

# North Northamptonshire January 2026

## Stay Connected



**Northamptonshire  
Children's Trust**

This newsletter focuses on all the amazing events, clubs and groups that families, children and young people can access across the county that are free or affordable to attend.

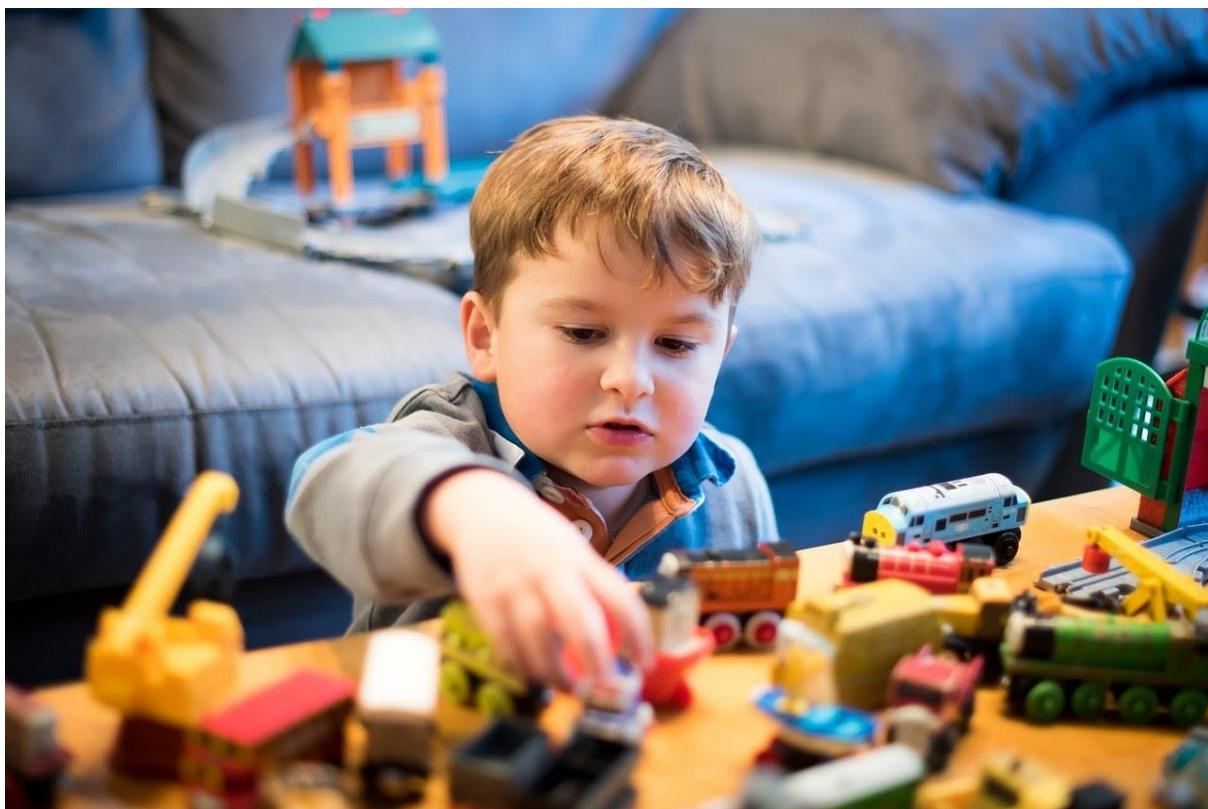
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*This is a live document and will be updated throughout the month with new events added and events that have happened removed so keep checking back.*

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## Countywide



### **FREE Ivison Trust Parent webinars – county lines and criminal exploitation**

Join our interactive webinar where we will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. We will explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. We cover trends in your local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

The interactive webinar will also give you the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with others. The sessions are delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation, they will share their experiences and advice on responding to the risks.

I feel so much more confident to talk to my child and understand what to look out for. Parent

#### What you will learn

- Learn what county lines is
- Understand what is happening in your local area
- Learn how exploiters groom children
- Understand the signs that your child might be at risk
- Know where to access support and advice if you have concerns

The webinar will be hosted live over zoom, once you have registered we will send you the log in details for joining.

It is so important we as parents know what is going on, thank you for such a brilliant, informative session." Parent

Upcoming webinars

**County Lines in East Midlands -13th January 2026. To book please visit [Book your place.](#)**

**County Lines in East Midlands – 14th January 2026. To book please visit [Book your place.](#)**



### **Face to Face EHCP Workshop**

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During the session you will learn about: Early level reasonable adjustments, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) including legalities, Further support including Higher Needs Funding and accessing external support, School budgets 101, Overview of Education, Health and Care Plan, Getting an EHC Plan.

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**Friday 16 January, 12.30pm to 2.30pm (There will be staff available to chat until 3pm if you have specific questions).**

**Workshops will be held at: Northamptonshire Carers, 123 Midland Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1LU, Nearest parking is Castle Theatre car park NN8 1XA**

**Booking is essential: Please contact [admin@northamptonshire-carers.org](mailto:admin@northamptonshire-carers.org) or 01933 677907 option 1 to book your place.**



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## NHFT Crisis Cafes for over 18's Mental Health Support

As we step into a new year, it's okay if things feel uncertain or overwhelming. If you need someone to talk to, our Crisis Cafés are here for you.

These welcoming drop-in spaces are run by mental health professionals and Mind support workers who will listen, offer coping strategies, and guide you to further help if needed.

No appointment is needed - just come along to one of our Northamptonshire locations. You'll be welcomed by our friendly team and given a hot drink.

Open to anyone aged 18 or over who needs mental health support.

Find the latest timetable here: [\*\*NHFT crisis-cafe timetable\*\*](#)

You don't have to face this alone – we're here for you.

## DA and the Silent Solution - Make Yourself Heard

If you're at risk of domestic abuse, remember the silent solution. When you need to call 999 but can't talk - the Silent Solution can help.

The Silent Solution is a system that filters out large numbers of accidental, or hoax 999 calls while ensuring people can alert police and get help when they are in genuine need but unable to speak.

1. Dial 999

2. Listen to the questions from the operator
3. Respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can
4. If prompted press 55. This lets the call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you will be put through to the police



### Walk & Talk – Sywell Country Park - The Never Alone Project

Join us for a gentle Walk & Talk at Sywell Country Park on

**Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 11:00am**

Our Walk & Talks are a relaxed opportunity to get some fresh air and connect with others through friendly conversation.

Come along for support, companionship, and time with people who understand, no pressure, just walking and talking at a comfortable pace.

All are welcome. Wear suitable footwear and dress for the weather.

We'd love to see you there [JanuaryWalk and Talk Sywell](#)



## Resilience and Stress Management Training (Northamptonshire, UK)

*Open to all Northamptonshire Residents - Online event Feb 12 from 10am to 12pm*

By Aquarius Northamptonshire Resilience and Stress Management Training Learn about life's pressures. Find out how to prioritise yourself. Form healthy habits.

Resilience and Stress Management Learning objectives:

- Understand stress and it's causes
- Understand stress and mental wellbeing
- Understand resilience to stress
- To develop your way of managing stress
- To apply your strategy practically
- Learn about useful resources
- Prioritise your mental health

**To Book please visit [Resilience and Stress Management Training \(Northamptonshire, UK\)](#)**  
**Tickets, Thu 12 Feb 2026 at 10:00 | Eventbrite** Other dates available please see [Aquarius Northamptonshire Events - 7 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

If you have any accessibility requests or any other requirements, please email us at [northamptonshire@aquarius.org.uk](mailto:northamptonshire@aquarius.org.uk)



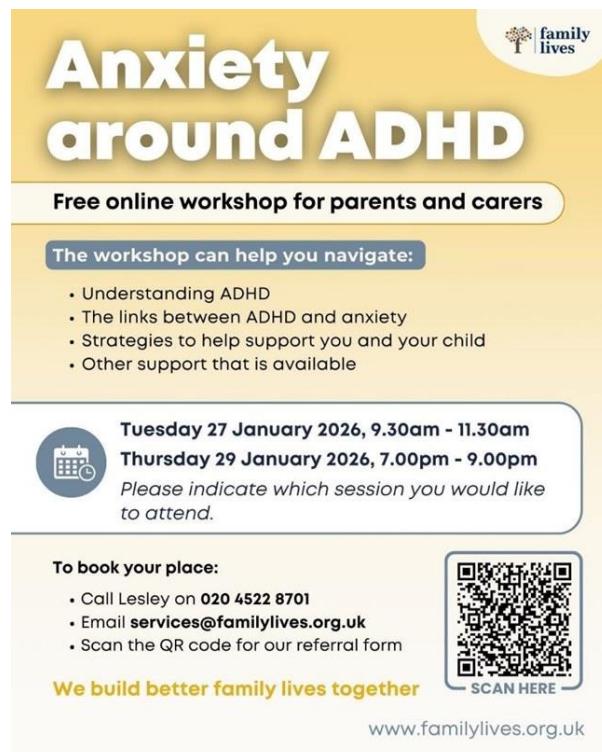
## Anxiety around ADHD Free online workshop for parents and carers

The workshop can help you navigate: Understanding ADHD, the links between ADHD and anxiety, Strategies to help support you and your child. Other support that is available.

**Tuesday 27 January 2026, 9.30am to 11.30am or Thursday 29 January 2026. 7pm to 9pm. Please indicate which session you would like to attend.**

To book your place: Call Lesley 020 4522 8701 or Email [services@familylives.org.uk](mailto:services@familylives.org.uk) or Scan the QR code for our referral form.

We build better family lives together. [Parenting and Family Support | Family Lives](#)



The poster is for a free online workshop titled 'Anxiety around ADHD' organized by Family Lives. It features a yellow and white design with a tree logo in the top right corner. The main title 'Anxiety around ADHD' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, a sub-headline reads 'Free online workshop for parents and carers'. A box titled 'The workshop can help you navigate:' lists four bullet points: 'Understanding ADHD', 'The links between ADHD and anxiety', 'Strategies to help support you and your child', and 'Other support that is available'. A circular icon with a calendar and a clock is on the left. The text 'Tuesday 27 January 2026, 9.30am - 11.30am' and 'Thursday 29 January 2026, 7.00pm - 9.00pm' is in a box, with a note below it: 'Please indicate which session you would like to attend.' A QR code is on the right with the text 'SCAN HERE' below it. The bottom of the poster includes the Family Lives tagline 'We build better family lives together' and the website 'www.familylives.org.uk'.

## ParkPlay will return to Delapré Abbey in 2026!

Why not join in on free, active fun on the South Lawn every Saturday morning from 10am! Expect family-friendly games, a warm community vibe, and plenty of energy to launch your weekend.

**Don't forget to register before you join us!**

**Sign up: [Register for ParkPlay - ParkPlay](#)**

10 January, 17 January, 24 January, 31 January, 7 February, 14 February, 14 March, 21 March

For more information please visit [ParkPlay at Delapré Abbey | Facebook](#) Become a PlayLeader: [PlayLeaders - ParkPlay](#)



### Local Mencap Northampton. New Young Person Club.

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*A fun social club for 16 to 30 year olds with learning disabilities. Come along to a free taster session on Tuesday 27 January 2026*

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What's on: Indoor and outdoor games and sports. Pool. Fun Activities. Wii/Playstation/XBox. Light bites. Pizza slice, Burger, Hotdog, Nachos.

Where and when? The Boughton Centre, Ransom Road, NN4 8AA

**Fortnightly Starting Tuesday 27 January 2026. 6pm to 8pm £4.50 admission (includes food).**

Come along to a free taster session on Tuesday 27 January 2026

Let us know if you'd like to come along by email to [muriel@northamptonmencap.org.uk](mailto:muriel@northamptonmencap.org.uk)

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. For more information please visit

[Northampton Mencap – The voice of learning disability in Northampton](#) and [Youth Club | Facebook](#)



## Brighter Beginnings: Toilet training children with SEND (age 0-5) England

By Contact - for families with disabled children

**Online event Jan 15 from 7pm to 9pm GMT**

**To reserve your free space please visit the Eventbrite page at [Brighter Beginnings: Toilet training children with SEND \(age 0-5\) England Tickets, Thu 15 Jan 2026 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#) Part of the [Brighter Beginnings: Early Years \(0-5\) workshops](#) collection**

**Advice and strategies for parent carers on how to toilet train a child (aged 0-5) with additional needs or disabilities.**

All children learn to use the toilet at a different stage in their life. Children with additional needs may take longer to be ready to start toilet training and to learn the process.

This online workshop will cover:

- How the body works
- The importance of healthy routines
- What may impact toilet training
- Practical strategies to help children build essential skills
- Guidance to help you feel confident in recognising when a child may be ready to begin

- The responsibilities of early years settings and schools
- How to work with professionals
- Advice and strategies to support with bedwetting

There will also be time for questions, discussion, and signposting to further sources of advice and support.

Further information This workshop will be held on Zoom, it will not be recorded. You are welcome to keep your camera/audio off during the workshop if you would feel more comfortable to do so. A PDF copy of the workshop slides and useful resources will be emailed to all attendees after the workshop.

This workshop is for parent carers of children (aged 0-5) with additional needs or disabilities (with or without a diagnosis), in England. If your child is aged 6+ and/or you do not live in England, please visit our [website](#) or call our [helpline](#) for information and support.

Practitioners/Professionals: We regret that we are unable to offer places on this workshop to practitioners/professionals unless you are also a parent carer of a child (aged 0-5) in England. You can book a place on Contact's CPD-accredited Toilet training children with additional needs & disabilities webinar here: [Practitioner workshops and webinars](#) or visit [Our offer for professionals](#) to find out about how Contact can help you to support families.

We are committed to offering workshops that are accessible to the widest audience possible. If you have any accessibility needs regarding this workshop, please get in touch with [training.admin@contact.org.uk](mailto:training.admin@contact.org.uk) as early as possible so that we can do our best to meet your needs. For any enquiries relating to your booking, please email [training.admin@contact.org.uk](mailto:training.admin@contact.org.uk)

This Brighter Beginnings workshop is delivered by Contact, as a member of the Early Years SEND Partnership. Brighter Beginnings: Brighter Beginnings is for parents at the beginning of their journey. Through a series of workshops, we support families to tackle some of the unique challenges they might face in the early years. For further information, please visit: [Brighter Beginnings](#)

Contact: We are Contact, the charity for families with disabled children. We support families with the best possible guidance and information. We bring families together to support each other. And we help families to campaign, volunteer and fundraise to improve life for themselves and others. For further information and support from Contact, please visit [www.contact.org.uk](http://www.contact.org.uk) or email [info@contact.org.uk](mailto:info@contact.org.uk)



## **Brighter Beginnings: Wellbeing (Parents of children with SEND 0-5) ENGLAND**

By Contact - for families with disabled children

**Online event Jan 21 from 10am to 12pm**

**To book your free space please visit our Eventbrite page [Brighter Beginnings: Wellbeing](#)**

**(Parents of children with SEND 0-5) ENGLAND Tickets, Wed 21 Jan 2026 at 10:00 |**

**[Eventbrite](#)**

Part of the [Brighter Beginnings: Early Years \(0-5\) workshops](#) collection

Learn how to manage your stress and improve your Wellbeing. For parents/carers of a child age 0 to 5 with additional needs in ENGLAND.

Do you feel that you are currently STRIVING and not THRIVING in life right now? Being a parent / carer of a child with additional needs can be totally overwhelming and stressful at times. Parents understandably focus all their attention on their child / children with additional needs and they often forget to look after their own self care and wellbeing until they realise that their own health is suffering.

