Support available over Easter

Community drop-in

The West Northamptonshire Council Community Safety Team and Youth Providers will be at Kingsthorpe Community Centre on Thursday, 30 March, from 3pm to 6pm, offering personal safety advice, details of youth support and activities. All are welcome to drop in to have a quiet moment with others and a cup of tea.

Address: Kingsthorpe Community Centre, Mill Lane, NN2 6RQ What 3 Words: ///bucket.bigger.shakes

CYPN/Youth Inspired

Clubs for Young People Northamptonshire/Youth Inspired offer 1:1 and group mentoring sessions for young people aged 10+ who are resident in the Kingsthorpe area. Young people and their families can self-refer to mentoring sessions via <u>social media</u> (@youthinspireduk) or using the email address: <u>sarah@cypn.org</u>.

- Arts & crafts, sports, gaming, dancing and more plus a free meal will be provided at the Kingsthorpe Jets Café from Monday, 3 April through to Thursday, 6 April and Tuesday, 11 April, through to Friday, 14 April, from 10am to 2pm. **Address:** Kingsthorpe Jets, Harborough Rd, Kingsthorpe, NN2 8DL
- Street Sports with Youth Worker support will take place at St David's Sports Hall on Tuesday, 4 April, and Tuesday, 11 April, from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Address: St David's Sports Hall Kingsthorpe Grove, NN2 6PB





Free2Talk

Free2Talk offer free weekly youth clubs across Northampton as well as online youth mentoring support. An open-door policy will be operated throughout the Easter holidays for any young person seeking mentoring support or a safe place to talk. Professionals, parents

and young people can get in touch directly via the <u>website</u> for further information, referral forms and direct contacts. **Website:** <u>www.free2talkcic.org</u>

- The F2T outreach bus will be present in the Sunnyside carpark from 3.30pm in the week leading up to the Easter break
- Support for parents and young people will be provided in Kings Heath from Monday, 3 April to Thursday, 6 April, 10am to 5pm, and again the following week. Address: The hub, Park Square, Kings Heath, NN5 7LQ
- A youth club will take place in Kings Heath on Wednesday, 5 April, from 4.30 to 6pm for 8–11-year-olds, and from 6.30 to 8pm for 12-18-year-olds. Address: The hub, Park Square, Kings Heath, NN5 7LQ
- A trip from Bellinge to Sywell Country Park will take place on Tuesday, 11 April, from 10.30am to 12.30pm, for ages 8-11 years. Limited spaces - <u>Book your place:</u> <u>www.cypn.org/news-events</u>
- A trip to Ten-Pin Bowling from Bellinge will take place on Tuesday, 11 April, from 12.30pm to 2.30pm, for ages 12-17 years. Limited spaces - <u>Book your place:</u> <u>www.cypn.org/news-events</u>
- A trip to Riverside Hub from Blackthorn will take place on Tuesday, 11 April, from 9am to 12.pm, for ages 8-11 years. Limited spaces - <u>Book your place:</u> <u>www.cypn.org/news-events</u>
- A trip to Ten-Pin Bowling from Blackthorn will take place on Tuesday, 11 April, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, for ages 12-17 years. Limited spaces - <u>Book your place:</u> <u>www.cypn.org/news-events</u>
- A music youth group will take place at Inspiration FM on Tuesday, 11 April, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. **Address:** 20 Sheep St, Northampton NN1 2LU
- A trip to Ten-Pin Bowling from Kings Heath will take place on Wednesday, 12 April, from 10.30am to 12.30pm, for ages 8-17 years. Limited spaces <u>Book your place:</u> <u>www.cypn.org/news-events</u>
- A broadcasting youth group will take place at Inspiration FM on Thursday, 12 April, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. **Address:** 20 Sheep St, Northampton NN1 2LU



Fearless

Fearless is the dedicated youth service of the independent charity Crimestoppers. They give young people the power to report crime 100% anonymously. You can give information to them using their <u>online form</u> or by calling their freephone number, 0800 555 111. They cannot track your IP address or your phone number and have no way of knowing who has contacted them. Fearless are not the police - they are a charity. You will not be contacted by the police after passing information on to Fearless as the police have no way of knowing who the information has come from.

Website: Parents/guardians | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org)

Webinars for parents

PACE (Parents Against Child Exploitation) and Barnardo's run interactive webinars where parents and carers can learn from a panel of experts about criminal exploitation, how to spot the signs and how to seek help. They are free to join and although they are badged for specific areas, most of the information will be the same wherever you are in the county. Find out more and book a place here.

Possession of knives

The idea of carrying a knife for protection is not a good one. The weapon could end up being used against you or you could unintentionally use it against someone else. If you don't carry a knife these things can't happen and you, and those around you, are safer.

Even carrying a knife in a public place can result in a maximum prison sentence of four years, depending on the circumstances, and there is a minimum sentence of six months if

you are found carrying one on more than one occasion. Getting a criminal record can affect the rest of your life, from job prospects to travelling to certain countries.

Social media

We know that social media posts have been circulating, including some suggestions of potential retribution, and we would urge anyone with concerns that someone will do something ill-advised to report it to Northamptonshire Police immediately. Please do report anything and don't assume they already know.

There has been a great deal of public speculation around what happened last week and why, and we would urge everyone to avoid being drawn into sharing any of this on through social media. Much of it is likely to be misinformation and can be extremely unhelpful.

If anyone has any concerns that their children are being exposed or drawn into anything inappropriate online, please report your concerns via 101. Further advice is available here Keeping children safe online | NSPCC

Police Update

A thorough and detailed investigation has and is taking place which has resulted in two people being charged with murder. A team of more than 40 detectives as well as forensics, intelligence, and neighbourhood officers and staff have been working on the investigation 24/7 since last Wednesday.

In terms of information about the two people who have been charged, we're unable to provide any details that may identify them, including which school they attend. There are strict laws around the anonymity of people under the age of 18 who have been charged with an offence that we have to adhere to.

Two teenage boys have appeared before Northampton Crown Court today charged with murder and they were remanded into youth detention accommodation until their Pre Trial and Plea Hearing (PTPH) at the same court on a date to be fixed.

Personal safety advice

Please see below for some advice which you may wish to consider and discuss with your child:

- Ensure your child has their location shared with you on their mobile device and that mobiles are fully charged
- Encourage your child to walk with friends and to let you know where they are going, when, and at what time they are leaving a location and expecting to arrive at their destination.
- Encourage your child to keep to busy, well-lit streets, walkways and paths which are more likely to be covered by CCTV

- Remind your child to be aware of their surroundings encourage them not to text whilst walking as they will be less aware of what's going on around them
- Remind your child to keep any comments to themselves what they might think of as just a bit of fun, can be insulting, upsetting or even scary to someone else
- Remind your child not to share information publicly and on social media about any activities that they are planning or attending.

Further information

Links to additional information, websites and videos can be found in the Knife Angel section of the Explore Northampton app. The app is free to download from Google Play and the App Store.

Anyone who has any information or incidents can approach any of the officers regularly on patrol in Kingsthorpe, call the police on 101, 999 in an emergency, or report via the website (northants.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/).

Alternatively, if anyone is worried about passing information directly to the police, they can call the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or online here What is the crime or incident? | Crimestoppers (crimestoppers-uk.org). Crimestoppers have no way of finding out who has reported information to them but will pass it on to the relevant police force.