Northamptonshire, UK

Location
The County of Northamptonshire is centrally located at the 'Crossroads of England', midway between the conurbations of London and Birmingham. It covers an area of 236,900 hectares with a population of 615,769 (mid 1998 estimate), the principal town in the County is Northampton itself.

Northamptonshire benefits from its central location and excellent communications with the rest of the United Kingdom and Europe. The M1 and M40 motorways and the A14 Trunk road pass through the County, frequent rail services link the County with London in less than an hour and all of the major international airports are within easy reach of Northamptonshire.

Development
Effective planning control over many years has resulted in a fine blend of the old and the new. The County’s wealth of heritage has been retained, yet the many modern developments and the wish to stimulate further development has made Northamptonshire an area of growth in the 1980s and 1990s.

Employment
The diversification of Northamptonshire’s traditional industrial base away from agriculture, footwear and steel to the growth sectors of services, engineering and high-technology reflects the solid industrial base being established within the County. In recent years unemployment, within Northamptonshire, has been consistently lower than both the regional and national levels. The most up to date figures using claimant count show Northamptonshire at 2.3%, with the regional and national figures standing at 3.5% and 3.8% respectively. (source: ONS July 2000).

Flourishing Businesses
There are approximately 25,900 (source: AES 1998) separate businesses based in the towns and villages of Northamptonshire. Labour relations in all areas are exceptionally good and a prime attraction of the County for businesses has been the existence of a diverse, highly skilled and adaptable workforce, and the availability of a wide range of industrial and commercial services nearby.

Business Premises
Modern industrial estates, strategically located close to the national transport network provide ideal sites for most business activities. With the importance of small businesses in mind, the well-designed industrial estates contain not only large prestigious, purpose built factories, but also a broad range of other units to meet the needs of new and expanding firms. At mid 1998 there were 510 hectares of land immediately available for business development within Northamptonshire and industrial land prices range from £80,000 to £450,000 per acre.

Housing
Northamptonshire offers a wide range of housing accommodation in terms of type, location and price. Houses range from small terraced town-houses at around £33,000 right the way through to a large mansion with estate costing several million pounds! Traditional thatched stone-built country cottages are popular and the large number of modern executive homes reflects the continuing attraction of Northamptonshire as a place of residence.

Leisure
Numerous opportunities exist for leisure and recreation in Northamptonshire, whether it be fishing, boating, golfing or simply walking in the beautiful countryside. For the spectator there is motor racing at the international grand prix circuit at Silverstone, county cricket, rugby union and football in Northampton and horse racing at Towcester.

The Future
The accessibility of Northamptonshire has been further improved with the recent completion of the A14 link to the East-coast ports. The strong pressure for development will continue well into the next century and is expected to herald an increase in the population of the County, requiring the increased provision of housing and associated leisure and recreational facilities. The needs of development will be carefully balanced with the need to safeguard the environment to give the best of both worlds.

Northamptonshire clearly has much to offer.

Tourism
for further information contact the Northamptonshire Chamber
Tel: (01604) 671200

Business Enquiries
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Sources of Business Advice

Northamptonshire County Council

Economic Development Service, PO Box 163, County Hall, Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 1AX
Tel: (01604) 236060 Fax: (01604) 236065

The economic development service provides an information and advisory service for business particularly with regard to industrial and commercial development, available industrial land, vacant property, and general relocation/inward investment inquiries. The service also deals with economic policy, socio-economic information relating to the local economy and economic and European matters affecting Northamptonshire.

Northamptonshire Business and European Information Centre

Northamptonshire Central Library, Abington Street, Northampton, NN1 2BA
Tel: (01604) 462049 Fax: (01604) 462055

The Centre offers advice and help to business and members of the public in finding facts and figures about business matters both domestic and European. Sources of information include CD ROMs, on-line databases, reports, books and journals on subjects such as business start-up and development, grants and loans, European Law, import/export regulations and British Standards. The Centre is staffed by business information experts who can also put clients in touch with other specialist organisations.

Northamptonshire Chamber

Royal Pavilion, Summerhouse Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6BJ
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The Chamber is an independent, employer led, membership organisation, providing a wide range of services to its members and the wider community. It is the single largest voice for business in the County and offers members the opportunity to develop new contacts, exchange ideas, information and resources.

The Chamber contracts with central government to deliver training programmes to increase the skill levels and work prospects of young people and adults. It also promotes and manages the Investors In People national standard for training and development of staff to meet business objectives.

Through its subsidiary, Business Link Northamptonshire, the Chamber delivers its main business support services. It encourages and assists the development of new and existing businesses, particularly those with the potential to grow, through information, training and counselling services and actively encourages and promotes an enterprise culture.

The International Trade Department offers export assistance and advice, certification, training courses and organises trade missions. The Chamber is also responsible for the promotion of Northampton as a destination for both leisure and business tourism and operates a free venue search for conference organisers.

Government Office for the East Midlands

Trade Partners UK, Royal Pavilion, Summerhouse Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6BJ
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www.go-em.gov.uk www.tradepartners.gov.uk

Trade Partners UK gives access to the full range of government help for Britain’s exporters and overseas investors. Advice and help locally, national support services and a world-wide network in over 200 countries.

The Prince’s Trust - Business Division

c/o Northamptonshire Chamber, Royal Pavilion, Summerhouse Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6BJ
Tel: (01604) 671200 Fax: (01604) 670362
E-mail: busnham@princes-trust.org.uk

The trust gives financial and business help to young people aged 18-30 who plan to start their own business. Grants and/or loans are available to young people who have a viable business idea but have been unable to raise the necessary finance. The Trust particularly helps young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and targets three specific groups; people with disabilities, ethnic minorities and ex-offenders.

Countryside Agency

18 Market Place, Bingham, Nottinghamshire, NG13 8AP
Tel: (01949) 876200 Fax: (01949) 876222
www.countryside.gov.uk

The Countryside Agency works to improve the prosperity of communities in villages and small towns. Help, advice and in some instances grants can be provided for certain projects concerned with village shops, village halls and rural transport services.

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NCDA is concerned with promoting the social economy through development of worker co-operatives, community businesses and credit unions. It provides free business advice, practical assistance and access to specialised funds for potential co-operatives and other new start-up micro-businesses. NCDA will continue to give advice and support throughout the early trading years.

