

East Northants Community Services (ENCS) – August 2020 update Also serving the district through the East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)

(Registered Charity Number 1154210)



ENCS and Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

Wanted! – a volunteer to become the next ENCS Treasurer: more info is available from Andrew Presland (details below)

Rushden Night Shelter remains closed as we aim to create a safe place for residents, staff and volunteers and cannot yet do this effectively in line with government guidance. However, prior to shutting, all the residents were re-housed, and we continue to work with the council to support them.

The **Cornerfield Café** also remains closed, **Corby Night Shelter** is working with Corby Council to continue to provide accommodation and support for its residents, and the **Recovery House and Food Bank** are continuing, operating in different ways from usual due to the Government's restrictions.

In particular, the Rushden **Food Bank** is open every Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am – 12 noon for those that need food parcels due to financial difficulty. If anyone is not in financial difficulty but cannot get to the shops for whatever reason, they should get in touch with the Coronavirus support hub on 0300 126 1000 (Option 5) for help. The Food Bank would welcome donations of food, carrier bags in good condition, or money at this time: Sara Owst is happy to provide more details (sara.owst@encs.org.uk or 07814406731).

In addition, ENCS supports the Raunds area Food Bank, which is open on Thursdays from 9.30 till 11.30 at Raunds Community Centre.

If you or someone you know is **at risk of homelessness in East Northants**, please get in touch with Homes Direct on 0345 600 5050.

If you have any queries on the work of ENCS, or wish to help in any way, please contact Jo Burns on info@encs.org.uk or 07871 999020.

Healthy people and communities in Northamptonshire

Whether you use all 78 pages as holiday reading or just dip into it...the evidence in this report is set out very clearly and shows that about 80% of what makes us and our communities healthy is determined by factors other than healthcare. Social, economic and environmental factors - such as our homes, jobs and support networks - play a far bigger role.



<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/health/health-and-wellbeing-board/Documents/2019-20%20DPH%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Kettering-based **Accommodation Concern** is looking for **more experienced Tenancy Support workers**. More details are available from Jo Moore, CEO, 1 Meadow Road, Kettering, NN16 8TL or 01536 416560 or jo.moore@a-c.org.uk. Closing date is Sunday 6th September, but they reserve the right to close the advert earlier if they receive a high volume of suitable applications.

Free citizens' advice available to people across East Northants – and beyond....

COMING SOON...

Torch Trust is holding free 30-minute Zoom taster sessions about becoming a Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC) on 29th & 30th September and 27th & 28th October. It's a chance to meet the team and ask questions. Visit SLFC or email slfc@torchtrust.org for more info & to book your place.

“Meaning in Madness: from the Vicarage to the Virus” - Revd Philip Evans (Lead Chaplain at St Andrew's Healthcare, Northampton and formerly Vicar of Whitefriars Church, Rushden) will be reflecting on Christian ministry in challenging times, both before and during the pandemic. This will be taking place over Zoom on the lunchtime of Thursday 1st October. It is being organised by Peterborough Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, but open to all. Details from Andrew Presland (as below)

The next **Friends of Refugees - East Northants** meeting will take place using Zoom from 7.30pm on Thursday 8th October. It will be a virtual meeting, taking place using Zoom, and to which everyone is invited. Please contact Andrew Presland (details as below) any time before the meeting if you would like him to send you the web-link.

How to get advice from us

Our face to face services have been suspended.

To lower the risk to staff, volunteers and the people who come to us for help, the main way to get advice is by telephone or emailing us via our website email advice page at www.cencab.org.uk.

For general advice:

Visit our website, citizensadvice.org.uk where you can also chat to an adviser online.
Email: www.cencab.org.uk
Phone: 03444 111 444

For help claiming Universal Credit:

Phone: 0800 144 8 444
Textphone: 18001 0800 144 8 444

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