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In Brief

Two arrested as cannabis farm raided in Wellingborough



Two men have been arrested after a cannabis farm was raided in Wellingborough.

Following the receipt of community intelligence, at around 9.45am on Friday 27th September, officers executed a Misuse of Drugs Act warrant at an address in Mill Road.

When officers from the Wellingborough Neighbourhood Policing Team, supported by a number of volunteer special constables, entered the property they found a quantity of cannabis plants being cultivated in several rooms.

Two men arrested on suspicion of the cultivation of cannabis currently remain in police custody.

Breck's Last Game wins silver at Cannes

An innovative film produced to raise awareness of online grooming has won a silver award at the Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards.

Breck's Last Game – a collaboration between Northamptonshire Police, Leicestershire Police, Surrey Police and Essex

Police – was handed the prize on the night of Thursday 26th September. The film, which has received more than 2.3m views since it

launched online, has also been shortlisted in the promotional content category at the Royal Television Society awards, which will take place

in November.

It is the third award the film has been nominated for, having also been shortlisted in multiple categories of the London Film Awards (21st November).

Breck's Last Game, which was made by Loughborough-based Affixxius Films, is just over four minutes long and tells the story of 14-year-old Breck Bednar – an online gamer who was murdered by Lewis Daynes in 2014.

Daynes lured Breck to his flat in Essex. In 2015 he was sentenced to a minimum of 25 years in prison for murder.

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Police's Assistant Chief Constable James Andronov said: "I'm delighted that Breck's Last Game has been given a silver award at the Cannes Corporate Media & TV Awards.

"It is, without doubt, an innovative, hard-hitting film that has been backed by four forces to help raise awareness of online grooming and keep children safe from harm.

"I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the production of the film for their hard work.

"The interest in Breck's Last Game since its launch – in Northamptonshire and across the world – has been incredible and is a reminder that the exploitation of young people will simply not be tolerated. Offenders will be brought to justice."

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Fearless.org campaign launch

Youth service Fearless.org, part of the independent charity Crimestoppers, has launched a new campaign in East Northampton to educate young people about child exploitation, drug, gun and knife crime.

The campaign will run for eight weeks on social media, in schools and across the area. Aimed at 13-19-year-olds and residents, it has two main goals: to educate young people and communities on these crimes and the consequences and, for those who might have information on these offences, to appeal to them to report it via Fearless.org.

Crimestoppers Northamptonshire Committee are working with a number of schools to become 'Fearless schools', meaning all pupils and teachers will receive Fearless training and materials during special assemblies. This will ensure they are fully educated about different crimes and are aware of how young people can stay safe and report their concerns 100% anonymously via the Fearless.org site.

Lydia Patsalides, East Midlands Regional

Manager for the charity Crimestoppers, said: "It is our responsibility to keep young people in East Northampton safe. But equally we want to reach out to young people should they have any information on someone who is involved in crime."

"Fearless.org isn't about judging young people, it's about educating them and giving them answers to questions about serious crime they might have. It's also here to take information from them, 100% anonymously, without the fear of any repercussions."

"Our charity has always kept its promise of anonymity to everyone who contacts us."

For further details visit Fearless.org. If you have any information about a crime, you can fill out the untraceable form on the site 100% anonymously.

For more information please contact the Crimestoppers Press Office on 020 8835 3727 or press.office@crimestoppers-uk.org

Genealogy jottings

Archivists, along with librarians, are worth their weight in gold. They are some of the most helpful people on the planet but remember – the important word is help. They are willing to help you find the records that you need; they will help you to work the microfiche reader; they will help you to understand how and where the records are kept; they will help you to complete relevant forms. But they are not miracle workers.

If you approach one and start to tell them all about your great grandfather who was a ringleader of the North Essex Agricultural Labourer's strike of 1914, that he spent two weeks in prison, that you have his prison record and that he was the father of 11 children, not the eight that you first thought until the 1911 census came out, do not be surprised if the archivist's eyes start to glaze over, or they try to get you to the point of what help you need from them.

They also have a lot of work that needs to be done such as answering emails,

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processing document retrievals, arranging tours of the archives, sending items for repair, replying to folk who have offered family items to be stored – to name but a few.

Some archives will offer a research service but you will be expected to pay for this. They might seem expensive – for example, Kent Archives charge £35 per hour with a minimum of £8.75 for 15 minutes – but when you weigh this up against the cost of a day trip from Northamptonshire, it could work out as being more cost-effective. However, if you have access to a computer (if you do not have your own then the Library has a couple) you might wish to join a forum or even Facebook group that has local members who could help you for free.

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Editor's notes

There is still no definite news of a start date for work on the repairs to Oundle North Bridge. However, we were able to speak to a member of the project management team at the County Council Highways Department on 2nd October and they, very helpfully, advised that the necessary building consent was expected in the next couple of days. Once that consent is received, there will be a six-week mobilisation period before work starts; then, given reasonable weather and no hiccoughs, the work is expected to take 24 weeks, so by our reckoning that means completion would be around the end of April 2020 at the earliest.

There can be no doubt that this work represents a major undertaking with a wide range of authorities and individuals having to be consulted and perhaps the delay in completing it is only to be expected. You may recall that the earlier estimate was that it would be finished by the end of this year. There has been considerable frustration at the amount of effort that has been required locally to cope with the weight and width restrictions currently imposed on the bridge and we must acknowledge the work done by local people, councillors and MP Tom Pursglove to ensure that this matter was addressed and hopefully resolved. Perhaps we will soon be able to turn our thoughts to the form of the grand re-opening ceremony next spring!

There has been a deal of comment recently about the charges levied by East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) for the collection of garden waste. They are the second highest in the region at £55 per household per year on top of Council Tax for fortnightly green waste collections. Critics say the charge unfairly punishes gardeners. The Council is one of just two authorities in Northamptonshire to impose a charge for the service, with garden waste collections free in Kettering, Corby, Wellingborough, Northampton and South Northamptonshire; Daventry is the only other district in the county where residents must pay an annual fee but there it's only £36. An ENC spokesman said: "If more residents subscribed to the service it would enable ENC to review the overall costs and the price to the resident. ENC's service is subscription-based, so is a cost to those who wish to pay it."

The gardeners' view was expressed by Anthony O'Sullivan, Managing Director of the Gardeners Club, who said: "UK gardeners are increasingly being punished with a quiet green-garden tax which seems to go against every other positive environmental initiative that the UK is trying to promote." Do you use the service and if so do you begrudge paying for it, or do you accept that it's money well spent in the face of growing demands on local authority resources?

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Sixth Nene Valley Festival is a success

Thousands of people turned out to enjoy the masses of activities on offer during this year's Nene Valley Festival, which took place from Saturday 14th to Sunday 22nd September and was funded by Heritage Lottery through Nenescape.

The festival offered something for the whole family with hundreds of events and attractions across the Nene Valley and officially launched with a ribbon cutting ceremony in Peterborough on 14th September.

After the Chair of Destination Nene Valley, Andrew Langley, and Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council Cllr Dudley Hughes had cut the ribbon, there was a huge range of activities including children's face painting, medieval purse making and coin striking which were enjoyed by thousands of visitors.

Cllr Sarah Peacock, East Northamptonshire Councillor and board member for the Destination Nene Valley project said about the festival: "From culture to nature and everything in between, this year's festival really highlighted the variety of activities on offer and the wonderful towns and villages, country parks and architecture along the Nene Valley."

"We were delighted that the sun shone in Peterborough for our official opening ceremony and throughout the festival, especially after our finale event last year was cancelled due to the weather."

This year's festival highlights included a Heritage Family Fun Day at Rushden Lakes,

Food and Drink Festival at Barnwell Country Park and Cyclefest at Stanwick Lakes.

To round off a fun-filled week of activities, the local community and visitors turned out for the 'Come and Meet the Settlers' event at Stanwick Lakes on Sunday 22nd September.

The annual festival was celebrating its sixth year and is delivered through the Destination Nene Valley project. The project aims to promote the Nene Valley as a competitive, sustainable destination offering wildlife and heritage to local, national and international audiences.

Nenescape Project Manager, Amanda Johnson said: "We are so happy that people of all ages joined us to help celebrate everything the Nene Valley has to offer."

"The festival offered a wide range of activities, with something for everyone and we hope that residents and visitors have been inspired and continue to connect with the heritage of the Nene Valley."

The festival is one of the key highlights within the Destination Nene Valley project that works in partnership with organisations along the River Nene including local authorities across Northamptonshire, the Environment Agency and Nenescape.

For full details about the project and details about the 2020 festival, visit nenevalley.net or search 'Nene Valley' on Twitter and Facebook.