Kettering Business Venture Trust

Venture Trust, 4 Robinson Way, Telford Way Industrial Estate, Kettering, NN16 8PP
Tel: (01536) 513840 Fax: (01536) 523209

A free counselling and information service for small businesses and people wishing to start up in the Kettering area. Supported by Kettering Borough Council and local businesses.

LiveWire (Youth Enterprise Network)

c/o Northamptonshire Co-operative Development Agency, 214A Kettering Road, Northampton, NN1 4BN
Tel: (01604) 259700 Fax: (01604) 259800

LiveWire gives help, advice, support and encouragement to young people between the ages of 16 and 30 who wish to set up in business for themselves. Help is given in preparing a business plan and introducing useful local contacts; they also organise an annual competition for young entrepreneurs with over £150,000 of awards in cash and kind available throughout the UK.

The East Midlands Development Agency (emda) is one of the eight Regional Development Agencies set up by the Government in April 1999 and represents the six counties within the region. emda's primary objective is to attract foreign owned investment into the region, and it focuses its activities on raising the profile of the region, servicing the needs of clients who are considering relocating/investing in the region, and promoting the attributes of the region to foreign companies in the UK and overseas.
Economic Development Services

Northamptonshire County Council - Economic Development Service

The economic development service provided by the County Council steers economic development policy and is responsible for helping to promote and sustain the local economy. Its activities include providing an information and advisory service for business particularly with regard to industrial and commercial development, available industrial land, vacant property, general relocation/inward investment enquiries and economic information. The service also provides European information, operates EU business co-operation programmes, organises European events and co-ordinates European funding opportunities.

Below are listed some the publications and services offered.

**Industrial and Commercial Land Availability in Northamptonshire (£15.00 incl. p&p)**

This bi-annual Report analyses the Countywide provision of industrial and commercial land at mid-year and provides a guide to the availability of land to potential developers. Information contained in the Report includes:

Details of completed development, outstanding planning permissions and over 220 sites which have been identified in local plans and other published documents since mid-1988.

For each site details are provided on:

- location (individual site maps)
- area (hectares)
- planning status
- relevant remarks
- contact point for further details.

**Vacant Property Summary July 1999 (£15.00 incl. p&p)**

This report is compiled from the Vacant Property Register and gives a full listing of all vacant industrial, commercial and retail properties in the County. It also contains a written summary of the property market with commentary on the current trends and amount of vacant properties on the major industrial estates throughout the County.

**Small Workshop Units in Northamptonshire (Free)**

Northamptonshire has in excess of 1,300 small workshop units (140 sq.m or less), premises specifically tailored for small and new start-up businesses. This annually-updated leaflet provides key information on the provision of small workshops in Northamptonshire and gives a point of contact for more specific details concerning availability, terms of letting etc.

**Vacant Industrial & Commercial Property Register (Free)**

The County Council, in conjunction with local commercial property agents and District Councils, produces a regularly updated register of vacant industrial, commercial and retail property currently available for sale or rent in the County. For each property details are provided on:

- the property’s address;
- possible use (by planning Use Class);
- size (in sq. m.);
- freehold price or leasehold rent;
- a brief description of the property;
- contact number for further details.

Specific enquiries can be given a tailored response free of charge.

Further Information

For further details on any of the services or publications outlined on this sheet please contact:

Economic Development Service, Northamptonshire County Council, PO Box 163, County Hall, Guildhall Road, Northampton NN1 1AX

Tel: (01604) 236060
Fax: (01604) 236085

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The A14 is a dual carriageway trunk road which runs through Northamptonshire from the M1 to the A1 near Huntingdon, from where it continues on to the East Coast ports. This report analyses whether there has been an increase in industrial and commercial development activity since the A14’s opening in July 1994 and what the potential for growth along this important transportation corridor is likely to be into the next millennium.


Outlines the County Council’s Economic Development Strategy and provides details of all County Council undertakings aimed at stimulating the local economy. Details on expenditure are also given.

Northamptonshire Automobile Industry Report December 1995 (Free)

This report provides an overview of the automotive sector within the County defining the various sub-sectors and main component manufacturers operating in Northamptonshire. It seeks to identify the relative advantages and opportunities for automotive companies looking to locate in the County.

Motorsport Engineering Sector in Northamptonshire February 1997 (Free)

This research was produced for the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Conference held in Detroit, USA in 1997 to highlight the clustering of motorsport engineering companies and motorsport race teams around Silverstone Circuit. Great Britain is the world leader in the production and development of motorsport engineering and Silverstone is the hub of ‘Motorsport Valley’.

Northamptonshire Food and Drink Sector Report April 1998 (Free)

The food and drink sector is now the largest manufacturing sector in terms of employment within the County. This report seeks to define the food and drink sector and examine its employment structure. It evaluates recent trends within the industry and assesses the current support available from various agencies and the potential scope for further assistance to be provided to the sector.

Arranging site visits

Part of our service is the co-ordination of site visits for companies interested in locating in Northamptonshire. The service available for potential investors includes:

- liaising with local commercial agents to arrange viewings;
- organising guided tours of the County’s employment areas;
- presentations on the County’s economy, transportation links, residential areas etc, highlighting the attractiveness of Northamptonshire as a place in which to live and work.

Economic Information and Research

The Economic Development Service holds a wide range of material concerning the Northamptonshire economy compiled both from the Services’ own research and that from published sources. Information that is available and which may be of use to businesses includes:

- Northamptonshire Economy Report
- Labour market information - eg.
  - Unemployment profiles
  - Local wage rates
  - Sectoral employment
  - Industrial disputes
- Social and economic data from the Census of Population
- Selected sectoral studies
- Population projections
- Planning Bulletins

Signposting service

Where the Service is unable to provide information or advice itself, it can re-direct enquiries to those organisations best able to provide the required information.

Approved County Structure Plan - February 1989 (£10.00)
County Structure Plan Alteration No.1 - January 1992 (£6.50)
Northamptonshire County Structure Plan- Deposit Draft April 1999 (£20.00 + £3.00 p&p)

Together they set the long term policy framework for planning and development control in Northamptonshire.

Sources of European Business Information and Advice (Free)

Gives details of services and assistance provided by the County Council, local and national organisations in order to assist businesses to take advantage of the opportunities offered by the Single European Market.

