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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Volunteers in countywide leaflet drop

District and Borough Councils have teamed up with Northamptonshire County Council to mobilise the extensive volunteer network for a countywide leaflet drop.

Volunteers will be serving their local communities by ensuring that every household in the county receives a leaflet describing the help that is available to them, should they require it, during the current pandemic.

All volunteers have been issued with appropriate health and safety guidelines to carry out this task safely, and Northamptonshire Police have been made aware of this activity.

Some households may have already received leaflets and information like this through local pop-up groups or existing community support networks, but in order to ensure that everyone in the county is covered, a leaflet will be delivered to every household.

Residents are asked to keep the leaflet in a safe place, should they need to call on help at any time.

# LOCAL RESIDENT PRODUCES FACE SHIELDS FOR NHS ORGANISATIONS

James Anderson, a cartographer from Oundle, has produced over 1,430 face shields for the NHS and care providers in Northamptonshire and Peterborough.

James was inspired after reading an article that said that the NHS was running out of PPE.

He said: "I found a file online of a 3D printable face shield and got in touch with Peterborough City Hospital and

asked if they needed any PPE, and then gave [them] three prototypes for the hospital to choose from.

"As soon as they picked a model I began printing and set up an online funding page to help raise money for

materials and additional printers. The page was fully funded in three hours, and ended up reaching over four times what I set out to achieve.

"The funding has gone towards additional printers and supplies, and to date I have donated 1,432 face shields to the NHS."

James has received fantastic support for his campaign from local businesses including a supplier of transparent binding covers which has donated 3,000 PVC sheets for the shields. Oundle School has loaned James a printer, a drum sander, and an electric guillotine. Several Oundle residents have also loaned working tables, and around 20 people in the local area helped to cut and tie elastic for the straps.

James is continuing to produce the face shields, which so far have gone to

Peterborough City Hospital, Oundle Surgery, Corby Urgent Care, Burton Latimer Surgery, Highgate Hospital in London, NHS District Nurses, several care homes in the area, and local pharmacies.

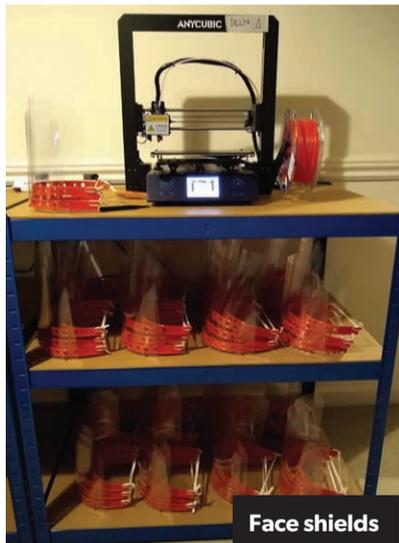
James added: "I will continue printing as long as home-printed PPE is needed. Once commercial supply chains catch up and home-printed PPE is no longer necessary I will return all equipment loaned to me and donate the printers I bought to local schools, along with any extra supplies I have."

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Steven North, said: "The community across the district is coming together to support the response to Covid-19 but James is going above and beyond to produce vital resources for our NHS and carers. The work James is doing is truly commendable and on behalf of all residents I would like to thank him for this truly outstanding act of kindness."

For more information about James' campaign and to donate visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/3dprinted-face-shields-for-the-nhs>

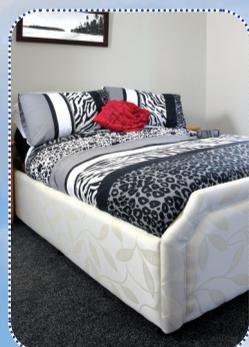


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# Residents urged **not** to burn garden waste

Northamptonshire residents are being urged not to burn garden waste during the coronavirus lockdown, with an increase in bonfires posing health risks and heaping pressure on emergency crews.

Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) has reported a surge in callouts to bonfires that have got out of hand in recent weeks, while burning waste at home also creates air pollution that could harm people nearby who may already have breathing difficulties due to Covid-19.

With Household Waste and Recycling Centres closed in support of the Government's stay at home message and restrictions on all but essential travel, The Northamptonshire Waste

Partnership is asking residents not to carry out big garden projects that might create additional waste that cannot be disposed of or safely stored at home.

The Partnership, which promotes responsible waste management on behalf of councils across the county, is also asking people to consider home composting as an alternative solution for their garden waste, with a range of discounts on home composting equipment available to Northamptonshire residents at [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com)

People with concerns about smoke from neighbours setting bonfires on a frequent or regular basis should contact their local District or Borough Council.

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

With social distancing now the norm, how are you filling your time? One of the things that is keeping me occupied is delving further into my family tree. Although there is a fair amount that I can do online, I do miss visiting the archives and record offices around the country. However, nuggets are still to be found and it is always worthwhile revisiting places on the internet that were visited previously as more information is being made available all of the time.

It may be that you have children to look after and are running out of ideas of how to keep them occupied. Why

not get them started on their family history? Dig out any old photographs that you might have and chat about who the people and places in them were.

Get a large notepad and write down all that you can remember about your family. Once you start to think about the people in your past, memories will be triggered that you can check out. It may be that you think that a parent was born in a particular year, but upon investigation, find that they were older or younger than you first thought. If you have any living relatives, ask them what they know. If

grandparents or even great grandparents are available on the telephone, keep in touch and reminisce about their past. You never know what they will remember and it will also probably brighten their day to think back on happy times.

If you have not looked into your family's history and would like to but do not know where to start, the suggestions above are a good place. If you have access to the internet, there are many places where information can be found for free. If you need help, you are welcome to contact me via the Nene Valley News.

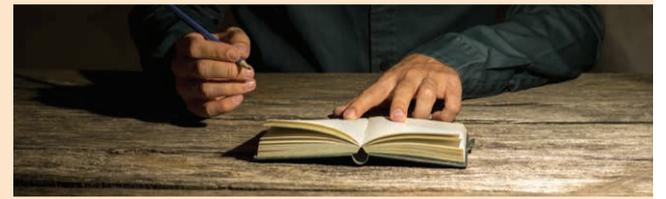
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## EDITOR'S NOTES

Groundhog Day has taken on a new meaning since lockdown. As the weeks pass, it can seem as though the days have merged to become one long weekend, especially if you are one of the people who are in isolation without visitors calling in person to add more variety to your day.

That is why it has been wonderful to read about the volunteers who are making socially distanced visits to bring shopping or urgent medication to households. Others have volunteered to make phone calls, not only to check on the safety of individuals but also to take the time for a chat. It can be all very well if you have a laptop, phone or tablet which gives you access to an online



meet-up with family or friends but there are many people who do not have these devices and would not have the technical knowledge to use them.

A resident phoned into our offices last week and explained that it was quite frightening to feel so isolated and out of the loop. She was not able to access the digital editions we have been producing since lockdown so we are pleased to include in this issue news that leaflets are being delivered to homes in the district which give

details of where people can find support and services to help them through the pandemic. I hope households will not hesitate to ask because there is a well organised network in place now which can take some of the strain off the stress of limited resources, lack of social contact or impacts on mental health.

There are small signs that we may be preparing for the new 'normal' in life as we go forward but meanwhile stay safe and well.



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# Council warns of SCAMMERS offering to remove household waste

Northamptonshire County Council is warning people affected by the impact of Covid-19 to be alert for bogus cold callers or online advertisements offering to remove household waste.

As part of the Government measures taken to limit the spread of Covid-19 the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) have been closed until further notice. Residents are being asked to store any waste they would normally take to a recycling centre until the HWRCs reopen.

As always, the advice from Trading Standards is not to buy goods or services from a doorstep caller or people advertising waste clearance

online, unless they are sure that the waste will be disposed of properly.