Bishop opens Woodford CE Primary School's new outdoor classroom

Bishop John from Brixworth was given a warm welcome by the pupils and staff of Woodford CE Primary children as he opened their new outdoor classroom. The children had produced bunting which depicted the Christian symbols and they had written what the school motto of 'Shine Among Them like Stars in the Sky' means to them. Examples included 'to be kind' 'to work together' 'to work as hard as possible'.

The Bishop, dressed in his full vestments, showed the children what he wore and

explained the meaning of his clothing. He opened and blessed the classroom which will be used for a range of lessons, a place to read and a quiet space to reflect.

Kristel Murphy, Associate Principal said: "The classroom is already being well used and another example of the investment being made in the school." The school has recorded very good SATs results this year and is going from strength to strength under its new leadership as part of the Nene Education Trust.



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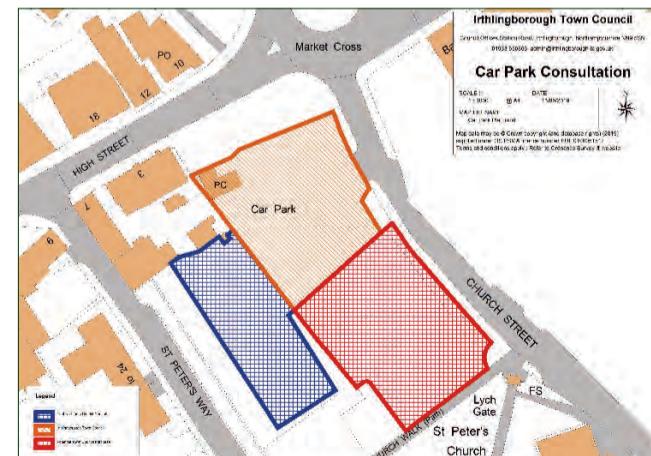
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To have your say and find out more details please come along to our public consultation event, details below:

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Location: Irthlingborough Junior School, College Street, Irthlingborough NN9 5TX

Time: Please feel free to drop in between 2pm and 7pm

If you are unable to attend the above event please go to our website www.irthlingborough-tc.gov.uk to find out more details and access a link to complete our online survey. For further details please telephone the Council Offices (01933) 650866 or email admin@irthlingborough-tc.gov.uk

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East Midlands Music

East Midlands Music is pleased to announce that it has just reached its 3rd birthday on the 1st October. Company director Dan Smith commented: "It has been a real pleasure working in the area over the last three years and meeting so many local musicians who have been a great help in shaping what items we stock to best suit their needs."

Having steadily grown over the past three years, East Midlands Music aspires to be the go-to place for all local musicians and is looking forward to having more events in the shop to showcase local musicians. Having recently received a delivery of new Geneva and Amati Instruments the brass showroom is now full of a great range of instruments perfect for beginners to professionals, so why not call in and take a look! Also, with an impressive array of guitar strings you will be spoilt for choice. If you can't get to the shop, simply visit our website where we offer free delivery. www.eastmidlandsmusic.com

Volunteer Action

Volunteer Action were delighted to welcome older members of our community to our August Tea parties recently. These were held at The Hub café at Fletton House, supported by Oundle Town Council.

Week one saw Volunteer Action driver and trustee, Colin Pendrill give a lively and amusing talk on Richard III and the Leicester car park. Yes, really! For week two we welcomed a group of young people from the Baptist church group Chattabox, who brought Ludo, cards, dominoes and other games and who were, of course, beaten hands down by the experience and guile of our older guests! The intrepid group who came in week three were subjected to a taster for chair-based exercise designed especially for people in their age group by Freedom Leisure. In fact, rather than being 'subjected to' this, it turns out it was very enjoyable and many people signed up for a continuing course. Our final



week saw us all taking part in a lovely musical programme, with Douglas Butler on the keyboard and accordion and Jack Duckworth leading the singing and providing a few songs of his own. Tea and homemade cakes were enjoyed every week.

Volunteer Action would like to acknowledge the financial contribution of The Evergreen Club and the Benham Charitable Trust who made this possible. We are also very grateful to all our supporters mentioned above who made each week so different, most of whom volunteered their time.

Volunteer Action cannot run without the dedicated volunteers who drive for us every week, provide our befriending service and support the office. If you think you can help in any way with your time or a financial contribution or think these services would be valuable to you and would like to sign up as a member, please call 01832 275433 and we would be delighted to speak to you.

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Keith Davis celebrates 60 years with Bulley Davey

This year Keith Davis, Senior Manager at Bulley Davey's Oundle office is celebrating 60 years with the firm, having joined in 1959.

Keith joined the company under the management of founder Maurice Bulley – and has worked across the Peterborough and Oundle offices, as well as a former office in Thrapston. He says: "Of course much has changed over the years with Bulley Davey, technology being the biggest and most obvious change to the way we work. It's made things much quicker!"

"What hasn't changed is Bulley Davey's commitment to the client – and putting clients at the forefront of our thinking – acting in their interest and providing a personalised service."

Keith specialises in the accounting and taxation affairs of sole traders and



partnerships, and some of his clients have dealt with him for most of his 60 years at the firm. "I'm very lucky to have some clients who have worked with me for much of my time with Bulley Davey, especially here at Oundle. Many of them are friends, as much as they are clients."

We want to thank Keith for his incredible service for the company to date and look forward to many more years to come!

Nene Valley Crematorium celebrates the official opening of a new memorial garden

A memorial garden at Nene Valley Crematorium, Wellingborough, was officially opened by the Mayor of Wellingborough, Cllr Jo Beirne, at a dedicated event on Thursday 19th September.

Wellingborough Council and Nene Valley Crematorium are dedicated to providing a welcoming and peaceful facility for visitors and are delighted to officially open the Wendelburie Garden.

The Wendelburie memorial garden is home to a niche wall that contains above ground vaults where family and friends can securely place ashes and sentimental items. The garden has been created to support the vision to provide individual themed gardens within the Crematorium's Garden of Remembrance.

This second garden was created to complement its first – the Anniversary Garden – and the event commemorated both gardens and the comforting place they provide for visitors.

The Mayor of Wellingborough, Cllr Jo Beirne, said: "The memorial gardens will provide visitors with a peaceful space to spend time in

and reflect, at what can often be a difficult and challenging time and I am honoured to officially unveil this beautiful space."

Crematorium Manager, Tracy Lawrence said: "We are delighted to be working with the council to provide a memorial wall and remembrance garden for our visitors, and we're honoured that the Mayor of Wellingborough, Cllr Jo Beirne, officially opened this new facility.

"It is widely recognised how important it is to provide bereaved people with a focal place to visit and reflect, with a facility for the leaving of flowers also being significantly important. The vision for the Garden of Remembrance is to provide memorial gardens to visit for quiet reflection and for those wishing to commemorate loved ones in a place of peace and tranquillity.

For more information about selecting a final resting place for a loved one's ashes and/or how to commemorate through memorisation please contact a team member on 01933 229660 or email enquiries@nenevalleycrematorium.co.uk

Oundle pupil represents England at the Netball Europe Open Championships

Oundle School is delighted to congratulate Upper Sixth Former and Head Girl Sienna Rushton, who was selected to represent England at the Netball Europe Open Championships.

The competition was held from 27th to 29th September at the Antrim Forum in Belfast and saw the England side face the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Wales on court. The England side were led by England Netball Futures Head Coach Sam Bird, alongside Emily Perry as Assistant Coach.

Sienna commented: "I feel honoured to be able to represent the country at a senior level for a sport which I love. It goes without saying that I could not have gotten this far without the help of the school, family and friends. What I really love is the camaraderie of being part

of a team, especially amongst a bunch of such lovely and hardworking girls. Being at a full-time boarding school can make training a challenge but the School has always made it as easy as possible. It is a dream come true."

Head of Netball, Beverley Burnham commented: "It is very rare for a coach to meet an athlete and instantly know they will wear the Red Dress, however that is exactly how I felt when I met Sienna at just 11 years old. Sienna has a phenomenal work ethic which has been evident both on court and throughout her school career. She is an inspiration to others, not least the U14 Oundle School team which she helped through to the National Schools netball finals. I look forward to seeing Sienna in the England senior squad for many years to come."

Horticultural happiness

Everyone was very excited by the return of the Higham Horticultural Show which was held on Saturday 14th September at Chichele College. This was the first show for over 50 years with the last being held at Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club in the 1960s.

There were almost 200 entries across a range of categories – flowers, fruit, vegetables, floral art, baking and children's classes – set out among Union Jacks and bunting. Competitors of all ages entered into the spirit of the event. One lady of 75, Diane, said that she had "never done anything like this before in my life," and proceeded to win a First for her beautiful Bramley apples.

