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The Northamptonshire Observatory Newsletter



Interactive mapping goes live!

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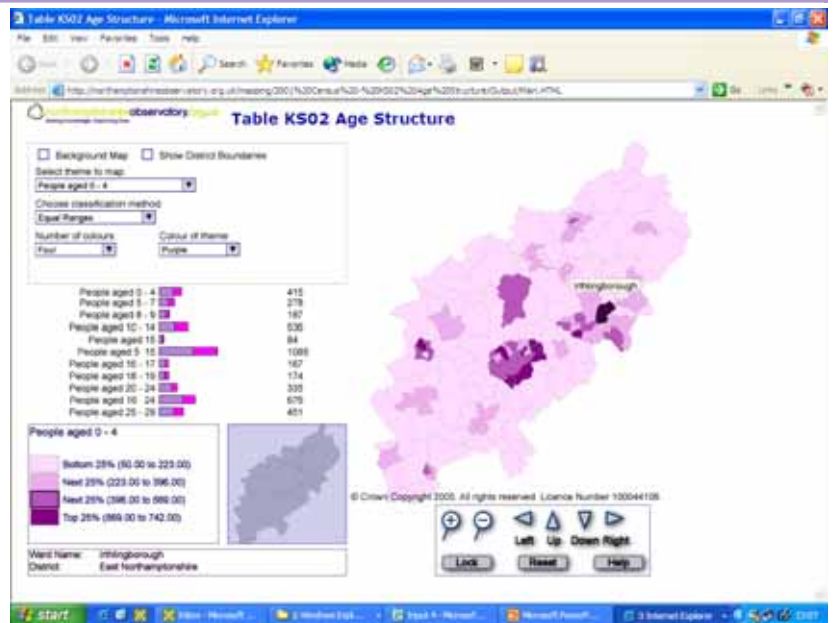
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We have purchased Georeveal to map our wide range of datasets and the first phase of our interactive maps are now available. So far we have been mapping the 2001 Census ward data for the county. If an interactive map is available for your chosen dataset then you will see this symbol .



Georeveal maps use SGV (Scalable Vector Graphics) and are made up of several elements. The main map displays the chosen indicator and as you hover over each ward the figures for that ward are displayed in the bar chart on the left hand side of the screen. The bar chart displays this data against the county average. Clicking on the chosen ward pops up a separate window with the full data and this can be printed.

You can add a background map to the main map, add the district boundaries, change the indicator displayed and the way the indicator is analysed.



To view pages created by Georeveal you will need the Adobe SVG Viewer installed on your PC or laptop. If you attempt to open a Georeveal map and you don't have this plug-in then you will automatically be redirected to the Adobe website, where you can download the software for free. Alternatively this is available from the following link: www.adobe.com/svg/viewer/install/main.html. Users on a network may need to contact their IT department. If you have any queries or comments about these maps please let us know.

Statistical Corner

Use of the Observatory website continues to grow. August 2005 saw the highest number of visits at 12,057 and in November 2005 we had the highest number of monthly downloads so far at 6,382.

The News pages continue to be popular with 8,376 page views last month and the top three referring domains were Google, Northamptonshire County Council and the Local Area Agreement newsletter website.

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The Northamptonshire Local Area Agreement is launched:
Danny Brennan addresses the first Northamptonshire LAA conference.

ComPaSS

ComPaSS is the partnership community profiling and problem solving resource for Northamptonshire. Its primary aim is to routinely profile crime and disorder on behalf of the seven Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs), also known as Community Safety Partnerships, in Northamptonshire. This involves the regular collection and analysis of relevant data on behalf of all local CDRPs, highlighting hotspot areas and community safety issues, as well as identifying evaluated solutions.



Recent developments include:

- ✦ Supporting the Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science, the Home Office Partnership Performance and Support Unit and the Office of National Statistics for the publication of crime data on the Neighbourhood Statistics Service (NeSS). It is envisaged that crime data sets will be made available at the middle layer Super Output Area level.
- ✦ Publication of research paper on Anti-Social Behaviour in Northamptonshire.
- ✦ Publication of solution profiles on Criminal Damage (Corby) and Robbery (Wellingborough).
- ✦ Publication of a Preliminary Report on the Effectiveness and Added Value of the enhanced ComPaSS Service provided for Community Safety partnerships in east of Northamptonshire.
- ✦ Performance Improvement Bulletins, monitoring performance against targets published in the CDRP's 2005-08 Crime & Disorder and Drug Strategies.
- ✦ Business Crime Profile (publication date circa end January 2006)
- ✦ Town Centre Violence (Kettering) Solution Profile (publication data circa beginning of January 2006)

Plus much more...

All publications and services as available for community safety practitioners by registering on the ComPaSS website: www.compassunit.com

*The
Northamptonshire
LAA is being
supported by the
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Local Area Agreement (LAA)

Local Area Agreements are a new Government initiative which provides the framework to find local solutions for local people. They have the potential to bring about a real improvement in collaborative working, by ensuring that all sectors improve their understanding of each other.

Northamptonshire is one of 66 local authority areas selected by the Government to develop a local area agreement between local authorities and other partners.

The LAA will build on the work of the seven local strategic partnerships, and the key priorities of countywide community strategies, as well as the first round of local public service agreements. This will ensure that the outcomes we agree and negotiate around policy and performance reward are the ones that will make the biggest difference for our communities.

The process of developing the Northamptonshire LAA is being supported by the

Government Office for the East Midlands in a very active and welcome way.

The Northamptonshire Observatory is delighted to be the single repository for all Local Area Agreement documents, reports, minutes, submissions, guidelines etc.

To access everything you need to know about the Northamptonshire LAA click on Projects and choose Local Area Agreement from the drop down box.



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