

# #Northants Together

## Keeping you updated

15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Welcome to the Northants Together Partnership Update for colleagues working across the LRF and the wider community. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about how we are working together to support local people across Northamptonshire.**

Inside you will find lots of updates on things we have been working on together to support our Northamptonshire communities. There are great examples of how colleagues across our council services have been working together, both out and about in our communities and on coordinated projects to deliver the things our community needs.

In this week's edition, much of the news has a focus on changes taking place across the county as we move towards a "new normal". Some businesses reopen this week and this will mean some changes to high streets and retail units.

Our new normal may be in place for some time, so we continue to ask people to follow social distancing regulations, especially as lockdown eases in some areas.

### The New Normal Social distancing

Staying 2 metres apart keeps the  
infection rate low



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Updates from colleagues including:



**Kettering**  
Borough Council



Borough Council of  
**Wellingborough**



# **IN ACTION: OUR LATEST ACTIVITY**

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# **Pregnant women reassured measures are in place to protect them from coronavirus**

**Over 1,447 babies have been safely delivered since lockdown began on 23 March. Pregnant women who are worried about attending antenatal appointments are being reassured that measures are in place to protect them from coronavirus.**

As part of the NHS' rapid response to COVID-19, maternity services in Northamptonshire have had to change some of the care pathways and services in order to keep everyone safe and to follow national guidance.



This includes minimising face-to-face appointments including obstetric clinic appointments and making amendments to community services to limit non-essential face-to-face contact.

As part of the social distancing strategy and also in line with the national guidance, birth partners are also being restricted to one per woman at this time.

Dr Emma Donnelly, Local GP and Clinical Lead for Maternity Services at Northamptonshire CCG said: "Being pregnant is a joyful time but it can also bring a lot of stress and anxiety to women and their partners, and we understand many of you are worried about the impact of coronavirus. In these worrying times we want you to feel assured that everything possible is being done to ensure your safety and retain the high levels of care you would receive at any other time.

"It's really important to keep in contact with your midwife during your pregnancy and maintain any appointments you have with them. If you have any concerns about your pregnancy or about your baby's wellbeing, please do not delay contacting your midwife or maternity services."

Up-to-date information relating to maternity services, including visiting policies, birth partners and contact numbers is available on the hospitals' websites:

- [Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust](#)
- [Kettering General Hospital Foundation Trust](#)

Patricia Ryan, Deputy Director of Midwifery, at NGH said: "We still want expectant mums to attend their appointments and see their midwives regularly. If they do have any concerns our team will be happy to support them".

## Reopening businesses advised to assess Legionnaires' disease risk

**Businesses which have had to close buildings or reduce occupancy or activity during the coronavirus outbreak are being advised to carry out risk assessments prior to reopening, as water system stagnation can occur due to lack of use and increase the risks of Legionnaires' disease.**

Employers, the self-employed and people in control of premises, such as landlords, have a duty to protect people by identifying and controlling risks associated with Legionella. This means businesses are responsible for carrying out a risk assessment, to determine whether further action is required to ensure premises are safe to reopen.

Legionnaires' disease is a lung infection, caused by inhaling small droplets of water, suspended in the air, which contain Legionella bacteria. Legionnaire's disease is rarely transferred between people and can be treated with antibiotics, however of concern at the moment is the fact symptoms are similar to those linked with COVID-19, so people may not recognise they have been infected. Symptoms of Legionnaire's Disease include a high temperature or fever, a cough, along with muscles pains, a headache and sometimes pneumonia. People who are feeling unwell with similar unexplained symptoms should ring NHS111.

Lucy Wightman, Director of Public Health for Northamptonshire said: "This has been a very challenging time for businesses, with many sites needing to close or limit occupancy for a considerable period of time.

"Businesses should seek to be proactive in assessing the risk of Legionnaire's Disease occurring within their workplaces to minimise the risk caused by this potentially fatal illness as they prepare to reopen.

"Each of the borough and district councils have Environmental Health Officers who are working hard to support businesses and workplaces in returning to work, so please use this resource to support you in taking the necessary steps to ensure that your workplaces are safe."

Further details on Legionnaires Disease, the type of workplaces which may be at most risk and details of how to carry out risk assessments can be found on the Health and Safety Executive website [here](#).

Details of your Environmental Health team can be found on your local borough or district council website.