The winner of the Best in Show receiving the Mayor's Cup was Mike Groom for his incredibly perfect carrots.

Higham Ferrers Tourism wanted to recreate the ambience of the show held in 1943 at The Chequers Public House (once located where the present-day Coop now stands) where money raised was given to servicemen when they returned home on leave during the Second World War. Fruit, vegetables, celebration cakes and floral displays donated at this year's show were raffled as prizes, with cakes and cut flowers taken to the Shrubbery for residents to enjoy and preserves sold at the Heritage Family Fun Day at Rushden Lakes. Money raised by the raffle and sale of jams supported the Mayor's chosen charities.

Chichele College, a Scheduled Monument,



was the perfect venue keeping the produce fresh and cool, ensuring that they looked their best for the many visitors who enjoyed free entry to this treasured building on a beautiful sunny day.

"A Great show! Please let's have another next year." "Brilliant – thank you." "Excellent – please have the show again." "Looks a treat!" Just some of the wonderful comments left by visitors to the show. A very special visitor, Mary, whose father was responsible for the show in The Chequers was delighted and exclaimed that "My father would have loved it".

The organisers wish to thank all those who supported this new venture. Encouraged by the warm and positive comments from visitors they are now planning another show for next year.

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Aldwincle

19/01457/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Variation of condition 3 to allow for new rear doorway, new roof lights and widened openings to existing dwelling pursuant to 19/00417/FUL at 50 Main Street Aldwincle

Apethorpe

19/01311/FUL (26/10/2019) (Art8) Change of use of residential property to Class C3 (residential) with ancillary residential trauma psychotherapy use (C2 Residential institution) (Retrospective) at Apethorpe Grange Lodge Farm Lane Apethorpe PE8 5DE

Benefield

19/01453/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Proposed detached garage at Ashley Farm House Main Street Upper Benefield PE8 5AN

19/01480/LBC (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural building to create a single family dwelling at Land Adjacent Ashley Farmhouse Main Street Upper Benefield

Brigstock

19/01496/OUT (19/10/2019) (Info) Outline application with all matters reserved except access for two storey detached infill dwelling with garage and parking at Land Adjacent 8 Grafton Road Brigstock

Glapthorn

19/01475/VAR (26/10/2019) (Art8) Variation of condition 2 to allow for revised layout (reduced culverting and re-positioning of car park) pursuant to application 19/00055/FUL - Change of use to car park and recreation area with new vehicle access from Benefield Road at Glapthorn Primary School Benefield Road Glapthorn PE8 5BQ

Hargrave

19/01471/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Replacement of porch and erection of two storey side and rear extensions at Rectory View Church Road Hargrave NN9 6BQ

19/01527/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Erection of two dwellings (resubmission of 19/00454/FUL) at Land Adjacent Rectory View Church Road Hargrave NN9 6BQ

Harrington

19/01465/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Addition of a Tingdene Holiday Lodge on currently unused land to provide ancillary annexe; Addition of a soakaway to improve drainage of the

unused land; landscaping of the area to create a garden area at Spanhoe Lodge Main Street Laxton NN17 3AT

Irlingborough

19/01415/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Erection of a single-storey dwelling on garden land including new access, parking and amenity land at 49 Finedon Road Irlingborough NN9 5TY

19/01478/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Proposed new external canopy to rear elevation at 28 Middle Grass Irlingborough NN9 5TW

19/01523/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) (Part retrospective) Change of use of former retail unit to one bedroom dwelling at 1 Addington Road, Irlingborough NN9 5ST

Isle

19/01498/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Two storey rear extension and internal alterations at 31 Kettering Road Isle NN14 3JT

19/01500/FUL and 19/01501/LBC (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) Install replacement windows and french doors to property at 27 High Street Isle NN14 3JS

19/01547/VAR (19/10/2019) (Info) Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) to allow revised layout garage to be rebuilt with bedrooms over pursuant to application number 19/00601/FUL single storey rear extension; alterations to front elevation; replacement windows, doors, roof material, guttering and fascias; full render of property at 89A Lowick Road Isle

Kings Cliffe

19/01339/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Removal of single storey rear extension; demolition of existing outbuildings; erection of two storey rear extension and new garage at Kirks Lodge Bridge Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XL

19/01395/FUL (26/10/2019) (Art8) (LB/CA) Proposed new two storey dwelling land at 31 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB

19/01396/LBC (26/10/2019) (LBRegs) Removal of wall section to allow for access to proposed dwelling (associated with application 19/01395/FUL) at 31 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB

Laxton

18/00858/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Demolition of later extension to south facing elevation of the main stables building. Demolition of latter extension to the front elevation of the Groom's Cottage building. Structural repairs to Stables building elevations at Stable Block 100M E of Laxton Hall Laxton Park Laxton

Nassing

19/01439/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Enclose existing open porch and replace existing door at 1 Prebendal Close Nassington PE8 6SB

19/01511/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Demolish existing flat roof porch on the south elevation and build a new mono pitch porch at 64 Church Street Nassington PE8 6QG

Oundle

19/01382/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Demolition and rebuilding of retaining boundary walls at 7 Danfords Oundle PE8 4ER

19/01434/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Garden storage shed, main door moved and new open porch, front elevation rendered, addition of 2 small side windows and relocate 1, new conservation roof and windows and new dormer roof to rear elevation at 44 East Road Oundle PE8 4BX

19/01515/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Single storey extension, new doorway, removal of windows and door, and insertion of a single conservation roof window at 62 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF

Raunds

19/01532/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Erection of 2 no. 3 bedroome bungalows at 19 North Street Raunds NN9 6HX

Rushden

19/01372/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Two storey residential development comprising one 2 bed dwelling (Re-submission of 19/00441/FUL) at 18 Fitzwilliam Street Rushden NN10 9YW

19/01400/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Changing front elevation flat window to a bay and canopy over door at 40 Queen Street Rushden NN10 0AZ

19/01456/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Two storey side extension, with garage conversion at 17 Hay Close Rushden

19/01491/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Erection two and half storey three bed detached dwelling at 2 Prospect Avenue Rushden NN10 6DH

19/01504/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Two storey adaptation/extension to the side of the property to create an additional Ground Floor and First Floor bedroom and an additional First floor WC at 77 Grafton Road Rushden Southwick

19/01292/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Change of use of retail unit (A1) to dog daycare facility (SG) together with use of adjacent land for dog exercise at Perio Mill Farm Cotterstock Road Fotheringhay

Stanwick

19/01414/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Single storey rear extension with balcony to existing bedroom at 11 Courtwood Stanwick NN9 6PN

19/01506/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Two-storey side extension at 28 Hill House Gardens Stanwick

Sudborough

19/01435/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Change of use, conversion and extension of double garage /workshop building to create 1 no. dwelling with all associated external works including additional parking and a turning area at 25 – 26 Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX

Tansor

19/01510/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Two storey rear extension and single storey porch extension to dwelling at Ash House, 5 Main Street, Tansor PE8 5HS

Thrapston

19/01461/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) The retention of a freestanding Automated Teller Machine (ATM) at ATM Central England Co-operative Oundle Road Thrapston
19/01470/ADV (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) The retention of 3 decals at ATM Central England Co-operative Oundle Road Thrapston
19/01503/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Erection of two dwellings at Land Rear Of 7 To 9 Chancery Lane Thrapston

Thurning

19/01525/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) General agricultural storage building at OP7686 TL0882 Winwick Road Thurning

Warmington

19/01495/FUL (26/10/2019) (LB/CA) Erection of single storey dwelling (re-submission of 19/00597/FUL) at Land Between 53 And 59 Church Street, Warmington
19/01537/FUL (19/10/2019) (Info) Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions and single bay garage; Replacement of existing windows and external doors; Alteration to existing access to highway at 45 Pierce Crescent Warmington PE8 6UG

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows :

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LBRegs – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 5 October 2019

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications for details.

News from the ENC Chairman

The sun shone in the square in Peterborough for the opening of the Nene Valley Festival. Accompanied by guards with the cross of St George and steel helmets, a stilt walker and a juggler, the Anglo Saxon 'peasant' supplied the knife for me to cut the ribbon at the start of a great week of events, culminating in the re-enactment by Vikings displaying their skills at Stanwick Lakes.

Higham Ferrers saw two events for us that week: the Civic Service in the magnificent church and the opening by the Lord Lieutenant of the extension to SERVE's Ron Manning Day and Activity Centre, which provides such great activities for older residents, supporting their independence.

Northampton's Civic Service was another splendid occasion with great music from the choir. Anyone can attend these services and are very welcome, often with tea and cake to follow. We are fortunate to have such historic buildings in Northamptonshire as the beautiful church and the remains of the castle in Northampton, where the trial took place of Saint Thomas Becket in 1164; he

subsequently escaped but was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170.

