamptonshire, viewing it as a significant opportunity for the area. As part of the Government's Spending Review back in October 2021, the Government announced over £300m to transform Start for Life and Family Hub services in 75 upper tier local authorities across England. The programme will fund a network of Family Hubs, Start for Life and family

Festival celebrating Nene Valley **Communities Past and Present** Celebrating

nationally that will be designated as a 'Family Hub Development' authority. This will give the Council access to additional Government funding

to reshape services and improve access to

EY COMMUNITIES 25th June - 24th July 2022

archaeology and heritage professionals, will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance. Saturday 9 and Saturday 16 July - Opportunities to find out how people of all ages can get involved with archaeology, history and heritage in the Nene Valley and beyond. On the final weekend of the Festival, The Lace Wars (an 18th Century re-enactment group) will be onsite with activities including leather craft workshops with experts from the Leather Conservation Centre at both Chester House and Stanwick Lakes, including iron-age shoe making. Bookable talks and tours will be on offer throughout the month at both Chester House and Stanwick Lakes.

Council's Executive considers UK Shared

**Prosperity Fund** 

Apply by 3 June 2022

A survey on priorities and opportunities relating to £4.8m of central Government funding (across three years from

The Council has been allocated monies from the UK

to the Preferred Route for the scheme, as set out in the recommendations of the report. It was agreed that authority would be delegated to Clir Graham Lawman, the Executive Member for Highways, Travel & Assets, to procure and award a contract to provide professional services to support the

November 2026.

Street and Meadow Road.

Due to the high quality of the materials and workmanship on the previous phase of the project, alongside the improvements to

will ensure this is kept to a minimum.

2022/23) has now closed.

sustainable tourism and related fields. Experts from the University of Leicester, together with

UK SHARED Shared Prosperity Fund, a Government fund set up to **PROSPERITY** provide £2.6 billion for local investment. All areas of the UK have received an allocation from the funding. This **FUND** succeeds the old EU structural funds. At the recent Executive meeting, it was noted that an Investment Plan will be put together by the Council, which sets out the challenges and opportunities locally across three themes: Community & Place, Local Business and People & Skills. The Council's survey was based on these key themes. The results will be analysed and an update provided in due course.

delivery of the A509 Isham Bypass. Work on the A509 Isham Bypass has continued with varying degrees of progress since the early 1990s. The Executive has been forced to change the current preferred route for the A509 Isham Bypass to tie-in to the improvements to the A509 which are being constructed as part of the Symmetry Park development on a different alignment to the original approved application. Work is currently underway to develop a new planning application and the Outline Business Case for the scheme. These are due to be submitted in October 2022. A further public consultation and exhibition will be held before the planning application is submitted. Further progress will then be dependent on securing the necessary statutory permissions and further Government funding. Following the granting of planning permission, it is expected it will be

necessary to publish new Compulsory Purchase and Side Roads Orders. If there are objections to these orders, the Secretary of State will hold a public inquiry. Once the Orders are confirmed, a Full Business Case will be submitted to the Department for Transport to secure funding to construct

It is currently projected that construction will start in November 2024, with the bypass opening in

accessibility for town centre users, Historic England has awarded the Council additional funds to allow larger areas of the High Street to be improved. The works are part of the Kettering High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) project, a partnership between North Northamptonshire Council and Historic England. The additional phase will have the same materials and design principles already used along the High Street. Street scene improvements began in January along the southern end of the High Street, Meadow Road and Gold Street, with all work now due to be completed by Autumn 2022. During the improvement works, there is likely to be some disruption for pedestrians, but workers

To make these awards happen, we need the public to nominate their local sporting heroes for one the following categories: **Community Club** Community Organisation/Group **Sports Activator Community Champion** Young Volunteer Health and Wellbeing Initiative Workplace Wellbeing **Get Active** Get Active – Young Person

**Disability Sports Performer** Young Sports Performer **Local Sports Performer** 

**Outstanding Recognition Award** 

Sport School of the Year – Primary Sport School of the Year - Secondary

FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022 WWW.DIGITALNORTHAMPTON.COM/MERGEDFUTURES The annual event was organised by Digital Northants, a collaboration between the University of Northampton, North and West Northamptonshire Councils and local businesses. A celebration of Northamptonshire's innovators, creatives and entrepreneurs, Merged Futures brought together people from different sectors interested in digital, tech and innovation to share

The first in-person Merged Futures took place in 2019 on campus at the University of

Northampton, moving online and attracting a global audience in 2020 and 2021 as a result of the

This year's event was once again held at the University of Northampton's Waterside campus. Experts were on hand to provide insight into how new technology, such as virtual reality and artificial intelligence, can enhance the work of different sectors, including business, healthcare

The event was also a valuable opportunity for connections between companies and educators with those interested in implementing digital transformation in their business or organisation.