# Northamptonshire welcomes more COVID-19 Mobile Testing Units

**More Mobile Testing Units (MTUs) have been deployed in Northamptonshire to help local people with coronavirus symptoms to access testing closer to where they live.**

An MTU was deployed in Corby throughout the weekend and a further unit will be in Silverstone from today (Monday) until Wednesday.

The military-led facilities are accessible by appointment only for people with symptoms of coronavirus (new, continuous cough; high temperature; loss of or change in sense of smell or taste). Appointments can be made via the Gov.UK website at [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested)

Mobile Testing Units have been deployed in different locations around the county throughout May and June, providing opportunities for Northamptonshire residents to get tested without having to travel too far.

Mobile units are only in a location for a few days. They have an integrated one-way system that allows people with an appointment to attend for either walk-in or drive-through testing.

Essential workers are given priority.



HM Government NHS

Icons: High temperature, Cough, Loss of taste/smell, and a crossed-out icon of a person coughing into their elbow.

## CORONAVIRUS

### STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS

**HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms. Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**



## CORONAVIRUS - the symptoms

If you have any of these symptoms, self-isolate and get tested

- High temperature
- New, persistent cough
- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste



# Multi-agency operation to improve safety across town

**A multi-agency operation conducted last Saturday (6 June) in Northampton saw social distancing compliance checks completed in residential areas and at more than 35 businesses.**

Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire Police and the Northampton Partnership Homes conducted inspections and provided advice on social distancing measures to over 35 businesses.

Following the observations, social distancing requirements were found as satisfactory at most premises. Two breaches of the business regulations were identified along with a number of potential breaches of licensing legislation. Advice on health and safety at work was provided at one of the premises.

Councillor Mike Hallam, Cabinet member for environment, said: "We know that the vast majority of individuals and organisations are following the guidance and I would appeal to everyone including the business community to carry on with the great work protecting customers and staff and I encourage everyone who requires further clarification on the new rules to contact our Environmental Health and Licensing team.

"We appreciate how hard it is for businesses that are closed, and in some cases operating very differently, but it's important that they reopen safely and support staff and customers to adhere to necessary rules through appropriate measures, including social distancing, good hygiene, enhanced cleaning, shielding employees who are particularly vulnerable to severe illness and supporting employees with symptoms to self-isolate. "

Chief Inspector Pete Basham, said: "We continue to work with our partners to engage with the county's businesses - we want them to have all the information they need to comply with the government's social distancing guidelines which will enable them to trade successfully and safely.

"We urge the public to be patient while stores put measures in place so that when they are open, their employees and customers are safe."

Nicky McKenzie, assistant director of housing at Northampton Partnership Homes said: "We have been working in close partnership with the local authorities and other agencies throughout the Covid-19 outbreak and we were pleased to be able to support this important initiative."

For more information advice and guidance, please contact Council's Environmental Health and Licensing team at [ehfs@northampton.gov.uk](mailto:ehfs@northampton.gov.uk)



# Scams Awareness Fortnight

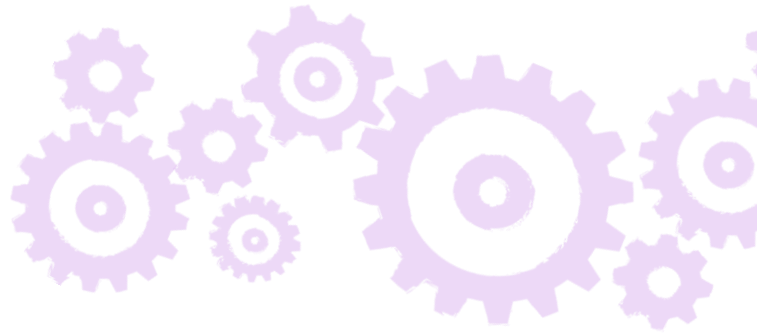
## 15<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June

This year protecting people against scams is more important than ever.

The coronavirus crisis means more people are facing life changing issues - from employment and debt, to housing and health - resulting in them being in vulnerable situations.

Added to this, the overall heightened uncertainty and anxiety caused by the pandemic is making everyone more susceptible and more likely to fall victim to a scam. Empowering the public against scams is crucial during these uncertain times.