Economic Development Services

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Communications

Road

Through its central location, Northamptonshire has excellent road links with the rest of Britain. Most centres in England are within a 9-hour return drive, including the South and East Coast ports. In recent years a number of road schemes have been implemented in order to stimulate economic growth in parts of the County and to bring traffic relief to Northamptonshire’s towns and villages.

The M40 extension from Oxford to Birmingham was opened in 1991 and serves the south west part of the County, in addition to relieving traffic congestion on the M1. The dual carriageway A1-M1 Link Road, designated the A14, is now open and provides an excellent east-west route through Northamptonshire bringing benefits to many parts of the County.

Rail

Northamptonshire has excellent rail links, with main stations at Northampton, Kettering and Wellingborough and another at Long Buckby.

100 mph. trains operate every half hour between Northampton, Milton Keynes and London Euston. Services between Northampton and Birmingham operate hourly, calling at Long Buckby, Rugby, Coventry and Birmingham International.

Both Inter-City 125 and Turbo Service trains link Kettering and Wellingborough with London St. Pancras in less than an hour; they also provide services to the rest of the East Midlands and Yorkshire.

Banbury acts as a railhead for south Northamptonshire, offering services to London, the South Coast, Birmingham and the North of England. Journey times between Banbury and London Marylebone are being reduced with the use of Networker Turbo trains.

Peterborough is a convenient railhead for East Northamptonshire. InterCity 225 electric trains provide services to London King’s Cross, the North East and Scotland; links to East Anglia, the Midlands and North West have been upgraded.

Passenger Information

For information on train times from Kettering, Northampton, Wellingborough and Rugby, also for all other local and national enquiries.
Tel: (0345) 484950

Lynx/Red Star Parcel Booking Offices

Northampton
08.00-17.30 Mon-Fri
Tel: (08457) 000000
Fax: (01604) 824610

Airports (International)

Northamptonshire is in an ideal position to utilise the major airports (see below) which are all within easy reach via the motorway network and good rail links.

Distances from Northampton

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Airport (Local)

Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell, Northamptonshire.
Tel: (01604) 491112
Control Tower (01604) 644917
E.mail: Info@sywellaerodrome.co.uk
www.sywellaerodrome.co.uk

Sywell Aerodrome, approximately 7 miles east of Northampton has facilities for executive flights and helicopter links.

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Communication Links

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European legislation which came into force on 1st August 1994 has limited the basic daily Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) driving time to a 9 hour regime and stipulated that there must be a break after a maximum of 4½ hours driving. Since 1st January 1996 the speed of HGV’s has also been limited to 56mph by the use of engine limiters for the vehicles weighing over 12,000kg (12 metric tonnes).

In terms of distributional activities Northamptonshire is now even more of a strategic location due to its central position and excellent motorway and road network. Centres which allow a return journey within the same day from Junction 15a on the M1 motorway include Dover, Felixstowe, Newcastle upon Tyne, Swansea, Exeter and Southampton. Under this new legislation, for European hauliers using either the channel tunnel or ferries, Northampton is now amongst the most northerly centres that can be reached from the South coast ports within four and a half hours.
As a result of its attractiveness as a business location many large companies have established headquarters or operations in Northamptonshire, some of which are listed below:

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Northamptonshire County Council

Information

Major Employers

September 2000
Employment and The Local Economy

The Local Economy

Northamptonshire’s economy has exhibited signs of sustained growth despite national economic difficulties, and is still one of the best placed economies in the U.K. for growth and development in the second half of the 1990s.

Northamptonshire’s geographic position, robust economy, improving communications network, and high quality environment, continue to make the County an attractive location for investment and a popular area for people to live and work.

The rapid expansion of development in Northamptonshire in the last two decades has brought with it a fully diversified industrial and commercial base. Although still an important centre for the footwear and agricultural industries, Northamptonshire looks forward with a strong manufacturing base, a growing service sector and an important distributive role.

### 1998 Annual Employment Survey

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Industrial Groups (SIC) 1992</th>
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<td>C</td>
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<td>C Mining and quarrying</td>
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<td>D Manufacturing</td>
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<td>19</td>
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<td>H Hotels and Restaurants</td>
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<td>4.8</td>
<td>83,000</td>
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<td>I Transport, Storage and communication</td>
<td>18,500</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>87,500</td>
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<td>J Financial intermediation</td>
<td>8,700</td>
<td>3.2</td>
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<td>K Real estate, renting, business activities</td>
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<td>M Education</td>
<td>18,400</td>
<td>6.8</td>
<td>131,700</td>
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<td>20,900</td>
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<td>10,600</td>
<td>3.9</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td>268,300</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1,645,400</td>
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Source: Annual Employment Survey 1998 (Published 2000)

Notes: 1. C = Confidential 2. Column totals may not add up due to rounding errors

Many major national and international companies - such as Avon Cosmetics, Barclaycard, British Timken, Carlsberg Tetley, Cosworth Engineering Ltd, Levi Strauss, Robert Horne Paper, Weetabix and Whitworths - have made Northamptonshire the location for their National Headquarters. Expansion, inward investment and speculative development from property companies have seen considerable development activity within the County over the last 18 months. This includes a 300 acre motor racing complex at Corby, expansion at DIRFT (Daventry) to include new premises for hauliers The Malcolm Group, a distribution centre for Tesco and further expansion for Tibbet & Britten, a £30m hotel/cinema and leisure complex in Northampton town centre and Alpro BV, a Belgian soya milk producer's new facilities at Latimer Park, Kettering. With the proximity of the M1 and the West Coast main line, Northamptonshire provides a central location with easy access throughout the UK. The recent A14 upgrade provides easy access to the East Coast ports. This reinforces the County’s advantage as a prime location for business.

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"Northamptonshire County Council"
**Economic Structure**

The 1998 Annual Employment Survey, which provides the most up to date figures on employment in the United Kingdom, shows that the number of people in employment in Northamptonshire totals 268,300 (this figure excludes a number of categories of employees, including the self employed). Overall the East Midlands was the third fastest growing region in the Country and Northamptonshire's 10.7% population rise between 1981 and 1991 made it the fifth fastest growing County in the UK.

