



Cabinet Member Report for Community Engagement & Community Safety

Northampton Borough Council

22 July 2019

Councillor Community Fund

Since 1 April 2019, a total of £54,297.33 has been spent by councillors on supporting the delivery of positive outcomes in their wards.

Partnership Support

Northampton Borough Council selected as one of four areas by Public Health England as a result of our actions in delivering the Mental Health Concordat.

More than 25 community and voluntary sector organisations will receive funding in 2019-20 to deliver outcomes that will benefit the community.

Forums

Extended Love Parks Week, activities taking place over six weeks, excellent engagement with the Park Management Committees and Friends Groups, we are supporting and coordinating activities as below:

Saturday & Sunday 6 & 7 July	11am - 4pm	Delapre Abbey	History Alive
Saturday 13 July	10 - 12pm	Eastfield Park	Litter pick - Meet inside Skiddaw Walk entrance - tools and protective gloves provided.
Saturday 13 July	11am - 4pm	Hunsbury Hill Country Park	Alfie Bear's Picnic - all proceeds to Charity. Stalls, dog display team and other attractions.
Sunday 14 July	2pm	Racecourse	Litter pick and painting
Sunday 14 July	2 - 4pm	Beckets Park	Tackling Plastic
Monday 15 July	tbc	West Hunsbury Park	Litter Pick
Tuesday 16 July	10.30am	Eastfield Park	Meet at Morrisons
Tuesday 16 July	1 - 5pm	Abington Park	Taster sessions for boating and fishing. Bouncy castle. Police vehicles, Fire engine. Bug hunt. Colour hunt.
Wednesday 17 July	5.30 - 6.30pm for 8 to 1	Eastfield Park	Street Sports Taster session at the MUGA
Thursday 18 July	12 - 2pm	Beckets Park	Engagement event
Thursday 18 July	3.30 - 5.30pm	Eastfield Park	Kite flying - Skiddaw Field north of the lake. Bring your own kite, or buy one at the event
Friday 19 July	10 - 2pm	Victoria Park	Cutting back, litter pick, educational savenger hunt. Police & Fire
Saturday 20 July	2 - 3.30pm	Eastfield Park	Meet at Spinney Hill Pub Car Park for a gentle walk in and around Eastfield Park taking in some of the area's history.
Sunday 21 July	11 - 4pm	Hunsbury Hill Park	Scavenger Hunt - collect your form from the Friend's of West Hunsbury Parks' stand by Drovers Return Café on the day, or anytime after 21st July until end of August. Free to enter!
Saturday 3 August	10am - 5.30pm	Bradlaugh Fields & Barn	Community event
Saturday 17 August	1 - 5pm	Thornton Park	Community event to launch new equipment and new kitchen for community centre.
Upcoming Activities	See website for further details - www.bradlaugh.org	Bradlaugh Fields & Barn	Camera Club - come and have photos of yourself and your dog taken for free! Aerial photography demonstrations!

20 June – National Refugee Week marked during an event held at the Guildhall, working with partners through the Diverse Communities Forum.

11 July - civic ceremony held in the courtyard to mark Srebrenica, in partnership with Northamptonshire Police.

Planning underway for International Youth Day, being led by the Youth Forum, which will take place on 12 August in the Town Centre.

Events

The Bands in the Park performances continued to attract audiences to Abington Park throughout June and July with the RAF Halton Voluntary, Grettton Silver, Brackley & District, Northampton Concert, Corby Silver Bands performing alongside Fynnis Fogg and the Northampton Male Voice Choir.

In Abington Park we saw Pretty Muddy and Race for Life (22 & 23 June) attract over 4000 runners raising funds for Cancer Research. On Becketts Park (21 – 23 June), Prosecco in the Park attracted around 1000 visitors to the various film shows. Armed Forces Day (29 June) attracted thousands into the town centre to watch the parade and enjoy the entertainment on the Market Square. The annual Town Show was held on the Racecourse and attracted thousands to the park to watch the balloons, listen to the music and enjoy a wide variety of free entertainment over the weekend. Funtopia Children's event (20 – 21 July) took place in Abington Park and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Through the summer we can look forward to the annual Fun Colour Rush on Abington Park (Sun 28 July); the Mela event on Becketts Park (Sun 28 July); the Heritage Show in the Grosvenor Centre (4 – 8 August); the Rockin Roadrunner (15 September) in Abington Park and Half Marathon (29 September) in the town centre and Delapre Park.

Culture & Heritage

Abington Park Museum continues to offer a wide range of exhibitions, activities and events which are appealing to young and old alike.

June saw the exhibition 'Photos for All Seasons: Summer' open – the photographs on display taken by members of the Abington Camera Club (Northampton), beautifully capture the long summer days. The club also opened their annual photography exhibition during the month which celebrates their 70th year.