Help us spread the message that scams are crimes that can happen to anyone and that we can all take a stand to help stop them. There are actions we can all take to report them, share stories and raise awareness of scams to safeguard ourselves and others.



Watch  
out for  
Corona  
Virus  
Scams

Lots of scammers are using coronavirus to trick people into giving them money or personal information they can use to commit fraud. Help stop them in your community by talking to your friends and family about scams, and what they can do to protect themselves.

#### Scams to look out for include:

- Advertising face masks or medical equipment at high prices
- Emails or texts pretending to be from the government
- Emails offering life insurance against coronavirus
- People knocking at your door and asking for money for a fake charity

#### Protect yourself against coronavirus scams:

- Make sure you only use trusted sources of information about coronavirus
- If you see emails about coronavirus from someone you don't know, don't click on any links or buy anything
- Don't give money or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust - for example, if someone knocks on your door and offers to help

Citizens Advice helps give people the knowledge and confidence they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem.

Our network of charities offers confidential advice online, over the phone, and in person, for free.

We use our evidence to show big organisations - from companies right up to the government - how they can make things better for people.

# Could it be a scam?

Be #ScamAware

[citizensadvice.org.uk](https://citizensadvice.org.uk)



Citizens Advice June 2020

Citizens Advice is an operating name of The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux. Registered charity number 279057

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& Industrial Strategy





# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

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# Northamptonshire Police

## Police shields to be turned into PPE

**Officers from Northamptonshire Police's Operations Team are helping to provide essential personal protective equipment (PPE) to their colleagues in the local NHS.**



Following an audit of the Force's public order equipment, the team unearthed more than 50 redundant shields, including 30 which were bought nearly two decades ago, to provide police support to the prison service.

However, the proposed industrial action didn't take place and as the 7ft Armadillo shields were designed for a very specific function, the stock became surplus to requirements and abandoned in storage - until now!

With such plastic materials in high demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic, officers have delivered the shields to Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust to be repurposed into PPE.

The shields will be used to create plastic screens in the reception and clinical areas at both hospitals, as well as at the Corby Urgent Care Centre and other community outpatient clinics. More [here](#).



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# Northamptonshire Police

## Lockdown artwork competition results

Northamptonshire Police asked the county's children and young people to share their lockdown artwork.

There was a fantastic response to the request and a celebratory video has been produced to showcase all the creative, colourful work we received.

There are clearly a lot of talented young people in Northamptonshire!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful work – your originality, talent and skill shines through.

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Watch the video here





# Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

## Child Safety Week

With children at home during the COVID-19 pandemic and so many parents and carers busy multi-tasking, there has arguably never been a better time to remind families about safety.

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) is proud to be supporting the national Child Safety Week (1-7 June), a community education campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT).

More information [here](#).



## Students take part in schools challenge

More than 150 entries from young people across Northamptonshire were received for the Virtual Community Safety Challenge COVID-19 and a winner has now been decided. The competition asked secondary school pupils to take on a creative challenge to design ways to make people think about and to raise awareness of important COVID-19 messages.

The challenge reached more than 5,500 students from 13 schools. Students worked by themselves or in virtual teams, sent in a variety of inspired entries, ranging from songs and poems to posters, short stories, online campaigns and even diaries.

A panel of judges, including Chief Fire Officer Darren Dovey, Fire and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold and

Director of Public Health at Northamptonshire County Council, Lucy Wightman, pondered the entries and chose a winner from Prince William School in Oundle. The winner submitted a video in which he played different characters and used props to illustrate some simple messages about how important it is to maintain social distancing and protect others from the spread of coronavirus.

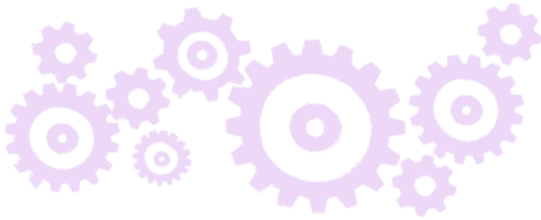
Watch the winning video [here](#).

**Social distancing is  
your superpower**

## Share your ideas on how to make Northamptonshire a better place for cycling and walking

Northamptonshire County Council wants to hear your ideas on how to make Northamptonshire a better place for walking and cycling while maintaining social distancing.

