

Safer Communities Update Quarter 2



June to September 2025



Who are the Safer Communities Team?



Welcome to North Northamptonshire's Safer Communities Team

We are dedicated to making our communities safer places to live, work, and visit. Our partnership brings together key organisations across North Northamptonshire to tackle anti-social behaviour, crime prevention, and community safety challenges with a unified approach.

Formed in 2018 by combining the resources and expertise of four former partnerships covering Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering, and Wellingborough, we've created a stronger, more effective response to community safety issues. This collaboration allows us to pool our resources and knowledge, ensuring better outcomes for residents across the region.

At the heart of everything we do is our commitment to putting victims first. When you contact us about anti-social behaviour or community safety concerns, you can expect a serious, confidential response with clear communication and dedicated support throughout the process. We believe every complaint deserves proper investigation and every resident deserves to feel safe in their community.

We work collaboratively with a range of partners such as Fire and Rescue services, NHS Northamptonshire, probation services, housing providers, voluntary organisations, and local community groups. This diverse partnership means we can address safety issues from multiple angles and connect you with the right support when you need it.

Whether it's through our CCTV monitoring systems, Public Space Protection Orders, or direct intervention in anti-social behaviour cases, we're here to work with you to create safer, more peaceful neighbourhoods for everyone.

Partnership Programme



JUNE

County Lines Intensification Week 23 – 27 June. North activity

This police force led week of action delivers a programme of enforcement and engagement activity linking in with partners such as The Children Society and North Northamptonshire Council. The aim is to tackle and prevent child exploitation through collaborative working, combining enforcement and public awareness raising/education. The following was delivered:

- Installation of 3 x new public information banners in rail station settings across the north: Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough. The banners promote the Children Society Look Closer campaign, which aims to empower local communities and professionals by recognising what the signs of exploitation are and where they can report, helping to make local environments safer for young people.
- Public information displays installed in Corby and Wellingborough libraries.
- Flyer dropping across identified locations in East Northamptonshire that are linked to cuckooing activity, which increases the risk of child exploitation.
- Beat Bus surgery engagement at the Hampton by Hilton Hotel, Corby.
- Enforcement operations delivered by the Police East Midlands Regional GAIN Team and NNC Trading Standards Team, targeting the illegal sales of vapes and tobacco, often used as a tool for grooming and or exploitation purposes. Approximately 1750 vapes were seized from businesses across Wellingborough and Rushden.

Children's Society Look Closer training session

- Hampton Hotel, Corby: Look Closer Talk delivered by The Children Society, with a County Lines Police Officer attending. Aimed at retail staff, businesses, teachers and professionals, 40 members of the public also attended.

Public & business engagement: Kettering and Rushden

- 35 members of the public were engaged at Kettering rail station.
- 37 retail premises visited in Kettering Town Centre and issued with leaflets and posters.
- 65 businesses at Rushden Lakes were visited and #lookcloser resources were issued to staff, to generate a better awareness and understanding of child exploitation and how this can be presented within a retail setting.

Additional activity

- A social media schedule ran as part of the campaign week, posting out key messaging linked to signs of child exploitation, raising awareness of county lines, where to report and support services.
- A police-led knife test purchase operation conducted in Wellingborough with the support of police cadets. This is where a minor attempts to buy a knife or bladed article from a retailer to check if the business is complying with laws against selling these items to young people. Weapons violence is a common factor as part of the county lines exploitation process to coerce or intimidate young people into committing acts of violence or crime.
- School visits were conducted in 7 primary and secondary settings by the Police County Lines Task Force Team focusing on knife crime, gender-based violence and drug harm. Approximately 530 students participated in total.
- Enforcement operations conducted by the British Transport Police across the rail network, aiming to disrupt the activity of organised crime groups who operate county lines.
- Hotel test purchase visits conducted across 3 hotels in North Northamptonshire as part of Operation Makesafe, a UK initiative which provides training to businesses particularly within the hospitality sector to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation, how to recognise the signs and report concerns to the police.

JULY

Alcohol Awareness Week 7 – 13 July

A social media campaign delivered promoting key messages linked to this national week of action, led by Alcohol Change UK. Content focused around promoting health and wellbeing messages, support services, awareness raising regarding proxy purchasing and encouraging responsible alcohol consumption.