Legally, householders have a duty of care to ensure that their waste is only removed from their property by a registered waste carrier and can be held liable if their waste is not disposed of properly. People can check if someone is a registered waste carrier by searching the Environment Agency's public register of waste carriers or by calling 03708 506 506.

Unlicensed carriers may be tempted to illegally dump, or 'fly-tip', the waste they collect in order to avoid the charges for proper disposal. Fly-tipping not only causes pollution and environmental damage, but the Council Tax payer will bear the clear-up costs of waste dumped on public land.

Cllr Jason Smithers, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Place, said: "We understand that the temporary closure

of the HWRCs leaves Northamptonshire's residents with fewer options for the disposal of their waste and we are asking householders to store any extra waste they have until the sites can reopen.

"The closures have taken place in line with Government advice on only leaving home for essential journeys.

"People might be tempted to take up offers from people saying they will dispose of waste on their behalf but householders need to be very careful about this as the onus is on them to make sure it is disposed of properly."

## HEART RESEARCH UK Healthy Heart Tip

At a time when we are spending more time at home, shopping for food less frequently and no longer eating out, our usual eating habits may be disrupted. Good nutrition is essential for good health and it is important that we do not develop less healthy eating habits during this time.

### > ESTABLISH A ROUTINE AND PLAN YOUR MEALS

Try to establish a normal routine by sticking to set meal times. This can help you to manage hunger and prevent snacking on less healthy foods. Plan healthy meals for the week in advance and make a shopping list. Planning your meals should help you to eat more healthily as well as reducing food waste.

### > AVOID SNACKING ON LESS HEALTHY FOOD

If you are making regular trips to the kitchen and snacking on less healthy food because you are bored, try stocking up on healthy snacks, such as fruit and veg, nuts, seeds, rice cakes and yoghurt.

### > ARE YOU EATING ENOUGH?

At-risk groups who have been advised to stay at home are likely to have a greater risk of malnutrition. This is more common in older people and it can increase the risk of infection as well as delaying recovery. Some tips for avoiding malnutrition include:

- Eat a good source of protein every day (e.g. fish, meat, eggs, nuts, beans, tofu)
- Consume 2 or 3 portions of dairy every day (e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt or dairy alternatives such as soya milk)
- Include starchy foods at every meal (e.g. bread, potatoes, rice, pasta, cereals)
- Eat a minimum of five portions of fruit and veg every day
- If you eat fish, aim for two portions a week and try to include oily fish, such as salmon, mackerel, sardines or herring
- Drink 6 to 8 cups/glasses of fluid every day

**If people are concerned about a caller at the door or suspect that rogue doorstep traders or distraction burglars are operating in their community, they should contact the dedicated Doorstep Crime Action Network (DAN) by calling 0345 23 07 702.**

**For more information about Buy With Confidence, the Trading Standards approved trader scheme, visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/approvedtraders) or telephone 01392 383430.**

**Trading Standards in partnership with Northamptonshire Police can also provide No Cold Calling stickers on request by calling the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133. They can also provide consumers with information about their legal civil rights.**

