

60 MILES

APRIL – DECEMBER 2021

ARTS. HERITAGE. COMMUNITY.
EXPLORING NORTHAMPTON AND CORBY'S NEW TOWN STORIES.



THE SHOW



60 Miles by Road or Rail returns, bigger and better, following its celebrated preview in September 2018.

"How can Northampton become a New Town? It's been here a thousand years."

It's the 1960s and Northampton is at a crossroads. The town's population is set to double as part of the government's New Towns masterplan. But as new estates welcome thousands of families from London and the old town centre undergoes radical changes, some fear Northampton's identity is being stripped away.

Tasked with Northampton's expansion over twenty momentous years, the newly formed Development Corporation will go to hilarious lengths to ensure they keep on track – even adapting their radio jingle into a legendary pop record...

Inspired by true events, **60 Miles by Road or Rail** brings Northampton's extraordinary past and present crashing together to celebrate our hometown at a time when uncertainty threatens to pull us apart.

Made by Northants artists. Directed by Andy Routledge. Script by Ryan Leder. Produced by Carbon Theatre. Company: Subika Anwar-Khan, Jo Blake, Helen Crevel, Davin Eadie and Dan McGarry. Made with support from Royal & Derngate, Northampton

SHOW DATES | 22 - 25 SEPTEMBER 2021

Royal & Derngate, Northampton

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We want to hear YOUR story!

Did you work for the Corby or Northampton Development Corporations? Were you one of the families that moved into the towns' new estates?

We want to gather personal stories documenting different people's experiences of Corby and Northampton becoming New Towns from the 1950s to the 1980s. We'd love you to get involved.

There are many different ways to tell us your story. We are creating a photo gallery, recording audio interviews which will be professionally archived, collecting written stories and making a documentary film - all capturing a wide range of experiences from different ages, backgrounds and cultures.

Whether you are excited about featuring in our film or prefer to share your story anonymously - we want to hear from you! [Fill in this short form to get involved.](#)

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HOMETOWN



Work with us to CREATE something new!

Led by local artists, work with us to create something new to capture how we feel about the towns that we call home. We are really keen to celebrate all the life and breadth of Northampton and Corby's different cultural heritages and communities. And what we create is completely up to you! It could be a book, an exhibition, a radio play... you decide!

Northampton Hometown is led by Subika Anwar-Khan, an actress (*Julie*, National Theatre) and writer from Northampton.

Corby Hometown is led by Ryan Leder, a playwright (*Loop*, *The Core* and on tour) and Made With Many Associate Artist.

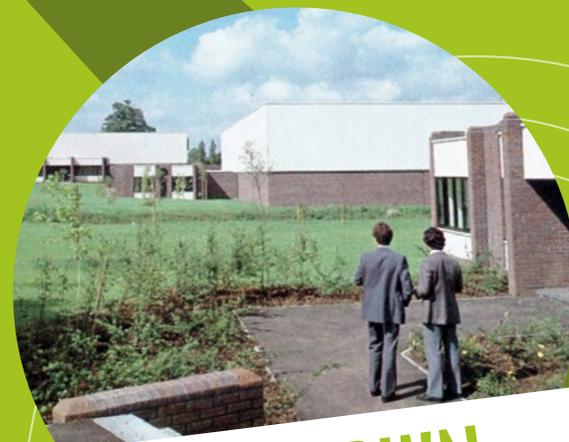
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Learn more about Northampton and Corby's New Town heritage.

Find out how Northampton and Corby became the towns we live in today. Led by Sabine Coady Schäbitz and Bob Colenutt from the New Town Heritage Research Network, three online events will introduce you to many aspects of New Town development both locally and nationally, from urban planning, housing, parks and green infrastructure to wellbeing, community and public arts and culture.

The events will be happening online in Autumn 2021. They are FREE to attend but booking is required. [Sign up to our mailing list](#) to be the first to hear when booking goes live.



OLDTOWN NEWTOWN

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60 Miles by Road or Rail is an arts, heritage and community project created by Northants artists, led by Andy Routledge and Courtenay Johnson.

In 2018, Andy brought together a group of local, professional artists to create a new show with, for and about Northampton. After over 100 interviews and many hours diving into the archives, we previewed the show in September 2018 to a packed audience at Royal & Derngate, Northampton.

As we prepare for a revamped and updated version of the show after a full-year postponement, we want to open up those conversations with our wider communities - to question, strengthen and champion our unique relationships to our hometowns.

Whilst the show focuses on Northampton's largely untold New Town story, we're thrilled to also be focussing on Corby, which was also designated a New Town 18 years previously in 1950.

With lots of different activities to choose from, we'd love for you to get involved!

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If you have access requirements (or are booking on behalf of someone who does), please let us know how we can accommodate you by emailing courtenay@60milesbyroadorrail.co.uk. We are committed to making sure everyone who wants to be involved in any part of the project can be.