Emergency Services Day – 19 July

The team ran an information stall as part of the Police-led Emergency Services event held at Kettering Wicksteed Park. Despite poor weather, there was a reasonable turnout. Approximately 60 women safety packs and other crime prevention resources were handed out approx. 150 members of the public were engaged with. The event was an opportunity to hand out resources promoting domestic abuse and sexual violence support services, as part of a wider project funded under the Shared Prosperity programme.

Community Fun Day event, Kingswood, Corby: 29 July

The team joined forces with Neighbourhood Policing colleagues as part of a family Fun Day organised by the Kingswood Urban Development Project. Plenty of safety information and goodies were handed out. The family favorites of rock painting and police vehicle visit were very popular as usual!

Priors Hall & Weldon Youth Games Event - 31 July

The team were pleased to support this local event for the 4th year running and was a great opportunity to promote the services of the team, alongside handing out safety and crime prevention information.

JULY TO SEPTEMBER

North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September

This campaign focused on circulating important crime prevention and community safety messages during summer, with the aim of reassuring and helping local neighbourhoods feel safer and reducing/preventing crime and anti-social behaviour. The campaign also contributed towards the Home Office Safer Streets initiative, which encouraged collaborative working in Northamptonshire across statutory agencies to ensure town centre environments are safe for all, and levels of ASB and crime is reduced in these settings.

Activity:

- QR code Poster campaign: crime and prevention and a wider community safety messaging included as part of public information display installed across the shopping Centres of Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough. Topics included home security, personal safety, SCAM awareness, and general theft prevention (bike security, vehicle

security and pickpockets). approximately a total of 100,000 members of the public will have viewed these installations across a 2-month period.

- Team attendance at 4 x Active Families Fun Day events across August, working alongside our Stronger Team colleagues. An information stall was held at each event, and safety packs handed out to members of the public, which included information on various support services, personal safety alarms, UV marker pens, purse cables and bank card defenders. Approximately 2000 members of the public were engaged with across the month and approximately 800 packs were handed out.
- Social media seasonal crime prevention messaging. Topics were home and garden security, vehicle security, bike security, responsible alcohol consumption, and messaging around domestic abuse and sexual violence, which tends to see an increase during the summer period.
- 10 hours of town centre patrols delivered across the north during July, to provide visibility and reassurance to the public and act as a deterrent.

AUGUST

Corby Fire Station Open Day – 9 August

Attended with an information stall, handing out free crime prevention resources and information. Approximately 60 safety packs were handed out.

Bike Marking and Community Safety event - 26 August

A wider partner community safety event at Stanwick Lakes, providing local users with the opportunity to obtain crime prevention and safety guidance and information, alongside free safety resources. Fire Service and Police Crime Prevention partners also attended with information stalls and the North Northamptonshire Safer Communities Team provided a bike security marking service.

SEPTEMBER

Safer in Stanwick Community event - 6 September

An information stall was held in Stanwick parish. The event aimed to provide information and resources on a wide range of safety and well being topic for residents. Other partners included the Highways Team, Police, Fire Service, NHS Falls Assessment Team and community organisations such as SERVE. A big thank you to our Stronger Team colleagues who attended on our behalf and did a great job handing out various safety freebies, which were very popular!!

Tresham College and Corby 6th Form events

The team were pleased as always to attend the Fresher Fayre events during the month across the 3 x Tresham sites in the north and Corby 6th Form. It's an opportunity to engage with new students in an interactive way regarding key topics such as alcohol awareness and general personal safety. Our Neighbourhood Policing Team partners also attended to offer advice on specific concerns/issues around safety and crime prevention.

School Activity

8 x primary school session were delivered focusing on the topics of tackling knife crime and the impact of weapons violence on individuals and communities and developing an understanding of healthy relationships and what this looks like in the context of exploitation. Approximately 250 children took part.

8 x class sessions were delivered covering the topic of tackling and preventing racism. Approximately 240 children participated.