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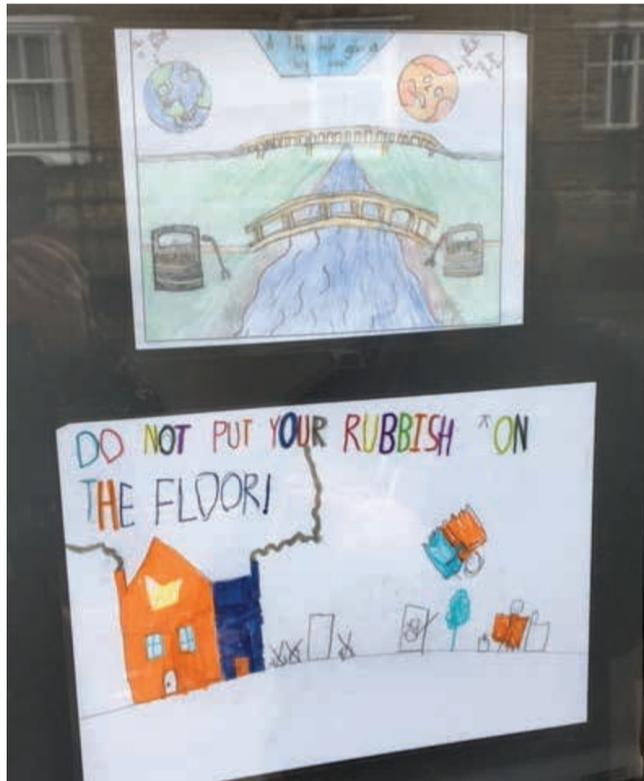
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# Spotlight on > IRTHLINGBOROUGH

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH IS ALL SET TO EXCAVATE, CELEBRATE AND REGENERATE



The Rest Gardens in Irthlingborough have been officially designated a Litter Free Zone thanks to a Town Council initiative involving local schoolchildren. Exasperated by regular CCTV images of litterbugs depositing their fast food wrappers in the grounds of this quiet haven, the council decided that it was time to act.

Pupils from the Infant and Junior schools held an anti-litter poster competition and the winning artists were awarded books about recycling and the environment. All posters were subsequently displayed in shop windows in the town. Irthlingborough Town Council would like to thank the schools and business owners for assisting with this project. It is hoped that the posters encouraged all to think twice before dropping their litter on the ground.

The Waste Amnesty Day that was due to occur on 21st March in the Allen Road and Crow Hill areas of the town as part of the Great British Spring Clean will now take place when life returns to normality. Town Councillors along with Friends of the Irth, police cadets, Orbit, Grand Union and Longhurst Group Housing Associations will join

together to sweep the town clean post Covid-19.

Meanwhile, beneath the ground, there are important artefacts to be unearthed. Following on from the successful Tannery Cottages dig in 2017, Irthlingborough Archaeological Society is looking to investigate the area further, funding permitting. The dig is likely to take place in September of this year. With the support of other town organisations and Settlers in the Valley, this event will afford the community the unique opportunity to further investigate and preserve Irthlingborough's rich heritage.

Irthlingborough's Neighbourhood Plan is progressing well. Members of the steering group have completed their visions and objectives for the town. Please contact the Town Clerk at the council offices if you would like to join the steering group and participate in the next stages of this exciting project.

On 8th May Irthlingborough Town Council assisted by I-Grow was due to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. This event will now take place in the autumn. Stalls with a vintage theme will line the High Street, refreshments will be available

on Parsons Green (courtesy of the Scouts and others) to complement residents' picnics, and Raunds Temperance Band will strike the right note.

The town's knitters are currently creating red, white and blue bunting to adorn the railings around the green. Irthlingborough Historical Society will play an active role in this anniversary event. The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2 will open proceedings and the event will culminate in Ringing out for Peace. Our very own Winston Churchill is sure to be vocal throughout. An over 60s band and a lone piper will bring a mix of joy and poignancy to the occasion. The Town Council will plant a tree in the Rest Gardens to commemorate this milestone anniversary and a plaque will be suitably inscribed. As in wartime, the words of Vera Lynn as echoed by the Queen in her recent broadcast to the nation, 'we'll meet again' will feel particularly apt after these unsettling and difficult months.

In the meantime, the Irthlingborough Scarecrow Festival (10th April – 29th May) is sure to brighten up daily walks and unite the town. See separate ad and the I-Grow Facebook page for details of how to enter.

The Town Council's community orchard consultation is still live. Please access the website if you wish to lend your support to this fruitful venture. If we want future generations to thrive, we must dig for victory now.