Splash Park at the Embankment

set to reopen

digital technology

Now children and their families from Wellingborough and further afield will be able to enjoy the amenities on offer, including water fountains and play equipment. The Splash Park will be open, subject to favourable weather conditions, between 12 noon and 6:30pm on: Saturday 25 June to Sunday 17 July (weekends only) Saturday 23 July to Wednesday 31 August (daily) Saturday 3 September to Sunday 25 September (weekends only). To ensure the popular attraction can open throughout the summer, the Council has been working hard, including checking the water safety. The Council asks that visitors work with them by following the signage and the rules on site. An emergency contact number will always be on display too.

Festival of Social Care to be held in North **Northamptonshire** North Northamptonshire Council will hold a Festival of Social Care at Wellingborough Library on Monday 18 July from 10am to 3pm to highlight the career opportunities within the sector. Across the event, you will be able to find out how a career in the adult social care can be rewarding, the benefits of working for North Northamptonshire Council and current roles available. Interviews will be held between 3pm and 5pm.

burial plots and space for memorial gardens and religious faiths. The site, which will be complete towards the end of June, is largely laid out as a lawn cemetery. A lawn cemetery is one where roads and paths have been created but the rest of the area has been laid out as a lawn and only when necessary, will headstone borders be cut out of the lawn. Regulations will be developed for the new extension to ensure the area remains as a lawn cemetery to allow for unrestricted access to every grave plot, general appearance, and ease of maintenance. As such, no kerb sets, fencing or any other form of bordering will be allowed outside the headstone border and all tributes and mementoes of any kind must be kept within the headstone border. **Press releases** To help you stay abreast of the key things the Council has been doing, I have included some links to the Council's press releases below (starting with the most recent): **Summer Reading Challenge 2022** 

More vulnerable residents Council considers the to benefit from over opportunities for Family Hubs programme £2million support from North Northamptonshire Council

Social media: Top stories Follow our social media accounts on Facebook and/or Twitter. f Top Facebook posts so far this week (20-22 June 2022) Even though we would like to think we are superheroes, just a reminder that our staff

Works to extend Corby's Shire

Lodge Cemetery coming to

completion

Sunday 3 July from 12 noon - 6pm on both days and it would be great if you could join us (Reach 1,726. Post Clicks 4) Top Tweets so far this week (20-22 June 2022) The end of the week is looking like another scorcher. So some people, especially kids, will be tempted by the cool waters of our lakes and rivers. There are hidden dangers that even the most experienced outdoor swimmer must be wary of. #DrowningPreventionWeek #watersafety https://t.co/MOSurAM22H

North Northants http://ow.ly/VOPa50JBvmo

http://ow.ly/9vgn50GsUMB (Reach 5,528. Post Clicks 672)

(Reach 2,531. Post Clicks 31)

(Impressions 848, Engagements 20)

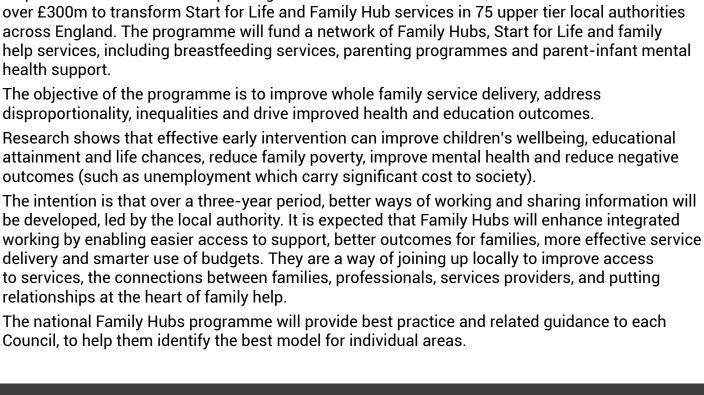
(Impressions 680, Engagements 9)

#LDWeek22 https://t.co/hrB0wU9xYN (Impressions 532, Engagements 5)

With Best Wishes,

If you can attend, please join us next Friday. In the meantime, please help spread the word about this important event with your family, friends and colleagues. More vulnerable residents to benefit from

A third element of the funding will help North Northamptonshire Council reach households Party in the Park returning to Wellingborough