Social media campaigns

World Day Against Trafficking Persons – 30 July



1 - County Lines Intensification Week 23 – 27 June Partners in the community



2 - County Lines Intensification Week 23 – 27 June - Banner in the community



3 - County Lines Intensification Week 23 – 27 June - Poster displayed in HMV



4 - County Lines Intensification Week 23 – 27 June - Display in Library



5 - Alcohol Awareness Week 7 – 13 July Students attending the alcohol awareness sessions



6 - Alcohol Awareness Week 7 – 13 July QR Code display awareness video



7 - Alcohol Awareness Week 7 – 13 July



8 - Alcohol Awareness Week 7 – 13 July Catching a ball with beer goggles on



9 - Emergency Services Day – 19 July



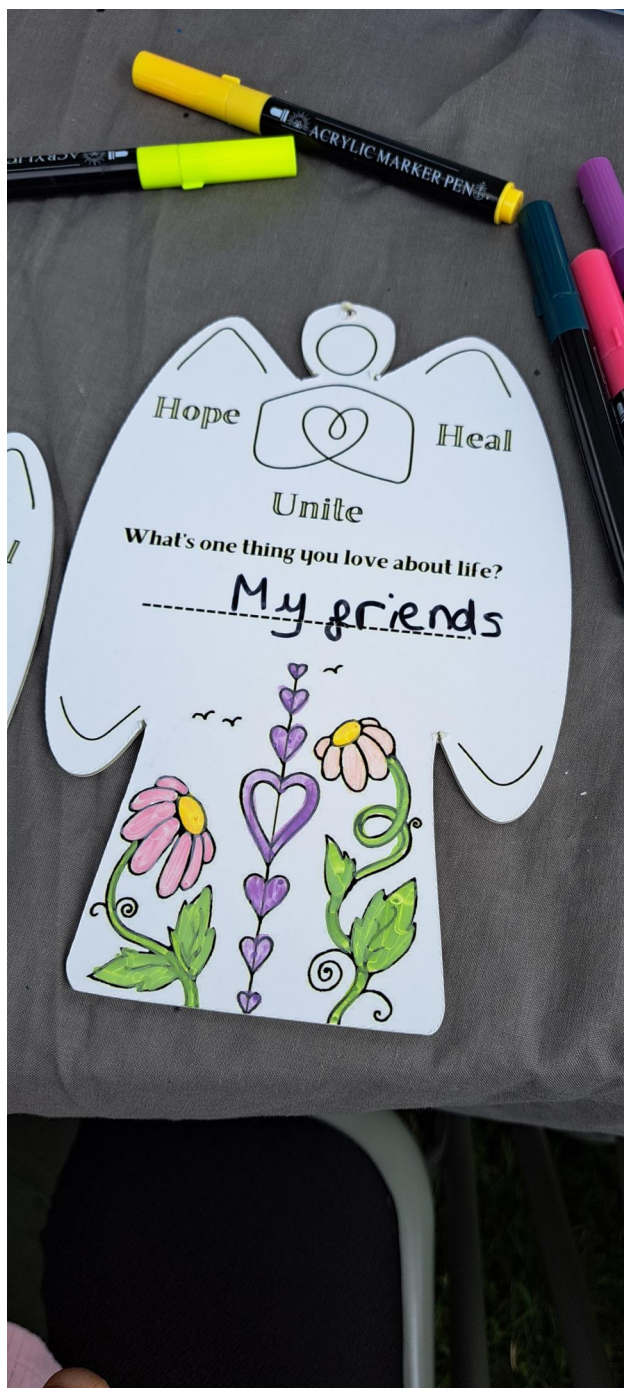
10 - Emergency Services Day – 19 July



11 - Emergency Services Day – 19 July



12 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



13 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



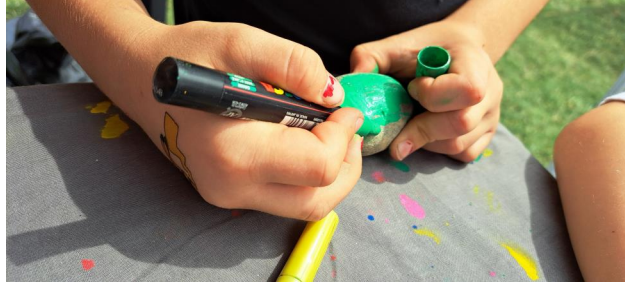
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18 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



19 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



20 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



21 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



22 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



23 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September





A colorful poster for the 'Safer Summer' campaign. At the top left is a large yellow sun with a smiling face. To its right, the text 'HAVE A SAFER SUMMER' is written in large, blue, bubbly letters. Below this, in smaller black text, is 'FROM THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM'. The poster is divided into three sections: 'SAFER VEHICLES', 'SAFER BAGS', and 'PREVENTING CASH MACHINE CRIME'. Each section contains a list of safety tips, an illustration of a relevant item (a green car, a shopping bag, and an ATM respectively), and a QR code. At the bottom left is the North Northamptonshire Council logo and the text 'SAFER COMMUNITIES' with a graphic of two hands. At the bottom right is the text 'SCAN QR CODES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION'. The background is light pink with white clouds at the top and green hills at the bottom.