If this resonates with you then sign up to our Wellbeing workshop.

It will cover the following:

- Understanding stress and how it affects you.
- Learn about the 5 steps to wellbeing and leave with your own personal wellbeing plan.
- Practical tips on how to improve wellbeing.
- A look at resilience and learn how to improve your own resilience.
- You will also have the opportunity to connect with other parents and share stories if you feel comfortable in doing so.

If your child is older than 5 years much of the content of this workshop will not be relevant and you may find it more useful to contact our [helpline](#) where we have specialist benefits advisers, or visit our [website](#).

This workshop will be held on Zoom. If you prefer to not be visible or audible on screen that is fine by us. Please direct any enquiries relating to your booking to [bookings@contact.org.uk](mailto:bookings@contact.org.uk) For further info and support from Contact, please email [info@contact.org.uk](mailto:info@contact.org.uk) or visit [our website](#)

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### **Supporting your child's social communication skills (age 0-5) England**

By Contact - for families with disabled children

**Online event Feb 5 from 7pm to 9pm GMT**

**To reserve your free space please visit [Supporting your child's social communication skills \(age 0-5\) England Tickets, Thu 5 Feb 2026 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)**

For parents of children (aged 0-5) in England with a disability or additional needs including social communication challenges

If your child has additional needs, it may not be easy learning how to understand and manage their speech, language and communication challenges. Getting the right information and support can be hard work.

This session will help you to think about how best to understand and support your child, and how you can share this knowledge with others who are involved with your child's development.

Supporting your child's social communication skills (ages 0 to 5)

If your child has a social communication challenge (with or without a diagnosis), then this workshop is for you.

You will learn about...

- Social communication skills in young children and how they develop
- How to help your child if they are at very early (or preverbal) stage of development
- Strategies that work well to support social communication skills at home

- Resources you can access for further support

Further information This workshop will be held online on Zoom. It will not be recorded. You are welcome to keep your camera/audio off during the workshop if you would feel more comfortable doing so. This workshop is for parent carers of children (aged 0-5) with additional needs or disabilities in England (with or without a diagnosis). If your child is aged 6+ and/or you do not live in England, please visit our [website](#) or call our [helpline](#) for information and support.

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This Brighter Beginnings workshop is written and delivered by speech and language therapists and advisors for the children's communication charity Speech & Language UK, and brought to you by Contact as a member of the Early Years SEND Partnership. Speech & Language UK: We are Speech and Language UK – we want every child to face the future with confidence. For more information, please visit: [Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#) or email [info@speechandlanguage.org.uk](mailto:info@speechandlanguage.org.uk)



## New Toothcare resource for ASD children

Dental experts have teamed up with the parents of autistic youngsters to create an online advice centre to help them look after their children's teeth.

Academics at the University of Leeds School of Dentistry Children, who designed the website, said because children with autism could find brushing their teeth a distressing experience they were more likely to need dental treatment in hospital.

Dr Amrit Chauhan, an expert on the oral health of autistic children at the university, co-led the research and the building of the website. She said they decided to collaborate with parents because families were "really struggling".

Nearly one in four autistic children have tooth decay by the age of five – similar to the wider childhood population – but they are less likely to visit the dentist and twice as likely to need dental treatment under general anaesthetic.

**Translated into 13 languages, it gives parents practical advice on toothbrushing, going to the dentist and eating and drinking.**

**The website is here: [Home | toothPASTE Study](#)**

## **Parent Talk - Down-to-earth parenting advice you can trust.**

We're here for you, when you need us. Find answers to parenting questions in our advice articles. Or talk to a parenting coach about anything that's worrying you. It's all free, and no topic is too big, small, or embarrassing.

You can connect via live chat, WhatsApp or phone

- Topics include Behaviours and Emotions
- Developmental needs
- School Life and SEND

Please visit [Parent Talk - Support for Parents from Action For Children](#)



### Need parenting advice? Parent Talk can help!

Parent Talk offers free, expert guidance for parents and carers.

#### Topics include:

- ★ Behaviour & emotions
- ★ Developmental needs
- ★ School life & SEND



Parents can connect via live chat, WhatsApp, or phone.

For tips and support, visit:

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

## NCT Positive Parenting Programmes Open to all Parents Living in Northamptonshire

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### *Positive Parenting Programme for parents of children with additional needs - Online and Thorplands Children's Centre*

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#### **Survival Guide for Families with a Child who has a Disability aged 0-12**

A free 10 week programme for parents/carers positive parenting group to support parents and carers of disabled children aged up to 12 years with a developmental delay, including those with sensory or physical impairments.

Stepping stones is delivered by the NCT Children and Family Support Services in various ways, either virtually online or at children's centres across Northamptonshire.

It helps you to encourage the behaviour you prefer; cope with stress; teach your child new skills and build better family relationships. The programme can help you with

- Developing a safe, interesting and positive learning environment
- Ways to manage misbehaviour and challenging behaviour
- Adapting to having a child with a disability
- Having realistic expectations
- Encouraging you to be part of the community

- Taking care of yourself as a parent

At Group Stepping Stones, you'll be given tips and suggestions to suit the needs of your family. Your provider will guide you every step of the way and even provide backup phone support as you put your new skills into practice. The Every Parent's Survival Guide DVD will show you how the strategies work in real life and your workbook will give you the tools you need to start positive parenting right away. The programme is currently being delivered virtually over 10 weeks. You will have a 1:1 telephone call with a facilitator prior to joining the group. This will be followed by ten group sessions. Each group session will last 2 hours with a short comfort break midway through.

All sessions must be attended for completion

### **Thorplands Children's Centre**

To book please visit [Positive Parenting Programme for parents of children with additional needs Tickets, Northampton | Eventbrite](#)

Programme attendance is for 10 weeks, every Thursday from 10:00-12:00 from 29th January through to 30th April 2026, Term Time only

**ONLINE Programme Available to book from 8 January at 6am**

**Programme attendance is for 10 weeks, every Thursday from 12:30-14:30 from 26th February through to 14th May 2026, Term Time only To reserve your free space please visit [Positive Parenting Programme for parents of children with additional needs Tickets | Eventbrite](#)**

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### ***Positive Parenting Programme Teen Triple P - Kettering Family Hub and Kingsthorpe Children's Centre***

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Positive Parenting programme for Parents of Young People Aged 11+

Teenagers behaviour becoming too much for you to manage? There is probably a lot of shouting and very little agreement. Maybe you do not bother trying to talk anymore. But you are worried. Where will this all end? Maybe it is not that bad. It is just that you realise things can change very quickly.

Teen Triple P can give you the support you need.

### **Aims and Objectives**

- build a strong relationship with your child
- encourage positive behaviours

- resolve conflict
- manage problem behaviours
- help your child stay safe

Create a safe, interesting environment - create an environment that allows kids to explore safely and develop their skills.

Have a positive learning environment - give them positive attention, even if only for a minute or so. Encourage their ideas and opinions.

Use assertive discipline - set clear rules and boundaries and follow through with fair consequences.

Have realistic expectations - Nobody's perfect – remember, we all make mistakes sometimes.

Take care of yourself as a parent - It's all about balance.

### **Kettering Family Hub**

Programme attendance is for 8 weeks, every Wednesday, 12.00-2.00pm, from 14th January 2026 through to 25th March 2026 Term Time only. The Eventbrite page to book is found by visiting [Positive Parenting Programme for parents of teenagers Tickets, Kettering | Eventbrite](#)

### **Kingsthorpe Children Centre**

Programme attendance is for 8 weeks, every Tuesday, 09:30 to 11:30, from 24th February 2026 through to 19th May 2026 Term Time only. Venue:

This programme will be available to book free spaces from the 6th January and you can set a reminder on the Eventbrite page to be sent an email closer to the time. The Eventbrite page to book is [Positive Parenting Programme for parents of teenagers Tickets, Northampton | Eventbrite](#)

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### ***Positive Parenting Programme for parents of children 0 to 12 Blackthorn Children's Centre and Wellingborough Family Hub***

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All sessions must be attended for completion and please note we do not provide a creche service.

Is this your family?

- Your child constantly misbehaves

- Other families don't seem to have it as tough as you
- Your family life is full of anger and tears
- There's probably a lot of shouting
- From breakfast to bedtime, it's a battle

If this sounds familiar, then Group Triple P could be for you.

Group Triple P is a positive parenting programme that shows parents and carers how the key principles of positive parenting can help their families. It helps build positive behaviour in children and confidence in parents/carers abilities. It does this by offering strategies and ideas to support parents/carers to build a positive relationship with their child. It helps parents to learn how to respond in a consistent way and how to ensure that they take care of themselves as parents.

- Group Triple P can help you
- Encourage behaviour you like
- Deal with problem behaviour
- Become confident as a parent
- Be realistic about parenting
- Take care of yourself

The programme is currently being delivered face to face over 8 weeks. You will have a 1:1 telephone call with a facilitator prior to joining the group. This will be followed by eight group sessions. Each grouped session will last 2 hours with a short comfort break midway through. Should the programme run over a school holiday, attendance will not be required. Our facilitators will contact you by phone on these weeks.

### **Blackthorn Children's Centre**

Programme attendance is for 8 weeks, every Tuesday, 12:30 - 14:30, from 13 January 2026 through to 24th March 2026, To book please visit [Positive Parenting Programme for parents of children 0 to 12 Tickets, Tue, Jan 13, 2026 at 12:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

### **Wellingborough Family Hub**

Feb 24 at 9:30pm to May 12 at 11:30pm (available to book from January 6 2026 at 6am)Programme attendance is for 8 weeks, every Tuesday, 09:30 - 11:30, from 24 February 2026 through to 12th May 2026, Term Time only To book your free spaces please visit our Eventbrite page [Positive Parenting Programme for parents of children 0 to 12 Tickets, Tue, Feb 24, 2026 at 9:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)



## Time Out for Parents- Children with Additional Needs

**Thursday 22 Jan 2026 10am to Thursday 12 Mar 2026 Each session runs from 10am-12pm**

Children with Additional Needs is a 7-session course produced by the national charity Care for the Family. This course will be run by Hope for Families, a registered charity working to support parents and carers living in Northamptonshire and the surrounding area.

Each session is 2 hours long and we will be running this course online via Zoom. Throughout the course, our aim is to help you to build strong family relationships and to increase your confidence as a parent or carer. Each session aims to help support you in meeting your child's needs, focusing on children aged between 3 to 11 years with a disability or additional need, particularly those who have learning, developmental and behavioural issues. The 7 sessions will run at the following times and we ask you to attend every session to get the most out of the course;

**We do not want anyone to be excluded from attending this course or event so you are welcome to purchase a *supported* ticket if it would be helpful by using the promo code 'supported25'. Please enter this promo code when you select your ticket to receive a 50%**

discount on the standard registration fee (look for 'Enter promo code' in blue when you add your ticket).

***Registration includes the accompanying parent handbook (RRP. £9.99) and additional resources which will be given to you ahead of the first session.*** Our trained facilitators are parents and carers just like you and we will be there to guide you through each session, making sure that you get the most out of our time together. We will share our own experiences (including our many mistakes) and we will share many laughs along the way. Places are limited - we have a maximum number of 14 participants per course so we can get to know each other well - so please do book ASAP to secure your place.

**Ticket sales close on January 15th to allow us time to post out the parent packs. To book your space please visit our website [Register here – Time Out For Parents- Children with Additional Needs – Zoom](#)**



### **Warm Spaces and how to find them**

More than 200 venues including libraries, village halls, churches and community hubs across Northamptonshire are offering support in a "non-judgemental" environment.

The spaces are run by community groups, voluntary and not-for profit organisations, supported by West and North Northamptonshire councils.

It is hoped the spaces will offer people "important connection through the winter months," said Gregory Wilcox, of North Northamptonshire Council.

There are [43 organisations welcoming residents across North Northamptonshire, external](#) and a further [169 across West Northamptonshire, external](#). The spaces are free to residents of all ages and offer warmth and the chance to socialise.

### **iDiscover Courses**

If you are looking for something fun and meaningful to do - you can explore a range of FREE iDiscover courses and workshops designed to help you discover who you are, learn useful life skills and grow in confidence.

**This is open to young people aged 8–25 in Northamptonshire, including parents, carers, and professionals who support them. You can explore the full iDiscover programme by visiting [Home](#)**



## North Northants



### February Half Term Xplorer Events

North Northamptonshire Council's **Leisure** and **Healthy Schools** teams, in collaboration with **Freedom Leisure**, are excited to offer **FREE** family Xplorer events during **February Half Term** as a continuation of **Children's Mental Health Week**.

**What is Xplorer?** Xplorer is a fun, family-friendly navigation challenge that combines **physical activity with problem-solving**. Using a simple map, families work together to find markers and complete puzzles – a great way to get outdoors, be active, and boost wellbeing.

#### Event Details:

- **Wellingborough – Swanspool Gardens (NN8 2BZ)** *Monday 16th February, 1:00–3:00pm*
- **Kettering – The Green Patch (NN16 0LU)** *Tuesday 17th February, 12:00–2:00pm*
- **Corby – Boating Lake (NN17 1QQ)** *Wednesday 18th February, 1:00–3:00pm*
- **Rushden – Hall Park (NN10 9ES)** *Thursday 19th February, 11:00am–1:00pm*

**Cost: FREE – No booking required** Children must be **supervised by a parent or guardian** at all times. These are **family activities**, designed for everyone to take part together.

For more information about the events please email [activefamilies@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:activefamilies@northnorthants.gov.uk)



#### February Half term events:

- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 1-3pm:** Wellingborough, Swanspool Gardens (NN8 2BZ)
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 12– 2pm:** Kettering, Green Patch (NN16 0LU)
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1 – 3pm:** Corby, Boating Lake (Start point near cafe - NN17 2UN)
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 11 – 1pm:** Rushden, Hall Park (NN10 9ES)

**NO NEED TO BOOK**

**FREE TO JOIN**

For more information contact: [activefamilies@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:activefamilies@northnorthants.gov.uk)



**Relaxed Singalongs by NMPAT. Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust.**  
NMPAT Kettering Spring/Summer Terms 2026 **Specifically designed for children and young people with special needs.**

Multi-sensory effects, switches, Makaton signing and instruments.

Relaxed and supportive atmosphere. Family groups encouraged!

**FREE for all attendees!**

**Time: 10.30am to 11.30am**

**Dates: 17 Jan, 7 Feb, 7 Mar, 16 May, 13 Jun, 4 July (NB: all dates are Saturdays)**

Place: The Masque Theatre, Latimer Arts Collage, NN15 6ST.



The poster for NMPAT Relaxed Singalongs features the NMPAT logo at the top, followed by the text 'Relaxed Singalongs' and 'NMPAT Kettering - Spring/Summer Terms 2026'. It lists four features with corresponding colored stars: 'Specifically designed for children & young people with special needs' (yellow star), 'Multi-sensory effects, switches, Makaton signing and instruments' (blue star), 'Relaxed and supportive atmosphere' (green star), and 'Family groups encouraged!' (pink star). Below these, it says 'FREE for all attendees!', 'Time: 10:30am-11:30am', 'Dates: 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> Mar, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> Jun, 4<sup>th</sup> Jul (NB: all dates are Saturdays)', 'Place: The Masque Theatre, Latimer Arts College, NN15 6ST', and 'Email Simon Steptoe for more information: [ssteptoe@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:ssteptoe@nmpat.co.uk)'. The poster is decorated with colorful musical notes and wavy lines.