Whittlebury Hall was the venue for a special dinner held by the 501st Combat Wing of the United States Air Force to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of NATO and the 72nd birthday of the American Air Force. These dinners are formal and recognise the special relationship between the UK and USA and always show the courtesy of the British National Anthem being played first.

It is always a pleasure to see facilities which have been made possible by grants from

ENC. Opening the new playground at King's Cliffe was an especially good occasion and a testimony to all the hard work and time put in by volunteers which are essential to make these projects successful.

I was pleased to attend a hog roast to thank the volunteers who made the Nene Valley Festival such a success, again a project made possible by the volunteers who work to promote our district.

Cllr Dudley Hughes, Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council



An invitation to design the Chair of ENC's Christmas card

Artists and designers of all ages are invited to submit a design for this year's East Northamptonshire Council Chairman's Christmas card, which is sent to a wide range of people.

Designs should reflect the true meaning of Christmas, both its origin and what it means today, whilst relating to East

Northamptonshire and all designs will be judged by a panel from East Northamptonshire Council.

The design should be A5, either landscape or portrait, could be a painting, collage or photo and should stand out.

Please send entries to chairman@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk by Friday 18th

October and please include the name of the artist, email address and phone number.

I look forward to seeing the entries and using the winning design to send out proudly as my Christmas card.

Cllr Dudley Hughes, Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council

Gold Anchor awards for White Mills Marina

White Mills Marina situated on the River Nene in Earls Barton, Northamptonshire has been awarded four Gold Anchors by The Yacht Harbour Association (TYHA), and owners of the marina John and Debbie Skinner were presented with the prestigious award at the recent Southampton Boat Show.

The accreditation comes just three years after the family run business opened in April 2016 and has given

the entire White Mills team a real confidence boost. The marina now knows that it is operating at a recognised industry standard. The Yacht Harbour Association has been auditing marinas for 25 years and is well known as a credible measure of marina quality.

Jon White, General Manager of The Yacht Harbour Association commented: "John and Debbie have worked incredibly hard to establish White Mills Marina and we

are absolutely delighted to have awarded them the four Gold Anchors they were so keen to achieve."

John Skinner said: "Progressing White Mills Marina to become a four Gold Anchor marina has been a team effort all round, and needless to say we are incredibly proud of our team and thrilled to have achieved this recognised industry standard."

Situated on Lock 9, White Mills Marina has become a must visit marina for boaters cruising the River Nene. Not only can they access the popular Boathouse café overlooking the marina, fill up with water, diesel, gas, coal, logs and use the pump out facilities but they can also join the Friends of the River Nene.

With 141 berths, White Mills is currently enjoying 85% occupancy, and has six dedicated visitor moorings for short-term/overnight visitors, or those boaters wanting longer-term winter moorings.

The recent addition of a certificated Camping and Caravanning Club Site with electric hook-up has proved hugely popular for campers visiting Northamptonshire and has now become an integral part of the White Mills Marina business.



For further information contact: Debbie Skinner, White Mills Marina Ltd, 344, Grendon Rd, Earls Barton, Northamptonshire. NN6 0RB. Tel: 01604 812057 or debbie@whitemillsmarina.co.uk

Wildlife News

The recent Nene Valley Festival, featuring towns, villages and countryside from Northampton down river to Peterborough, reminded us that humans and wildlife do not always agree. It came at a time of increasing pressure to look after our environment; poster campaigns and TV wildlife documentaries have led now to mass demonstrations by people of all ages.

This interest comes as our wildlife follows its normal pattern. Animals which can travel to other countries, such as birds and insects, have completed the late-year migration which for some started way back in late July and August (e.g. cuckoos), while we have gained winter migrants in their place; some species 'disappear' because it is time for the long sleep we call 'hibernation'.

So we do not always see the animals or plants which live in the area – but they are still there, and we must give them the best conditions possible.

Our own district is a top example of conservation. Many readers may not remember the days before Higham Ferrers, Rushden or Wellingborough spread to their present size, or before Irthlingborough

Lakes and similar developments took over open fields and discovered the deposits of gravel and iron ore to be dug out. These drastic (for the plants and animals living there) alterations to the environment obliterated the old environment of fields and allotments; every species could have died out in the locality, leaving a literally barren patch. We know that nature would soon have taken steps to cover up the gaps, but the chance was taken to manage the changes and influence nature by providing help not simply by putting in suitable plants, but also by moulding the surroundings to help incoming residents. The effect of this "interference" is now seen in the string of lakes and lagoons making up the Nene Wetlands.

Providing the right framework is just the start. All conservation projects aim to provide what the wildlife wants, so they come voluntarily to get what they need. Preservation is everyone's responsibility, so we must protect what we have 'on our own doorstep', for that paper or plastic bag, or empty bottle, can seriously damage what the Nene has to offer in return.

By Roy Burrell

Another sell-out annual concert for male voice choir

On 28th September, Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) under its Musical Director, Stephen Bell, together with special guests, Soprano, Emily Haig and the GUS brass band, presented its 2019 Annual Concert to a capacity audience of 525 at Northampton High School, Hardingstone. The choir's 2018 Annual Concert was also a sell-out, which is testament to its popularity and ability to entertain audiences.

After a scintillating first half, which included a brand new selection of songs from the 75 men in the choir, the excited audience was treated to a rousing Last Night of the

Proms style second half led by Emily Haig, complete with Union Jack flags and hats, red, white and blue balloons and enthusiastic audience participation climaxing with a rousing rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory' followed by a lengthy standing ovation from the highly appreciative audience.

The Annual Concert ended a busy summer for the choir which included a brief tour to Kent with concerts in Rochester Cathedral, Faversham, Sandwich and an open air concert on Whitstable Harbour where, in the space of an hour, the choir raised nearly £300 for RNLI Whitstable Lifeboat Station.

For further details about Northampton Male Voice Choir see www.nmvc.co.uk

For Emily Haig see www.emilyhaigsoprano.co.uk

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A helping hand to keep homes warm in East Northamptonshire

Hundreds of fuel poor and vulnerable households in East Northamptonshire are set to receive a helping hand from the Warm Homes Fund.

East Northamptonshire Council, on behalf of the Northants Warm Homes partnership, has secured nearly £4 million to provide fully-funded central heating

for homes that don't already have it.

The money will be matched by other grant monies and by contributions from landlords and local authorities to ensure

that eligible homes won't need to pay a penny.

Those households eligible for the Warm Homes Fund are those most in need of support, including people on a low income that have high energy bills, and who are vulnerable to the cold because of health conditions. Both owner-occupiers and private tenants can apply, and tenants will need the permission of their landlord.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Steven North, said: "With the colder months just around the corner, we are proud to be part of a scheme that will help residents across East Northamptonshire stay warm. This initiative is a perfect example of public and private sector agencies coming together to make a real difference to people's lives.

"We have already heard

stories of how the Warm Homes Fund has helped people and hope that there will be similar successes in our District. I encourage everyone to find out more about the scheme and check to see if they are eligible."

The Warm Homes Fund scheme will run until 2021 and fit efficient gas central heating in around 1,400 fuel-poor homes across Northants, and is being run by Surefire Management Services (SMS) on behalf of all the local authorities. Nationally, the Warm Homes Fund has been established by National Grid and is administered by Affordable Warmth Solutions.

Gearoid Lane, Director of SMS said: "We are delighted to be working with East Northamptonshire Council and other partners to deliver fully-funded central heating to homes in Northants.

In the many areas across Britain where the fund is already operating, residents have been very positive about the support they have received. It will make a huge difference in helping people on low incomes to heat their homes effectively."

Jeremy Nesbitt, Managing Director of Affordable Warmth Solutions, said: "We are excited about this investment from National Grid and are delighted to support East Northamptonshire Council to fund the scheme to address fuel poverty."

"Solving the issues associated with Fuel Poverty continues to challenge many of our stakeholders and the feedback we've already received provides evidence of how the Warm Homes Fund will make a positive difference to thousands of homes throughout Great Britain."

Remember, remember last 4th of November!

Nearly 3,000 people enjoyed our fireworks, food and spooky fun. Money was raised to help keep Barnwell Hall in tip top condition. Just under 50 volunteers made all this possible by giving their time, expertise and general jollity.

This year an even more ambitious themed bonfire is planned along with the tried and tested favourites. We hope you will again support us and spread the word.

The gates of our free car park in Barnwell recreation field open at 5pm. A short walk will take you through the village to the hall field where you will find music,



traditional drinks, top quality food and the bonfire like no other. The theme of this year's bonfire is a closely guarded secret but we can tell you that it celebrates an exciting historical event. The fire will be lit, in style, at 6:30pm and a spectacular,

professional firework display will follow. We are planning a very different display on 3rd Nov. But still full of full of gunpowder, treason and plot, it will be another night not easily forgot!