## A summer festival showcasing the history, archaeology and heritage of the Nene Valley #MAKINGHISTORYTOGETHER summer festival showcasing the history, archaeology and heritage of the Nene Valley will launch this weekend - at the Chester House Estate on Saturday 25 June and at Stanwick Lakes on Sunday 26 June. The Nene Valley Communities Past and Present Festiva (25 June to 24 July) is being run by the Chester House Estate, Stanwick Lakes and the School of Archaeology and Ancient History at the University of Leicester, with support from Rushden Lakes. Saturday 25 June – At Chester House Estate, the launch will be Roman-themed with fun for all the family, including Roman re-enactments and the opportunity to find out about everyday life as a Roman soldier. Experts from the University of Leicester will be on hand to answer questions. Sunday 26 June - At Stanwick Lakes, the theme will be 'Traditional crafts past and present'. Activities will include an exciting 'Travel through time' trail and demonstrations of traditional

crafts, including blacksmithing, jewellery making and chainsaw carving.

Saturday 2 July - A day of activities for children and young people at Chester House with archaeology taster activities and drop-in sessions for those thinking about careers, apprenticeships and university study in archaeology, history, heritage, conservation,

Executive team approves new preferred route for the A509 Isham bypass Last week, the Council's Executive team considered an update on the work which has been and will be undertaken on the A509 Isham Bypass. During the meeting, the Executive agreed a change

Further £500,000 for Kettering town centre improvements More improvements to the street scene of Kettering started this week thanks to an additional £500,000 of Historic England funding, which has been awarded to North Northamptonshire Council. It is hoped that works will extend from Dryland Street to Crispin Place, following earlier works being completed on High Street, Gold Street, West

North Northamptonshire Council and sponsors are excited to announce the launch of the North Northamptonshire Active Communities Awards. The awards event, organised by the Council, is a celebration of health and wellbeing, physical activity and sport in North Northamptonshire. The idea is to recognise local individuals, groups, clubs, organisations and projects that have improved the lives of the community and encouraged North Northamptonshire residents to get active.

THE 4TH ANNUAL FREE TECH INNOVATION SHOWCASE FROM DIGITAL NORTHANTS Becoming immersed in virtual reality, exploring competitive video gaming simulation racing, and getting a grip on how artificial intelligence is helping to improve road safety were just some of the digital delights on offer at the return of a showcase technology event that took place last Friday. Merged Futures brought together experts in emerging technologies to explore the potential to further develop and innovate for the benefit of the county's businesses, students and residents.

and spark ideas.

and education.

Coronavirus pandemic.

Following detailed discussions by North

to the public this weekend.

launching two exciting challenges.

Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries, asks children to read, or listen to six books over the summer. This year the Reading Agency has teamed

special science-themed challenge that will inspire children to use their imagination and creativity!

up with the Science Museum Group for a very

Northamptonshire Council's Executive, a solution has been found that means that the Splash Park at the Embankment in Wellingborough will open

The Council has been working to ensure that this popular attraction can be opened just in time for the start of the hotter summer months.

Working more closely, collaboratively: the Social Work Teaching Partnership for **Northamptonshire** Ensuring that social work students and social workers better meet the needs of people across Northamptonshire is at the heart of a new partnership. Launched last week, members of the University of Northampton's (UON) Faculty of Health, Education and Society, local authority leaders and senior social service personnel gathered at Waterside campus to introduce the Northamptonshire Social Work Teaching Partnership. This new working arrangement will enhance existing work between the partners, spearhead the

delivery of an enhanced and co-developed curriculum for UON's Social Work programmes keeping them current, innovative, and reflective of practice – and also mean social workers will

The Partnership will also see the development of collaborative research opportunities between the

have direct input into UON-delivered social work training programmes.

develop them in their roles.

social work students.

for service users across the county.

Council and West Northamptonshire Council.

Corby's Batonbearers for Summer Reading Challenge 2022 Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton set to reopen - set to inspire the love of books! Relay confirmed Return of Merged Futures event North Northamptonshire town centre improvements showcases visionary digital Council is bringing the Active Communities Awards to North technology Northants. Northamptonshire

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Messages from the Interim

Northamptonshire and North

Festival celebrating Nene Valley

take place

communities past and present to

Northamptonshire

Directors of Public Health in West

are only human, just like you, and see all the comments and replies on our social media channels. So, please, before you post that comment on our social media pages, think, and always make sure you are following our social media acceptable use policy North Northamptonshire Council is bringing the Active Communities Awards to

