



NSVPP Quarterly News

Northamptonshire Serious Violence Prevention Partnership

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We are pleased to share with you the inaugural edition of our quarterly newsletter designed to keep you updated on our work. We encourage you to forward this onto colleagues who might also benefit from staying informed.

New Safer Northants website launches



The NSVPP has launched *Safer Northants*, a new online resource to help make communities safer. The website empowers young people, parents, and guardians with practical advice on topics such as knife crime and substance use, helping them make informed decisions and access support.

For professionals, the site offers key information on serious violence, an overview of the public health approach to prevention, and guidance on applying for Serious Violence Duty Grants to support future community safety efforts.

The platform also highlights NSVPP's ongoing work, strategies, and updates, connecting users to critical support services and fostering a more informed community.

Visit *Safer Northants*¹ today to explore these resources!

Over £100,000 invested to launch the Sideline Project

We have awarded £116,430 to Athletic Elite², a basketball coaching and development organisation, to launch the Sideline Project.

The Sideline Project uses basketball and sports coaching to improve the physical and emotional wellbeing of young people across Northamptonshire. The project focuses on those young people who are identified as vulnerable to risk, delivering tailored sessions about physical health, confidence, resilience and emotional well-being. It aims to empower young people to make healthier choices, and create safe places for them to belong.

The project will create six-week programmes for secondary schools in priority areas, evening basketball and mentoring sessions for students with attendance problems and/or those referred by the police. These will support young people between the ages of seven and 19. Alongside these programmes the Sideline Project will support the upskilling of basketball coaches in crime prevention.



The priority areas have been identified using the data collected as part of the NSVPP Serious Violence Duty Strategy. They are: Northampton, Kettering, Wellingborough and Corby. This partnership approach ensures that primary interventions, like the Sideline project, are specifically designed to address serious violence in targeted areas. It is a part of the NSVPP's plans to implement a public health approach to violence prevention, gaining an understanding of the causes of violence to develop evidence-based interventions which focus on both reduction and prevention.

¹<https://safernorthants.co.uk/>

²<https://www.athleticelite.uk/>

Week of action focusing on knife crime

In November tackling knife crime took centre stage as Northamptonshire Police joined colleagues across the UK in a week-long operation. Throughout the week officers were joined by us engaging with local communities to provide information and encourage conversations about the risks of knife crime.





£68,642 to Expand Parents under Pressure program

We have awarded £68,642 to Family Support Link³, supporting the expansion of the Northamptonshire Parents under Pressure program (PuP). We first supported the program in 2023, this new award extends the program to support additional families with complex needs, including parental substance abuse and children either currently engaged with child protection or those who are at imminent risk of going into care. It focuses on working with the parents to develop emotional regulation skills, confidence and be emotionally supportive so they can support their children in developing their own self-regulation.

The expansion of the programme will target early intervention within families that have high risk factors for becoming involved in serious violence. This project is a part of our proactive public health approach to serious violence, aiming to not just tackling the problem but preventing its occurrence.



It will help protect children and young people from experiencing adverse childhood experiences while building resilience and other protective factors. Addressing these challenges reduces the potential for children to become involved in a life of crime, violence and drugs.

Get Social!

Join us on social media to stay updated on our progress, we share upcoming events, our projects and showcase our ongoing engagement work with communities. Check out the images below to see some of the things we've been up to!

Follow us on Instagram⁴, Facebook⁵, and TikTok⁶ to keep up with our activity.

³<https://www.familysupportlink.co.uk/>

⁴<https://7m8sx.r.bh.d.sendibt3.com/mk/cl/f/sh/7nVU1aA6Qs4xydcBHYelXubL3lIfuZo/jgr29vFlagwg>

⁵<https://7m8sx.r.bh.d.sendibt3.com/mk/cl/f/sh/7nVU1aA6Qs4xydcBHYelXubL3lIfuZo/ZhkUV-fXy2dH>

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1 - The Sideline Project October Basketball camp



2 - Daventry Fun Day



3 - Child Exploitation awareness raising at service stations



4 - Kings Heath Fun Day

Funding awarded to create Far Cotton and Delapré Youth Group

We have awarded funding to Delapré Abbey Preservation Trust to launch the Far Cotton and Delapré Youth Group

The youth group will initially engage approximately 20 year six pupils from various neighbourhoods in the local area referred by two local primary schools who will identify those in need of support. Initially the group will attend a weekly homework support club run by Free2Talk. A second session will be developed in collaboration with the youth group

members. A third weekly Park Play family session for the group and the wider community to attend.

By focusing on year six pupils the youth group aims to ease the often-challenging transition to secondary school to make it more manageable. This tailored intervention is expected to improve resilience, confidence and independence in school helping the students thrive in their new school environments. Through the support of volunteers delivering sessions, the project aims to build a strong sense of community for the pupils.



This youth group is part of our wider efforts to tackle serious violence through early intervention. By offering positive and valuable activities for children the youth group aims to support those who may be vulnerable to future offending due to risk factors such as deprivation, adverse childhood experiences and substance misuse. With 24.4% of Far Cotton and Delapré's population living in deprivation, and 22% of the county's violent crimes occurring in the surrounding area, this programme aims to intervene early and make a lasting difference in the lives of these young people, helping them build positive values and futures

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