### **Buggy Walk Timetable. Active Families.**

Jan 12. Irthlingborough Library at 10.30am High St, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough NN9 5PU

Jan 16. Rushden Library at 10.30am Newton Rd, Rushden NN10 0PT

Jan 19. Wellingborough Library at 10.30am 7 Pebble Lane, Wellingborough NN8 1AS

Jan 20. Corby Library 10.30am Parkland Gateway, The Corby Cube, George St, Corby NN17 1QG

Jan 21. Priors Hall Amphitheatre at 1pm Priors Hall Park, Weldon, Corby, NN17 5EU Northamptonshire.

Weekly Walks available at your local family hub.

Keep out for our February Buggy Walk dates.

Weekly Tuesdays during Term time. Kettering Family Hub at 10.15am Montagu St, Kettering NN16 8RX

Weekly Thursdays Term time only. Wellingborough Family Hub at 10.15am. Penrith Dr, Wellingborough NN8 3XL

Walks are all 30 to 45 minutes in length and are suitable for all abilities. Every event is hosted by a trained Walk Leader.



## North Northants Parent Carer Voices Free Workshops and Training Sessions Spring 2026

We are delighted to share details of a series of free workshops and training sessions for parent/carers of children and young people with diagnosed or suspected Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), as part of the PINS Program.

These sessions will take place across a variety of locations in North Northamptonshire. They provide an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to:

- Gain practical strategies to support their child's learning and wellbeing
- Understand SEND challenges and approaches
- Connect with other families and local support services

All workshops and training are completely free of charge.

Staff within your setting are also very welcome to attend.

**For full details of the sessions, dates, and locations, please see below,**

**To book any of the below sessions please use this link: [Book A Service/Event](#)**

### **Difficult Conversations training/workshop**

**This is an interactive session for SEND parents who experience difficult conversations**, so it can feel less of a battle, less stressful, and less energy sapping. When dealing with the Local Authority, School, SENCOs and the health service. We want to support you to feel more in control, more comfortable and more confident. Whether it's an Exclusion Hearing, School meeting part of the EHCP or routine appointment there are simple tactics you can use to manage your emotions, have more influence and negotiate.

For control, calm and confidence in conversations we'll cover:

Playing safer by slowing down! Removing the emotional heat. Avoiding frustration and resentment.

**19 January 10am to 12 Noon. Holiday inn, Kettering.**

**19 January 7.30pm start online via Zoom.**

**To reserve your space please visit [Book A Service/Event](#)**

**[Managing Difficult Conversations | Facebook](#)**

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**19TH JANUARY- 10:00-12:00  
HOLIDAY INN KETTERING**

**19TH JANUARY - 19:30 START  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

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SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR WINNER



**f** [northamptonshireparentcarervoices](#) **enquiries@NPCV.co.uk**

## **Self-Care Sessions Open to PINS schools & NPCV members**

In partnership with [Northamptonshire Mind](#) - Open to PINS schools & NPCV members

Caring for a child or young person with SEND (whether diagnosed or suspected) takes strength, patience and resilience. These sessions are just for you.

Join us for a supportive, gentle and empowering self-care session designed specifically for parent carers, led by the wonderful team at Northamptonshire Mind.

You'll explore practical ways to build resilience, reduce stress, and prioritise your own wellbeing while connecting with other parents who truly get it.

Learn tools you can actually use, Take time to pause and reset, Feel less alone on the journey

We have two dates available, so please choose the one that works best for you:

**22nd January 2025 | 9:30–13:00 Rushden Mind Includes a relaxing sound bath from [Kelly McAlinden-Holistic Wellness!](#)**

**5th March 2025 | 9:30–11:45 Corby Mind**

**Spaces are limited — we'd love you to join us**

**To Book Please Visit [Book A Service/Event](#)**

**WHO CARES FOR YOU  
NURTURING SELF CARE**

Do you have a young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), either diagnosed or suspected.

Join us for an insightful session focused on building resilience and self-care, led by the wonderful team at Northamptonshire MIND.

This is a great chance to learn valuable strategies and connect with other parents. We can't wait to see you there and support each other on this journey!

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**22ND JAN 2025 - 9:30-13:00  
RUSHDEN MIND  
INCLUDING SOUND BATH**

**5TH MARCH 2025 - 9:30-11:45  
CORBY MIND**

[northamptonshireparentcarervoices](#)  [enquiries@NPCV.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@NPCV.co.uk)

## How to Support Your Child's Developing Needs

Delivered by Connections in Mind

If everyday life at home feels like a constant battle — getting ready, transitions, homework, emotional outbursts or shutdowns — you are not failing. You may be seeing the impact of executive function differences.

This session is for parents and carers who want to understand why things are hard, not just how to manage the behaviour.

Why should you attend? Because executive function shapes how children:

- manage emotions and impulses
- cope with demands and expectations
- plan, organise and transition
- respond when overwhelmed

When these skills are still developing (which is very common in children with SEND), traditional parenting strategies often don't work — and can increase stress for everyone.

This session helps you move from friction to understanding.

What to expect: 1-hour insightful talk

Victoria will explore how executive function influences behaviour and emotional responses, helping parents understand what their child genuinely needs in moments of challenge — and why providing that support can feel hard, even with the best intentions.

30-minute guided group coaching session Parents will be supported to identify real-life “pinch points” at home and experiment with practical, realistic strategies that fit:

- your child's developmental profile
- your family's routines
- your capacity as a parent

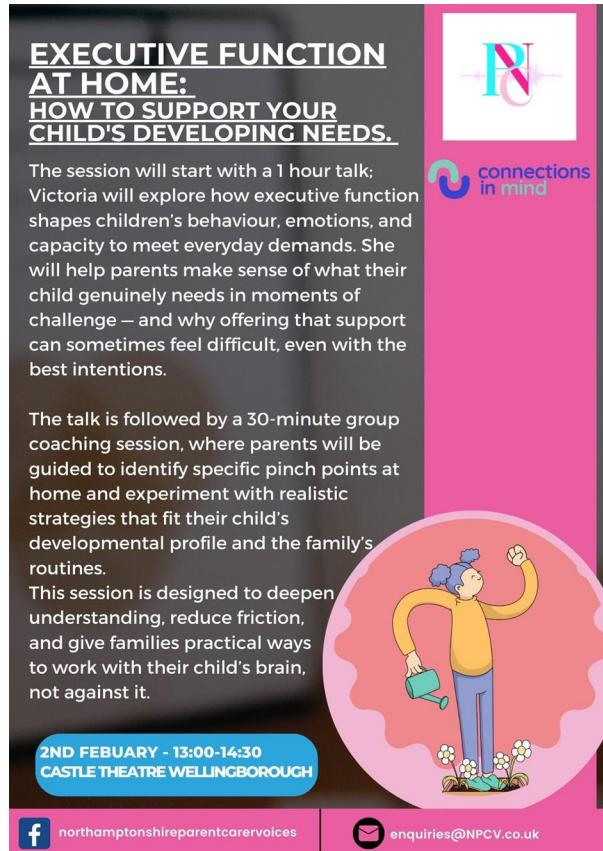
This session is designed to:

- reduce daily conflict and misunderstandings
- build confidence in responding calmly and effectively
- help families work with their child's brain, not against it
- replace guilt and frustration with clarity and compassion

**2nd February 1:00pm–14:30pm at the Castle Theatre, Wellingborough**

If you've ever thought "I know my child isn't choosing this — but I don't know what to do instead", this session is for you

To book please visit [Book A Service/Event](#)



## Lessons I Wish I Knew Growing Up Neurodivergent

with Chris Bonello - [Autistic Not Weird](#) — Autistic advocate, speaker, author and former teacher

**Ready for a talk that's honest, humorous and truly heartfelt?**

Join us for an unforgettable session with Chris Bonello from Autistic Not Weird, where he shares the valuable life lessons he wishes he'd known growing up autistic.

Through personal insight, stories filled with warm humour and real-world take-aways, this talk is perfect for parents and young people alike who want fresh perspectives on living your best neurodivergent life. ☺

Chris is a national and international autism speaker, award-winning writer and former teacher who speaks with humour, humility and deep insight. His talks leave audiences feeling more connected, understood and inspired.

Jaz Ampaw-Farr, Speaker of the Year, says he delivers keynotes "that go way beyond inspiration."

What people are saying “Your talk was inspirational — our young people benefit greatly hearing positive messages from someone like you.” —

Parent attendee “Hearing your advice tonight has helped me get on the right path.” — Young person, 16 “I don’t have to worry as much now — you are very much like him.” — Parent in Cardiff

These are just a few of the real comments from past audiences who’ve experienced Chris’s authentic and empowering approach.

**2nd February 2025 10:30–12:30 Castle Theatre, Wellingborough**

**Whether you’re a parent, young person or family member, this session will broaden your understanding, spark meaningful conversations and celebrate neurodiverse strengths.**

**Save your spot — you don’t want to miss this!**

To book please visit [Book A Service/Event](#)



### **ADHD Workshop – Back by Popular Demand!**

We’re excited to welcome back this highly popular ADHD workshop, delivered by [ADHD Wise UK](#) for parent carers and professionals supporting children and young people with SEND aged 0–25 in North Northamptonshire.

What the workshop will cover:

- Understanding why children and young people with ADHD behave as they do
- Practical strategies to support positive change
- Separating fact from fiction about ADHD
- Exploring ADHD beyond common stereotypes
- Building a strong foundation to support the best possible futures

This interactive session is designed to increase understanding, confidence and consistency across home, education and professional settings.

**23rd March 9:30am – 11:30am At Holiday Inn Corby**

These sessions always fill quickly, so keep an eye out for booking details.

To book please visit [Book A Service/Event](#)



### Unwind Your Anxious Mind Parent Carer Anxiety and Well-Being Sessions

Parent Carer Anxiety & Wellbeing Sessions - Delivered with the expert team at [Northamptonshire Mind](#) because looking after your own mental health is not optional — it's essential

**Open to PINS schools & NPCV members**

If you're a parent carer of a child or young person with SEND (diagnosed or suspected), anxiety can feel like a constant background noise — the meetings, the waiting, the fighting for support, the uncertainty about the future. You are not alone.

Unwind Your Anxious Mind is a supportive, understanding session created specifically for parent carers, recognising the real and valid causes of anxiety in SEND parenting. Led by the compassionate team at Northamptonshire Mind, we'll gently explore where anxiety comes from, how it shows up in our bodies and thoughts, and — most importantly — how we can manage it in ways that actually fit busy, emotionally stretched lives.

- Understand why parent carers experience heightened anxiety
- Learn practical, evidence-based tools to reduce overwhelm
- Build confidence in managing anxious thoughts and stress responses
- Connect with other parents who truly understand your journey
- Take time for you — without guilt

This session offers space for meaningful discussion, reflection and shared understanding — not judgement, not pressure, just support.

**Two dates available — please choose the one that works best for you.**

**5th February 9.30-11.30 Corby Mind**

**19th March 9.30-11.30 Rushden Mind**

We can't wait to welcome you & support you!

**To book please visit [Book A Service/Event](#)**

## UNWIND YOUR ANXIOUS MIND

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Join us for an insightful session focused on anxiety, led by the wonderful team at Northamptonshire MIND.

This is a great chance to learn valuable strategies, and connect with other parents, and hold meaningful discussions.

We can't wait to see you there and support each other on this journey!

We have 2 dates available so please choose the one that works best for you!

**5TH FEBRUARY - 9:30-11:30  
CORBY MIND**

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RUSHDEN MIND**



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### Tackling School Attendance, EBSA and Exclusion risks

One of the strongest themes we raised last year was Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) and neurodivergent attendance challenges.

Parent carers helped us highlight that:

- Attendance policies are often not trauma- or neurodiversity-informed
- Anxiety, PDA, sensory overload and unmet needs are drivers — not defiance
- Punitive responses increase exclusion, isolation and mental health harm

Because of parent voice, these concerns are now firmly on the local risk register, influencing policy reviews and inclusion work.

Attendance can't improve without inclusion first.

Our upcoming workshop is a strong start to continuing this theme into 2026!

**Monday 23rd March 12.30pm-2.30pm at Holiday Inn Corby**

**To Book please visit [Book A Service/Event](#)**

For more information please visit [Emotionally Based School Avoidance | Facebook](#)



## **Information and Guidance Drop In's for children and Young People aged 8-25 years**

Information and Guidance Drop Ins.

**We are here to listen and support you with any issues you are facing. The service is available to anyone aged 8 to 25. Parents and carers are welcome.**

Drop in at any of the sessions below.

- Monday 9am to 6pm. Youthworks, Keystone Centre, 97 Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN16 9HX.
- Tuesday. 12 Noon to 8pm. Youth Works, Mind Building, Argyll Street, Corby, NN17 1RU.
- Wednesday 4pm to 8pm. Souster Youth, 30 Market Road, Thrapston, Kettering, NN14 4JU.
- Thursday 12 Noon to 8pm. Youth Works, Keystone Centre, 97 Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN16 9HX.
- Saturday 10am to 2pm. Service Six. 15 Sasson Close, Wellingborough, NN8 3LT.

## **North Northants Family Hubs**

Our brand new events booking system has launched.

Visit the link to the Digital Front Door or scan the QR code to browse hundreds of events across North Northants for your family. Check back regularly to see what's new.

Please visit [Courses, Events and Things to Do](#)

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[familyhubs.northnorthants.gov.uk/events](http://familyhubs.northnorthants.gov.uk/events)



## Brotherhood Men's Groups - Need a place to talk?

Try one of our weekly Men's groups

Are you going through a rough time?

Do you struggle to find a safe place to talk about what's going on, or maybe you just need a place to vent?

Join a weekly men's group open to all men 18+

Men need men to talk to, where they are supported and feel safe. The brotherhood is a place to talk and be heard without judgement. More info please visit [Brotherhood](#)

There is no charge for the Brotherhood but donations to keep it running are welcomed.



## Wellingborough



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*Wellingborough and Surrounding Villages, Finedon, Wollaston, Irchester, Bozeat, Great Doddington, Earls Barton and Grendon*

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## **Wellingborough**

**Snip and Chip Get your cat/kitten snipped and chipped for a £25 donation.**

For people on benefits or low income living in the local area.

Jan 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 28 Jan.

Animals in Need, Pinetree farm, London Road, Little Irchester, Northants, NN8 2EH.

Neutering from 4 months of age. Cats who have had kittens. Prevent unwanted pregnancies. Reduce roaming and going missing. Reduce males spraying and fighting.

Email to book [admin@animals-in-need.org](mailto:admin@animals-in-need.org) Priority will be given to vulnerable animals. Special deals available for multi-cat households.



## **The Starlight Group**

Wellingborough Library, 7 Pebble Lane, Wellingborough NN8 1AS

**Jan 17 from 10:30am to 12pm**

**Peer support group for bereaved children, ages 3-10 years.**

The Starlight Group resumes in 2026. A peer support group for bereaved children, ages 3-10 years.

Join us for some craft activities and open conversations as we journey through grief together. Please note, there is free parking available surrounding the library, including in the Swansgate Shopping Centre.