There have been significant increases in the numbers of people employed in the service sector. According to the 1998 Annual Employment Survey, this sector now accounts for some 69% of all employees in the County - this figure is less than the UK average but greater than that for the East Midlands. The largest area of growth has been in financial, professional and property services. The increase in service employment has primarily been at the expense of the manufacturing sector, however manufacturing still accounts for 25% of all employees which is significantly higher than the national average.

According to the Labour Force Survey (June 1998) there were approximately 325,000 economically active people (working or seeking work) in Northamptonshire as at February 1998. Northamptonshire's unemployment rate has been consistently lower than that of the national and East Midlands' regional averages. The most recent figure (using claimant count) for Northamptonshire (July 2000) is 2.3% compared to the regional and national figures of 3.5% and 3.8% respectively (Source: ONS, July 2000).

Traditionally Northamptonshire's workforce has shown itself to be adaptable, hard working and ready to accept the changes required by modern industry.

**Unemployment in Northamptonshire**

Dec 1988 to Dec 1999

![Unemployment Graph](image)

Source: Department of Employment NOMIS (2000).

**Employment and The Local Economy**

September 2000
The population of the County grew rapidly during the 1970s, mainly as a result of the New and Expanding Towns schemes in Northampton, Corby, Daventry and Wellingborough. During the 1981 to 1991 period Northamptonshire was the fifth fastest growing County in the U.K. and Northampton itself was the eleventh fastest growing town in the Country. The 1991 based population projections indicate that by the year 2006 the County population will increase to a total of about 648,200.

### Population Totals

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<td>66,525</td>
<td>67,869</td>
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<td>71,950</td>
<td>73,469</td>
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<td>Kettering</td>
<td>81,320</td>
<td>82,357</td>
<td>76,150</td>
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<td>Northampton</td>
<td>194,170</td>
<td>195,825</td>
<td>180,567</td>
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<td>77,321</td>
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<td>Wellingborough</td>
<td>67,964</td>
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<td><strong>615,769</strong></td>
<td><strong>578,807</strong></td>
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### Population Projections

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### Population Age Structure (Mid 1998)

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<td>5 - 15</td>
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<td>16 - 29</td>
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<td>29 - 64</td>
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<td>65 - 74</td>
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<td>75 +</td>
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Industrial and Commercial Land

Northamptonshire has a wide choice of industrial and commercial land, situated in a variety of locations. At mid 1998 there were some 1147 ha. of land identified as being suitable for development in the County, of which 510 ha. are considered immediately available for development.

Industrial and Commercial Landtake
(hectares per bi-annum)

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<th>Year/s</th>
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<td>1988-98</td>
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<td>115.81 ha</td>
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Source: Economic Development Unit Research, Mid 1998

The Industrial and Commercial Land Availability Report, produced bi-annually, provides a comprehensive account of the current industrial and commercial land situation in Northamptonshire. This Report also gives specific details for those seeking land for industrial or commercial development, and provides detailed information on past and present industrial landtake and land availability in the County.

Copies of the Industrial and Commercial Land Availability Report (£15.00) can be obtained from the Economic Development Service:
Tel. (01604) 236060

Development Activity

Continued confidence in the long-term future of the economy, as well as the locational advantages of Northamptonshire, has seen further prestigious developments within the County. These include;

- a 300 acre (1,214,000 sq m) motor racing complex at Rockingham, on the outskirts of Corby, the first purpose built motor racing complex in the UK since 1907.
- a 273,000 sq ft warehouse leased by Sainsbury’s Homebase on the Park Farm Industrial Estate, Wellingborough
- a 1st phase of three units from 17,000 sq ft to 25,000 sq ft followed by a 2nd phase providing for up to 115,000 sq ft by Folkes Properties at Wendel Point, Wellingborough
- the further development of Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal (DIRFT), with Scottish hauliers, the Malcolm Group, constructing a 300,000 sq ft facility and Tibbet & Britten Group plc adding to their existing 38 acre site with a further 17 acres. These developments join the existing Eddie Stobart, Tesco and Ingram Micro properties.
- speculative units from 20,000 - 100,000 sq ft on a 5.4 acre site on the 3rd phase of the Park Farm South Industrial Estate in Wellingborough
- Belgian soya milk producer Alpro BV’s 12,000 sq m premises on a 7.5 acre site in Kettering’s Latimer Park, a £20m plant creating more than 65 jobs.
- plans by Cosworth Technology to expand its existing premises at Wellingborough from 4500 sq m to 10000 sq m
- outline consent for 222,960 sq m of industrial, distributional and office use on the 130 acre employment park within the Grange Park development, J15 of the M1, which will also provide 1000 new homes, retail facilities and an 86 acre countryside park. New Wave Logistics have taken a pre-let of 14,864 sq m for distributional activities.
- a £30m leisure development providing a hotel, 10-screen cinema, restaurant, nightclub, casino and health & fitness centre on the former Barclaycard site in Northampton town centre
- plans, backed by Legal & General, for a £300m investment, to double the size of Northampton’s Grosvenor Shopping Centre in the town centre. The development would bring changes to the bus depot, Abington Street and Sheep Street. Formal plans are expected in late 2000.
- Scottish & Newcastle Retail’s new 10,000sq. ft, £12.4m, headquarters at The Lakes in Brackmills, Northampton. Work is expected to be finished by summer 2001.
A general guide to the asking price for land and industrial and commercial properties is given above. This should be used for guidance only as prices are volatile. Further information should be obtained from commercial agents. Land prices and rents in rural areas are generally lower than in the towns.

**Vacant Property**

Northamptonshire County Council, in conjunction with local commercial agents, operates a regularly updated register of vacant industrial and commercial properties available for sale or rent. Specific enquiries can be given a tailored response free of charge.

For further information contact Economic Development Service. Tel: (01604) 236060.

**Small Workshops**

Several of the District Councils and private companies currently offer starter units on very favourable terms. The annual Small Workshops Leaflet, produced by the Economic Development team, provides key information on the provision of small workshops in Northamptonshire, and gives a point of contact for more specific details concerning availability, terms of letting etc.
A selection of typical wage rates for Northamptonshire is shown below. These are general rates and are subject to natural economic fluctuations.