Splash Park at the Embankment Further £500,000 for Kettering

If you would like stay up to date with the Council's media releases, you can visit the news section of the Council's website: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news Or follow Twitter **(2) @NNorthantsC** and/or Facebook **(3) @NorthNorthants** 

Wellingborough

Party in the Park set to return to

Party in the Park is returning to Croyland Park in Wellingborough on Saturday 2 &

\*\*\* Scams Awareness Fortnight\*\*\* Want to get scam alerts? Sign up to @WhichUK's scam alerts service https://t.co/HSzmZthDZP #ScamAware

It's #LearningDisabilityWeek (organised annually by Mencap), and we're supporting Living Life with a Learning Disability by holding an All Things Sweet Event on Wed 22 June between 9.30am - 12.30pm at Patrick Road Corby. Hope you can join us.

North **Northamptonshire** Council

Thank you! Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have ideas of items to include in future updates please let me know at: <a href="mailto:executive@northnorthants.gov.uk">executive@northnorthants.gov.uk</a>

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North Northamptonshire Council is bringing the Active Communities Awards to North Northamptonshire

Details of the kind of people we are looking for, and an electronic nomination form are available via the North Northamptonshire Active Communities Awards 2022 website. The nomination process will remain open until Friday 23 September following which they will be closely considered by a shortlisting panel. Winners will be announced at an invitation-only ceremony on Wednesday 16 November at the Kettering Conference Centre. The North Northamptonshire Active Communities Awards 2022 are sponsored by Public Health Northamptonshire, Northamptonshire Sport, Alliance Leisure TA6, Legacy Lesiure, Places Leisure, Freedom Leisure, MR Industrial Services, MPB Structures, Priors Hall Park and Arena Sports. Merged Futures event showcases visionary

Summer Reading Challenge 2022 set to inspire the love of books! On Saturday 9 July, Northamptonshire LibraryPlus is Children aged 4-11 years old are being asked to sign up to read six books this summer as part of Gadgeteers, the **Summer Reading Challenge 2022**. The challenge, which is produced by The Reading

READING

To take part in Gadgeteers, all children need to do is sign up at their nearest library, where they will

As children read, or listen to, books they will receive special stickers, some with mysterious smells.

understand the science behind a whole range of interests from fashion and technology to cooking

There is also a whole programme of free, fun activities planned in libraries for families to take part

be given a collector's poster to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge journey.

and music. When they complete the challenge, they will receive a certificate and medal.

in over the summer and you can book a place at your local library.

bookshop.org which supports independent bookshops.

Association for the Blind.

runs until Saturday 3 September.

By adding these stickers to their collectors poster, young readers will help the gadgeteers to

Following the success of the award winning 'For the Love of Books' adult reading challenge, LibraryPlus are also launching 'For the Love of Books – Summer Six' on Saturday 9 July.

Adult readers can join the challenge to read six books over the summer in LibraryPlus libraries. If adults wish to broaden their reading horizons, they can choose books from six suggested categories. Those who complete the challenge can enter a prize draw to win a £20 voucher for

The second series of the LibraryPlus podcast 'For the Love of Books – the LibraryPlus podcast' will run for the duration of the summer and is available from all major podcast platforms. There will be a new episode each month which celebrates books and reading, with guests who use books and reading in different ways. Guests this series include Read Easy, a national charity which provides free, confidential one-to-one reading coaching for adults, Hayley Barton, from the University of Northampton who is running an intergenerational reading project, and Northampton

Gadgeteers launches in libraries across Northamptonshire on Saturday 9 July, and runs until Saturday 17 September. For the Love of Books – Summer Six launches on Saturday 9 July and

University and social service teams, to increase understanding and development of the profession. Social Work Teaching Partnerships are Department of Education-led initiatives, and further benefits the Northamptonshire Partnership will create include: Support statutory partner recruitment, retention and career development of social work qualified and non-social work qualified staff to enhance skills and knowledge requirements to Enhance existing practices between the University and statutory authorities to develop support Partners will work closer together to further develop existing practices, such as placements for The Social Work Teaching Partnership was 'officially signed' at Waterside by representatives of the University of Northampton, The Northamptonshire Children's Trust, North Northamptonshire Works to extend Corby's Shire Lodge **Cemetery coming to completion** North Northamptonshire Council was granted planning permission to extend Shire Lodge Cemetery in Corby and we are pleased that works are now nearing completion. The existing cemetery boundaries have been extended to the south-west to create additional

> Executive defers report on Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff to attain more information Working more closely, collaboratively: the Social Work Teaching Partnership for Northamptonshire

Executive approves new preferred

route for the A509 Isham bypass

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