**Younger siblings are welcome to attend, as well as any family members to support.**

**To reserve a free space (So we have an idea how many craft supplies we need) please visit our Eventbrite page [The Starlight Group Tickets, Sat, Jan 17, 2026 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)**



### **Bereavement Befriending**

Wellingborough Library, 7 Pebble Lane, Wellingborough NN8 1AS

**Jan 17 from 12:30pm to 3pm**

### **121 bereavement befriending social support, all ages**

Bereavement befriending sessions return in a new capacity!

Please book your 45 minute slot. for 121 social bereavement support.

For Saturday 17th January, these sessions will be meet and greet where accompanying adults will attend. Further sessions are able to be 121 if that is by choice.

**To book your free spaces please visit our Eventbrite page [Bereavement Befriending Tickets, Sat, Jan 17, 2026 at 12:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)**

### **Pet Food Available for those on a low income**

Available for Dogs, Cats, Rabbits and more.

Open to Universal Credit Claimants

Contact us via email or Facebook DM to apply by visiting [Facebook Animals in Need](#)

[Admin@animals-in-need.org](mailto:Admin@animals-in-need.org)

Animals in Need. Pine Tree Farm, Little Irchester, Wellingborough

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## Thriving In Life Focus Groups

**Are you aged 11 to 19 and living/going to school in Wellingborough?**

If so, we would love you to come along and share your opinions on topics like Mental Health, Relationships, Risky behaviour and transition to adulthood but also have fun.

**Thriving in life focus groups. Fun, Opinions and Snacks.**

Where: Service Six Community Centre. 16 Sassoone Mews, Wellingborough, NN8 1LT.

Who can I contact? Text/Phone/Whatsapp AJ on 07483 066 473.

**Monday January 19, 2026. 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Monday February 23, 2026. 5.30pm to 7.30pm**

 Thriving in Life
  REACH  
 COLLABORATIVE  
 FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH  
 Northamptonshire Healthcare  
 NHS Foundation Trust

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 When?  
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**Monday Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-7:30pm**  
**Monday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm-7:30pm**

### Flip Out for Fun at the Wellingborough Pancake Race!

Ready, set, *flip*! Gather your friends, family, or colleagues and join the **Wellingborough Pancake Race on Saturday, 14th February 2026!**

**Where:** Market Street, Wellingborough

**When:** From 11am

**Entry Fee:** Absolutely FREE! ?

Whether you're a pancake-flipping pro or a first-time flipper, this is your chance to show off your skills, have a laugh, and race for glory.

Enter your team today. Dress up, flip pancakes, and race to win a shiny medal ?!

**How to Enter:** Select the number of entrants by clicking on the ticket option and complete your details. Hurry—spaces are limited, and you won't want to miss the most flippin' fun event of the year!

**Let's make this year's race the best one yet. To Book your free ticket(s) Please visit [Wellingborough Pancake Race! | Wellingborough Town Council](#)**



### **Autism Kids Club is on Every Saturday**

Every Saturday, 10:00 – 12:00, Mill Road Baptist Church, 64 Thomas St, Wellingborough NN8 1DU

A fun, relaxed space where autistic children can play, explore, and just be themselves. No pressure, no expectations, come and enjoy at your own pace.

We've got: Creative activities & crafts, Puzzles & board games, Lego & bricks, Reading area, Toy house & pretend play kitchen, Educational table, Big toy box

Parents and carers can enjoy tea & coffee, with free fruit for the kids. Free to attend, no need to book, all ages welcome!

**Meet Sue! Sue is a specialist speech and language therapist with nearly 30 years' experience. Saturday 10th January from 11-12noon**

Sue works with children and young people with autism, ADHD and other neurodiverse needs. She believes communication comes first and that every child's way of expressing themselves matters. She works closely with families to create connections, trust and meaningful interactions, helping children build relationships, manage emotions, and access learning in a way that works for them.

If you've been thinking about coming along, tomorrow's a great chance to see what we're all about. Come join the fun!



## **Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 “Bridging Generations”.**

**Sunday 25 January 2026 at 2pm Swanspool Gardens.**

**Followed by refreshment in Swanspool Pavillion, NN8 2BZ.**

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more details.

Holocaust Memorial Day is One Day that we put aside to come together to remember, to learn about the Holocaust, Nazi Persecution and the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, and all other genocides, in the hope that there may be One Day in the future with no genocide. We learn more about the past, we empathise with others today, and we take action for a better future.

Join us for a Service of reflection at 2pm on Sunday 25th January 2026 in Swanspool Gardens with readings, the lighting of a candle, personal stories and prayer.

We invite you to join us for refreshment in Swanspool Pavilion following the services. For more information please visit [Holocaust Memorial Day 2026 | Wellingborough Town Council](#)

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



Holocaust Memorial Day 2026

**'Bridging Generations'**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 2pm

Swanspool Gardens

Followed by refreshment in Swanspool Pavilion, NN8 2BZ

Follow us on

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For more details

We're marking  
Holocaust Memorial Day



**Wellingborough  
Town Council**



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
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Learning from past  
to build a better future

### Now Launching Wellingborough Whitworth FC Mini's

Is your child in school year Reception or Year 1? Are they keen to get involved in football

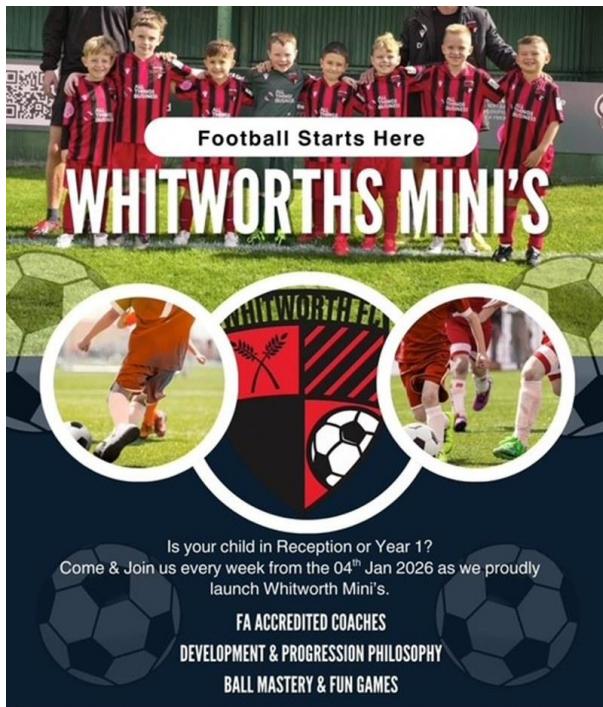
Register your interest now & start training with our fa-accredited coaches from 04th Jan 2026.

Please register your interest on our Facebook page

[Wellingborough-Whitworth-FC-Youth](#) or visit [Wellingborough Whitworth FC](#)

Contact us to find out more: 07402050128

Wellingborough Whitworth FC 53-61 London Rd, Wellingborough NN8 2DP



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### **Kinship Carers Wellbeing Hub**

Are you a Kinship Carer? Would you like to meet other Kinship Carers? If so, please join us on the **2nd Tuesday of the month** at Northamptonshire Carers, 123 Midland Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1LU, from 10am to 12 Noon. This is an adult only group running term time only. Refreshments and a warm welcome and a warm welcome provided.

For more information, please contact Northamptonshire Carers on 01933 677907.

Northamptonshire Carers, supporting Carers countrywide.

For more information please visit [Northamptonshire Carers Association](#)



## CANVAS Free Creative Group

**CANVAS is a free creative group for young people aged 13-18 who live in Wellingborough.**

**Next Session 13th January 2026**

We offer young people creative opportunities to lead cultural events and arts activities in their local area, themed and programmed by the CANVAS group.

We would love you to join us in planning and co-producing [Well Creative Festival](#) with us, a combined arts festival in Wellingborough town centre on 21st March 2026.

There will be an introductory session in December, and regular sessions will run from January to March 2026 at Wellingborough Library with group co-ordinator Kitty Benford.

We conclude sessions with pizza!

**FIND OUT MORE by visiting: [Canvas youth group | Arts & Community Events](#)  
[Wellingborough | Made With Many](#)**

**SIGN UP by visiting: [CANVAS Registration Dec 25 - Mar 26](#)**



## Bug Beats

Join our music group for toddlers and parents Walkers to 3 Years with their grown up

Fridays Term Time Only

9.15-10.15am

Cost is £2 per week

Compass Church, 2-4 Meadow Close, Wellingborough, NN8 4BH



## Wellingborough Library Activities for January

### Monday

19 Jan. 10.30 to 11.15. Buggy Walk. Children's Area.

### Tuesday

13, 20 27 Jan. 2pm to 3pm. Under 1s Fun. Children's Area.

6 and 20 Jan. 4pm to 5pm. Anime and Comic Club. Lm Zone.

13 and 27 Jan. 4.30pm to 6pm. MWM Canvas Youth Group. Pod Z.

### Wednesday

14, 21, 28 Jan. 9.45 to 10.15. Library Rhyme time. Children's Area.

14 Jan. 10.30 to 12.30. Ace Parent Support Group. Pod 2.

14, 21, 28 Jan. Library Bounce and Rhyme. Children's Area.

### Thursday

15, 22 and 29 Jan. 9.30 to 10.30 and 10.30 to 11.30. Preschool Play. Children's Area

8, 15, 22 and 29 Jan. 3.30pm to 5pm. Next Gen Crochet Group. (7 to 16 year old). Library floor

### Friday

16, 23 and 30 Jan. 9:45am to 10:15. Storytime. Children's Area.

## Saturday

17 and 31 Jan. Family Fun Club. 10.30am to 11.30am. Family Fun Club. Children's Area.

3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 Jan. 10am to 4pm. Construction Corner. Library floor.



## Youth Hub for Home Educated Young People

Youth Hub Ages 8+ Tuesdays 1pm to 2.30pm.

[Eatsandbeats@cypn.org](mailto:Eatsandbeats@cypn.org)

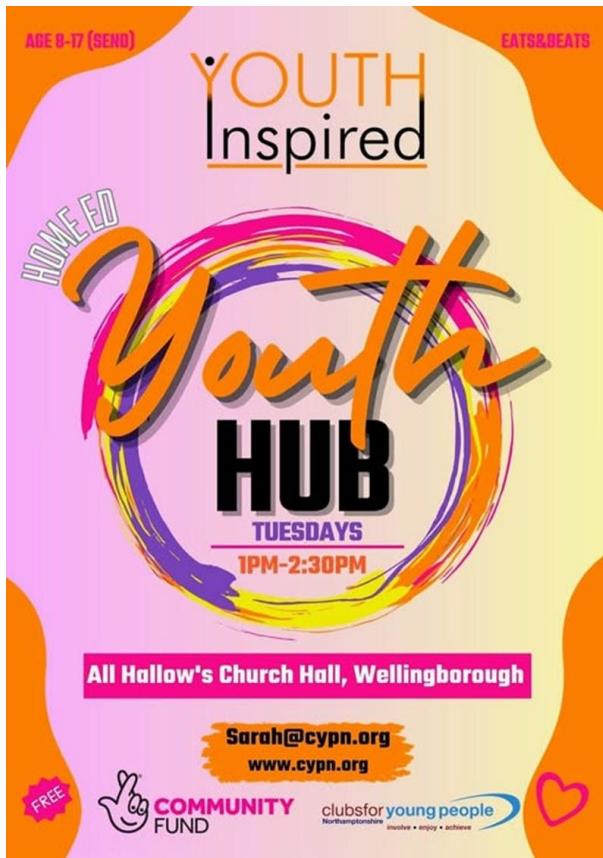
All Hallow's Church Hall, Wellingborough.

January 2026

13 January. All about rainbows. Sports. Arts & Crafts

20 January. Stained glass window activity. SEND friendly activities. Calm and relaxing session.

27 January. Aqua beads. What are our favourite books? Fun activities for all.



## Service Six

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If you are aged 8 to 25 (or are supporting someone who is), we provide a wide range of services to provide a wide range of services to meet different needs. Anyone can refer parent, teacher, healthcare professional, or you can even refer yourself.

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For more information, or to make a referral online please visit our website [Service Six-Welcome](#) or you can contact us via [referrals@servicesix.co.uk](mailto:referrals@servicesix.co.uk) or telephone on Service Six at 01933 277520. [Service Six- Make A Referral Directly To Service Six](#)

Opal Project. Support and guidance for issues around self harm and risky behaviours for 10 to 18 years.

Target. Support around online safety. One to one group work, peer mentoring and workshops.

LGBTQ+ Out There Youth Group for ages 11 to 18 years.

Kidz on the Mews. Youth Group age 5 to 11 years

Counselling and Therapy. Play, Talking and creative therapies, play therapy age 5+ Counselling age 11 plus.

Drop Ins. Mental Health and Wellbeing support age 8 to 18 years.

18+ LGBTQ+ Group Social group for adults age 18 to 25 years.

Happy Heads, emotional wellbeing support for ages 5 to 11 years, including year 6 transition work



## Wellingborough youth activities

### Wellingborough Youth Club.

Free. Every Thursday, term time only, 4pm to 5.30pm.

At Swanspool Pavillion, Swanspool Parade, Wellingborough NN8 9SR.

Ages 10 to 18 (25 with SEND)

Join us at the Swanspool Pavillion.

**Kids Quiz Club.** Third Thursday of every month. 4pm to 5.30pm. Term Time only.

Free to attend for ages 10 to 18 (SEND up to age 25)

Prize for the winners!

As part of Wellingborough Youth Club.

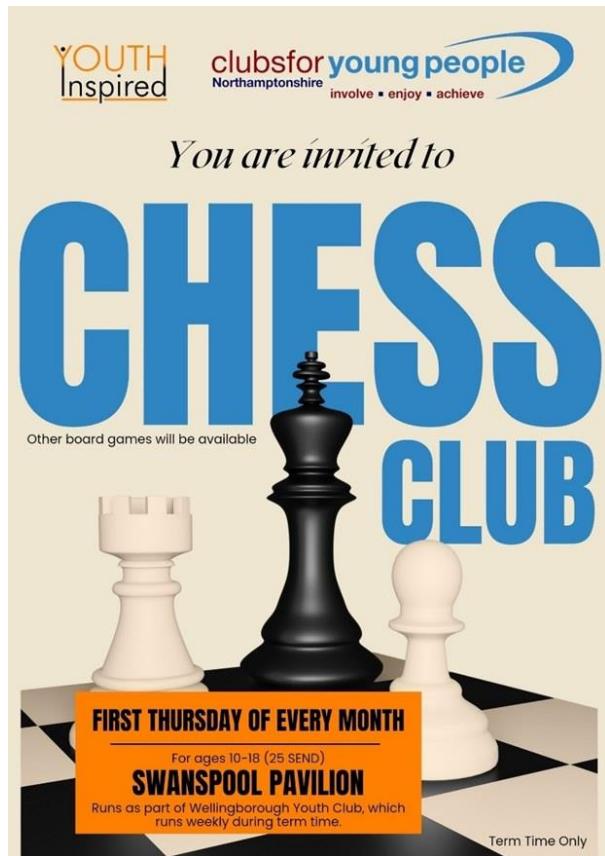
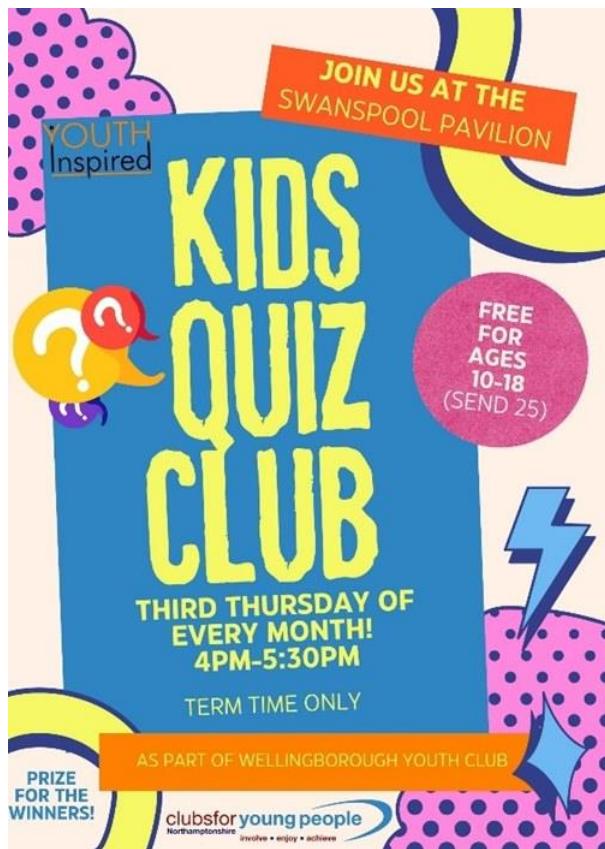
**You are invited to Chess Club (other board games will be available).**

First Thursday of every month.