**Average Wage Rates - November 1999**

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<td>Secretary</td>
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For further information contact Job Centre Managers at :-

1. **Corby Job Centre**  
   George Street  
   CORBY  
   NN17 1PH  
   Tel: (01536) 343001

2. **Kettering Job Centre**  
   Derbyshire House  
   KETTERING  
   NN16 8BG  
   Tel: (01536) 343105

3. **Rushden Job Centre**  
   75 Rectory Road  
   RUSHDEN  
   NN10 0AF  
   Tel: (01933) 333900

4. **Wellingborough Job Centre**  
   1 Queen Square  
   WELLINGBOROUGH  
   NN8 4JP  
   Tel: (01933) 333400

5. **Northampton Job Centre**  
   Ashby House  
   33-37 Sheep Street  
   NORTHAMPTON  
   NN1 2NG  
   Tel: (01604) 443200

6. **Daventry Job Centre**  
   14 Oxford Street  
   DAVENTRY  
   NN11 4AD  
   Tel: (01327) 885200

7. **Towcester Job Centre**  
   4-5 Sponne House  
   Watling Street  
   TOWCESTER  
   NN12 6BY  
   Tel: (01327) 885000

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The County Council has responsibility for: education, strategic planning, highways, social services, fire services, libraries, street lighting, waste disposal and consumer protection. The District and Borough Councils have responsibility for: environmental health, housing, planning applications, business rates, refuse collection, cemeteries, pest control, public parks, playing fields and collection of the council tax.

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Community Development and Leisure Services

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Planning
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Rushden, NN10 0PT
Tel: (01933) 412000
General Finance
Information

Council Offices,
East Northamptonshire House,
Cedar Drive,
Thrapston, NN14 4LZ
Tel: (01832) 742000
Chief Executive
Planning and Building Control
Environmental Health
Leisure & Amenities
Finance

**Kettering Borough Council**
www.kettering.gov.uk
Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road,
Kettering, NN15 7QX
Tel: (01536) 410333
Chief Executive
Treasurer’s
Housing, Development and Leisure Services
Technical Services
Environmental Health

**Northampton Borough Council**
www.northampton.gov.uk
Guildhall, St Giles Square,
Northampton, NN1 1DA
Tel: (01604) 233500
Chief Executive
Solicitors
Strategic Resources
Business
Housing

Cliftonville House, Bedford Road,
Northampton, NN4 0NR
Tel: (01604) 233500
Engineers
Planning and Architects
Environmental Health
Development and Environment

**Northampton Borough Council**
13 Guildhall Road, Northampton,
NN1 1DP
Tel: (01604) 233500
Community Services
Leisure and Recreation

**South Northamptonshire Council**
www.southnorthants.gov.uk
Springfields, Towcester, NN12 6AE
Tel: (01327) 322322
Chief Executive
Administration
Finance
Housing
Environment

**Borough Council of Wellingborough**
www.wellingborough.gov.uk
Council Offices, Tithe Barn Road,
Wellingborough, NN8 1BN
Tel: (01933) 229777
Finance and IT
Housing and Community Development

Council Offices, Swanspool House
Wellingborough, NN8 1BP
Tel: (01933) 229777
Chief Executive’s Department
Technical And Leisure Services

Council Offices, Croyland Abbey,
Tithe Barn Road,
Wellingborough, NN8 1BJ
Tel: (01933) 229777
Environmental Services

Local Government Administration

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Northamptonshire's extensive range of educational facilities and opportunities include nursery schools and units for the under fives, primary and secondary schools, special schools, colleges of further and higher education, adult, youth and community facilities. All schools are fully comprehensive and transfers from primary to secondary take place as far as possible in accordance with parental wishes.

**Nursery Education and Pre-School Facilities**

Northamptonshire's provision of nursery education for children in the three to four-plus age range compares very favourably with other counties. The County at present maintains 39 nursery establishments providing approximately 2,400 full and part time places. All children have the opportunity to start their primary school education at the beginning of the school year in which their fifth birthday falls. Financial support is also available for all four year olds and some three year olds attending pre-schools, playgroups and private nurseries.

**Schools**

All schools are fully comprehensive and are organised within a Two or Three Tier System. At January 2000 there were approximately 49,000 Secondary / Sixth Form and 53,000 Primary pupils on roll. The Two Tier System comprises Primary and Secondary schools, and children transfer at the age of eleven. The Three Tier System comprises of Lower, Middle and Upper Schools and children transfer at nine and thirteen. There is close liaison and co-operation between the three stages of education to ensure continuity of learning. Both Secondary and Upper schools provide courses for pupils of all abilities and each school offers a wide range of courses leading to GCSE examinations at the end of the fifth year. A range of sixth form courses to GCE ‘A’ level are available at individual schools.

The Three Tier System operates in the Borough of Northampton and part of East Northamptonshire including Kings Cliffe, Oundle and Thrapston. In all other parts of the County the Two Tier System is operated.

**Special Education**

Northamptonshire provides a wide range of special educational facilities throughout the County. This provision is made in Primary and Secondary schools, Special
Northamptonshire offers employers a responsive training service through its strategically placed establishments of further and higher education. All colleges maintain close relationships with business, industry and the Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce Training and Enterprise so that provision of education and training can match changing requirements.

**University College Northampton**
www.northampton.ac.uk

Park Campus, Boughton Green Road, Northampton. NN2 7AL
Tel: (01604) 735500 Fax: (01604) 720636
Avenue Campus, St George’s Avenue, Northampton. NN1 5JD
Tel: (01604) 735500 Fax: (01604) 720636

The Sunley Management Centre, University College Northampton, Park Campus, Boughton Green Road, Northampton. NN2 7AL
Tel: (01604) 719531 Fax: (01604) 712413

The Graduate School
Nene Centre for Research, Park Campus, Boughton Green Road, Northampton. NN2 7AL
Tel: (01604) 735500 Fax: (01604) 791114

University College Northampton provides Northamptonshire’s university education with courses at first degree, higher degree and diploma level, together with professional training and updating. There is a wide range of postgraduate courses and research opportunities. The college recruits regionally, nationally and internationally. The college has two sites in Northampton.

University College Northampton has three faculties: Applied Science, Arts and Social Sciences and Northampton Business School. They provide over one hundred courses covering environmental science, leather technology, education, technology and design, healthcare, behavioural studies, cultural studies, art and design, social studies, computing, management and business. The College has a strategy of developing single honours degrees from successful combined honours options and Higher National Diplomas.