David Brown (For the bonfire village hall subcommittee)

Rare birds visit the Nene Valley this winter

An array of rare birds will return to the Nene Valley this winter to find warmth and food at the internationally important wetland areas that run from Northampton to Thrapston, known as the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area (SPA).

As part of a campaign to raise awareness of the importance of this area, East Northamptonshire, Northamptonshire County and Wellingborough Councils, helped by the National Lottery Heritage Fund-supported Nenescape Landscape, are working with Natural England and The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants.

More than 20,000 birds, many of which are facing declines, flock to the shorelines from October to March and residents are being urged to admire the birds from designated view points, and ensure that their dogs are kept on the lead and away from birds in the water.

The habitats provide valuable resting and feeding conditions for major concentrations of wintering waterbirds, especially ducks and waders. Partners that look after the area want to ensure that this remains a great place for everyone to appreciate.

Dog walkers, cyclists and runners can unintentionally disturb the birds meaning they might not visit suitable areas of the SPA again, or be able to eat enough to survive.

Here are a few ways you can help make this an area for birds and people to enjoy:

- Stay on existing pathways and viewing areas to prevent disturbance
- Look out for birds resting or feeding and move away if birds become alert or stop feeding
- Cycle on the specially designed greenway route
- Keep dogs on leads
- Clean up after your dog
- Exercise dogs away from the birds
- Fish in the designated areas only

You can also visit the many country parks situated outside of the SPA, such as Fenny Woods, Barnwell and Irchester Country Parks. For information on country parks near you, visit www.northamptonshireparks.co.uk

Enjoy the wildlife of the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area (SPA), see how many of our top winter visitors you can spot and tell your family and friends about the importance of the Nene Valley. For more information visit www.nenevalley.net/spa

All support through the Warm Homes Fund scheme is subject to the eligibility criteria.

To find out more go to www.northantswarmhomes.com or call freephone 0800 038

5737. All visits will be by appointment only and assessors will carry photo ID.

News from Higham Ferrers



Over the last few weeks the Mayor of Higham Ferrers, Cllr Chris O'Rourke, has been busy attending many events, including the Classic Car Show, Civic Services for local Mayors and Chairmen, concerts, dances and the opening of the new SERVE conservatory at the Ron Manning Centre.

On Saturday 14th September the Mayor and Mayoress attended the Horticultural Show at Chichele College run by the Higham Ferrers Tourism Group. The Mayor donated a trophy which was then awarded to the 'Best in Show' – a prize won by Mr Groom for his carrots. The Tourism group very kindly donated the proceeds of the event to the Mayor's Charities.

On Sunday 15th September the Mayor held

his Civic Service at St Mary's Church in Higham Ferrers. Civic guests joined a procession from the Town Hall to the church before enjoying the service and a reception afterwards at the Bede House. The service was well attended and the Mayor was delighted that so many local groups and dignitaries joined him. Some said the procession was the longest they had seen!

The Mayor's next fundraiser is a Legends Show by Marshall King – a fantastic night of comedy and music. Tickets and info available now from the Higham Ferrers Town Hall or email info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk

Official opening of Wellingborough's first all-weather 3G pitch

Local sports clubs and representatives from Wellingborough Council, Places Leisure and the Football Federation celebrated the official opening of Wellingborough's first 3G pitch at Redwell Leisure Centre on Friday 13th September.

The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Martin Griffiths and Cllr Tom Partridge-Underwood, Ward Councillors, Cllr Jon-Paul Carr and Cllr Malcolm Waters marked the opening of the 3G pitch with a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a walking football showcase put on by players from across the county and AFC Rushden & Diamonds girls playing inter-club matches and training.

The pitch will enable sports clubs to train all year round and has been made possible thanks to funding granted by the Premier League, The FA and Government, through their charity, the Football Foundation. It is operated by Places Leisure on behalf of the Council, and is available to book 9am-9pm during the week, 9am-8pm Saturdays and 9am-4pm Sundays.

Quintin Allen, Sports Project Manager at Northamptonshire Sport who led the bid on behalf of the council said: "This facility is crucial to

enhancing the sporting offer for residents of the borough and I would like to thank all the organisations involved in enabling the concept to be realised, specifically our funding partners and facilitators the Premier League, The FA and Government funding through the Football Foundation, and of course the Borough Council of Wellingborough."

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Borough Council of Wellingborough, added: "I am delighted that the borough's first all-weather outdoor pitch is now open for local sports clubs and residents of all ages and abilities to enjoy. It was fantastic to see a number of different sports clubs and our fellow partners join us for the official opening event."

Simon Churchman, Contracts Manager at Places Leisure, commented: "At Places for People Leisure we're extremely passionate about helping local communities stay physically active and emotionally engaged in fitness, sport and well-being. I believe the new and exciting addition of the 3G pitch at Redwell Leisure Centre will be an extremely positive asset to achieving this for the people of Wellingborough."

Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Foundation, said: "The

support of the Premier League, The FA and government enables the Football Foundation to help improve community sports facilities like this one across the country. Their funding has played a key role in delivering this new all-weather pitch in Northamptonshire and I am delighted for everyone associated with the Borough Council of Wellingborough.

"This is one example we want to make people in Northamptonshire aware of that they have the kind of quality pitches and changing rooms that are taken for granted in other cities. We will continue to support projects nationwide, but we cannot do this on our own, so we are encouraging organisations in the area to join our movement to deliver quality football facilities for people in Northamptonshire once and for all.

"Taking part in community sport at any level offers many benefits and rewards, not least the opportunity for people to enjoy themselves and socialise with different members of the community."

To find out more about Redwell Leisure Centre, Barnwell Rd, Wellingborough NN8 5LP visit www.placesleisure.org/centres/redwell-leisure-centre

Solid silver for RE at Oundle Primary

Oundle Church of England Primary School is celebrating after being awarded a prestigious prize for its provision of Religious Education.

The award of a silver mark by the Religious Education Council of England and Wales has been made in recognition of superb practice in the teaching and learning of the subject.

The Council commended the school for its determination to place RE as a core subject alongside maths and English.

The judging panel said: "RE has always had a high profile at Oundle... with some pupils exceeding expectations. There is a commitment to a programme of visits and

visitors for pupils. There is good support for the RE subject leader and continuous professional development for all staff from the headteacher and the Church Task Group, from the governing body as well as the diocese."

"We are so pleased to receive this award and I want to pass on my thanks to our teaching team for their hard work and commitment," commented Oundle Primary's headteacher Mrs Janet McMurdo. "As a church school, our children are learning about world religions within a Christian context and so this award is a natural extension of our ethos."

New sports kit for Cranford Primary School

It was a very exciting day for the pupils at Cranford CE Primary School on Friday 20th September. During their weekly Celebration Assembly, they were visited by Lisa Culshaw and Scott Pointon from Marval Software, who presented the children with a brand new sports kit.

Marval provided the kit following a request for sponsorship from the school. Lisa, who has a child in the school, is

Managing Director of Marval, a global provider of IT service management software headquartered in Kettering.

The pupils were delighted with the new kit which was modelled by a few of the children. William, who has represented the school in a range of events, said: "I really like the new kit – it looks great. I really enjoy representing the school and the opportunities that we are given."

Headteacher Richard Albert said his aim for the year is for every child to have the opportunity to represent the school at an inter-school sports event. "This fantastic kit will make our pupils feel immensely proud every time they put it on," he said. "We can't thank Marval enough for their wonderful donation."

The school has another kit launch coming soon, this time for their younger children.



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East Northants 'Beat the Street' runners-up donate prize to benefit local school pupils

East Northamptonshire turned into a giant game in spring, with more than 8,262 residents tapping 'beat boxes' around the district, clocking up 73,373 miles.

More than 11 community teams entered the game, delivered by East Northamptonshire Council, Freedom Leisure and Intelligent Health, with three teams receiving prizes for their efforts.

The Rushden Walking for Health Group scooped the accolade of second place

but decided that the £200 decathlon voucher could benefit more people if they donated this prize to the Wellingborough and East Northants School Sport Partnership.

The partnership is delivered by Northamptonshire Sport and works with schools across the area to enhance the quality and range of sporting opportunities available for young people.

Ed Reeves, School Sport Manager for Northamptonshire Sport and managing the Wellingborough

and East Northants School Sport Partnership (WAEN SSP), said: "I am delighted to have accepted a £200 voucher. Working very closely with the Rushden and Higham schools, I will be purchasing equipment with the voucher that will educate and enhance the sporting/physical activity experience of many children."