**HAVE A
SAFER
SUMMER**

**FROM THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
COUNCIL
SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM**

SAFER VEHICLES

- Park in well-lit, busy areas for safety and potential witnesses.
- Keep valuables out of sight or take them with you.
- Consider installing an alarm if you don't have one.

SAFER BAGS

- Keep bags secure and zipped.
- Wear your bag across your body.
- Stay aware of your surroundings while shopping; pickpockets blend in easily.
- Do not leave your bag open or unattended in a shopping trolley.
- Keep your bag and valuables in front of you while eating or drinking, not on chairs or scooters.

PREVENTING CASH MACHINE CRIME

- Cover your PIN at ATMs.
- Stay focused and avoid distractions.
- Report any tampering signs to the bank.
- Shred receipts and statements at home.

North Northamptonshire Council

**SAFER
COMMUNITIES**

SCAN QR CODES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



26 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



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28 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



29 - North Northamptonshire Safer Summer Campaign July - September



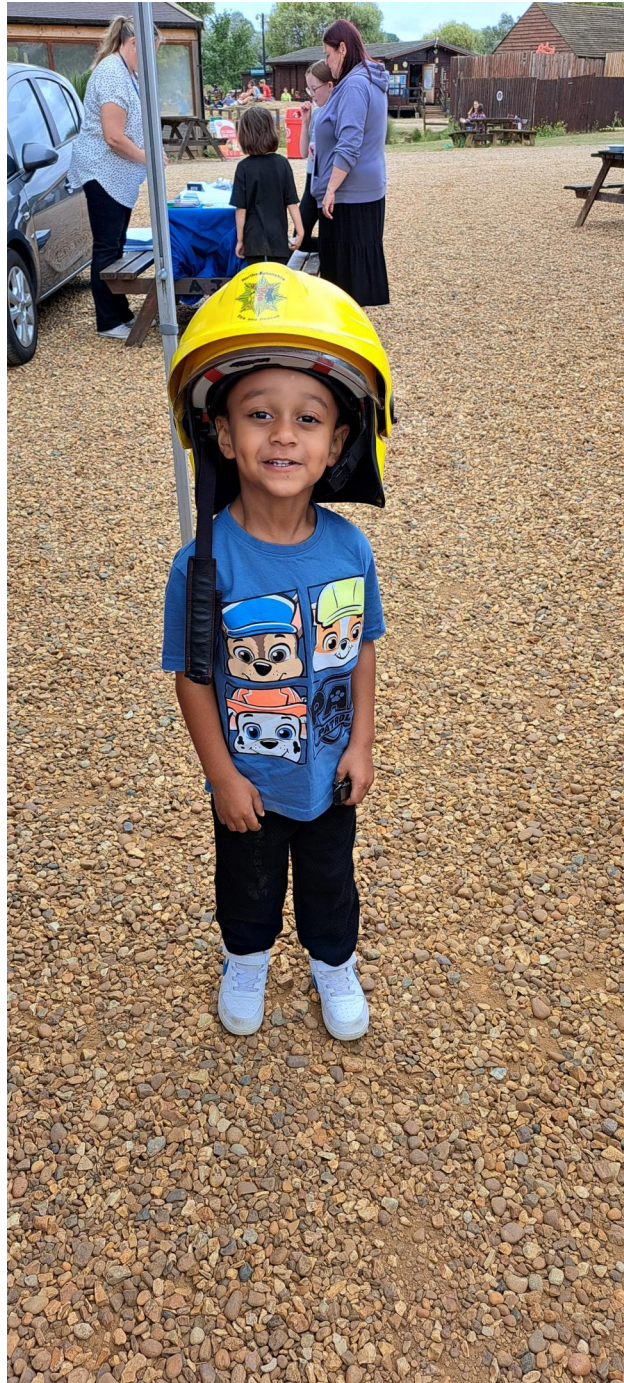
30 - Safer in Stanwick Community event - 6 September



31 - Safer in Stanwick Community event - 6 September



32 - Safer in Stanwick Community event - 6 September



33 - Safer in Stanwick Community event - 6 September



HAVE A
SAFER SUMMER

FROM THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL
SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM

FREE BIKE MARKING



Meet the NNC Safer Communities Team, Fire Service and Neighbourhood Policing Teams and pick up information around crime prevention, home security and fire safety. We have limited kits so first come first served on the day. New or old bikes are welcome. Please ensure they are fairly clean. FREE rock painting activity also!