**Northampton College**
www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk

Booth Lane, Northampton. NN3 3RF
Tel: (01604) 734567 Fax: (01604) 734207

This well resourced and attractively accommodated College offers a whole range of courses for full and part time students in:


The college has close links with industry and commerce and is able to offer short training courses to meet local and national employer’s needs. The Business Support Centre offers VIP and Adult Training Opportunities as well as support to local businesses.

**Tresham Institute of Further and Higher Education**
Tresham Institute Information Line 01536 413123
www.tresham.ac.uk

Corby Campus
George Street, Corby, NN17 1QA
Tel: 01536 402252 Fax: 01536 413357

Kettering Campus
St Mary’s Road, Kettering, NN15 7BS
Tel: 01536 410252 Fax: 01536 522500

Sixth Form Centre
Windmill Avenue, Kettering, NN15 6ER
Tel: 01536 413246 Fax: 01536 524965

Wellingborough Campus
Church Street, Wellingborough, NN8 4PD
Tel: 01933 224165 Fax: 01933 441832

Market Harborough Centre
St Mary’s House, 1,3 & 5 St Mary’s Road, Market Harborough Leicestershire, LE16 7DS
(Tel and Fax see Kettering Campus)

Rushden Centre
1st Floor, 34 High Street, Rushden, Northants, NN10 0PX
(Tel and Fax see Kettering Campus)

Tresham Institute serves the towns of Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough, Market Harborough and Rushden. It also enjoys considerable confidence from overseas governments with several training contracts and consultancies. At Corby, the school of construction and Engineering Technology houses the New Technology Centre, the regional Autodesk Training Centre and Rapid Prototype (conti.)
laboratory as well as first class training salons for Hairdressing, Beauty Therapies and Fitness and a commercially operated Training Restaurant.

As an associate college of De Montfort University, Tresham offers degree and HND courses in its newly refurbished University Centre in St Mary’s Road, Kettering.

Kettering has been the centre of excellence for Computing and Business Management Studies for many years and new facilities for Health Care & Child Education have recently been opened.

The Sixth Form Centre specialises in A and AS levels and a range of programmes in art, media, performance, leisure, sport and tourism.

Wellingborough is the regional centre for Automotive Engineering and Electronics and the training for the Northamptonshire Footwear Industry. The IT Focus Centre (a registered Cisco Regional Academy) at Wellingborough offers high level IT training courses in computer networking, the internet and all aspects of computer technology.

The centres in Rushden and Market Harborough offer a variety of IT courses.

**Moulton College**

West Street, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7RJ
Tel: (01604) 491127
Fax: (01604) 491127

Moulton College offers a comprehensive range of Further and Higher Education courses for the land-based, construction and furniture industries - including Horticulture, Floristry, Animal Care, Equestrian Studies, Food Studies, Furniture Crafts, Business Management and Building Studies. The College holds a Northamptonshire Chamber brokerage and Managing Agency, and the range of courses offered includes full-time, day release and evening. Residential accommodation is available to all full-time students. A 440 hectare Farm, Horticulture Unit, Garden Centre, Plant Nursery, and Small Animal Centre adjoin the College and provide realistic work experience and practical tuition for students.

**Daventry Tertiary College**

Information Hotline (01327) 879244
www.davcoll.ac.uk

Badby Road West, Daventry, NN11 4HJ
Tel: (01327) 300232 Fax: (01327) 300942

Daventry Tertiary College is the newest college in Northamptonshire, having opened in 1989 using extensively refurbished premises in Daventry. The college is unique in providing a fully integrated range of academic, vocational and recreational courses for everyone over the age of 16. It offers the widest range of academic subjects of any organisation in Northamptonshire alongside vocational courses focused on Business, Finance, Travel, Art & Design, Caring, Engineering and Information Technology. Operating from the main site in Daventry, the college is committed to develop training programmes vital for local industry to increase and develop its competitiveness, in addition to offering conference and training venues for local organisations.

**Northamptonshire Industry Education Centre**

PO Box 216, John Dryden House, 8-10 The Lakes, Northampton, NN4 7DD
Tel: (01604) 237732 Fax: (01604) 236240

The Centre was established in 1986 by the Northamptonshire Education Department to foster links between education, industry and the community in general. It is part of the Northamptonshire Inspection and Advisory Service (NIAS) Management Services division and has a 5 - 19 age group brief.

The centre is an active member of the county’s Education Business Partnership (EBP) which was formally launched by the TEC in 1993. It contributes to EBP objectives, for example through delivery of the Teacher Placements Service, support to the local Northamptonshire Employer Education Partnership (NEEPS) and activities associated with other contracts such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS), East Midlands School Improvements Programme (EMISP), GNVQ Engineering and Manufacturing Support Network (GEMS), and the CITB Curriculum Centre.

**Adult Education Services**

Adult Education Services are organised into five institutions maintained by the Local Education Authority, three of which cover rural areas of the County with the fourth being a residential and conference centre. In addition there is an Adult Education Services Unit and contractual arrangements with the four further education corporations to secure provision in Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough (Tresham Institute), Daventry (Daventry Tertiary College), Northampton (Northampton College) with additional provision being made for Moulton College.

The Maintained Institutions are: Nene Valley, for East Northamptonshire
Tel: (01933) 318779
South Northamptonshire
Tel: (01327) 359993
Uplands, for West Northamptonshire
Tel: (01604) 882337
Knuston Hall Residential College for Adult Education and Conference Centre
Tel: (01933) 312104
Adult Education Services
Tel: (01604) 236216

Further and Higher Education and Training

**Career Path (Northamptonshire) Ltd**

Head Office, 22 Billing Road, Northampton, NN1 5AT
Tel 01604 630033
E-mail: info@careerpath.org.uk
www.careerpath.org.uk

Career Path (Northamptonshire) Ltd provides a careers information, advice and guidance service to individuals of all ages through a network of seven full-time centres, each equipped with comprehensive careers libraries. Careers Advisers offer guidance to students at schools and colleges and support educational institutions in the development of careers education, including the organisation of work experience. Career Path maintains close contact with employers and training providers and operates a recruitment service to meet the needs of both employers and the young unemployed. It has a key role in the VIP Card initiative - Northamptonshire’s version of Youth Credits.

