



## Welcome to the Local Link from North Northamptonshire Council

**Issue 28. Friday 21 August 2026.** Featuring: Leading through change. Working together to deliver services in extreme weather. Kettering and Wellingborough to get food waste collections...



### Top story

#### Leading through change

Across the country, councils are facing increasing demand for services, financial pressures, changing resident expectations and the need to address climate change, while making the best use of technology and innovation.

These challenges are also creating opportunities to work differently, improve services and deliver better outcomes for our residents.

Our [Corporate Plan](#) provides a clear focus on supporting families, building stronger communities, driving prosperity and delivering smarter, faster and fairer public services.

The dedication, adaptability and professionalism shown by colleagues across the council will be key to our success. By embracing new opportunities and continuing to work together, we can respond to these challenges and help make North Northamptonshire an even better place to live, work, visit and do business.



### Latest news

#### Working together to deliver services in extreme weather

The recent spell of hot weather has created additional challenges for many of our services and teams.

From maintaining roads and green spaces to supporting vulnerable residents, managing waste collections and responding to increased demand across frontline services, colleagues have continued to work hard to ensure our communities receive the support they need.

High temperatures can impact how we deliver services, increase the risk of fires in parks and open spaces, and make working conditions more demanding. Despite these challenges, staff have continued to demonstrate professionalism, flexibility and a strong commitment to serving our residents.

I would like to thank every member of staff for their hard work and dedication during this period. Your efforts, resilience and willingness to adapt have helped ensure that services continue to be delivered safely and effectively.

### **Kettering and Wellingborough to get food waste collections**

Residents in the Kettering and Wellingborough areas will soon receive their food waste caddies as we prepare to introduce weekly food waste collections this autumn.

Each household will be provided with two caddies: a small kitchen caddy for collecting food waste indoors and a larger outdoor caddy for collection day. Alongside the delivery, residents will receive information explaining how the service will work and what food waste items can be recycled.

I would encourage residents to look out for their caddies and take some time to read the information provided. However, please remember not to put food waste caddies out for collection just yet. The collection start date will be confirmed closer to the launch of the service.

This new service is another important step in helping us increase recycling rates, reduce waste and support our ambition for a cleaner, greener and more sustainable North Northamptonshire.

For more information, please visit our website: [Food waste recycling starting - Kettering and Wellingborough areas](#).



## **Community matters**

### **Stay safe and help reduce wildfire risk this summer**

Wildfire risk remains extremely high following the recent period of hot, dry weather, and I would urge residents to take extra care to help protect our communities, countryside and green spaces.

Wildfires can spread quickly, causing significant damage to habitats, property and infrastructure, while placing additional pressure on emergency services.

Residents are reminded that a temporary ban on the sale of disposable barbecues is in place and should avoid activities that could start a fire, including the use of disposable barbecues, campfires, fireworks and the careless disposal of cigarettes.

We continue to work closely with Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service and other partners to promote fire prevention and protect our communities.

With little significant rainfall forecast, everyone has a role to play in preventing wildfires and keeping North Northamptonshire safe.

If you see a wildfire, call 999 immediately.

### **Congratulations to students on exam results success**

I know many colleagues will have children, family members or friends receiving results this summer, so I would like to offer my congratulations and best wishes to everyone celebrating their achievements.

Reaching this milestone is a tremendous achievement, and students, families and their loved ones should take a lot of pride in what has been accomplished.

Whether students are celebrating excellent results, progressing to further education, starting an apprenticeship or entering the world of work, these achievements reflect years of commitment, resilience and hard work.

I wish them every success as they take the next step in their journey and look forward to seeing the positive contribution they will make to our communities in the years ahead.



### **Your Voice Matters**

#### **View and respond to current consultations, and take part in engagement surveys and discussions**

- [Victoria Ward \(formerly part of Finedon Ward\), Wellingborough Alleygate PSPO Extension](#) – Closes 13 September 2026.
- [Public Spaces Protection Order – Dog Control 2026 extension - Second consultation](#) – Closes 14 September 2026.
- [Community Governance Review – Stage 2 Consultation](#) – Closes 4 October 2026.

Please visit the [Your Voice Matters](#) hub for further information.

Please share with family, friends, or others in your networks who may be interested in contributing their views.



### **More to explore**

#### **Keep up to date with our latest press releases**

- [New community football goals installed at Hemmingwell Skate Park](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council congratulates students on results day](#)
- [Positive conversations held on the future of Corby Fireworks](#)
- [Rothwell Town Council to run Rothwell Library](#)

- [New balls please! Tennis boost as council nets new operator](#)
- [Council makes progress on carbon reduction while aligning plans to national 2050 target](#)
- [Marking the 81st Anniversary of VJ Day](#)
- [North Northamptonshire Council wishes students best of luck on results day](#)
- [Free NHS Vaccines from the Roving Healthcare Unit](#)
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Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. If you have any questions, please email [executive@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:executive@northnorthants.gov.uk).

Kind regards,

**Cllr Martin Griffiths**

**Leader of the Council**

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