You might have a suggestion on how the council can improve the county's current cycling routes, walkways and roads to make them more cyclist and pedestrian friendly or you may have an idea about how other parts of the road and footway network can be better utilised to create quieter streets and enhance cycling and walking opportunities.



### Have your say...

You can share your ideas and find out more about the project via the council's [Commonplace](#) interactive map. The easy-to-use tool allows you to pinpoint where in the county your suggestion relates to, and to identify why you have dropped a pin in that area and the measures that could be introduced to help promote safe social distancing, cycling and walking. You also have the option to rate the importance of the issue, add further comments and give your opinion on how soon the issue needs to be addressed.

# Concessionary bus pass arrangements in Northamptonshire to return to normal

## **Concessionary bus pass arrangements in Northamptonshire will return to normal from June 15, 2020.**

The passes allow eligible older and disabled people to travel for free from 9.30am to 11pm on weekdays, and all day at weekends and bank holidays.

In March, Northamptonshire County Council agreed to temporarily extend the current bus concessionary travel scheme to 24 hours a day to enable older and vulnerable residents to access essential services, such as early morning food shopping.

But with lockdown restrictions easing and social distancing measures remaining in place, the capacity of services may be reduced, therefore limited peak-hour travel is prioritised for those who may work in shops or factories, or for education.

County Council Cabinet Member for Place, Highways and the Environment, Cllr Jason Smithers said: "Supermarkets are more accessible now than at the beginning of the crisis and the easing of lockdown restrictions means more people will be using public transport for work and school.

"Social distancing measures are in place on buses and as some services may be reduced, we want to ensure there is enough room on routes for workers and pupils, while ensuring concessionary pass holders can still enjoy free travel."

For more information on concessionary bus passes, and their terms and conditions please click [here](#).





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# Summer Reading Challenge

**Northamptonshire County Council's libraries are inviting all children to join the Silly Squad Summer Reading Challenge 2020.**

Celebrating having fun, the Silly Squad are encouraging children to read or listen to anything that makes them happy: fiction or non-fiction, joke books, comics, in digital or print format, books from libraries or books they already have access to at home.

Whilst libraries are closed, this year's Summer Reading Challenge is completely online and children can sign up for free on the [Silly Squad website](#) and begin reading. As they read books, they can write reviews and unlock online badges and activities, before unlocking their certificate once the challenge is completed.

Families are encouraged to join in and get silly with the free downloadable activities released on the website every week. Children can also borrow eBooks and eAudio books from our [e-lending platforms](#), and can become members of the [virtual library](#) by getting their parent or carer to sign them up.

Libraries will also be offering a series of online events during July and August, from crafts to storytelling. See the latest updates by following our [Facebook page](#).



# A SPOTLIGHT ON...

## Key Workers

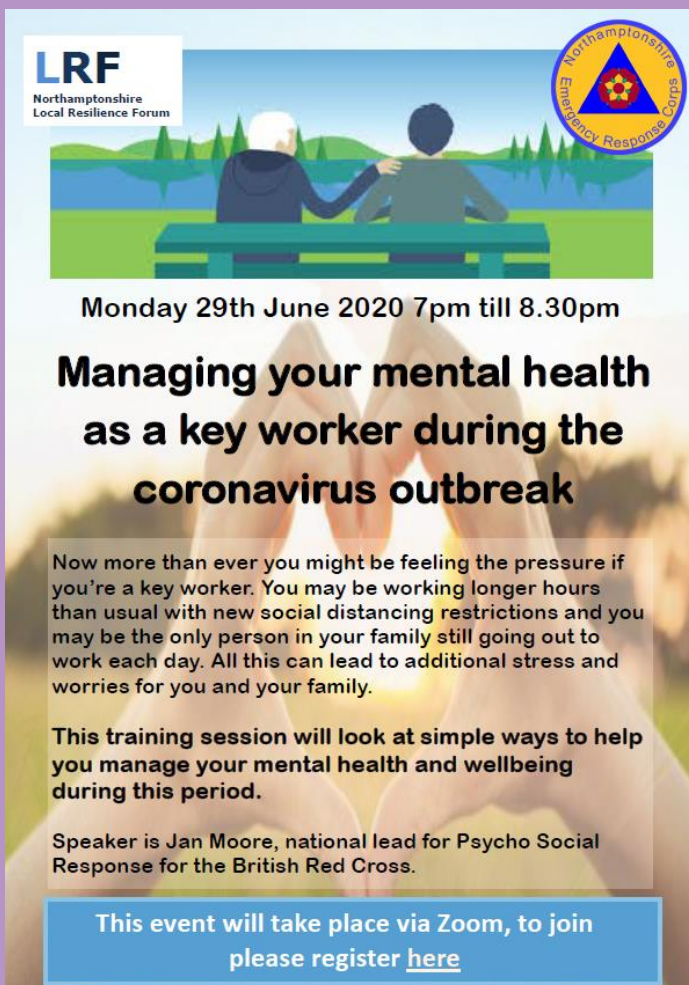
**NERC (Northamptonshire  
Emergency Response Corps)  
are hosting a Volunteer  
Evening: Managing your mental  
health as a key worker during  
the coronavirus outbreak**