**Careers Centres:**

Brackley Careers Centre, 33 High Street, Brackley, NN13 5DW
Tel: (01280) 704659 Fax: (01280) 702025

Corby Careers Centre, 2nd Floor, Chisholm House, The Links, 9 Queen Square
Corby, NN17 1PD
Tel: (01536) 209217 Fax: (01536) 204911

Daventry Careers Centre, Suite 1 Ground Floor, Bishop Crewe House, North Street, Daventry, NN15 5PN
Tel: (01327) 705831 Fax: (01327) 312939

Kettering Careers Centre, St Mary’s Road, Kettering, NN15 7AH
Tel: (01536) 513862 Fax: (01536) 410615

Northampton Careers Centre, Kent House, 30 Billing Road, Northampton, NN1 5DG
Tel: (01604) 234762 Fax: (01604) 602324

Rushden Careers Centre, 1st Floor, The Rushden Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 OPT
Tel: (01933) 353553 Fax: (01933) 410564

Wellingborough Careers Centre, 12 Church Street, Wellingborough, NN8 4PA
Tel: (01933) 222626 Fax: (01933) 276382

**Training Information**

Training, Advice and Information Service (TAIS)

TAIS is a free telephone service which has access to over 8,000 local training courses and provides information on careers guidance and qualifications such as NVQs. Employers along with individuals can benefit from the service as details can be obtained of local organisations who are able to provide employee training across a wide spectrum of activities.

For details contact TAIS on 0800 503080

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Utilities and Services

**WATER**

1. Anglian Water
   The Lindens
   Cliftonville
   NORTHAMPTON
   NN1 5BH
   Tel: (01604) 446500
   Fax: (01604) 446567
   www.anglianwater.co.uk

2. Severn-Trent Water
   2297 Coventry Road
   Sheldon
   BIRMINGHAM
   B26 3PU
   Tel: (0121) 722 4000
   Fax: (0121) 722 4800
   www.stwater.co.uk

3. Thames Water Utility
   PO Box 436
   Swindon
   WILTSRIHRE
   SN38 1TU
   Tel: (0645) 200800
   Fax: (01793) 420711
   www.thameswater.com

**ELECTRICITY**

For general enquiries regarding electricity supply for all properties in Northamptonshire contact:

East Midlands Electricity
Phoenix Centre
Colliers Way
Nuthall
NOTTINGHAM
NG8 6AT
Tel: (0800) 363363
Fax: (0115) 995 6549
www.powergen-power.co.uk

**GAS**

For general enquiries regarding the supply of gas to all properties in Northamptonshire contact:

British Gas Trading Ltd
Floor 4
Helmont House
Churchill Way
CARDIFF
CF1 4NB
Tel: (0645) 555406
Fax: (0845) 600 0522
www.britishgas.com

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**British Telecom**

Telephone, Telex, Data Computing and Call Connect System Facilities can be made available to industrial and commercial developments throughout the County.

General Enquiries  Tel: (0800) 309409
Business Customers  Tel: free on 152
Personal Customers  Tel: free on 150
www.bt.com

**Cable & Wireless UK**

General Enquiries  Tel: (0500) 500194
www.cwcom.co.uk

Customer Services will be able to deal with all enquiries relating to business or residential use, and provide details of other services that Cable & Wireless provide.
House Price Survey

**HM Land Registry Residential Property Price Report**

This survey, conducted on a quarterly basis, deals with the sale of all properties in England and Wales based on HM Land Registry data. It provides average sale prices for the four main types of residential property; detached; semi-detached; terraced and flat/maisonette in each County. No weighting or bias is applied by the Land Registry to the average prices and therefore they are actual, unadjusted averages.

The survey is believed to include the most comprehensive information published on residential property prices in England and Wales.

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<td>Semi-Detached</td>
<td>£66,015</td>
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<td>All</td>
<td>£80,054</td>
<td>£67,819</td>
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**Summary of Survey Results**

The table above shows the average sale price of properties between January and March 2000 by property type, including the percentage change between sale prices for the same quarter in 1999. The average sale price for a property in Northamptonshire between January and March 2000 was £80,054, an increase in price of 18% from £67,890, for the same quarter in 1999.

The average price of property within Northamptonshire is less than in surrounding counties. In Leicestershire the average selling price of all types of houses was £82,219, Bedfordshire £101,143, Cambridgeshire £102,488, Warwickshire £96,733, Oxfordshire £145,718, and Buckinghamshire £164,619.

Other information on purchase prices for residential properties may be obtained from local estate agents. Some leading building societies also produce quarterly press releases which reflect purchase prices at the county, regional and national levels.
Tourism

An Attractive Place to Visit - The County of Spires and Squires

Northamptonshire has long attracted people to live, work and visit and has the remains of many medieval manors and castles. Many of our 17th and 18th century stately homes were built by newcomers to the County, who enjoyed its peace and tranquility and decided to stay. Most of these great houses are still lived in by their descendants and are open to the public at certain times during the year.

The County is essentially rural - stone built villages clustered around the parish church and village green are set amidst gently rolling farmland, crisscrossed by hedgerows. Remnants of ancient forests in which royalty once hunted are still to be found - and visitors will enjoy walking and picnicking in this attractive, typically English landscape.

Industrial history has also been made in Northamptonshire. The development of Britain’s canal network and the building of the Country’s first integrated steelworks at Corby were significant milestones which are reflected in permanent exhibitions in the County. Many of the museums around the County have exhibits showing the varied industrial heritage of the County - most notable being the Central Museum in Northampton with its Leathercraft section. The first railway line to be built in the County - the London to Birmingham - was opened in 1838 and passes through two major land-excavations - Roade cutting and Kilsby tunnel. The development of the motor car through the 20th century has meant that there is a need for fast road links, and the M1 (opened in 1959), offers ease of access to the County by car from the North, the Midlands and the South.