Tuesday 26 August
11am – 2pm
Stanwick Lakes, Stanwick, NN9 6GY.







35 - Corby Fire Station Open Day – 9 August



36 - Corby Fire Station Open Day – 9 August



37 - Corby Fire Station Open Day – 9 August



38 - Corby Fire Station Open Day – 9 August



39 - Corby Fire Station Open Day – 9 August



40 - Corby Fire Station Open Day – 9 August



41 - Tresham College freshers fayer Corby



42 - Tresham College freshers fayre Corby



43 - Tresham College freshers fayre Corby



44 - Tresham College freshers fayre Corby



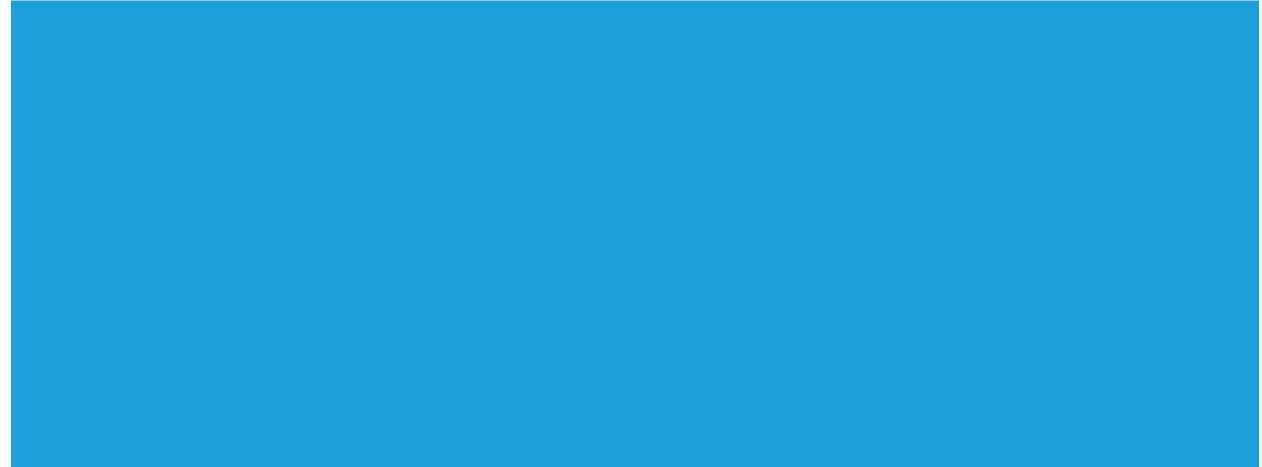
45 - Tresham College freshers fayre Wellingborough



46 - Tresham College freshers fayre Kettering



Community Safety



ASB (Anti Social Behaviour)

Engagement:

This summer marked an important milestone in our community safety efforts with ASB Awareness Week running from 30th June to 6th July 2025. This national initiative provided an excellent opportunity to engage directly with residents and strengthen our partnerships with local organisations.

We kicked off the week with our community event in Wellingborough on 30th June, where multiple partner agencies came together to provide information and support to local residents. Safety packs were distributed to attendees, offering practical guidance and resources to help communities stay safe and know how to report concerns effectively.

The following day, 1st July, our team joined a community event on the Highfield Estate in Kettering, coordinated by Accent Housing. This partnership approach demonstrates how housing providers and local authorities can work together to address antisocial behaviour issues at the grassroots level, bringing services directly to the communities that need them most.

These face-to-face community events are invaluable for building trust, providing information, and ensuring residents know how to access support when they need it most.

New Policy Framework Strengthens Our Approach

A significant development this quarter has been the approval of the North Northamptonshire Council Anti-Social Behaviour Policy by the Executive. Set for implementation on 17th

September 2025, this comprehensive policy framework will enhance our ability to tackle antisocial behaviour consistently and effectively across all our communities.

The new policy represents a coordinated approach to ASB prevention and response, ensuring clear procedures and support pathways for both residents experiencing problems and those engaging in antisocial behaviour who may need intervention and support.