NERC hold regular training evenings for their emergency response volunteers in Northamptonshire. They haven't held an event since earlier in the year and as some sort of normality resumes, they are going to reinstate these monthly training evenings for their volunteers.

The next event will be focused on: "Managing your Mental Health." It will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7pm via Zoom so you can attend from your own home.

Jan Moore, from the National British red Cross, the lead for psycho social response will be presenting and questions are welcomed throughout the webinar via the Q&A function.

If you have been supporting the COVID19 response and would benefit from this training, please click on the link to book.



**Monday 29th June 2020 7pm till 8.30pm**

**Managing your mental health  
as a key worker during the  
coronavirus outbreak**

Now more than ever you might be feeling the pressure if you're a key worker. You may be working longer hours than usual with new social distancing restrictions and you may be the only person in your family still going out to work each day. All this can lead to additional stress and worries for you and your family.

**This training session will look at simple ways to help you manage your mental health and wellbeing during this period.**

Speaker is Jan Moore, national lead for Psycho Social Response for the British Red Cross.

**This event will take place via Zoom, to join please register [here](#)**

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# IN THE NEWS...

**Local media continued to focus heavily on case and deaths figures this week. Other media centred around local outbreaks, economic impact and a general summary of the local situation.**

## MEDIA THIS WEEK

- [Covid testing site will be in Corby from tomorrow](#)
- [Coronavirus death toll reaches 5,500 in the Anglia region](#)
- [More coronavirus victims as KGH death toll nears 200](#)
- [Children's home has 16 Covid-19 positive tests](#)
- [Social distancing inspections carried out at homes and businesses in Northampton](#)
- [Northampton General sends cancer patients to private Three Shires Hospital during pandemic](#)
- [Northamptonshire's Covid-19 death toll now stands at 571 lives lost in just 81 days](#)
- [Here's how to make sure your contact tracing call isn't a scam](#)
- [Nearly £32m in emergency cash paid out to Northampton businesses – but £64m remains in the pot](#)
- [Coronavirus to cost South Northamptonshire Council between £2m and £4.5m](#)
- [Recycling areas at two Towcester supermarkets to be binned off after fly-tipping concerns](#)
- [Coronavirus deaths in the Anglia region in single figures for second day](#)
- [Cedar Road Primary School remains closed after staff test positive for coronavirus](#)
- [Anglia region sees lowest daily coronavirus death toll since before lockdown](#)
- [Visiting restrictions at KGH will stay in place to 'keep people safe'](#)
- [Northampton school closed as two staff test positive](#)
- [Coronavirus outbreak at Wellingborough Royal Mail delivery office](#)
- [Black Lives Matter: Police warn coronavirus is still a 'danger' ahead of second Northants protest](#)



# ON TWITTER

3 JUNE – 10 JUNE 2020

Please note these statistics refer to Twitter only. This campaign has also been shared across Facebook / Instagram and YouTube too.

**Total Mentions**  
(of the hashtag across Twitter including retweets and replies)

**1,105**

**Total Impressions**  
(Total number of times the hashtag appeared on a user's screen)

**9.01m**

**Total Reach**  
(Total number of people who have seen the hashtag)

**430,081**

**Engagement Rate**  
(Percentage of people who interacted with posts)

**81.31%**

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**This Is Kettering** @ThisIsKettering · 18h

THIS WEEKEND: Don't miss the online Health & Wellbeing Festival celebrations, with a range of home activities perfect for all the family! Visit: [thisiskettering.com/health-and-wel...](https://thisiskettering.com/health-and-wel...) for more information and things to do. @KHKettering #NorthantsTogether



6 retweets, 3 likes



**WestonFavellShopping** @FavellShopping

To be safe and to be fair to every customer we need to limit the number of people coming in groups, so a maximum of 2 people per household to shop in the centre at any one time.