"My sincere thanks go to all the walking group members for their hard work and for their very kind donation to Northamptonshire Sport and WAEN SSP."

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "A number of fantastic community groups took part in the Beat the Street game, pounding the pavement to clock up points for their organisation."

"It is great news to hear that Rushden Walking for Health have so selflessly donated their prize to benefit local pupils."

"I hope that the children are able to enjoy many hours of physical activity thanks to the

new equipment that will be purchased with the voucher."

Rushden Walking for

Health meet every Friday at Rushden Hall Park at 10am by the flagpole – everyone is

welcome. The walk is free and refreshments are available at the Hall afterwards.



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Manor School state-of-the-art Sixth Form Centre officially opened

Manor School's new Sixth Form Centre was opened on Friday 27th September by Tom Pursglove MP.

The state-of -the-art facility provides all of the essentials required for 21st century study... and much more. The renovation provides a dedicated workspace for up to 200 sixth formers, preparing Manor School for continued growth in the coming years.

The upgrading of the Sixth Form Centre at Manor School Sports College, as well as the other projects undertaken to improve facilities in the school in the past year, is central to the School's ethos of raising aspirations for pupils and their families.

Principal Jay Davenport, said: "Today represents the exciting conclusion of the first phase of our vision for the development of the school environment at Manor School. Our students deserve the very best and this Sixth Form Centre is part of ensuring the facilities reflect the excellent quality of teaching and pastoral care that students at Manor School receive."

Growth is impossible without space, that's why Nene Education Trust (NET), have invested in the construction of new provision across the Manor School site. Chris Hill, Chief Executive of the Nene Education Trust, said: "At the Nene Education Trust we aim to invest continually in all our schools to provide students and staff with a fantastic environment that supports the high quality of teaching already on offer. Our aim is to make Manor School the Sixth Form of choice in the local area. I encourage any young person considering their post-16 choices to come and see for themselves."

Accompanying Mr Pursglove, Mr Hill and Mr Davenport at the opening ceremony were architect, Kate Westwood from Peter Smith Associates and Paul Hutchinson from the building contractor, RG Carter. Mr Hutchinson said: "We are delighted to be delivering this essential work required at Manor School, which will provide staff and students with exceptional facilities, which will benefit the community for many years to come."

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Tuesday 8th October**Coffee Morning**

Thrapston Baptist Church
10am-12noon. Friendly time for all to meet, chat, and share tea, coffee and cake.

Thursday 10th October

Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11am. Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones to enjoy. £1 per carer – as many toddlers as you like!

AFC Rushden and Diamonds Quiz Night

Rushden Town Bowls Club,
Northampton Road, Rushden
NN10 6AN
7.30pm, £3 per person, Glenis 07870
332606 to book a table. 6 persons per
table. Raffle, retiring bucket collection
with proceeds going to Cransley
Hospice.

Friday 11th October

Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm. Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

Saturday 12th October

Book Signing with Richard Stainer
Oundle Bookshop
10.30am-12.30pm. Local author Richard Stainer will be signing copies of his book In His Grandfather's Shadow.

Best of Brass with Thrapston Town Band

St Mary's Church, Ringstead
3pm, tickets £5 (family ticket £12)
01933 624262 or 624427 (or on the door). Enjoy an afternoon of Brass Band Music for all with refreshments included during the interval.

Bikefix at Refill Revolution

Oundle Wharf
10.30am-12.30pm. Simple bike repairs done in return for a donation to voluntary organisation Transition Kings Cliffe.

Sunday 13th October

Whitefriars Church Silver Service
The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.30am. Melvyn Hunter 01933 222910 A traditional church service open to anyone of any age.

Whitefriars Café Church

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am, free to attend, Rosie Benn 07856 764771. A chance to have breakfast, chat and find out what church is all about.

Books 'n' More

Coffee Barne, College Street, Higham Ferrers NN10 8DZ
10.30am-12noon, free to attend, Nisha 07958 477266 or Karen 07970 091133. A relaxed reading and discussion group, organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden and open to all.

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – A Hollington Hop
Meet in Prospect Place, a loop road off the A509, just to the south of Emberton, MK46 5JQ.
10.30am, Andrew Presland 01933 316927. A 3-4 mile walk in the countryside in and near Hollington Wood, south of Olney.

Communion Service

Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am. Preacher: Mat Hussain
Why Jesus came: 10:32-45

Organ Recital for Autumn

St Rumbald Church, Stoke Doyle
3pm, £12.50 incl tea and cak, emdoherty@sky.com. A varied programme of music 'on the tiny organ with the big personality' played by James Parsons in aid of St Rumbald Church.

Oundle Cinema: Stan & Ollie (12A)
Stahl Theatre, West Street,
Oundle PE8 4EJ
7.30pm, £6.50/£3 under 18s,
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle,
PE8 4ED. 01832 274734 www.

oundlecinema.org.uk, information@oundlefestival.org.uk
A gentle, sweet story of two of cinema's most legendary comics with superb performances, big laughs and genuinely touching moments.

Monday 14th October

Oundle U3A Monthly Meeting
Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle.
Doors 2pm, members £1, non-members £2, 01832 275933. 'The Comedy of Victoria Wood.' Steve Dimmer returns with a wonderful talk, showing many of the comedian's classic sketches and clever songs.

Tuesday 15th October

Coffee Morning
Thrapston Baptist Church
10am-12noon. Friendly time for all to meet, chat, and share tea, coffee and cake.

Wednesday 16th October

Talk on 'Dementia and a Dementia Friendly Church' by Rev Dr Linnet Smith
St Laurence's Church, Stanwick NN9 6PS
7pm (refreshments) for 7.30pm
Andrew Presland 01933 316927
A Church of England meeting open to everyone.

dOCs+: Facing the Dragon

Fletton House, Fletton Way, Glapthorn Road, Oundle PE8 4JA
£8 (£24 for four dOCs+), 7.30pm
Oundle Festival, 4 West Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED. 01832 274734 www.oundlecinema.org.uk, information@oundlefestival.org.uk
After the deployment of US troops in 2001, and under international pressure, the Afghan government was forced to ensure that Afghan women became active members of society.

Thursday 17th October

Tiddlers Group for 0 to 3 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
9.30am-11am. Friendly and welcoming with lots of toys and play equipment for the little ones to enjoy. £1 per carer – as many toddlers as you like!

Friday 18th October

Fusion for 7 to 11 year olds
Thrapston Baptist Church
6.30pm-8pm. Lively and fun group with games, songs and bible based illustrations.

SPB Mid-Nene Local Group Indoor Meeting
Saxon Hall, Raunds
7.30pm. Open to everyone, admission £3 including tea or coffee. Children free. Penny 01933 350404.
An illustrated talk on Spring in Arizona and the Autumn in Yellowstone by Gianpiero Ferrari.

Rushden & District History Society

South End Junior School, Wymington Road, Rushden NN10 9JJ
7.30pm, members £1.50, non-members £2.50, 01933 358218
John Buckell – Northamptonshire Suffragettes.

Saturday 19th October

Jumble Sale
Bulwick Village Centre
10am-12noon, 50p adults, no fee for children accompanied by an adult.

The Millers Entertainment Group presents 'Nothing but Sea and Sky'
St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden
4.30pm, tickets £4.50 includes tea and gateau. Mary 01933 315383 or Chris 418399. Proceeds for The Children's Society.

Sunday 20th October

Morning Service
Thrapston Baptist Church
10.30am. Preacher: David Bloomfield

Whitefriars Church, Rushden – Memory Café

Whitefriars Church at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX
10.15am. Chris Youngman 01933 551769. An informal church service open to all.

Rushden & Higham Ferrers Churches Together in Prayer and Praise

Highfield Community Baptist Church, Highfield Road, Rushden
7.30pm, Andrew Presland 01933 316927. An informal time of prayer and praise.

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing
9.30am, free, 01933 312318.
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Half-Term

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Every Monday

Stanwick Handbell Ringers Group
The Stanwick Village Hall
7pm-9pm, 01933 623855, see website for more details. Everyone welcome, come and have a go.

Yoga Classes

Denford Village Hall
9am-10am, £4 per session
Anita Hackney 01832 733274

Titchmarsh Folk Dance Club

The Club Room, High Street, Titchmarsh NN14 3DF
8pm-10pm, £1 inc tea/coffee, Kev Prigmore 01536 514023/
titchmarshfdc@gmail.com

Dundle Ladies Running Group

Oundle pool car park
6.45pm, Jane Walker 01832 272898/
janewalkercakes@icloud.com

Bounce and Rhyme

Irlingborough Library
10am-10.30am, free. A singing session aimed specifically at babies (or toddlers who are not yet walking).

