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Hi Corby,

As we slowly move back into normal life, it has been fantastic to once again see some of the closed business thriving again!

We have been enjoying some face to face networking again at the Love Corby Network, with Tom Pursglove giving an insight on what he is trying to tackle within our community. Also the Corby Business Network were it has been great to see some old friends... Zoom is great, but it just isn't the same as those meetings in person!

Are you a local Group or Charity with an important message for the people of Corby? Then please do get in touch with your message. We know funds are touch for these groups, but are an essential part of our community and we here at Focussed will do all we can to help. We offer editorial for worthy causes FREE OF CHARGE, so if you know of anyone that is in need of our services, please get in touch.

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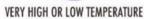
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CORBY: A TOWN APART

Corby town centre has enjoyed significant regeneration over the last decade, including the development of Willow Place, a modern extension to the town's more established shopping streets, as well as Corby Cube, the Corby International Swimming Pool, Savoy Cinema and associated restaurants. There has also been significant investment by town centre landlords Sovereign Centros and Europa Capital in a new 471-space surface car park off Anne Street, enhancing the gateway to Corby town centre and offering customers a vastly improved parking experience.

New events space

This summer, a new, multi-purpose events venue opened in Market Walk, offering the potential for drama and music performances, street food vending, community events, exhibition space and specialist markets. The new decked space – dubbed Corby Boardwalk – offers stunning vistas of the Corby skyline. It was created with the help of an Accelerated

Fund, part of the government's COVID support package for town centres, as well as private sector investment from the town centre's landlords. It has already been put to good use with a pop-up bar and street market (below) as well as a live gig 'Lyrical Lockdown', devised, presented and filmed by local young people aged 12-18, and accessible to viewers all over the world via YouTube.

Independent stores

There are some 160 stores and places to eat in the town centre, with Willow Place home to many of the UK's major high street fashion brands, including Primark, H&M, TK Maxx, New Look and River Island, with large, modern units designed around the requirements of today's retailers. But what sets Corby apart from other town centres is its thriving independent retail offer. Where many UK towns and cities have simply become clones of each other, Corby stands apart for the sheer diversity of its independent retailers, many unique to the town centre.

Jewellers, boutiques, food stores, hair and beauty salons, cafés, restaurants and specialist retailers complement their better-known neighbours, providing products and services tailored to the specific requirements of the local community they serve.

Daily market

The popular daily market in Corporation Street is also a big draw. This, too, has benefited from an Accelerated Fund grant this year, with smart new canopies, branding, seating and planters.*

Add to this a regular programme of events and promotions initiated by the town centre's landlords and it is not hard to see the growing attraction of Corby as a regional shopping destination.

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Telephone, video and online appointments became the first point of contact with health care professionals in all practices in the UK in July 2020; this instruction from the government was put in place to help to keep vulnerable patients safe and to reduce the risk of Covid infection happening in GP waiting rooms. Many practices adapted their premises with screens and one way systems to further improve safety, as well as their staff wearing PPE for face to face appointments. GP practices are also required to offer online consultations as well as face to face appointments when they are needed. If your initial appointment is remote using phone or video, a face to face appointment can be arranged by the clinician if needed. You still need to wear a face covering when entering any healthcare settings to protect other patients as well to protect the staff caring for you, Covid has not yet gone away and some of the people attending the surgery may be vulnerable. Consider doing a lateral flow test before going into a GP surgery building to reduce the risk of Covid even more.

You may be offered a consultation with a range of professionals when you contact your GP practice. The GP partners have asked the reception team to ask a range of questions to work out who the best team-member is to help you, and to help

Top Tips and information to support you to get the most out of your consultation

GP Chair Northamptonshire CCG & Great Oakley Medical Centre

to prioritise your need. Your GP has been there throughout the pandemic to support all of the team members as well as to see or speak to those patients who need them.

GP surgeries have a range of professionals working as part of the team in addition to the GPs,
Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Nurses and Health Care Assistants that have worked at practices for many years, not all surgeries will have all of these team members. Sometimes the person you need to help you may not be based in your practice. There may be other team members that the receptionist can direct to you to such as Coaches, Care Coordinators and trainee health professionals once they know what problem is.

Practice Pharmacists

They help you with queries about medications and possible side effects and to review your medication, some pharmacists will offer a minor illness service.

Physiotherapists

They help you if you have problems with your bones, joints or muscles and can both diagnose and treat many problems. They will be able to talk to other team members about investigations or referrals if they think these are needed.

Social prescribing link workers

(also called social prescribers or link workers)

They will help to connect you to different groups and activities that are available near to where you live.

