

# Corby Town Council's national nominations!

**Town council leader Cllr Mark Pengelly - and Cllr Callum Reilly - were shortlisted for national awards for their service to our community.**

The NALC Star Council awards recognise the town and parish council sector. The ceremony took place at the House of Lords in November.

Cllr Mark Pengelly was nominated for Councillor of the Year. His nomination said "that without his vision, town events would not have continued following the loss of Corby Borough Council."

It added that Cllr Pengelly has worked hard to maintain connections in all community areas and is aware of what the people of Corby value.

Cllr Callum Reilly was nominated for Young Councillor of the Year. Elected at age 26, Cllr Reilly chaired the inaugural Pride working group, devised a school competition for young children to design a logo for the Environment Committee, and within the Events Committee, Cllr Reilly delivered a powerful presentation on Holocaust Memorial Day.



(L-R) Cllr Callum Reilly, Cllr Mark Pengelly

After the ceremony Cllr Pengelly said "The Star Council Awards have become a hallmark occasion in recognising and celebrating the achievements of town and parish councils so I am extremely grateful that we were nominated and shortlisted for these awards. Congratulations to all the other nominees and winners."

## A Christmassy Corby !

**Thank You for supporting our Christmas Market and Tree Light Switch-On!**

On Friday December 8th, James Ashworth VC Square was transformed into a seasonal setting with local traders joined by live Christmas carols and songs, Santa Claus, lantern making, panto characters, Corby Radio and stilt-walkers plus our VIP guest, Spirit of Corby nominee Harry Reid (pictured left).



Leader of Corby Town Council, Cllr Mark Pengelly, said: "My thanks go to our staff for their work in putting this event together as well as our councillors, the traders and community groups who took part and the great people of Corby for their support on the day."





# A night of high spirits !



Corby & District Lions and Shape Dance were honoured with special awards for their service to the community - Pics: Jim Darrah of [itsafricansunset.co.uk](http://itsafricansunset.co.uk)

## Corby Town Council have thanked the people of Corby for helping to make the Spirit of Corby Awards 2023 a success.

The Town Council organised the event - nominations from the people of Corby were received in September and then hundreds took part in the voting across October.



The awards ceremony took place on Friday November 17th at the Holiday Inn on Geddington Road and was attended by nominees and their guests, awards sponsors, town councillors and civic guests.

Leader of Corby Town Council, Cllr Mark Pengelly, said: "Thank You Corby for another brilliant evening celebrating all that is great about our community. It was wonderful to hear about all the good work and deeds done not just by the winners but all of the award nominees too. A special thank you goes to the sponsors of the awards for their brilliant support, and to everyone out there in Corby who nominated and voted for those taking part."



Rockingham Cars were among the sponsors -while Cliff Morton was chosen for the Living Legend award. Pics - Jim Darrah of [itsafricansunset.co.uk](http://itsafricansunset.co.uk)

Donations to the Mayor of Corby's raffle raised £1,050 to be shared with the Mayor's three chosen charities.

Special awards decided by Corby Town Councillors were given to **Corby and District Lions** charitable group who celebrate 50 years this year and **Shape Dance** as the community dance group recently completed anniversary celebrations.

**Cliff Morton** was given the Living Legend award for his work overseeing "The Charity Pot". All the other categories were decided by the votes of the Corby public.

**Hilmi Say** – who has inspired community fundraising in Corby this year, won the Public Sector Worker award.

**Ronald Jeans** won the Environmental Spirit award for his work tending to his allotment and helping others to grow.

**The Friends of Coronation Park** won the Small Community Garden award for the development of their Sensory Garden.

**Ryan Storey** – a teacher at Lodge Park Academy who has worked on better provision for children with additional needs – won the Educational Spirit Award.

**Sophia Madden** won the Creative Spirit Award for the creation of "Mad 2 Perform" to engage youngsters with the creative arts.

**Shona Lomas with the SBA Project CIC** won the Community Spirit award for work to provide free training to service users as well as free meals.

**Sophie Findlay** won the Club Spirit Award for her work with Corby Town Girls Football Team.

**Northamptonshire Animals in Need of Nurturing and Adoption** won the Animal Champion award.

**North Northants Community First Responders** won the Health and Wellbeing award for their work supporting the NHS.

**Deborah Leeder** who is a volunteer worker at The Autumn Centre, won the Volunteer Spirit.

**Aimee Ballantyne** was voted the Young Spirit award winner, having raised funds for Lakelands Hospice.

**Bob's Café** won the Small Service Business Award and **Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadets** won the Youth Organisation Award.