June saw the last two Art History lectures in the series 'Towards the Third Dimension' attract an audience of 77 adults and the Over 60s summer series of talks continues to be sold out. Transport Day on 15 June attracted over 2,300 visitors through the museum doors to see the Bassett Lowke Gauge One Model railway in action and an estimated 4,000 people in the park enjoyed the vehicles on display. The Northampton Mounts Fire Brigade gave a live demonstration of cutting a car up, vintage buses gave rides around the Abington area and a number of classic cars from private collections were on display. Visitors were also treated to the sounds of 'The Hellcats' in the bandstand.

Annual meetings took place with external representatives with interests in both Yeomanry and Regimental collections – attendees included the Anglian Regiment and the Northamptonshire Yeomanry Association Benevolent Fund.

The Northamptonshire Regimental collections damaged due to leak in the roof at Abington Park Museum have now fully conserved and returned.

The Senior Shoe Curator facilitated a session attended by 40 people on researching your boot and shoe ancestors and the Northampton shoe industry at the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum's Hands on History Day held at The University of Northampton on Saturday 15 June.

A pair of 15th century inspired 12 inch platform shoes are being created by a historical shoemaker to go on display at Northampton Museum & Art Gallery. The Venetian chopines are being made by specialist shoemaker Andy Burke thanks to funding from the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers. Andy Burke unveiled his creation for the first time to shoemaking

apprentices at Northampton College during a workshop and practical session about his work and the historic and heritage elements of shoe making.

Five pairs of 18th century shoes and a selection of buckles are going on loan to Fairfax House, York for their exhibition called The Georgian Edit: Cutting Edge Fashion from the 26th July to 23rd December 2019

Finally, June saw the museum hired out for an Afternoon Vintage Tea event by an external contractor and also a wedding ceremony.

Museum Expansion Project

Roof works are underway to replace and strengthen the roof to the Old Gaol Block and existing Museum. Final elements of steel framework for the extension have been installed and installation of the curtain wall and glazing has commenced. Fitting of mechanical and electrical services throughout the building continues.

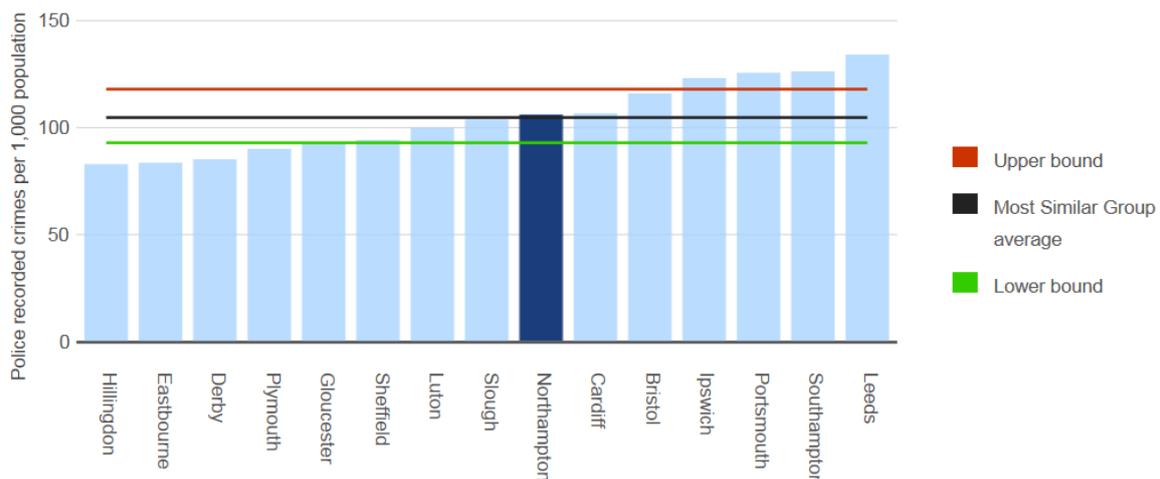
Exhibition work reached a significant milestone with submission of the text for the Shoe Gallery databases. Final designs have been signed off for the two art gallery exhibitions and first major temporary exhibition – ‘We Are Northampton’.

Community Safety

Over the last 24 months, March 2017 – March 2019, there has been an increase in overall crime in Northampton of 7.12% (+1,596 crimes).

Further data can be accessed via www.police.co.uk which provides a statistical breakdown of area (North East, Central and South West) and crime type

In the year ending December 2018, the crime rate in Northampton was about the same as the average crime rate across similar areas.



Jeyes Jetty – 12 week consultation period continues. Engagement sessions planned during the summer in the Town Centre, to directly engage with residents that use the area.

6 June - final primary schools event delivered at the Deco to 180 year 6 children.

10, 11 June - community safety surgery delivered at Sainsbury's on Wellingborough Road and personal safety advice and information session delivered to Irish Support Group in Semilong.

June 19 – consultation at Southfields, trying to develop some positive engagement activities for young people in the area, recognised that there is a lack of youth activities. .

Planning underway for days of action, taking place over the summer, to include Town Centre, Outer Central, Briar Hill, Rye Hill and Kings Heath

Anti-Social Behaviour

NBC's anti-social behaviour officers are currently working on 25 cases involving over 50 individuals/perpetrators. The cases range from neighbour disputes, street drinkers, youth violence/gang issues, shoplifters and Cuckooing.

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