You can find a copy of our new antisocial behaviour policy [here](#)

Residents who have concerns about antisocial behaviour or wish to report incidents can do so by clicking [here](#). If you are in immediate danger please contact the police by dialling 999 when safe to do so.



48 - Working in partnership for ASB Awareness week



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PSPO's Public Space Protection Orders



Patrols continue of the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) areas in Rushden, Kettering, Wellingborough and Corby. More details relating to our PSPOs can be found here [PSPOs for anti-social behaviour | North Northamptonshire Council](#)

Community Protection Update: Keeping Our Towns Safe

Over the past few months, our dedicated Community Protection Enforcement Officers have maintained an active presence across Kettering, Corby, and Rushden through regular Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) patrols. Working closely with police colleagues, these proactive patrols have enhanced community safety while providing valuable reassurance to residents and local businesses.

Targeted Action Across Our Communities

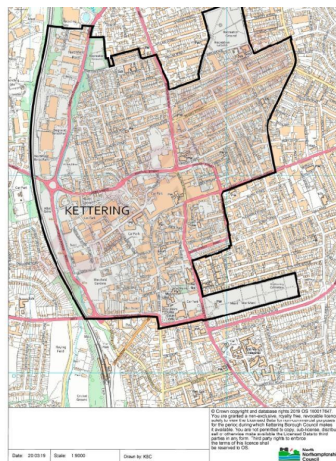
In Kettering, we've taken a strategic approach to addressing nuisance street drinking by placing targeted deterrent posters in identified hot-spot areas. This preventative measure reinforces our commitment to tackling antisocial behaviour before it escalates, creating a safer environment for everyone who lives, works, and visits our town centers.

The collaborative approach between our enforcement officers and local police has proven particularly effective, combining local knowledge with enhanced enforcement capabilities. Regular patrols ensure a visible presence in key areas, while the partnership approach means issues can be addressed quickly and comprehensively.

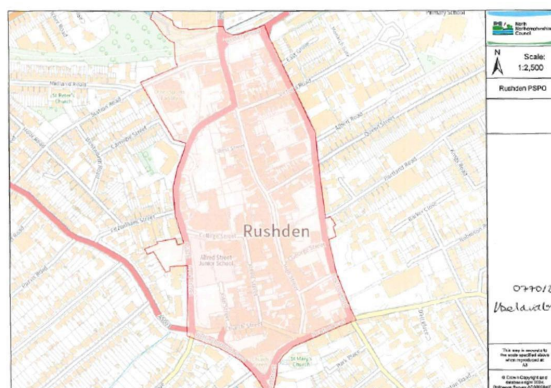
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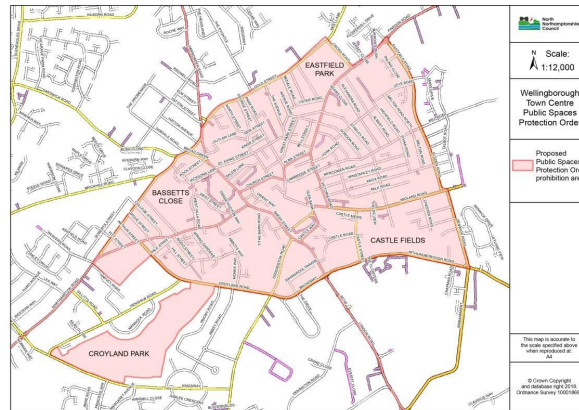
51 - Corby PSPO area



52 - Kettering PSPO area



53 - Rushden PSPO area



54 - Wellingborough PSPO area



55 - Targeted deterrent posters in identified hot-spot areas



56 - Targeted deterrent posters in identified hot-spot areas

Neighbourhood Caretaker



Community Partnership in Action: Transforming Local Facilities

One of our most impressive success stories this quarter has been the remarkable transformation of the Ise Valley Pavilion, made possible through an innovative partnership between our Neighbourhood Caretaker and Probation Services. This collaboration demonstrates how creative partnerships can deliver outstanding results for our communities while providing valuable opportunities for rehabilitation and skills development.