Every Monday (term time)

Praise and Play
St James' Church Thrapston
1.30-2.45pm, refreshments available, Anita 735443

Engage Open Youth Club for school years 7-13

No.1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
7pm-9pm, free of charge.
Pool, Xbox, crafts, chat, milkshake.

1st Monday of the month

Finedon Irthingborough & District Branch Royal British Legion Branch Meeting
Finedon Bowls Club
7.30pm, Peter Eames 07434 328237

1st Monday of the month (except May when 2nd Monday)

Oundle & District Royal British Legion Meeting
The Talbot Hotel, Oundle
7pm, Roy Sparkes 07904 463707

1st & 3rd Monday of the month

Oundle Rotary
The Ship Inn, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EF
6.15pm, Jane Grant 07712 933574.

Bring your skills, experience, enthusiasm, give something back to your community.

2nd Monday of the month

Memory Café
Irlingborough Library
10.30am-11am. Open to everyone to attend for free, a session of reminiscing, chat and singing.
(Refreshments available small charge)

Thrapston & District Royal British Legion Branch Meeting

Thrapston Town Council Centre, 77 High Street, Thrapston
7.30pm, 07876 716478, ibyrnes@britishlegion.org.uk

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Sling Walk

11am, first Tuesday of the month there is Sling Library at 10am prior to the walk. Second Tuesday meet at Rushden CC Hayway instead of Higham Ferrers. 01933 410112

Short Mat Bowls

Saxon Hall, Raunds
1.45pm-4pm, £3, 01933 624545

Yoga Class

Whitefriars Infant School, Boughton Drive, Rushden
7.15pm-8.15pm, £5 per session, Carole 07873 743256/
carole.wyatt@virginmedia.com

Ringstead's Jolly Good Company

Ringstead Shared Church
10am-11am, £4
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Slimming World

Oundle Rugby Club, Occupation Rd
5.30pm and 7.30pm, Nikki 07725 617085. Weekly fee applies. Have fun, make friends and lose weight.

Squidgelets Baby & Toddler Group

Isip Pavilion, Toll Bar Road, Isip
9am-11am, £2 per child, 50p each additional child. Find us on facebook "Squidgelets" or call 07392 756391. Stay and play session for under 5's and their parent/carers.

IT Assistance and Advice

Irlingborough Library
2pm-4.30pm, free service for anyone wishing to improve their IT skills or seeking support creating CVs/looking for work.

Every Tuesday (term time)

Tuesday Tots
No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle
9.15am-11.30am, free, 01832 770010/
office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

1st Tuesday of every month

Great Companions (singles 55+)
Rushden Bowls Club, Northampton Road
7-9pm, yearly membership £6, Pat Bazeley 07931 964360

Northamptonshire MS Society Meeting

Barton Seagrave Village Hall, Bertone Road, Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 6WF
2pm, Stella Luck 01536 216135/
northamptonshire@mssociety.org.uk

2nd Tuesday of the month**East Northants Land Rover Owners Club Meeting**

Aviator Hotel, Sywell Aerodrome, Sywell NN6 0BN
8pm, free admission. Family friendly for anyone with an interest in Land Rovers of all ages. www.enroc.co.uk

Art Classes (10 weeks)

Knuston Hall, Knuston
7pm-9pm, 10 lessons £100, Jamie 07899 676769

East Northants Classic Motorcycle Club

New Inn Public House, Wymington
Meet around 7.30pm

Woodford WI Meeting

Woodford Sports and Social Club
7.30pm, Lynn Sortwell 01832 732740

Higham Ferrers Guided Tour

Groups of 6 minimum. Trained guides. Tea & cakes, optional. 01933 411191

Nene Valley Ladies

The Full Gospel Church, Rushden
7.30pm, 01933 355478. Speakers, entertainment and outings.

3rd Tuesday of the month

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Art & Craft Class

Oundle Rural Mind, 1 Herne Park, East Road, Oundle PE8 4BZ Irene Issitt 01832 275020

Cambridge First Certificate in English

The Old Town Hall, Market Place, Oundle 9.30am-12.30pm, £25pw, 01832 776336/info@antlerlanguages.co.uk

Jelly Babes Toddler Group

Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church 9.15am

Walk and Chat

Woodford Village, meet at Tiggewinkles Tearooms, 10b Manor House Farm, Addington Road, Woodford NN14 4ES 9.30am, free. Joe Bailey 01832 742195 or jbailey@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

Homework Club

Irlingborough Library 3.30pm-4.30pm. For ages 8-16, access the library's resources for free and have assistance with homework.

Every Wednesday (term time)**Community ICT Classes**

Needham Building, Oundle School SciTec, Glatphorn Road, Oundle 2.30pm-4pm, 01832 277267 to enrol.

Tiny Tots

Oundle C of E Primary School, Glatphorn Road 1.45pm

660 Club (Age 60+)

Two Acre Club, off Milton Road 2.15pm-3.45pm. Afternoon tea and entertainment by Oundle pupils.

Every other Wednesday**Psychic and Spiritual Awareness**

Rushden 1pm-3pm, 7.30pm-9.30pm, £7 per session. 07712 740495

1st Wednesday of the month**Raunds Coffee Afternoon**

Saxon Hall, Raunds 1.30pm-3pm, £1 entry (includes refreshments). Call 01933 622087 to reserve your seat. Meet new friends over tea & entertainment.

Raunds Ladies Group

The Saxon Hall, Raunds 8pm-10pm, Visitors £3.50, 01933 622451

Home Instead Companionship Café

M&S Café (Rushden Lakes) 1pm-3pm (times will change during school holidays), Marie 01933 678775. No booking needed.

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month**Thrapston Country Dancers**

St Johns Ambulance Hall 2pm-3.30pm, G Hearnden 01933 622827/ghearnden@tiscali.co.uk

2nd Wednesday of the month**Coffee Morning**

Raunds Methodist Church 10am-12noon, 01933 383378

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month**Northants Model Makers**

Main meeting starts 7.30ish. First couple free. Bob Humpage 07960 054405/modelmaker@tiscali.co.uk

3rd Wednesday of the month**Raunds Film Afternoon**

Saxon Hall, Raunds 2pm, £1 includes refreshments. Call 01933 622087 to reserve your seat. We show a great film each month, watch press for details.

Higham and Rushden U3A

Pemberton Centre, Rushden 2pm, visitors welcome (£3 charge) www.highamandrushdenu3a.org.uk

Raunds & Dist' British Legion

Conservative Club, Raunds 8pm, 01933 625333 for more details. You do NOT have to be ex-services.

4th Wednesday of the month**Rushden Pensioners Forum**

St Peters Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden 2pm-4pm, Mary Morby 01933 312476 or e.m.m@btinternet.com

Wednesday & Thursday**Free Counselling**

No.1 St. Osyth's Lane Oundle By appointment 0793 6015965

Every Thursday**Raunds Bridge Club**

Saxon Hall 7pm-10pm, £2.50, 01933 624767

Health Walk

Irlingborough Library, High Street 10.30am, irlthib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk. A friendly, fun 30-60 min walk (followed by optional refreshments at the library).

Rushden Folk Dance Club

St Mary's Church Hall, Rushden 8-10pm, first visit free, £2 thereafter, 07796 865537

The Silver Fox Woodturning Club

Dale End Scout Headquarters, Croyland Road, Wellingborough 10am-1pm, £2 all members, Debbie 01604 751019

Move to Health

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle 2.15pm-3pm, 01832 770010/ office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Thursday Drop-In

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle

10am-1pm, 01832 770010/ office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

Little Ducklings Pre-School**Stay & Play 'Tea & Tots' Sessions**

1.30pm-3pm, £1.50 per family.

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Olde and Sequence Dancing

Woodford Sports and Social Club 7.30pm-9.30pm, £2, Dorothy 01832 732534 or Keith 01832 731896

Every Thursday (term time)**Music Makers**

Titchmarsh Pavilion

9.30am-10.15am, Joan Strong Centre, Oundle, 11.15am-12noon, Stanwick Village Hall, 2pm-2.45pm, £4 per child, £2 for siblings, Naomi Cooper on musicmakersnorthants@gmail.com

Little Treasures Tots Group

St Laurence's Church, Stanwick 9.30am-11am, donations to cover costs, Nicki 01933 625658

Community Art Classes

Oundle School Art Department 7.30pm-8.30pm, free classes for people with a disability.

Coffee/tea and biscuits in the Bede House

St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers St Peters Church Hall, Midland Road, Rushden 10am-12noon, no charge just a donation to cover costs.