Northamptonshire offers wide opportunity for leisure activities. All age groups are catered for. There are sporting activities - both for the spectator and the participant. These include National Hunt racing at Towcester, County Cricket at Northampton, international motor racing at Silverstone, the balloon festival in Northampton, the World Conker Championships at Ashton, first class Rugby Union at Northampton Saints, and League football at Northampton Town F.C.. For the participant there are a multitude of golf courses, together with sports centres and swimming pools in most towns. There are also country parks offering bird watching, angling and walking. Northamptonshire is also good horse country. Other attractions in the County include the Canal Museum at Stoke Bruerne, Rockingham Castle in the North East of the County, Stately Homes including Althorp (the home of Earl Spencer and resting place of Diana Princess of Wales), Holdenby and Lamport. The live arts can be enjoyed at many places in the County. The Derngate Centre in Northampton, the Castle Theatre and Arts Centre in Wellingborough and the Festival Hall in Corby are high quality venues for both classical and popular music. The Royal Theatre in Northampton is a perfect example of a Victorian playhouse of the kind that has nearly disappeared from most of our towns. It has a full programme of plays and events. The main towns in the County possess cinemas and Northampton also has an Arts Cinema. New leisure centres have opened at Towcester and Daventry whilst the Kettering Leisure Village was completed in 1993, offering a wide choice of activities including ice-skating, bowling and sports facilities. In 1994, Sixfields, a major new leisure and entertainment complex was opened in Northampton. The development includes a new sports stadium, a 9 screen cinema and a variety of restaurants.

Business Tourism

Northamptonshire’s central location makes it an ideal place for holding conferences. Ease of access means that national organisations and companies can find a venue that is equi-distant for delegates. Accommodation in an attractive setting is also available for individuals making business visits to local companies. For foreign business visitors some of the internationally known tourist attractions such as Stratford-upon Avon, Cambridge, Oxford and London are within easy reach. The Conference Northamptonshire service offers a free venue search for conference organisers and will source venues for any business event.

Accommodation

Overnight accommodation in the County varies from luxury hotels both modern and ‘olde-world’ - to caravan and tent campsites -with a range of inns and guest houses in between. There are good quality hotels in all the towns of the County and many more in the rural areas. A selection of conference venues is available - the largest catering for up to 1000 delegates. A wide range of restaurants and public houses ensures that all tastes are catered for - from local specialities such as Brixworth paté to international cuisine.

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Further Information

(1) Visitor Information
Tourist Information Centres

**Corby**
Festival Hall, George Street
Tel: (01536) 407507

**Daventry**
Moot Hall, Market Square
Tel: (01327) 300277

**Kettering**
The Coach House, Sheep Street
Tel: (01536) 410266

**Northampton**
Mr Grant’s House, 10 St Giles Square
Tel: (01604) 622677

**Oundle**
14 West Street
Tel: (01832) 274333

**Brackley**
2 Bridge Street
Tel: (01280) 700111

**Wellingborough**
Wellingborough Library, Pebble Lane
Tel: (01933) 276412

TICs offer information on the local area - for example, places to visit, opening times of attractions, availability of accommodation.

(2) Tourism Promotion and Information
Tourism and Conference Bureau
Northamptonshire Chamber,
Royal Pavilion, Summerhouse Road,
Moulton Park, Northampton. NN3 6BJ
Tel: (01604) 671200

Provides assistance and information on the County as a whole for all potential visitors, including the business tourist. Services include answering trade enquiries from those considering the County as a tourist destination and finding suitable conference venues through Conference Northamptonshire.

(3) Tourism Development
Northamptonshire County Council
Environmental Directorate,
PO Box 163, County Hall,
Guildhall Road, Northampton. NN1 1AX
Tel: (01604) 236060

The Environment Group provides information and advice to potential tourism facility developers.

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Topography, Geology and Climate

Topography and Geology of Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire’s topography is typical of lowland Britain with a gently undulating landscape bisected by river valleys. The highest point in Northamptonshire is Arbury Hill, Badby (735 ft) in the south-west of the County, and the lowest is at Willow Brook, near Elton (44 ft) in the north-east.

The topography of Northamptonshire is largely governed by the underlying geology and the processes of weathering and erosion. In addition to controlling, to a large extent, the topography of Northamptonshire the geology also has a major influence upon the location, nature and scale of primary extraction activities, the quality of farmland and also on the type of flora which is native to the County.

The majority of Northamptonshire’s surface rocks were deposited 195 to 225 million years ago during a period of time known as the Jurassic and consist of a series of limestones, clays and sandstones originally deposited in a shallow water environment. Probably the most characteristic of these rocks is “Northamptonshire Sandstone” which features in many of the County’s villages as a most attractive building stone.

The Jurassic rocks have subsequently been deformed by tectonic movements resulting in a dipping of the strata to the south-east, and the formation of the “Northamptonshire Uplands” running from NNE to SSW across the County.

Deposits of boulder clay and sand were laid down on top of these rocks during the recent Ice Age, which, it is presently believed ended approximately 10,000 years ago. These deposits tend to obscure the dipping structure of the Jurassic sediments.

The River Nene which is the County’s principal river follows the same trend as the “Northamptonshire Uplands” and its valley provides the location for many of the County’s major towns. The Nene Valley also provides the location for most of the County’s sand and gravel extraction.

Northamptonshire is not prone to volcanic eruptions or major earthquakes due to its distance from active plate margins.

Northamptonshire’s Climate

Temperature

Northamptonshire’s seasons are typical of the Northern Hemisphere with the winter months of the year being December, January and February and the summer months June, July and August. These two seasons normally experience the climatic extremes.

Due to its inland location Northamptonshire has a continental climate resulting in slightly colder winters and warmer summers than in more coastal areas. The average date for the first frost is mid-October with the last frost, on average, occurring in the first half of May. The area around Northampton has approximately 255 days suitable for plant growth per annum depending upon aspect, although this figure decreases slightly towards the north of the County.

Mean temperatures within the County range from 5.5 degrees Celsius in January to 21.6 degrees Celsius in July giving a seasonal range of 16.1 degrees Celsius, although local variations do occur.

Average maximum daytime monthly figures are given below in Celsius:

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Precipitation

Rainfall within the County is primarily influenced by relief and is therefore greater in the west of the County where the land is
higher and lower in the east where the land drops towards the Fens.
The summer months tend to have the highest precipitation totals which are often as a result of thundery showers, with August generally the wettest month of the year with approximately one fifth of the total annual precipitation.
The large snowfalls which effect some of Northamptonshire’s neighbouring areas tend to have a lesser effect upon the County due to its inland location and lowland relief.

Average monthly precipitation figures are given in millimetres:-

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Source: Raunds Meteorological Station

Topography, Geology and Climate of Northamptonshire

Key:
- 70m contour
- River Nene
- Raunds Meteorological Station
- Prevailing wind direction

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