Physician associates

They will be able to look after minor illnesses and some simple conditions.

Here are some more tips to support and empower you to get the most out of appointments:

- **1.** Please be aware that appointments may be offered by telephone, video, or online. If your consultation is remote try to find somewhere quiet and private with not too many distractions and use headphones if possible. Make sure you keep your phone with you, and notify the health professional if you will not be available at a particular time. Make sure your phone is fully charged and plug in your device if needed, and check that your wi-fi is working if that is required and consider using hand free. Ask someone if you need help to set up the technology
- 2. Consider keeping any hospital or GP letters with you, have a pen and paper with you to write notes if you are worried that you will forget important facts. Take the time to write down what you want to get from the consultation, the symptoms and how serious you think they are, the questions you want answered, and the concerns on your mind. At the end of the call repeat what has been agreed if the clinician does not. Let the clinician know if you feel they have not answered your questions.
- **3.** Find out how long the appointment is and consider discussing the most important thing that you are worried about first if you have more than one problem, so that you do not run out of time to discuss it. You will usually be asked how long a problem has been present so you may wish to think about the answer to this question in advance.
- **4.** Consider asking someone to be with you for support, they can join you remotely if you have a video call if they cannot be with you in person at the time of the consultation. Please notify the reception team if you need an interpreter. Sometimes interpretation will be via a telephone translation service.

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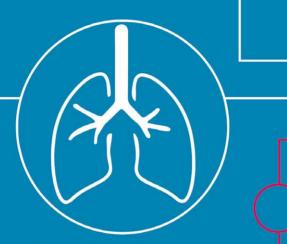


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To join Council lessons, you need to be at least 6 years old, and be able to swim 25m confidently.

Now is the perfect time to try this fantastic sport, if it's something you have always wanted to try, come and give it a go! Who knows you could become a member of the Corby Steel Diving Club and start to compete! If you would like to know more, please get in touch or come along and watch a session and then give it a go.





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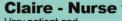


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- It's important for people of all ages to recall and share memories – it's an important way of connecting with others. Recalling memories can also guide planning and decision-making and help people find meaning in other life events.

For older adults dealing with memory loss, sharing their favourite family recipes may be important to maintaining a sense of being the same person despite memory difficulties.

Our CAREGivers spend at least a full hour each visit with clients who may need support in daily activities. Local knowledge when taking someone on outings plus a good sense of humour helps, as well as knowing the difference between a potato scone and a bannock.

Older adults have a rich life to draw on, and often enjoy talking about their past. It's a win-win for the CAREGiver and the aging adult, and at Home Instead we enjoy talking through old "messages lists" which are sometimes tucked away in an drawer, which can be made into a precious Memory Box for future generations.

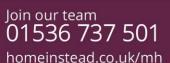
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This last year has been extremely detrimental for the wellbeing of many older and vulnerable people within our community, there has been crisis, enforced isolation, fear and restriction, dominated by Covid-19 pandemic risks.

To support the needs of our community Lakelands focussed on maintaining as many of its services as it could whilst still remaining within government guidelines, the hospice day care and transport provision was suspended, and a system of telephone contact and doorstep deliveries was implemented by our nursing team who rotated furlough cover to provide this service throughout.

We maintained our **Hospice** @ **Home** services, throughout the whole of the covid year, providing ninety patients and their families with this valuable service. Special mention must go to our team of dedicated H@H nurses and coordinators for maintaining this service under severe PPE constraints and covid risk conditions to provide vital end of life care in the home to the patients referred to us.

Community fundraising was decimated by the pandemic with all but a very small number of on-line events being cancelled. As a community hospice historically funded by the generosity and support from its local population this was particularly challenging.

The Day Hospice has been undergoing a phased reopening since May 2021. All staff and volunteers are PCR tested weekly with patient numbers gradually being increased as safely and securely as possible, to date we have incurred zero positive covid cases which is testament to the dedicated leadership of our nurse manager Tracy Glen.

Please contact Paul the hospice on paulmarlow@lakelandshospice.org.uk

Additional support services such as patient activities, bereavement counselling and Carer support group meetings are planned to be reinstated later in the year.

LAKELANDS HOSPICE

Lakelands would like to thank the wonderful team of staff and volunteers who have steadfastly worked through the pandemic and who have worked above and beyond the usual expectations throughout the last eighteen months.

As a hospice funded by its community we need you now more than ever, we are slowly and safely returning to our annual community events and hope in the new year to be back upto a full calendar. However the effects of the pandemic have hit Lakelands hard like so many others. Please keep supporting your local hospice, your support goes directly to help your family, friends neighbours in our



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