Ise Valley Pavilion: A Complete Makeover

Working together, our Neighbourhood Caretaker and Probation Services team have completely revitalised this important community facility. The comprehensive renovation has included:

External Improvements:

- Exterior lighting system restored with lamps fixed and refitted for improved safety and visibility
- Security enhanced through re-securing caged frontage panels with new bolts
- Complete exterior refresh with front panels and framework professionally sanded, cleaned and repainted
- All down-pipes given a fresh coat of black paint for a clean, uniform appearance
- Fascias thoroughly brushed, washed and cleaned to restore their original condition

Grounds and Maintenance:

- Overgrown gated storage area completely cleared and professionally strimmed
- Front and rear grass areas cut and maintained to create welcoming green spaces

- Internal improvements including removal of false flooring from storage areas in preparation for deep cleaning

This partnership approach has delivered exceptional value for the community while providing meaningful work experience and skills development opportunities through the Probation Services programme.

Expanding Community Impact

The success at Ise Valley Pavilion is just the beginning. Our Neighbourhood Caretaker has also been actively working on improvements to the Ennerdale Centre, with several other community centres identified for future enhancement projects. This rolling programme of facility improvements will ensure that community buildings across North Northamptonshire continue to serve residents effectively and remain welcoming spaces for local activities and events.



57 - Before



58 - After



59 - Before



60 - After



61 - Before



62 - After

Tackling Serious Violence



Keeping Our Communities Safe from Serious Violence

We know that serious violence can make residents feel unsafe in their own neighbourhoods. That's why we're working together as the Northamptonshire Serious Violence Prevention Partnership to tackle these issues head-on.

New Knife Crime Campaign Launches in Northamptonshire

A new campaign, [“When you carry a knife, no one wins”](#), has been launched by the Northamptonshire Serious Violence Prevention Partnership (NSVPP) to discourage young people from carrying knives. The campaign centres on a video that highlights the lasting emotional damage knife crime causes — not just the immediate loss, but all the everyday moments families and friends miss afterwards.

The message was shaped by young people across the county through focus groups and workshops to ensure it’s authentic and impactful. Partners in the NSVPP include local councils, police, fire and rescue, probation, and health services.

The campaign was produced by Menace Media and premiered in May at Northampton Museum. Those involved hope it will change attitudes and behaviours, preventing future tragedies and offering support to those affected.

Click [here](#) to view the video.

Hundreds of Children to Benefit from New Education Resources Through Pol-Ed Programme

Hundreds of children across Northamptonshire are set to gain access to vital lessons on personal safety, healthy relationships, and the law, thanks to a new rollout of the Pol-Ed education programme in local schools. The initiative, funded by the Northamptonshire Serious Violence Prevention Partnership (NSVPP), is part of a proactive approach to reduce serious violence through education and early intervention.

Pol-Ed was developed by teachers for teachers, with support and input from police officers and subject experts, so that the content is age-appropriate, relevant, and aligned with current policing priorities. The lessons aim to equip young people with the values, skills, and awareness needed to make safer choices, recognize unsafe environments, and to know where to seek help if they need it.

Local school leaders have welcomed the resources as a timely and valuable support, allowing consistent messaging and high-quality assemblies and activities throughout the county. Schools interested in using the Pol-Ed materials can sign up through the [Pol-Ed website](#).



Tackling Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence



Data suggests that during school holidays and bank holidays, domestic abuse incidents increase. A targeted social media campaign ran throughout the summer, focusing on domestic abuse and sexual violence to ensure timely access to support information when it is most needed.

Members of the team are now starting to plan activity along with other DASV partner organisation, for the 16 Days of Activism. This is an international campaign, which runs from November 25 to December 10, 2025, focusing on raising awareness and preventing violence against women and girls. Please look out for more information on our social media channels.



HM Government

If you are experiencing **DOMESTIC ABUSE** **#YouAreNotAlone**

Find support at: **GOV.UK/DOMESTIC-ABUSE**



Remember you are not alone. Help is available.



Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

**1 Dial
999**



**2 Listen to the
questions from the
999 operator**



**3 Respond by
coughing or tapping
the handset if
you can**



**4 If prompted, press
55**
This lets the 999 call operator
know it's a genuine emergency and
you'll be put through to the police.



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Independent
Office for
Police Conduct

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Supported by

women's aid
until women & children are safe

NPCC
National Police Chiefs' Council

Stay Connected



If you need to report Anti Social Behaviour in your area click [here](#)

Reach out via email: safercommunitiesteam@northnorthants.gov.uk

OR TELEPHONE 0300 126 3000

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[X \(previously Twitter\)](#)

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