For ages 10 to 18 (25 with SEND).

Swanspool Pavillion. Runs as part of Wellingborough Youth Club, which runs weekly during term time.





## **NCT 0-5 years Stay & Play at the Wellingborough Family Hub**

**Come join us at Wellingborough Family Hub for a fun-filled Monday morning of play for children aged 0-5 years from 10:00am to 11:30am**

Wellingborough Family Hub, Penrith Drive Penrith Drive Wellingborough NN8

To ensure the safety of all adults and children who join us, we ask that adults don't take any photos within the sessions and keep their phones away. We would also like to remind parents they are required to stay with their children throughout the session and that they are their responsibility during this time. We also ask that parents respect all staff and other parents attending the group.

Booking is required to join us for the event, if you are not booked on staff can advise you of how to do this for the following week. Only 1 booking is required per family e.g. a parent with 2 children will only need to book 1 ticket.

If you have any questions or problems please contact the Wellingborough Family Hub on: 01604 526776

**To book please visit [NCT 0-5 years Stay & Play at the Wellingborough Family Hub: 10:00am-11:30am Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)**



## **Enfold – The Mis-Understood Crowd Neurodiverse Group**

**1st Tuesday of the Month from 10am-12noon**

Come along and join us for a coffee and a chat, in a supportive environment with other neurodivergent people **age 16+**

Tesco Community Room, Victoria Park, Wellingborough, NN8 2EB

(The room is situated at the back of the shop to the right of the phone shop)

For more information please contact [info@enfold.org.uk](mailto:info@enfold.org.uk)



**Finedon, Wollaston, Irchester, Bozeat, Great Doddington, Earls Barton and Grendon**

**Walk with Us By Family Action**

**Irchester Country Park, Gipsy Lane, Little Irchester NN29 7DL**

**Jan 20 from 10:30am to 12pm GMT**

Join us for a lovely slow walk in nature and have a chat with the staff and other parents.

This is a lovely opportunity to meet other expectant parents and new parents in the local area. There will be staff from Supportive Steps who will be able to offer you some support. Come along and join us for a lovely slow walk in nature and have a chat with the staff and other expectant parents and new parents.

We will meet by the cafe before we begin our walk.

Going for walks has numerous benefits on your physical and mental wellbeing. These include improved cardiovascular health, stress reduction, increased energy and improved sleep, making it a simple yet effective way to improve overall well-being.

**This is for all expecting parents and families with children until their 2nd birthday, no need to book, just come along. Past, present and new families welcome!**

We look forward to seeing you there. For more information or enquiries, please contact us at: [supportivesteps@family-action.org.uk](mailto:supportivesteps@family-action.org.uk) or call 07977 636018 for Kim or 07890 431684 for Sophie

To reserve your free space please visit our Eventbrite page [Walk with Us Tickets, Tue, Jan 20, 2026 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

Car Parking Charges Apply



### **Irchester Community Library Rhymetime**

Songs and rhymes for everyone to join in.

Weekly on Thursdays during term time. 9:30am to 10am at the library.

All children under 5 and their carers are welcome! No booking necessary and no fee!

Irchester Library 33-35 High st. Irchester NN29 7AA Wellingborough



## East Northants



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*Rushden and Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Irthlingborough, Thrapston, Oundle*

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### Rushden and Higham Ferrers

#### **Mindful Moments – 30 minutes just for you**

Do you need a little pause in your week? Time to breathe, reflect, and gently reset?

Our Mindful Moments sessions are designed to give you 30 calm, supportive minutes to explore simple mindfulness and self-care techniques that can help with feeling overwhelmed.

**5-week course starting 12th January 2026 10:00–10:30am £5 for the full course**

Rush 2 The Den, 16 Fitzwilliam Street, NN10 9YW

We'll explore:

- Mindful walking and eating
- Beditation (yes – mindfulness in bed!)
- Practical self-care tools you can actually use

Certificate upon completion A small commitment. A big kindness to yourself.

Message us on Facebook, drop us an email at [events.rush2theden@gmail.com](mailto:events.rush2theden@gmail.com) or pop in to book your place

The graphic features the Rush2TheDen logo at the top left. To the right is a yellow box containing course details: '5 WEEK COURSE', 'Starting 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026', '10am to 10:30am', and 'RUSH 2 The DEN 16 Fitzwilliam Street, NN10 9YW'. A blue circle with the price '£5' is to the right. Below this is a green title 'Mindful Moments'. A yellow box contains text: 'Do you need just 30 minutes to yourself? Time to reflect on the things you sometimes find overwhelming?'. To the right is a circular image of a woman with her eyes closed, sitting outdoors. Below the course details is a list: 'Come along to our sessions to learn about how you can use some easy ideas to support your emotional wellbeing' followed by a bulleted list: '• Mindful walking and eating', '• Meditation', and '• Self care'. At the bottom is a red button with the text 'Certificate upon completion'.

### Rush2TheDen Rushden Swap Shop

Rush2TheDen Rushden Swap Shop. Free Entry

**Every first Saturday of the month 2pm to 4pm**

Please ensure all items donated are clean and in good condition.

Donations to support storage costs gratefully received. Fitzwilliam Street, NN10 9YW.

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Free parking at Duck Street Car Park.

For more information on this and all of the groups that Rush2The Den offer please visit

[RUSH 2The DEN](http://RUSH 2The DEN)

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### Rotary Club of Rushden Impact Group- Presents NN10'S got talent

Are you: Aged 18 or younger?

An individual or a group?

Do you:

Like to sing, dance, entertain, act, recite, juggle, play an instrument or have any special talent to share with others?

Live in the NN10 postcode area?

**To receive an entry form or to find out more email [rushdenimpact@gmail.com](mailto:rushdenimpact@gmail.com) call/text 07549 639929. All entries to be received by 5pm Friday 23 January. If the event is oversubscribed, places will be given to entries in the order received.**

**Performance Saturday 31 January 2026. 6.30pm (doors open at 6pm).**

Salvation Army Worship Hall, Church Street, Rushden, NN10 9YT.

Audience entry cost: £3 per person.

Family of up to two adults and four children £10.



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**Saturday, 31 January 2026  
6:30 pm (doors open at 6 pm)  
Salvation Army Worship Hall,  
Church Street, Rushden, NN10 9YT**



Rotary Foundation of the UK, registered charity No. 1002059 and limited company No. 2582374 (registered in England).  
The Never Alone Project, Registered Charity No. 1201585

**Nene Wetlands Little Bugs Club for Under 5's**

By Wildlife Trust BCN Jan 26 from 10:30am to 12 Noon To book please visit [Nene Wetlands Little Bugs Club - 26th January 2026 Tickets, Mon, Jan 26, 2026 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nene-wetlands-little-bugs-club-26th-january-2026-tickets-31200011101)

Sessions are bookable £4.67 for members and £6.80 for non-members (only the child needs to be booked in) Welcome to the new Nene Wetlands Little Bugs Club! Calling all mini-wildlife explorers...Little Bugs is back in the Nene Wetlands for 2025!

Come and join us for a fun morning of exploration and discovery in our education area. These sessions are designed to get little ones confident outside, exploring and learning about nature.

This group is for pre-school children (from when they can toddle to age 5) and sessions will run monthly on a Monday morning. The aim of the sessions is to build confidence being in the outdoors for both children and their guardians, helping your family to connect with nature. Enjoy crafts, story time and outdoor play in this lovely location. Activities may vary and we try to be outside for all sessions (although if weather is very bad, we may use the visitor centre instead), so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear. We will provide squash and water to drink but please do bring your own snacks.

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, The Boardwalk, Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FA

We also have a session in February which can be booked here if you are interested but busy on the 26 of January [Nene Wetlands Little Bugs Club - 23rd February 2026 Tickets, Mon, Feb 23, 2026 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)



### **Nene Wetlands Family Eco Gardening Club**

By Katie King - Wildlife Trust BCN Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, The Boardwalk Rushden Lakes Rushden NN10 6FA

**Jan 10 from 10:30am to 12 Noon**

**Cost is £4.67 for members, £6.80 for non-members and additional children are £3.61 each (Max 3 children per adult)**

**To book please visit our Eventbrite page [Nene Wetlands Family Eco Gardening Club - 10th January 2026 Tickets, Sat 10 Jan 2026 at 10:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)**

Join us for our family eco-gardening club at the Rushden Lakes community garden where we'll be making soup and mug birdfeeders. Join us for our family gardening club!

Meet at the Rushden Lakes community garden (at the start of the Greenway) Are you a member of the Wildlife Trust BCN? You can get a discount on your tickets! For more information about becoming a member, visit: <https://www.wildlifebcn.org/become-member>

We will be outside so please ensure you wear suitable footwear and clothing. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Most suitable for ages 5+ For full event terms and conditions, please visit our [website](#).

If you are busy on the 10 of January, we have a session on the 14 February where we'll be making birdboxes it's a Valentine's Day Special. The February session can be booked here [Nene Wetlands Family Eco Gardening Club - 14th February 2026 Tickets, Sat 14 Feb 2026 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)



### **[Join the Rushden and Higham RFC under 8's](#)**

Fun Friendship and Rugby for All

Boys and girls aged 7-8 (school year 3) Rushden and Higham RFC, Manor Park Rushden

No experience needed, just bring enthusiasm, a smile and a pair of boots. Our qualified and friendly coaches create a safe, supportive environment where kids learn the game, make friends and have fun.

Come along for a free session call or message 07811043953



RUSHDEN &  
HIGHAM RUFC

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Interested?

Come along for a free taster session!

📞 Call or message:

07811 043953

### Rushden Library Special Events

Buggy Walk. A gentle walk for people with buggies to exercise and socialise. 10.30am Friday 16 January.

Colourful Coffee Morning. Fight away the Blue Monday feelings with coffee, cake and lots of friendly conversations at our annual Colourful Coffee Morning. 10.30am to 11.30am Monday 19 January.

### Save the date

**Rush Com. Comic Convention March 7.**

Email [rushden.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:rushden.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk)

Rushden Library, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT

Telephone: 0300 126 300

Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9am to 6pm.

Saturday: 9am to 5pm.

| Special Events           |   |   |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Event                    | Details   | Time                                      |
| Buggy Walk               | A gentle walk for people with buggies to exercise and socialise   | 10:30 am<br>Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Colourful Coffee Morning | Fight away the Blue Monday feelings with coffee, cake and lots of friendly conversations at our annual Colourful Coffee Morning | 10:30-11:30 am<br>Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> |



COMIC CONVENTION

**March 7<sup>th</sup> save the date!!**

Email: [Rushden.LibraryPlus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Rushden.LibraryPlus@northnorthants.gov.uk)

Facebook: [Rushden Library](#)

Telephone: 0300 126 3000

Opening hours:

Monday – Friday: 9am – 6pm

Saturday: 9am – 5pm

Rushden Library, Newton Road, NN10 0PT

### Rushden Library Activities in January

Rhyme Time. Every week in term time Monday and Wednesday. 10am to 10.30

Baby Time. Every week in term time Tuesdays. 10am to 11am

Explore a Story Every week in term time Thursday. 10am to 11am.

Knitting Group. Every week Thursday. 2pm to 4pm.

TBC. Every week Friday. 4pm to 5pm.

Friendship Cafe. Friday 30 January 10am to 12 Noon.

Lego Club. Every week Saturday 10am to 12 Noon.

Manga Group. Saturday 10 and 24 January. 2pm to 4pm.

Retro Gaming. Every week in term time Tuesday. 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Home Ed Group. Monthly Wednesday 28 January. 1pm to 3pm

Chess Club. Every Friday. 3pm to 5pm

Email [Rushden.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Rushden.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk)

Tel 03001263000 - Rushden Library Newton Road, NN10 0PT

| What's on at Rushden Library in January? |   |  |             |
|--|---|--|-------------|
| Group                                    | Details   | Frequency (check our socials for more details) | Time        |
| <b>Rhyme Time</b>                        | Singing group for toddlers, Under 5 years old   | Every week in term time Monday & Wednesday     | 10:00-10:30 |
| <b>Baby Time</b>                         | Sensory play and singing for 0-1 year olds  | Every week in term time Tuesdays               | 10:00-11:00 |
| <b>Explore A Story</b>                   | Story and a related craft for 1-5 year olds   | Every week in term time Thursday               | 10:00-11:00 |
| <b>Knitting Group</b>                    | Group for experienced, or new knitters  | Every week Thursday                            | 2:00-4:00   |
| <b>TBC</b>                               | Social, book centred group for school years 7-13  | Every week Friday                              | 4:00-5:00   |
| <b>Friendship Café</b>                   | Social group with tea, coffee, and cakes  | Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>                        | 10:00-12:00 |
| <b>Lego Club</b>                         | Build something together with Lego!   | Every week Saturday                            | 10:00-12:00 |
| <b>Manga Group</b>                       | Manga drawing group for school years 7-13   | Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 2:00-4:00   |
| <b>Retro Gaming</b>                      | Drop-in retro gaming for all ages (under 11s must be accompanied by an adult)                       | Every week in term time Tuesday                | 3:30-5:30   |
| <b>Home Ed Group</b>                     | A new group to meet other home ed families and take part in activities                              | Monthly Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>             | 1:00-3:00   |
| <b>Chess Club</b>                        | Casual games for any age and ability. Under 11s MUST be accompanied by an adult Boards are provided | Every Friday                                   | 3:00-5:00   |



## Stay and Play Mini Gym

Your child will love exploring our colourful, soft play environment filled with sensory toys, mini gym equipment, and friendly faces – all designed to support early development through play!

Come along, meet other parents, and let your little one burn off some energy in a fun and social setting!

No commitment, just come and play!

