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# Living in Peterborough



**Peterborough is a city of energy, alive with culture, colour and community. Our environment and our people are our main strengths – and they come together in harmony in Peterborough. With so much to discover, we think you'll like it here...**

## People

- Peterborough has a thriving population of over 171,000 residents.
- We have a richly multicultural society with about 13% of our population non-white British, compared with around 12% in England and around 7% in the region.
- Average house prices are around £174,465 with a mix of style and location – from a vibrant urban environment, to villages set in the rural idyll of John Clare country.

## Education

- We have already invested £100m in new schools, including Thomas Deacon Academy and the award-winning Voyager School, and we're investing a further £135m in Peterborough's education.
- The £8m University Centre Peterborough provides progressive higher education courses through Anglia Ruskin University. Further partnerships are being developed with Cranfield University, Middlesex University and others.



## Healthcare

- The £335 million state-of-the-art Peterborough City Hospital (PCH) houses a wide range of facilities, including 612 in-patient beds, an emergency care centre, a high-tech diagnostics unit and a multi-disciplinary training centre.
- PCH is supplemented by the Cavell Centre, a 102 bed facility, as well as the City Care Centre, which is just a five minute walk from the heart of Peterborough providing faster and more convenient access to local NHS advice, information and treatment.
- Private healthcare services are provided by Fitzwilliam Hospital, which has 55 rooms and high dependency facilities.



## Going out

- The city is home to a selection of great pubs, bars and clubs, perfect for a lively evening out with friends.
- Don't feel like dancing? Eat out at Pizza Express, Chimichanga or Prezzo, or try something different at independent highly acclaimed restaurants, such as Jim's Bistro and The Banyan Tree.
- A night out needn't just be about food and drink in Peterborough, with The Key Theatre, Broadway, Showcase Cinema and Superbowl all offering fun alternatives.



## Shopping

- Shop at one of our vibrant independent boutiques, high street chains or in the Queensgate Centre, which has over 90 stores and exciting plans for a 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> extension, which will see the addition of Primark.
- Retail offerings outside the city centre include Peterborough Garden Park and Serpentine Green located in the Hampton Township to the south of Peterborough.



## Family fun

- Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre located on the outskirts of Peterborough offers plenty of activities to keep the family busy, from feeding the animals to workshops and camping.
- Nene Park Trust is a great place to burn off some energy, with 2000 acres of green space stretching out 11 km from the city centre. Whether it's water sports, horse riding, or golf that tickles your fancy, there's plenty to keep you and your family busy.
- Peterborough has one of the highest ratios of green space per person in the UK, offering an excellent quality of life.
- Learn about Peterborough's past at the city's museum, take part in a ghost walk or steam with Thomas on the Nene Valley Railway.
- Human settlement in Peterborough dates back to the Bronze Age, providing the city with rich history and culture to explore at sites such as Flag Fen, Burghley House and Longthorpe Tower.



## Get involved

- Why not sign up to one of our many day or night classes offered through City College Peterborough, such as dressmaking, pottery and ceramics, painting or silver jewellery making?
- Support POSH, our very own championship football team.
- Keep fit at spinning, kick-boxing or pilates classes held at leisure centres and health clubs across the city.
- If team spirit's your thing, sign up to one of the netball, rugby or football powerleague teams.
- Prefer your sports cold? Then get yourself to a Peterborough Phantoms ice hockey game.
- Perfect your backhand at Central Park's tennis courts.
- Indulge your creative side with Peterborough Film Society, the city's Jazz Club, Hampton Arts and Theatre Society or Peterborough Opera.



**If you'd like to know more about our growing, exciting city, please contact Opportunity Peterborough:**

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