#WestonFavell #NorthantsTogether #Northampton



**Public Health Northamptonshire** @NorthantsPH · Jun 11

People who have experience of #maternity services are being asked to help 'deliver' enhanced education for future student #midwives at @UniNorthants bit.ly/2zTQytu

#Midwifery #UON #northamptonshire #NorthantsTogether



1 like



**Kettering BC** @KetteringBC · Jun 9

#COVID19 has not gone away – please continue to socially distance. #NorthantsTogether



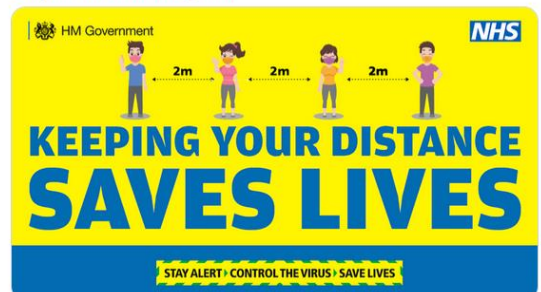
5 retweets, 5 likes



**Northants Fire** @northantsfire · Jun 7

Social distancing saves lives. If you go out today, make sure you keep 2 metres apart from others.

#StayAlert #NorthantsTogether



1 retweet, 5 likes

# PHONE NUMBERS AND WHERE TO GET INFORMATION

## **Corby Voluntary Community Service (CVCS)**

Email: [accesscorby@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:accesscorby@yahoo.co.uk)

Mobile - **07758 383186**

## **Daventry Volunteer Centre (DVC) -**

[www.daventryvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.daventryvolunteers.org.uk)

Tel: **01327 300614** or Mob: **07793 011491**

## **Kettering Voluntary Network (KVN)**

Mobile: **07912480537**

[sean.silver@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:sean.silver@groundwork.org.uk)

## **Nene Valley Community Action (NVCA)** (covering Wellingborough) - [www.nvca.org.uk](http://www.nvca.org.uk)

Telephone: **01933 313526** or email: [info@nvca.org.uk](mailto:info@nvca.org.uk)

## **South Northants Volunteer Bureau (snvb) -**

[www.snvb.org.uk](http://www.snvb.org.uk)

Telephone: **01327 358264** or email [info@snvb.org.uk](mailto:info@snvb.org.uk)

## **Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire (VIN)**

Telephone: **01604 637522** or email:

[Info@voluntaryimpact.org.uk](mailto:Info@voluntaryimpact.org.uk)

## **Useful links**

### **UK government**

[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### **NHS**

[www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Questions about this newsletter?

Contact us at

[nccg.urgentresponsecomms@nhs.uk](mailto:nccg.urgentresponsecomms@nhs.uk)

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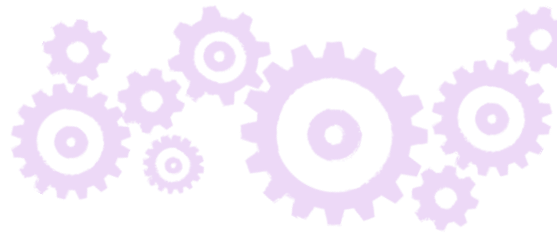




**...AND  
FINALLY**

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# Earth's Lonely Angels



ELA (Earth's Lonely Angels) continue to provide meals each Friday night to the homeless in hotels with the help of their amazing volunteers.



They also continue to support social workers across Northamptonshire with appeals for food parcels, furniture, befriending and welfare calls. You name it they will be there, they are available through their Facebook page and requests for kindness through the community.

They also received some wonderful donations of masks from Audrey Pearce, a local Northampton Scout Leader. It's been wonderful to see a local organisations and local groups coming together.

Shop zero have been one of their donors week in, week out, supporting their missions. This has been a great partnership in helping those in need while also avoiding food going to landfill.

You can visit their Facebook page for an update on all the work that they are doing. <https://www.facebook.com/ainehappy/>

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