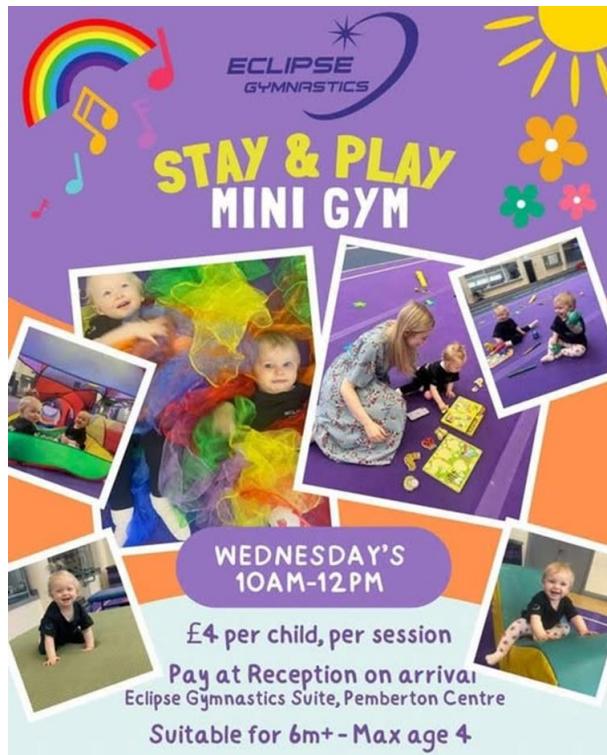
Every Wednesday morning 10am to 12pm

Suitable for Children 6 months until 4 years old £4 per child, per session.

Pay at reception on arrival.

Eclipse Gymnastics Suite, Pemberton Centre.

Suitable for 6 months plus. Max age 4.



## Raunds

### Raunds Town FC Under 7s football team

I'm starting a new Raunds Town FC Under 7s football team for children moving from Year 1 into Year 2 (boys and girls welcome).

I am a fully qualified FA coach and have been coaching with the club for 2 years. I currently coach the Under 9s at Raunds Town.

There's no experience needed at all – the only requirement is that your child wants to play and enjoy football. It's all about having fun, making friends, and learning the game together.

If your little one is interested or you'd like to know more, just drop me a message on 07730668054.



## **Irthlingborough**

### **Irthlingborough Under 5's Sessions**

Play Day is every Friday during term time. No booking required - drop-in. Under 5's fun and free play, different toys each week, dressing up, trains, stories and puzzles.

10-12 every Friday morning Drop-in session. No need to book

Bring your under 1's to clap, sing and wave our way through our favourite nursery rhymes and songs. Singing nursery rhymes and doing the actions are great for interaction, communication skills and motor skills - and most of all, it's fun! This session is suitable for pre-walkers!

Every Thursday 10-10.30 Drop-in session. No need to book

Bring your under 5's to clap, sing and wave our way through our favourite nursery rhymes and songs. Singing nursery rhymes and doing the actions are great for interaction, communication skills and motor skills - and most of all, it's fun!

Tuesday's 10-10.30 Drop-in session. No need to book.

Irthingborough Library, High Street, Irthlingborough, NN9 5PU



## Thrapston

### Weekly Local Advice Session

Starting on Tuesday 7th October, there will be a weekly Local Advice Session hosted by Citizens Advice North Northants, taking place from 10am to 1pm in Thrapston Library.

This service is both a drop-in and appointment based.

To make a prior appointment, please call 01536 482281 or speak to a member of Friends of Thrapston Library.

**Local Advice Sessions**

Citizens Advice North Northants will be delivering advice sessions in Thrapston Library, offering both a drop-in and an appointment-based service to local residents

To make an appointment call 01536 482281 or speak to a member of the library team

Tuesdays: 10.00am – 1:00pm

Free, independent, confidential advice

  Funded by Thrapston Town Council

Citizens Advice North Northants is an operating name of Citizens Advice Services Corby & Kettering. Registered charity: 1119081. Company limited by guarantee: 6156809 England. Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, FRN: 61756



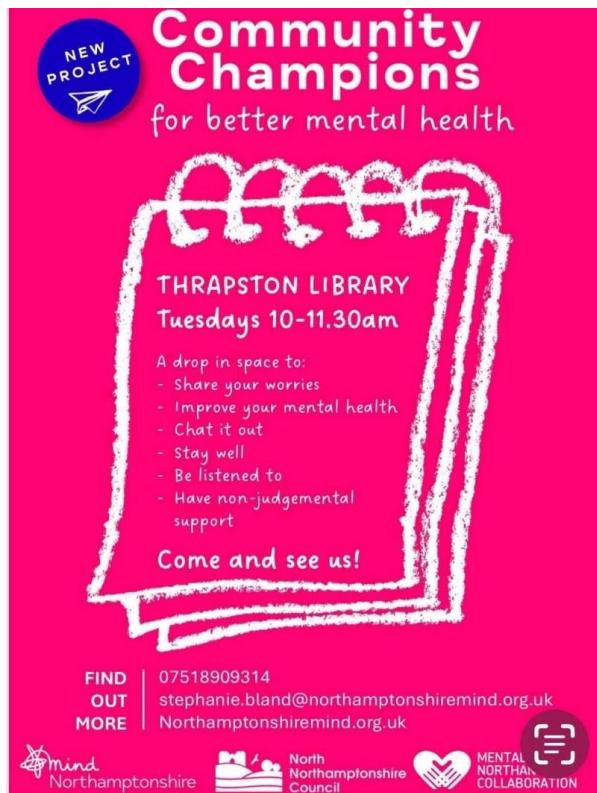
## Community Champions Thrapston Library

**Tuesdays 10.00am-11.30am**

A drop in space to -

- Share your worries
- Improve your mental health
- Chat it out
- Stay Well
- Be listened to
- Have non-judgmental support

For more information please email [stephanie.bland@northamptonshiremind.org.uk](mailto:stephanie.bland@northamptonshiremind.org.uk) Or telephone 07518909314



## Oundle

### Celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh day

**Celebrate Winnie-the-Pooh day with a drop in event at Oundle Library on Saturday 17 January. 10.30am to 1pm**

Join us to celebrate one of our favourite bears and enjoy:

Lots of Winnie-the-Pooh books available for loan

Treasure hunt for a small prize

A special Pooh bear craft activity

Make your own character stick puppets to take home

Winnie-the-Pooh games, puzzles and colouring



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-  Winnie-the-pooh games, puzzles and colouring



## Oundle Library Health Information Fair

Health Information Week. Inspiring Better Health.

**Join us for a free drop-in Health Information Fair at Oundle Library on Thursday 22 January.  
10.30am to 12 Noon.**

We will have a wide variety of organisations here to give health-related advice and support such as dementia, neurodiversity, physical activity, Brotherhood men's support, smoking cessation and children's mental health as well as free blood pressure and BMI checks.



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## Comets – Your Place to Play -A safe space for disabled children aged 5-11 to kickstart their football journey

Inclusive Football Opportunities for children aged 5-11 years with special educational needs, disabilities and health conditions, or anyone that needs support and adjustments.

**Fridays from 7pm-8pm**

Oundle School Sports Centee, Milton Road, Oundle, PE8 4AB

Contact Mark [comets\\_oundletown@outlook.com](mailto:comets_oundletown@outlook.com)

**All Sessions are FREE**



**COMETS**  
Disability Football

**Your place to play**  
A safe space for disabled children aged 5 - 11 to kickstart their football journey

**Just be you!**

**All sessions free!**

Inclusive Football Opportunities for children aged 5-11 with special educational needs, disabilities, health conditions, or any other support needs or adjustments

**Time and Date:** Fridays from 7pm to 8pm, on:  
7<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December, and 19<sup>th</sup> December (recommencing in the New Year)

**Location:** Oundle School Sports Centre, Milton Road, Oundle, PE8 4AB

**Contact:** Mark

**Email:** comets\_oundletownfc@outlook.com

Get in touch to book your first session!

### New Baby Time Group.

Every Friday in term time 10am to 11am for ages 0 to 12 months at Oundle Library. A chance for you to meet up with other parents in the area and let your little ones explore our sensory toys and books.

Please note that this group is replacing our Monday Baby Play session and starts on Friday 9 January 2026.



## Whats on at Oundle Library

### What's on at Oundle Library in January

9 January 2025. 10am to 12 Noon. Peterborough Sling Library. Bookable via their website.

16 January 2025. 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Oundle Crime Fiction Book Group. Free. All welcome. Drop in.

17 January. 10.30am to 1pm. Saturday Play for Winnie-the-Pooh Day. Free. All ages welcome. Drop in.

10 and 24 January. 10.30am to 1pm. Construction Corner. Free. All ages welcome. Drop in.

22 January 10. 10.30a, to 12 Noon. Health Information Fair. Free. Drop in. Come and chat with various charities/organisations about different health conditions.

Weekly Activities at Oundle Library (Please note that we are closed on 1 January 2026).

Monday 10.30am to 12 Noon. Spin a Yarn. Knitting and crochet group. All welcome. Free. Drop In.

Tuesday 11am to 11.30am Rhymetime. Under 5's, Free, Bookable.

Tuesday 1pm to 4.30pm Board Games afternoon. All ages, Free, Drop in.

Wednesday 10am to 11am. Storytime and Crafts. Under 5's. Free. Bookable.

Wednesday (term time) 2.30pm to 4pm. Oundle School IT Support. Come in and get help and advice about your technology. Free. Drop in.

Thursday (Starting back 15 Jan). 2pm to 3.30pm. Crafternoon. Join us for coffee, crafts and chat. You are welcome to bring your own projects with you. Free. Drop in.

Friday. 10am to 11am. Baby Time. Under 1's. Free. Bookable.

Saturday. 11am to 12 Noon. French language cafe. Free. Drop In.

To book your place either email is on [oundle.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:oundle.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk) call us on 0300 126 3000, Option 5, Option 3. Contact us on Facebook or pop into Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle, PE8 4JA to speak to a member of staff.



The image shows a monthly calendar for January 2026 at Oundle Library. The calendar is titled 'What's on at Oundle Library in January' and features a purple header with snowflake icons. The main body of the calendar is a table with two sections: 'This Month at Oundle Library' and 'Weekly Activities at Oundle Library (Please note that we are closed on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026)'. The 'This Month' section lists events for specific dates, while the 'Weekly' section lists daily activities. Both sections include descriptions and times. A note at the bottom of the weekly section indicates the library is closed on January 1st. The footer of the calendar includes the North Northamptonshire Council logo and a note about booking via email or phone.

| This Month at Oundle Library   |       |                 |   |
|--|-------|-----------------|---|
| 3rd & 31st   | Sat   | 10.30am-1.00pm  | <b>Saturday Play</b> Free. All ages welcome. Drop in.   |
| 9th  | Fri   | 10.00am-12.00pm | <b>Peterborough Sling Library</b> Bookable via their website  |
| 16th   | Fri   | 2.30pm-4.30pm   | <b>Oundle Crime fiction book group</b> Free. All welcome. Drop in.  |
| 17th   | Sat   | 10.30am-1.00pm  | <b>Saturday Play for Winnie-the-Pooh Day</b> Free. All ages welcome. Drop in  |
| 10th & 24th  | Sat   | 10.30am-1.00pm  | <b>Construction Corner</b> Free. All ages welcome. Drop in.   |
| 22nd   | Thurs | 10.30am-12.00pm | <b>Health Information Fair</b> Free. Drop in. Come and chat with various charities / organisations about different health conditions. |
| Weekly Activities at Oundle Library (Please note that we are closed on 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2026) |       |                 |   |
| Mon  |       | 10.30am-12.00pm | <b>Spin a Yarn knitting and crochet group</b> All welcome. Free. Drop in.   |
| Tues   |       | 11.00am-11.30am | <b>Rhymetime</b> Under 5's. Free. Bookable.   |
| Tues   |       | 1.00pm-4.30pm   | <b>Board Games afternoon</b> All ages. Free. Drop in.   |
| Weds   |       | 10.00am-11.00am | <b>Storytime and Craft</b> Under 5's. Free. Bookable.   |
| Weds (term time)   |       | 2.30pm-4.00pm   | <b>Oundle School IT support</b> . Come in to get help and advice about your technology. Free. Drop in.                                |
| Thurs (Starting back 15 <sup>th</sup> )  |       | 2.00pm-3.30pm   | <b>Crafternoon</b> Join us for coffee, crafts and chat. You are welcome to bring your own projects with you. Free. Drop in.           |
| Fri  |       | 10.00am-11.00am | <b>Baby Time</b> Under 1's. Free. Bookable.   |
| Sat  |       | 11:00am-12:00pm | <b>French Language Café</b> Free. Drop in.  |

To book your place either email us on [oundle.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:oundle.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk), call us on 0300 126 3000 option 5 option 3, contact us on Facebook or pop into Oundle Library, Glapthorn Road, Oundle, PE8 4JA to speak to a member of staff

## Kettering



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*Kettering, Burton Latimer and Barton Seagrave, Desborough and Rothwell*

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## Kettering

### **Information and Guidance Drop In's for Young People**

What sort of Information do we offer?

Information on Local Foodbanks, warm spaces/transport. Information for victims of bullying, information for victims of crime. Signposting for Addiction. Finance online resources.

Signposting to any other relevant charities/agencies (Not an exhaustive list. These are just some examples. Any questions, contact details are on the last slide)

What sort of guidance do we offer?

Help with writing a C.V. Job Applications. Applying for Passports/ID. Tips for learning to drive. Applying for University. Applying for benefits. Support for volunteering. Applying for Housing. Tips for Budgeting.

(Not an exhaustive list. These are just some examples. Any questions, contact details are given below)

Other ways we can support you at our frequent drop-in sessions.

Organising social activities with others who share similar interests and hobbies.

Local Well-being walks

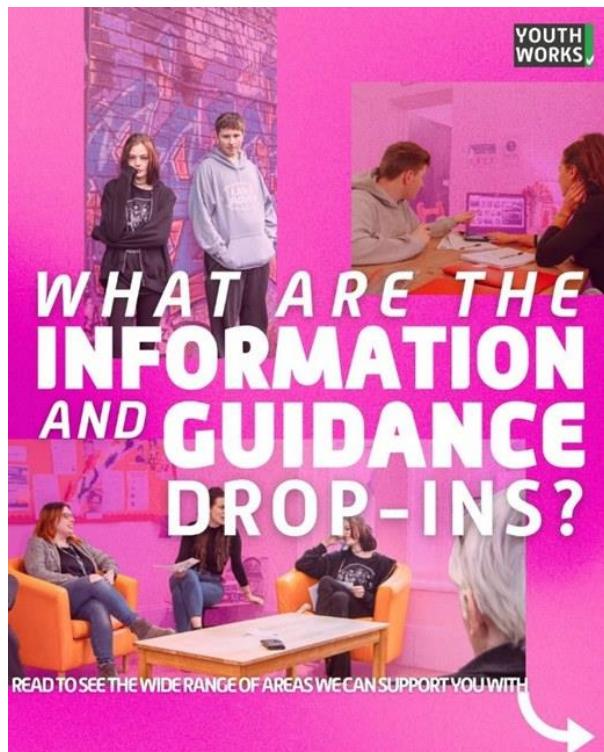
Organise support groups for young carers.

Organise support groups for Neurodivergent Individuals.

(Not an exhaustive list. These are just some examples. Any questions, just contact us)

[Youth Works Northamptonshire](#)

Telephone: 01536 518339



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- INFO ON LOCAL FOODBANKS
- WARM SPACES/TRANSPORT
- INFO FOR VICTIMS OF BULLYING
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# WHAT SORT OF GUIDANCE DO WE OFFER?

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- HELP WITH WRITING A CV
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### Monthly Art Club at the Yards for Young People

Art Club Monthly Art Club

Last Wednesday of the Month 4pm to 6pm.

Drawing, Zinnes, Tie-dye, Cardboards, Crafts and more!