Residents of the town will no doubt be aware of the recent spate of break-ins in the High Street. The offenders purposely targeted small independent shops for cash. Businesses in the town were advised by police to review their security and all shops have now been issued with crime prevention packs, 'No cash or valuables kept on the premises' signage and a direct link to CCTV.

As a further safeguard, Business Watch has been reinstated which means that businesses can share information with one another, the council and police. With everyone now working together, our High Street proprietors are greatly reassured. Please call 101 to report anti-social behaviour issues such as car theft, damaged property and suspected drug use or dealing. This is also the correct number to call if you wish to give police information about crime or you would like to make a general

enquiry.

If you witness a crime in progress, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, there is danger to life or if violence is being used or threatened, call 999. Crimestoppers can be contacted on 0800 555 111 should you wish to remain anonymous. For crime prevention information about protecting your home and property, visit [www.northants.police.uk/#!/CrimePrevention](http://www.northants.police.uk/#!/CrimePrevention)

On 4th March councillors attended a public meeting about policing in the area with Stephen Mold, at which the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner was subjected to a tough grilling by a packed hall of concerned representatives from the towns and villages of East Northants.

As always, the positives far outweigh the negatives. Irthlingborough Junior School recently received a 'Good' Ofsted rating. The staff and pupils worked hard for this. Irthlingborough Town Council congratulates them, the Infant School and Huxlow Science College for their continued efforts and excellent results.

The very youngest among us are learning about the fragility of this planet that we call home. 'Keep our town tidy!' and 'Put your rubbish in the bin!' proclaimed the posters in our shop windows. Let us pledge to pick up a piece of litter each time we walk through the town. Humans and wildlife alike

deserve to live in an environment free from crisp packets, plastic bottles and dog mess. Together we will strive to make Irthlingborough a pleasant place in which to live and spend our leisure time.

Irthlingborough folk have come together as a community more strongly than ever in the last couple of months. The viral kindness group and the food bank have been busy shopping and providing parcels for those who find themselves in need in these unprecedented times. Further to this, many residents are going above and beyond for their neighbours and of course, some will have joined forces with the NHS in a voluntary capacity.

Thanks go to all those in the town who are keeping the home fires burning and we salute all who are working on the front line at KGH, in the schools and at the local care homes. Thank you to the children of Irthlingborough for their rainbow posters which are helping us on our way and to a local poet for these uplifting lines:

*"Hooray for the garden in these difficult times,  
It calms us and relaxes our minds.*

*The blossom and flowers put a smile on our face -  
There is, for sure, no happier place."*

*We will meet again some sunny day soon. Tomorrow, just you wait and see.*



Contact Irthlingborough Town Council on 01933 650866 if you would like a stall at the VE Day celebrations, need assistance with shopping or help from the food bank.

# LOCKDOWN DIY

## projects perfect for children

It's important to keep kids learning while they are stuck in the house. DIY is a great interactive way to maintain your child's education during lockdown.



Here are some DIY tasks that are perfect for your toddler and each task will help to develop a skill set which will be useful in later life.

### > DIY TASKS PERFECT FOR TODDLER LEARNING

#### Learning how to paint

Get your little DIYers in the garden to practice their painting skills! Grab a clean paint roller and a tray full of water, and let your child paint the floor outside. They will be a pro in no time! Skill Set developed: Creativity skills

**DIY Tip:** Use this time to teach your toddler the different uses of each style of painting tools, show them when you would use a roller, a small brush or a large brush.

#### Matching different sized nuts and bolts into cups

Lay out a selection of different sized bolts and let your child decide which sizes match by placing them in cups. This is a task they shouldn't be left alone with as small bolts can be dangerous if swallowed. Skill Set developed: Motor Skills

**DIY Tip:** Allowing young children to play with small bolts and parts can be a dangerous task, if left alone. Assist your child at all times when using small parts, but don't do the work for them.