Adult & Child Swim Sessions

Oundle School Swimming Pool, Milton Road Oundle 9.15am-9.45am, booked in advance as a block (£4.75 per lesson) 01832 277208/277195

Alternate Thursdays**Fettledine Afternoon Club**

Crow Hill Community CTR, Fettledine Road, Irlingborough NN9 5XF

2pm-4pm, £2 all ages welcome for tea, cake, chat and activities. Caroline Cross 07527530529

1st Thursday of the month**Royal British Legion Friends & Companionship Support Group**

Athletics Club, Newton Road, Rushden 10am-12noon. Pop in for a chat.

2nd Thursday of the month**More Natter than Knit**

Mrs B's, Newton Hall, Rushden 10am-12.30pm, see facebook page. If you like to knit, crochet or would like to learn and natter, come and join us.

3rd Thursday of the month**Ise & Nene Valley Turners**

Cranford Village Hall, Grafton Road, Cranford NN14 4JE

7pm, members free, visitors £5, Peter Bond 01933 741835/ peterjbond@btinternet.com

Every Friday (term time)**Playheroes: Learning Through Play**

Highgate Hall, Elton 11am-12 midday, £5 a session (multiple session discount). 07917 100690/ playheroesinfo@gmail.com. Two teachers plan a range of interactive activities, linked to a weekly theme.

Sparklers – a 0-5s toddler group

The Bridge Community Office at Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden NN10 9HX 9am-11am, £1 per family, Emma 07957 080074. A safe and friendly place for parents/carers and for their children to play and make friends.

Friday Once a Month**Wildlife Trust Little Bugs Club**

Nene Wetlands Visitor Centre, Rushden Lakes 10-11.30am, £3 per child (intro rate), booking essential, 01933 779587/ viktoria.marta@wildlifecn.org.uk

1st Friday of the month (Check before travelling)**Craft Cafe**

Stanwick Lakes

10.30am-1pm, modest charge for some materials and car park, 01933 625522/www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

3rd Friday of the month**Raunds Tea Dance**

Saxon Hall, Raunds 2pm-4.15pm, £4 (50p for raffle) Mrs Wicks 01933 312623

**1st & 3rd Thursday of the month****The Fettledine Afternoon Club**

Crow Hill Community Centre, Irlingborough 2pm-4pm, £2 (visitors), free for members, includes refreshments. Guest speakers each month.

U3A Meeting

The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4PS 10am-12noon, £2 (visitors), free for members, includes refreshments. Guest speakers each month.

Former Carers Group

No 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle PE8 4BG 2pm-3.30pm, free, 01832 770010/ office@oundlebaptist.org.uk

3rd Friday of the month (Check before travelling)**Stanwick Stitchers**

Stanwick Lakes 10.30am, free, car park charges. 01933 625522 or Pauline on 01933 229817/www.stanwicklakes.org.uk

Last Saturday of the Month (not Dec)

Farmers' Market Market Square, Higham Ferrers 9am-1pm danielle@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk

1st Saturday of the month**Coffee Morning**

St Mary's Church, Ringstead 10am-12noon, 01933 624262

Thrapston Farmers' Market

Thrapston High Street 9am-1pm, www.thrapstonfarmersmarket.moonfruit.com

2nd Saturday of the month**Coffee 'n' Cakes**

Oundle Methodist Church, Drummingwell Lane 10am-12noon, John Hewitson 01832 272209

WE Watch

Stanwick Lakes 01933 625522/ wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Oundle Farmers' Market

Market Place, Oundle, 8am-1.30pm, Oundle Town Council 01832 272055

3rd Saturday of the month**Phoenix Group**

Stanwick Lakes 01933 625522/ wewatchstanwick@hotmail.co.uk

Messy Church

Rushden Salvation Army, Church Street, Rushden 4pm, George Elliston 01933 313106

Every Saturday & Sunday**Coffee & cakes/Sunday worship**

Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church (entrance Queen Street) Saturday coffee & cakes 10am-11.30am, Sunday worship 10.45am with children's activities. Messy Church every 2nd Sunday in the month 4pm, all welcome.

Every Sunday**2 Course Sunday Carvery**

Rushden Bowls Club

12noon, £12 per head.

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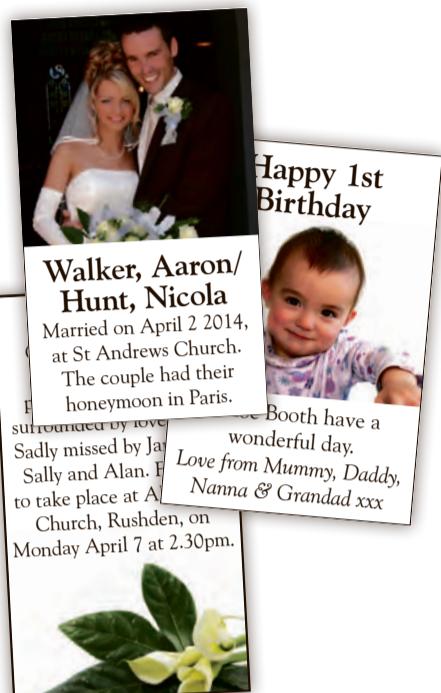
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doordrop media**PUBLIC NOTICES****NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 -
SECTION 14****THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****(IRTHLINGBOROUGH, DEENE, PILTON,
DUDDINGTON)****(30 MPH LIMIT) ORDER 2019**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 82, 83 & 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 30 mph along those lengths of road as specified in the Schedule below.

A copy of the Order may be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN9 9BX during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Order will become effective on 7th October 2019.

Dated this 5th day of October 2019

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
PKG/P1611**SCHEDULE****DUDDINGTON**

Stamford Road	From a point 90 metres south of its junction with A47 for a distance of 152 metres in a southerly direction.
Highfield	The entire length

PILTON

Main Street	The entire length
Oundle Road	From its junction with Lilford Road for a distance of 83 metres in a westerly direction.
Lilford Road	From its junction with Oundle Road for a distance of 117 metres in an easterly direction.

DEENE

Main Street	From a point 29 metres west of The Coach House (Road to Home Farm) for a distance of 230 metres in an easterly direction.
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IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Station Road (Service Road)	From the Northern junction with the A6 Station Road to its Southern junction with A6 Station Road.
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**GOODS VEHICLE
OPERATOR'S LICENCE**

Qasem Sekandy of 7 Chequers Lane, Wellingborough NN8 1DN is applying for a new licence to use Carr Brothers Ltd, Upper Higham Lane, Higham Ferrers NN10 0SU for 1 goods vehicle and 1 trailer.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioners office.

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Help name our gritting fleet!

As Northamptonshire County Council makes preparations to deal with wintry weather over the coming months, the authority is giving people the chance to name each of the 22 gritting lorries that will be keeping our roads safe – with the winning entries printed onto the front of the trucks.

The competition runs until Friday 11th October and is open to schools, classes or individuals. The winning names will be painted onto

the gritters.

In Northamptonshire a total of 1,157 miles of road receives precautionary gritting – almost the same distance as that between

London and Rome. This service is carried out by Northamptonshire Highways.

Cllr Jason Smithers, County Council Cabinet



Member for Highways and Place, said: "Keeping the county moving over the winter months is a huge task. There's never any telling just what sort of winter we're going to get – we just have to be ready to tackle what nature throws at us."

"The gritting team do a tremendous job keeping the county moving during the winter, with 24-hour monitoring between the months of October and April."

Entries should be emailed to rmiller@kierwsp.co.uk or tweet @nnhighways and include:

- A suggested name of the gritter
- Applicant's name
- Applicant's contact details
- Be clean, original and creative

About the gritting service

The weather during the period from mid-October to mid-April is monitored by Northamptonshire Highways, and the county's roads are salted, when required, subject to the weather conditions.

Weather forecasts are received from the Meteogroup and local knowledge of the network is used to work out what the likelihood of frost or snow is.

If necessary, the situation will be monitored on an hour-by-hour basis before making decisions to send crews out to salt the roads. There are also seven weather stations so that road conditions can be monitored.

Northamptonshire Highways plan the service to ensure villages are linked to priority routes.

A total length of approximately 1,157 miles of road receives precautionary

salt, just under half of the total network in the county.

Priority is given to those roads carrying the highest volume of traffic and where the risk of accidents is greatest.

In addition, certain local roads such as those serving industrial areas, shopping centres and some key roads in towns and rural areas are also salted.

In prolonged, adverse weather conditions, that is where the forecast conditions are unlikely to improve for at least 48 hours and the temperature is not expected to rise above freezing within that period, an additional 359 miles of roads will be treated provided that roads on the precautionary salting network do not require treatment.

In the event of snowfall, roads will be cleared according to their priority status and need.

Gritting updates are available at [@NNhighways](https://twitter.com/NNhighways).

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