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# Why teach in Northamptonshire?

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# Northamptonshire is in the very heart of England and offers something for everybody.

With excellent road and rail links it's easy to find your way to the county often described as the Rose of the Shires. Here you can choose to step into the traditional rural lifestyle typified by Northamptonshire's numerous pretty villages with their thatched cottages and quaint pubs, country lanes and parish churches. Or at the other end of the spectrum, Northamptonshire offers many modern attractions and facilities, and holds the accolade of hosting the thrilling Formula One Grand Prix at Silverstone.

Northamptonshire is home to some of the most beautiful countryside in England. There are miles of walks, beautiful country parks, and substantial areas of ancient woodland just waiting to be explored. Miles of cycle paths follow the landscape of the Brampton Valley Way. Rockingham Castle perches on its hilltop with views stretching to Rutland Water. Stately homes and ancestral seats, including that of the Spencer family at Althorp, are all part of the local heritage. The network of canals and waterways that interweave the county through the Nene Valley are perfect for exploring.

In and around the main market towns, there are excellent leisure facilities with great shops, out of town retail and leisure complexes, restaurants, museums, galleries, theatres and cinemas, health clubs and spas, and a thriving nightlife for anyone with the energy.

Local sporting highlights include international venues at Silverstone and Santa Pod, the revered Saints rugby team at Franklins Gardens, football league teams and first-class county cricket. Enjoy spectacular golf courses, equestrian and country pursuits, and excellent water sports.

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# Why Teach in Northamptonshire?

Teaching in Northamptonshire is appealing due to its central location, affordable housing, strong job market, and diverse school system.

The county boasts around 400 schools which come in a variety of types and size, from small and rural to larger urban schools. There is a growing network of trusts, all focusing on attracting and developing teaching talent.

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# Living in Northampton //

**Northampton offers a good balance of urban and rural life, with easy access to major cities and a variety of country parks and green spaces.**



It's known for its affordability compared to London, good transport links both to London and Birmingham, and a blend of town life with beautiful surrounding countryside to explore. The town has a thriving community including the University Campus, a range of amenities, and a strong history: there is a vibrant cultural centre with independent shops, restaurants and bars, a gallery and museum in town centre and one in Abington Park, lots of stately homes and two theatres, cinemas, The Cobblers Football team, Saints Rugby and the County Cricket, if you like to watch sports. There are events in the town centre such as the balloon and beer festival.



# Living in Corby //

**Corby is a thriving town located in the heart of the UK.**

It blends the charms of a historic village with the convenience of modern life. There are family-friendly areas such as Cottingham and Oakley Vale, while another parts boast the tranquillity of surrounding villages with Rockingham Castle, Rockingham Forest and the East Carlton Country Park. The town is well-connected, with good bus services and train routes to London. Coupled with the competitive cost of housing, education is well regarded, providing highly-rated primary and secondary schools. Corby offers a good range of options for shopping, from high street brands to local independent stores and cultural experiences in The Cube. It's also close to Market Harborough, Stamford, and Oundle, all of which have lively markets on a regular basis.



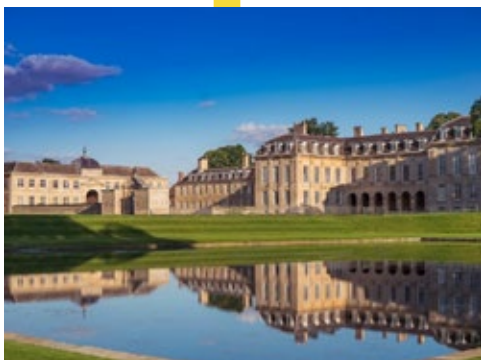
# Living in Wellingborough //

**Wellingborough is an appealing town that offers a blend of convenience and affordability.**

Nestled in the scenic county of Northamptonshire, on the picturesque north side of the River Nene, Wellingborough not only boasts excellent transport links but also features house prices below the national average. Steeped in historical significance, Wellingborough also stands as one of the oldest and smallest towns in the county, with a rich heritage that dates back to the Domesday Book of 1086. There are many beautiful villages, walks and an abundance of recreational activities with Santa Pod Raceway, The Castle Theatre and local country parks nearby. The town boasts over 100 parks and playgrounds, providing ample green spaces to explore and enjoy. Shopping and leisure is available at the nearby Rushden Lakes retail Park.



# Living in Kettering //



**Kettering, a market town in Northamptonshire, is a popular place to live for those seeking a mix of urban convenience and rural charm.**

It offers good commuter links to London, affordable property compared to other areas, and access to green spaces and the countryside. The town also boasts a range of amenities, including shops, restaurants, and family-friendly attractions, including Wicksteed Park, England's first theme park. Kettering has a rich history, with historical buildings like Boughton House and the Rushton Triangular Lodge, as well as beautiful countryside and attractive villages all within easy reach.







# Living in Towcester //

**Towcester offers a blend of town living with rural charm, making it a popular place to live, especially for those seeking a balance between city life and the countryside.**



It's located within commuting distance of London and Milton Keynes, yet boasts a market-town atmosphere with independent shops, restaurants, and cafes. The town also features green spaces and parks for recreation. There's an ever-popular Midsummer Music Festival with venues all over town, a weekly Farmers' Market, orchestras, a table tennis club, TOWS Rugby Football Club, a tennis club, cycling club and even an archery club. Silverstone Circuit is just outside town, hosting the Formula 1 Grand Prix and Moto GP. Milton Keynes is within a half hours drive for trains and city amenities.

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