# Have your say on our next Budget

**Corby Town Council is asking you to take part in helping set the spending priorities for the town into 2024-5.**

We want Corby to have the best town council in the UK - in turn making Corby an even better place to live.

We have put on free-to-attend events, provided grants, continued the Mayoral office and represented Corby nationally.

The council has a number of budget pressures for which we need to plan.

These include investment in allotment sites, an alternative HQ for council staff and inflation costs which impact all current outgoings. A survey on our website about our priorities, plans, precept and your views is open on our website until Jan. 12, 2024. **QR Code** ➡



## Mayor steps out for Corby causes

In May, Councillor Leanne Buckingham was made Mayor of Corby - her theme for the year is Citizenship. She chose to support three charities who all have a keen focus on giving back to the community: **North Northants Community First Responders** who are trained volunteers who can give lifesaving aid to the public. **Corby Lions** who have done so much locally to bring our community together from hosting afternoon tea parties for our more mature members of society to hosting fun days for families. And the **Teamwork Trust** who are passionate about ensuring that everyone has access to the same choices and opportunities.

Pictured clockwise (L-R): Cllr Buckingham is taken blindfold around Corby Town Centre by Corby Lions for World Sight Day in October; the Mayor delivers a talk on her role to the University of the Third Age group in Great Oakley; the Mayor visits Seagrave House Care Home on Occupation Road; supporting NN Community First Responders at a local funday.



Would you like the Mayor at your community event? Visit [corbytowncouncil.gov.uk](https://corbytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Grant award sees families cook up fun

**Adoptive families had fun with cooking while networking - following grant funding from Corby Town Council.**

A group linked to the national charity Adoption UK have met in Corby for the past four years; both in person and online. Their aim is to strengthen adoptive families with peer-to-peer support, assisting with school meetings, training, plus organising events such as picnics.

In February this year £400 was awarded from the Community Grants Fund so group members could take part in an exclusive cooking event.

This took place in November at **Kingswood Catering** in Corby and saw the families make chicken pies from scratch with children from ages 5 to 16 being supervised.

Feedback from the event included: "It helped with my daughter's confidence and abilities to do and try new things. She thoroughly enjoyed the event and would love to do it again." Chair of Finance, Cllr Simon Rielly, said: "We are delighted to have been in a position to help fund this educational session for families. If you are part of a not-for-profit community group you can apply for a grant award of up to £2,000."

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# Remembrance Sunday in Corby

**Hundreds of people of all ages braved rain for a parade and wreath laying on Sunday November 12th.**

A parade featuring veterans, bands, civic groups and the public set off from St Mark's Road towards the Old Village.

At the War Memorial on High St. a service was led by Rev. Paul Frost. The parade and wreath laying was organised by Corby's Royal British Legion branch with support from Corby Town Council.



Pictured above (seated) is local D-Day veteran Jim Wigfield



## War Memorial plans underway

**An initial meeting has been held by civic leaders including the Town Council about the future of Corby's War Memorial.**

It featured Councillors, Tom Pursglove MP, the Corby branch of the Royal British Legion, Old Village Neighbourhood Association and Rev. Paul Frost from St John's Church.

It is hoped that an application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund can be made to help create a new memorial on the High St. site that will provide a fitting place for remembrance in the years to come. Do you have thoughts or ideas about the War Memorial? Please e-mail [community@corbytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:community@corbytowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Let's hear your green ideas

**Corby Town Council has an environment committee which would like more input from the public.**

At present the committee features councillors and local residents who are active towards making Corby a greener and cleaner place but more members of the public are always welcome to join.

A trial Terracycling bin for one of the town's community centres was recently approved. This is all about recycling more waste that would otherwise go to landfill.

To find out more about the committee e-mail [projects@corbytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:projects@corbytowncouncil.gov.uk)



**Corby's first ever Pride was organised by Corby Town Council and drew thousands to a parade and funday.**

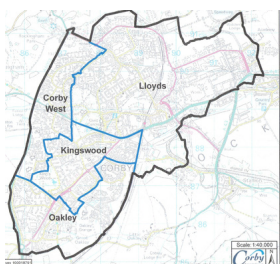
The event was supported by a number of community groups and local businesses. If you are part of a firm or organisation that would be interested in supporting the 2024 edition, which is due to be held in June, you can express your interest by e-mailing [pride@corbytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:pride@corbytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Corby Town Council has 17 councillors.

All councillors are elected and receive no payment. The next elections will be in 2025.

Corby West, Kingswood and Oakley wards have four members each and the Lloyds ward has five.

Find out who your town councillors are online at [corbytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://corbytowncouncil.gov.uk) or by looking up "Corby Town Council" on Facebook.



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