11 to 18 years, Free Art Club at The Yards, Kettering.



11-18 YRS, FREE ART CLUB  
@ THE YARDS, KETTERING

## **Explore-A-Story - Suki Cat: Astronaut at Kettering Library**

**Kettering Library Jan 16 from 10am to 11am GMT**

A storytime session for under 5s and their grown-ups followed by crafts and sensory play. Come along to Explore a Story at Kettering Library's temporary location in Cornerstone.

This week we're kicking off the new year and dreaming big with Suki Cat: Astronaut!

**To book please visit [Explore-A-Story - Suki Cat: Astronaut Tickets, Fri, Jan 16, 2026 at 10:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)**

Please note, these sessions are for families and small groups.

You must book a ticket for all adults and children who will be present. If possible, please limit the amount of adults attending to allow more children to attend.

We are operating a cloakroom system for buggies during all of our Under 5s events due to limited space. When you arrive for the event, we will put a numbered tag on your buggy and place it in a secure room for the duration of the session. At the end of the group, just tell a member of staff your number, and they will retrieve your buggy for you.

If you are no longer able to attend, please cancel your ticket via Eventbrite so that other children can book onto the event. If you have any difficulties with the Eventbrite website and are unable to cancel your ticket, please contact the library. You can call us on 0300 126 3000 or email us at [kettering.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:kettering.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk)

If you realise on the day of the event that you are unable to attend, i.e. due to illness, please still contact us so that we are aware you are not coming.



## **LIVE Team Pop Up Shop Items for Free**

Our first pop up shop of 2026 is this time next week! Wednesday 14th January. 10am-2pm at 40 London Road Kettering NN15 7QA.

Every customer will be given 5 tokens and can exchange these for the stock we will have on display including school uniform, interview and work clothes, clothing essentials and accessories.

Is it definitely all free? Yes!

Pop down and meet our team and take the things you need away.



## Kettering Womens Centre January Timetable

January kicks off with sessions delivered by **Eve Domestic Abuse Service**, alongside practical and wellbeing-focused workshops including **January Reset, Connect to Work, Mind Your Money, Finding Peace with Food**, and **free NHS Health Checks**. For those who enjoy something creative, we're also running our popular **woolly crafts** sessions.

Our **drop-in service** continues to run from **10am–2pm, Tuesday to Friday**, offering a welcoming space to pop in for a chat, support, and a listening ear.

**We Women Matter** takes place on Wednesdays and **Accommodation Concern** joins us on Thursdays to provide housing support

We're also excited to announce that our **ShineWoman Empowerment Group** begins on **13th January**.

9 January. 10am to 2pm Drop in. Eve 2 Eve.

13 January 10am to 2pm Drop in. 12 to 2pm ShineWoman week 1.

14 January. 10am to 2pm. 10am to 12 Noon. We women matter. 12 Noon to 2pm. Free NHS Health checks.

15 January. 10am to 2pm. Drop in Talk & Tea. 10.30am Accommodation Concern.

16 January. 10am to 2pm. Drop in. Eve 2 Eve.

20 January. 10am to 2pm Drop In. 12 Noon to 2pm ShineWoman week 2.

21 January. 10am to 2pm Drop In. 10am to 12 Noon We Women Matter. 12 Noon to 2pm Free NHS health checks.

22 January. 10am to 2pm Drop in Talk & Tea. 10.30am Accommodation Concern.

23 January. 10am to 2pm Drop in Eve 2 Eve.

27 January 10am to 2pm Drop in. 12 Noon to 2pm ShineWoman week 3

28 January. 10am to 2pm Drop in. 10am to 12 Noon We women matter. 12 Noon to 2pm Wooly Crafts.

29 January. 10am to 2pm Drop in Talk & Tea. 10.30am Accommodation Concern. 10am to 12 Noon Finding peace with food.

30 January. 10am to 2pm Drop in Eve 2 Eve.

| Kettering Women's Centre |  | 5 Meadow Road, Kettering NN16 8TL   |  | C2C SOCIAL ACTION            |   |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------|---|
| January 2026             |  |   |  | January Highlights           |   |
|                          |  |   |  | 1                            | 2   |
|                          |  |   |  | Closed - New Year's Day      | 10am - 2pm Drop in Start the year off with Eve! |
| 6                        | 7  | 8   | 9  |                              |   |
| Closed                   | 10am - 2pm: Drop in 12-2pm January reset     | 10am - 2pm: Drop in 10am - 12 We Women Matter 12 - 2pm Connect to Work        | 10am - 2pm Drop in Talk & Tea 10.30 Accommodation Concern 11am Mind Your Money                 | 10am - 2pm Drop in Eve 2 Eve |   |
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Just pop in! [Email KWC@c2csocialaction.com](mailto:KWC@c2csocialaction.com) or phone 07518 268385 We're here to help!

## Kettering P.A.N.D.A.S Walking FC. PAN-Disability and All-inclusive Scheme

Over 18s Male and Female. Starts 10 January 2026.

**Saturdays 10am to 11am at Kettering Science Academy, Deeble Road, Kettering, NN15 7AA**  
on all-weather pitch.

Open to male and females with all disabilities and learning difficulties

Over 18's adults of all ages and abilities

No running or physical contact allowed in a safe environment.

A great way to exercise, have fun and make new friends.

Run by UEFA 'B' qualified football coach.

For more details and to book your place contact: Jason Thurland on 07969 864328 or email [jayjay.thurland@gmail.com](mailto:jayjay.thurland@gmail.com)

Members of Northants Football Association. Part of Kettering Ladies Walking F.C.



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Walking Football Development Sessions

Starts 10th January 2026

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## Free 12 week Women's Self Defence and Protection Workshop

By North Northants Sports & Welfare Club

St John Community Hall, Edith Road, Kettering NN16 0QA

**Calling all women - Get ready to learn key safety techniques and boost your confidence at this 12-week self-defence workshop in Kettering!**

North Northants Sports & Welfare Club is set to host a Women's 12 week self-defence course in Kettering as part of an ongoing 'BE SAFE' programme to be a Safer you in Jan 2026.

Keen to develop your confidence levels and learn self-defence skills to become a safer you? This FREE 12 Week workshop blends situational awareness and practical tactics for real-world self-defence. This workshop is designed for people who want realistic, usable skills they can apply under stress — whether avoiding danger, de-escalating, or defending themselves when necessary.

The course will be tailored by the instructors each week to suit attendees, so new attendees are welcome to join at any time, when spaces are available. NNSW will be offering the classes at St John Hall Community, Edith Road, Kettering, NN16 0PZ to help women become more confident and aware of their surroundings. Empower and bring a friend or family member too! Limited Spaces Available.

BEFORE JOINING, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO THE COURSE. **To check dates and times, and to register please visit our Eventbrite page [\\*FREE\\* 12 WEEK WOMEN'S SELF DEFENCE & PROTECTION WORKSHOP - KETTERING JAN26 Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)**



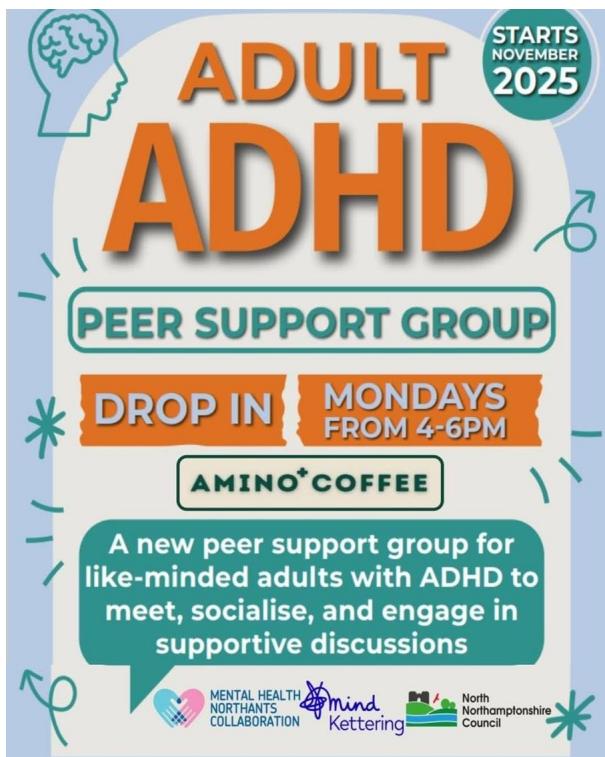
## Adult ADHD Peer Support Group

Adult ADHD Peer Support Group. Starts November 2025

**Peer Support Group. Drop in Mondays from 4pm to 6pm.**

Amino+ Coffee, Unit 1, Market Street, Kettering, NN16 0AH

A new peer support group for like-minded adults with ADHD to meet, socialise, and engage in supportive discussions.



## We Women Matter – Social Support Group in Kettering

**A safe, welcoming space for women to connect, share, and support one another.**

C2C is proud to partner with MindKettering, MentalHealthNorthants, and NorthNorthamptonshireCouncil to create a nurturing community at our Kettering Centre. This group is all about building friendships, finding strength in connection, and supporting mental wellbeing.

**Every Wednesday | 10am–12pm at C2C Kettering Women's Centre 5 Meadow Road Kettering**

Feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or just in need of a supportive circle? You're not alone — and this group is here for you.

Come as you are. Leave feeling heard, supported, and empowered.

For more info, email: [kwc@c2csocialaction.com](mailto:kwc@c2csocialaction.com) or for more information please visit [C2CSocialAction](http://C2CSocialAction)



### **Youth works Activities for Young people and Families**

**Circus Skills Every Monday 6pm to 7pm. Families and Young People Welcome.**

Circus Skills. William Knibb Centre, Montague Street, Kettering, N16 8AE.

£1.50 per person.

For more information contact Youth Works on 01536 518339

**Craft Works Wednesdays 5.15pm to 6.45pm**

Keystone, 97 Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN16 9HX.

Craft Works is a safe space to meet new people and engage in Arts and Crafts!

For ages 11 to 18 year olds.

For more information contact Youth Works on 01536 518339

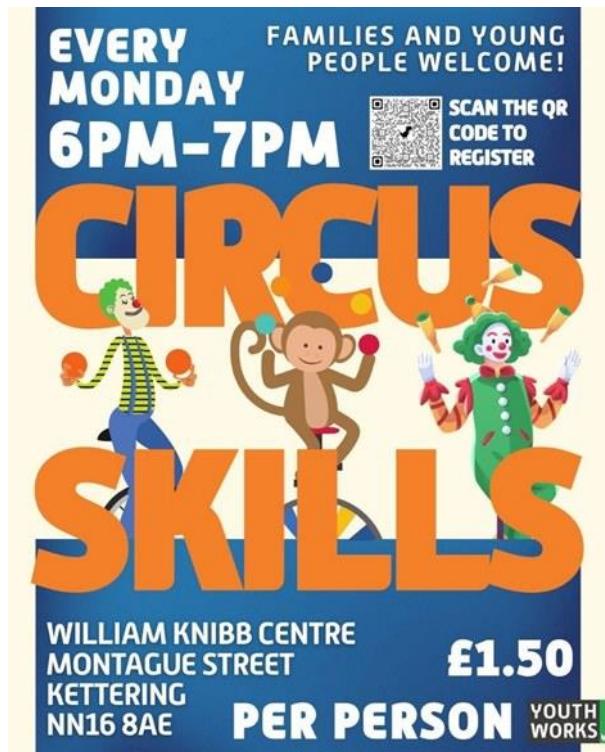
**Youth Works Board Game Club Throne of Games. Wednesday 6pm to 7.30pm.**

Free of Charge.

Any questions ring: 01536 518339

Keystone, 97 Rockingham Road, Kettering, NN16 9HX. 11 to 18 year olds.

To register for any of these sessions please visit [Youth Works Group Registration](#)





**Burton Latimer and Barton Seagrave**

**Welcome to SMUFs, a place for Pre-school worship and play.**

**Come and join us every Tuesday morning (term time) from 10.30 to 11:30**

Every week we explore a different theme from the Bible as well as singing songs and learning to pray for the world around us. We then have a time of free play with toys, colouring and a biscuit.

All children under five (including babies) are welcome to come along with their parent or carers.

**SMUFs is free**, although we do take a no obligation collection during the group, which covers the cost of hiring the Hall.

If you are interested in coming along, SMUFs is held at: **Burton Latimer Guiding Centre, 16 Alexandra Street, Burton Latimer, NN15 5SF** For any more information contact: Emma Barrow on 07759 224 002



#### **Here 4 U Hub**

Burton Latimer Methodist Church, Piggotts Lane, Burton Latimer (Near the Fire Station)

Here 4 U Hub. Free.

**Second Friday of every month from 1pm to 3pm.**

Hot drinks, Jigsaws, Advice and Support, Crafts and Games, Books and Newspapers. Soup and Sandwiches.

Contact Caroline Community Chaplain at [youth@ketteringcorbymethodists.org](mailto:youth@ketteringcorbymethodists.org) Telephone number: 0775 7126944

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## Rothwell and Desborough

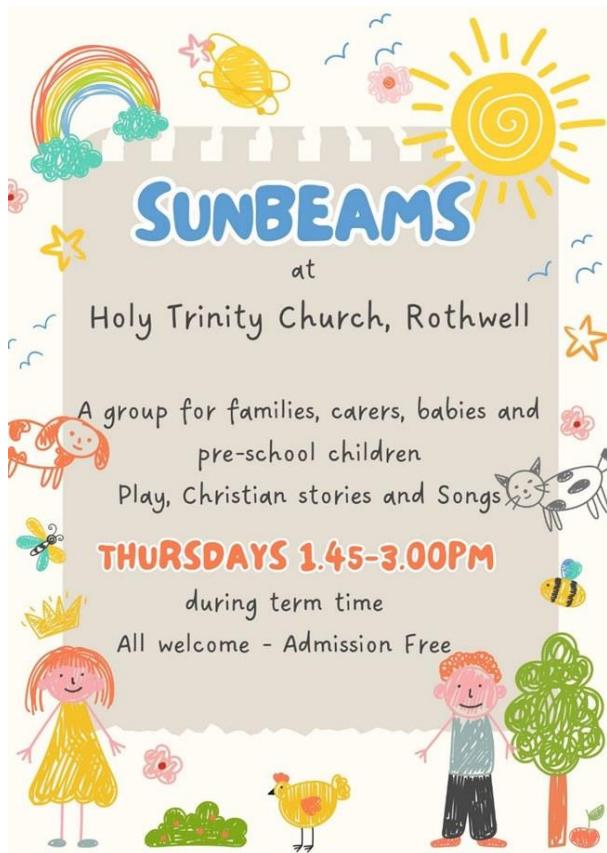
### **Sunbeams at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell.**

A group for families, carers, babies and pre-school children.

Play, Christian stories and Songs.

**Thursdays 1.45pm to 3pm during term time.**

All welcome, admission free.



## Desborough Library under 5s Activities.

### **Story Stomp**

First Wednesday 9.30am to 10.15am

Third Wednesday 2pm to 2:45pm. 0 to 4 years. £1 per child.

### **Baby Time**

Wednesdays, 10:45am to 11.30am. Pre-walkers. £1 per child.

### **Little Steps**

Friday 10:15am to 11:15am. Crawling to 4 years siblings welcome £1 per child

Booking required opens on a Thursday at 9am the week before the sessions. Email [desboroughhcml@gmail.com](mailto:desboroughhcml@gmail.com) or call 01536 532415

**Rhymetime Fridays** 2.00-2.45 0-4's Free Drop in no booking required



## Desborough Library Under 5s Activities

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| <b>Story Stomp</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 9:30 – 10:15am<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 2-2:45pm,<br>0-4s £1 per child  |
| <b>Baby Time</b><br>Wednesdays, 10:45 – 11:30, pre-walkers,<br>£1 per child  |
| <b>Little Steps</b><br>Friday, 10:15 – 11:15,<br>crawling - 4 years (siblings welcome)<br>£1 per child   |
| Booking required, opens on a Thursday at 9am the week before the sessions.<br>Email <a href="mailto:desboroughcml@gmail.com">desboroughcml@gmail.com</a><br>Call: <b>01536 532415</b> or Facebook messenger. |
| <b>Rhymetime</b><br>Fridays, 2-2:45, 0-4s,<br>FREE, Drop in, no booking required.  |

### **The Market House Pantry - Rothwell Foodbank**

The Market House Pantry established 2025. Do you need help or know someone who does?

The Market House pantry is Rothwell's food bank, founded on the principles of compassion and community support. We provide essential services to individuals and families in a time of crisis, ensuring that no one in the area has to go hungry.

**Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 2pm Market House, Market Hill, Rothwell, NN14 6BW.**

For more information, contact Lisa Judge, Health & Wellbeing Officer on 07908 913056 or email [healthandwellbeing@rothwelltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:healthandwellbeing@rothwelltowncouncil.gov.uk)



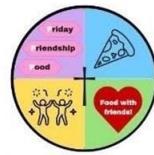
## **Friday, Friendship and Food**

**Join us every Friday during term time. 3pm to 6pm.**

You will be welcomed with a hot meal and a chance to meet others for a couple of hours of hours of friendship, craft, occasional activities and importantly fun!

Join us at the Rothwell Methodist Church on Market Hill.

Friday, Friendship and Food is open to all ages, but all children must be accompanied by an adult.



**FREE!**

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IN COLLABORATION WITH SUCC, NALC, DANE COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

## Corby



## Epic Rollers Corby Re-opens

Re-opening on Saturday 10th January 2026

We are BACK! Open to continue our 2025/26 Skate Season

Come along for a Fantastic Family Fun Roller Skate Session with Tuition Provided

EPIC Rollers CORBY Lodge Park Sports Centre, Corby, NN17 2SG

**Every Saturday 4.15pm - 5.45pm**

Online Tickets Only Skate Entry : £6, Skate Hire Available : £2

Quad & Inline Skates Available or Bring your own

**Free Tuition Provided**

Click the 'BOOK NOW' button or visit: [Tickets – EPIC Rollers UK](#) Let's Roll



## Northants SEND Mummas Collab

Excited to announce joint event with SENDsational Moves

**Saturday 10th January 12-2.30pm sessions broken up in age group, focus being on music and movement, all abilities welcome**

Book online now by visiting [sendsational-moves](#)

## Northants SEND Mummas Collab

Sat 10th January 2026 - Sat 10th January 2026

Beanfield Community Centre, Beanfield Ave, Corby NN18 0AX

Saturday 12.30pm to 12.50pm. Beanfield Community Centre. Music and Movement age 3 to 6 years.

Saturday 1:10pm - 1:30pm. Beanfield Community Centre. Music and Movement - 7-11 years

Saturday 1:50pm - 2:10pm. Beanfield Community Centre. Music and Movement -12-16+ years



## AUDHD Community Embraced CIC

If you need support from those who get it or just a catch up then [AUDHD Community Embraced CIC](#) have the opportunity.

Daytime support meetings 9.30am to 11.30am

21 January, 4 February, 18 February

4 March, 18 March, 1 April.

West Glebe Park Pavilion, Corby NN17 1SX

Peer Support from those who 'get it' A safe space to chat freely with no judgement

Tea, Coffee, Juice and sweet treats

Children welcome.

Scan the QR code on the poster to join the online community



### New Year.....New Raid Join us and Become a Viking

NEW YEAR.....NEW RAID Instead of making a New Year's resolution of NEW YEAR NEW ME....why not join a new hobby.

Why should you become a Viking?

Learn a discipline , Great mental health, Learn about history in a fun practical way, Learn combat skills (variety of weapons), Learn authentic crafts and skills, Make new friends, Great exercise (cheaper and more fun than the gym ), Regular training, Learn how to do archery and axe throwing

It's a path to connect with nature, learn new skills, and experience the world through the lens of the past, finding balance and meaning Basically learn lots of cool stuff and have an awesome time and be part of the BEST community!

**Sundays 1-4pm Great Oakley Village Hall, Lewin Road, Great Oakley, Corby NN18 8JS**

**First week FREE** DM if you have any question our Facebook page is [Vikings Of Mercia](#) Or email [vikingsofmercia@mail.com](mailto:vikingsofmercia@mail.com)



### **Women's wellbeing group (2026)**

It's January & it's that time of year when you're recovering from the hustle & bustle of Christmas & New Year. Getting back to a normal routine can be a relief, but for some they may find it difficult. If you need some time out - we are here for you.

**Our group runs every 3rd Thursday of the month, 7-9pm for women 18+. A free, non-judgmental, welcoming space to have a cuppa & a chat.**

Corby Silver Band Club, Denford Road, Corby NN17 2QW (in the lounge).

Next one is Thursday 22nd January 2026 hope to see you there.

### **The Rainbow Circle LGBTQ+**

LGBTQ+ and Social Group

A safe place to be yourself. Be you. Belong here. Games, Art, Chats and more!

1st and 3rd Thursday every month, term time 4pm to 5.30pm. Corby Library.

For ages 11 to 16.

Corby Cube, George Street, Corby NN17 1QG Corby

For more information please contact [corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk)



### **Enfold Autism Support Information Session.**

**Monday 19 January. 2pm to 4pm.**

Enfold is a growing charity providing an important range of support services to help improve the lives of those living with Autism Spectrum Condition and their families, whether diagnosed, undiagnosed, adult or child.

**Book a slot with a member of the Enfold team to find out more about:**

- Parent Carer Support groups.
- Family Activities
- Autism support service.
- Adult social groups and training.
- About Autism awareness and some strategies to support your family.

To book please contact us at the following: email [Corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk) or call us on 0300 126 3000 option 5. option 3. Address: Corby Library, Corby Cube, Parkland Gateway, George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG



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Phone: 0300 126 3000 (Option 5, Option 3)  
Facebook: @corbylibrary



## Corby Library January Family Activities

Saturday 10 Jan. 10am to 11.30am Saturday Play. Dress Up Costumes and small world play. Drop In.

Saturday 17 Jan. 10am to 11.30am. Construction Corner. Popoids and Stickle Bricks. Drop in.

Saturday 24 Jan. 10am to 11.30am. Burns night Tartan Weaving Craft. Booking Required.

Saturday 31 Jan. 10am to 11.30am. Construction Corner built with K'nex. Drop In.

For bookable activities speak to staff, drop us a line on Facebook, email [Corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk) or call us on 0300 126 3000 option 5. option 3.

Please note that staffing may not be available at all available events, therefore adult supervision is essential. These sessions are FREE to attend and are suitable for all ages. Booking opens a week in advance of the session date for those sessions requiring booking.

## Family Activities

### Corby Library- January

|                           |               |  |                  |
|---------------------------|---------------|--|------------------|
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 10.00- 11.30  | Construction Corner - Giant Marble Run Fun             | Drop In          |
| Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00 – 11.30 | Saturday Play – Dress Up Costumes and Small World Play | Drop In          |
| Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00 – 11.30 | Construction Corner – Popoids and Stickle Bricks       | Drop In          |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> | 10.00 – 11.30 | Burns Night Tartan Weaving Craft                       | Booking Required |
| Saturday 24th             | 10.00 - 11.30 | Saturday Play – Board Games                            | Drop In          |
| Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> | 10.00 – 11.30 | Construction Corner – Build with K'nex                 | Drop In          |



For Bookable activities speak to staff, drop us a line on Facebook, email us at Corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk or call us on 0300 126 3000 option 5 option 3

**Please note that staffing may not be available at all above activities therefore, adult supervision is essential.**

These sessions are FREE to attend and are suitable for all ages. Booking opens a week in advance of the session date for those sessions requiring booking.



### Mind Community Champions at Corby Library

**Thursday 22 January 10am to 3pm**

As part of Health Information Week, 19 to 25 January 10am to 3pm.

Come and find out more about the role of Mind Community Champions and how you can get involved. Are you a good listener? Do you have a few hours a week to spare? Do you want to make a positive difference?

Find out more: Telephone: 07873705419 or email

[Lynette.lewis@northamptonshiremind.org.uk](mailto:Lynette.lewis@northamptonshiremind.org.uk)

[Northamptonshire Mind | Mental Health Support](http://Northamptonshire Mind | Mental Health Support)

**LibraryPlus**

**Mind Community Champions**

**Corby Library**

Thursday 22nd January  
10.00 am – 3.00pm

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**Community Champions**  
for better mental health

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[NorthamptonshireMind.org.uk](http://NorthamptonshireMind.org.uk)

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Address: Corby Library, Corby Cube, Parkland Gateway, George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG  
 Email: [corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:corby.libraryplus@northnorthants.gov.uk)  
 Phone: 0300 126 3000 (Option 5, Option 3)  
 Facebook: @corbylibrary

## Kinship Carers Wellbeing Hub

Are you a Kinship Carer? Would you like to meet other Kinship Carers?

If so, please join us on the **2nd Thursday of the month** at Little Jimmy's, Pen Green Children's Centre, Rockingham Road, Corby, NN17 1BJ, from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.

This is an adult only group running term time only. Refreshments and a warm welcome and a warm welcome provided.

For more information, please contact Northamptonshire Carers on 01933 677907.

Northamptonshire Carers, supporting Carers countrywide.

For more information please visit [Northamptonshire Carers Association](http://NorthamptonshireCarersAssociation)



## Free 12 Week Womens Self Defence and Protection Workshop

By North Northants Sports & Welfare Club -Alberta Close

**Multiple dates From January 26 Calling all women - Get ready to learn key safety techniques and boost your confidence at this FREE 12-week self-defence workshop in Corby!**

North Northants Sports & Welfare Club is set to host a Women's 12 week self-defence course in Corby as part of an ongoing 'BE SAFE' programme to be a Safer you in Jan 2026.

Keen to develop your confidence levels and learn self-defence skills to become a safer you? This FREE 12 Week workshop blends situational awareness and practical tactics for real-world self-defense. This workshop is designed for people who want realistic, usable skills they can apply under stress — whether avoiding danger, de-escalating, or defending themselves when necessary.

The course will be tailored by the instructors each week to suit attendees, so new attendees are welcome to join at any time, when spaces are available. NNSW will be offering the classes at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre, Alberta Close, Corby, NN18 9HU to help women become more confident and aware of their surroundings. Empower and bring a friend or family member too! Limited Spaces Available. BEFORE JOINING, PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ARE COMMITTED TO THE COURSE.

**To check dates and times, and to register please visit our Eventbrite page [\\*FREE\\* 12 WEEK WOMEN'S SELF DEFENCE & PROTECTION WORKSHOP - CORBY JAN26 Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)**



**Activity Programme Timetable - All sessions at Kingswood Neighbourhood Centre,  
Alberta close, NN18 9HU.**

**All sessions are free to attend**

**Monday**

Premier League kicks 4.30pm to 5.30pm MUGA/Field

Calisthenic bar sessions 5.30pm to 6.30pm Main Hall

**Tuesday**

Music with Lisa SEN 4pm to 4.45pm Youth Room

SEND Social group 4pm to 5pm. Main Hall

**Wednesday**

Muay Thai 4pm to 5pm Main Hall

KUD Football 5:15pm to 6pm MUGA

MMAP Workshop 6pm to 7.30pm Meeting Room

**Thursday**

Multi Sports/fitness 4.30pm to 5.15pm Main Hall

Youth Club 5.15pm to 6.30pm. Youth Room

Contact [robert.lovegrove@kudproject.org](mailto:robert.lovegrove@kudproject.org) for info or follow us on Facebook



### Activity programme timetable

All sessions @ Kingswood neighbourhood centre, Alberta close, NN18 9HU

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| MONDAY    | Premier League kicks 4:30PM - 5:30PM - MUGA/Field<br>Calisthenic bar sessions - 5:30pm - 6:30pm - Main Hall  |
| TUESDAY   | Skateboard sessions - 3:45pm - 5:15pm - Skatepark<br>Music With Lisa - SEN - 4:00PM - 4:45PM - Youth Room<br>SEND Social group - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Main Hall |
| WEDNESDAY | Muay Thai - 4:00pm - 5:00pm - Main Hall<br>KUD Football - 5:15pm - 6:00pm - MUGA<br>MMAP Workshop - 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Meeting Room                           |
| THURSDAY  | Multi sports/fitness - 4:30pm - 5:15pm - Main Hall<br>Youth club - 5:15pm - 6:30pm - Youth Room  |

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## Andy's Man Club in Corby

Andy's Man Club offer free to attend peer-to-peer support groups.

They want to end the stigma surrounding men's mental health and help men through the power of conversation.

In Corby they hold sessions at the Patrick Road Resource Centre and Stephenson Way Community Centre.

Find out more by emailing [info@andysmanclub.co.uk](mailto:info@andysmanclub.co.uk) or visit their [Facebook profile](#)



## Bub Club Corby

- **Time:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- **Place:** Arran Community Centre, Mull Drive, Corby NN17 2XF
- **Cost:** Free

Bub Club is a creative play, movement and storytelling group for under 5s led by artist Sophia Madden at Arran Community Centre in Corby. Join us on Mondays for a friendly play session with a cuppa and a chat afterwards. Free for residents of our funded Corby area, however booking is essential – tickets for the new term will be available soon!

**To book please visit [Bub Club Corby | Arts & Community Events Wellingborough Made With Many](#)**



### **Housing and/or Financial Advice in Corby**

Need Housing or Financial Advice in Corby? Accommodation Concern are at **Pen Green** **every Tuesday, 9am–12pm.**

Offering FREE support with: Housing issues (eviction, homelessness, repairs, applications), Debt advice & budgeting help, Emergency support (energy vouchers, food parcels, white goods), Benefits checks, claims & appeals

Can't make it? Call 01536 416560 or email [Help@a-c.org.uk](mailto:Help@a-c.org.uk)

Pen Green Children's Centre, Rockingham Rd, Corby NN17 1BJ

**Need advice?**

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9am - 12pm

**Housing Advice?**

**1**

- Eviction paperwork
- Rights and responsibilities of tenants & landlords
- Liaise with council/housing associations
- Court representation
- Homelessness
- Access to social or private housing
- Repairs
- Legal obligations of tenants
- Application to social housing (Keyways)



**Debt Advice?**

**2**

- Budgeting
- Negotiating payments with creditors
- Sourcing cheaper gas/electric providers



**Benefits Advice?**

**3**

- Maximising income/Benefit checks - are you claiming everything you are entitled to?
- Claiming and appealing Welfare benefits
- PIP claims/Apppeals
- Employment Support Allowance claims/appeals



**Emergency Support?**

**4**

- Food voucher and food parcels
- Carpets & flooring
- Emergency energy vouchers (gas/electric)
- White goods
- Tenancy deposits/first months rent (max £700)



**Cant make it? Call or email us!**  
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## Declaration and Information

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