#### Sanding wood

Sanding is a great woodworking task for kids to get involved in. Start them out with a sanding block and some sanding paper, and just let them have fun – though make sure to keep an eye on them in case they get a bit too carried away! As ever, safety comes first when it comes to DIY with toddlers. Skill Set developed: Hands-on experience skills



**DIY Tip:** Once they have practised sanding down an old piece of wood till smooth, let them get creative by decorating with glitter, paint and all things colourful.

#### Organising their bookshelf into a rainbow

Show your toddler the importance of tidying up by turning their bookshelf into a rainbow, or you can display books on your windowsill to show your support for the NHS. Being home with a toddler 24/7 means a lot more mess than usual, so little tasks like this show them how fun tidying can be, sparking up their creativity to paint and craft. Skill Set developed: Creativity skills

**DIY Tip:** Books can be heavy, so ensure your child is assisted when organising their bookshelf to avoid injuries and tears!

#### Measuring tape

Teach your kids the importance of measuring by letting them run loose with a tape measure. Have them record their findings in a book. Measure all things weird and wonderful, from the size of the kitchen table to the garden outside. Skill Set developed: Patience/attention span skills



**DIY Tip:** Keep the excitement flowing by encouraging your child to monitor their own growth by measuring their height as the months go on.

#### Spirit level

Introduce your child to a spirit level by asking them to go around the house and use it to test whether all the picture frames are straight or not. You can even do a loop round first to make sure there are a few wonky frames to find! If you don't have a bubble or spirit level to hand, have your kid use an app on your phone or iPad. Skill Set developed: Problem solving skills

**DIY Tip:** Use this opportunity to give your little helper the chance to assist in putting up a picture frame or art piece. Show them how you would measure, mark and secure the picture.

#### Paint the garden fence

Paint the garden fence together! It's important to get children outside during lockdown. So if the sun is shining, get them out into the garden to finally paint that fence. Let your kids choose the colours and just have fun with it! Skill Set



tool. Practice holding the tool safely, talk about how to use it and how to carry it.

#### Build a Squirrel Picnic Table

DIYers across the country have shared their home-made squirrel picnic tables. So, why not give it a try with your little DIYers' help – with their measuring skills they can help measure and mark the wood and help find the right tools to use. Skill Set developed: Hands-on experience skills

**DIY Tip:** Have your toddler design their very own Squirrel Picnic Table, and decorate when completed, so they have the opportunity to participate in a DIY task from start to finish.

developed: Hands-on experience skills

**DIY Tip:** Before your child begins to paint, get the area ready. Cover areas not to be painted, and give them a small section at a time to work within.

#### Toolbox organisation

Turn toolbox organisation into a game where you teach your kids what each tool does as you put them back. Another handy task in teaching the importance of tidying up to children, this allows them to practice organising and sorting tools correctly. Skill Set developed: Organisation skills

**DIY Tip:** Introduce tools one at a time, allowing them to examine and get to know the



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**20/00422/FUL (26/05/2020)**  
**(LB/CA)** Change of use from residential to mixed use residential and bed and breakfast at 1 Hind Stile Higham Ferrers NN10 8EA

> **IRTHLINGBOROUGH**

**20/00442/FUL (26/05/2020)**  
**(CA)** Change of use to A4 (micropub) at The Design Space 6 Station Road Irtlingborough NN9 5SN

> **LOWICK AND SLIPTON**

**20/00402/LBC (26/05/2020)**  
**(LB)** Replacement of single glazed timber windows, with timber windows to match existing windows, incorporating slim line double glazing at 24 Main Street Lowick NN14 3BH

> **RUSHDEN**

**20/00420/FUL (19/05/2020)**  
**(Art 15)** To connect 128 to the main foul drainage system at 14 Donne Close and to disconnect the property from the existing Septic Tank arrangement at 128 Northampton Road Rushden

**20/00430/FUL (19/05/2020)**

**(Art 15)** Proposed 3 bedroom detached bungalow with associated landscaping and car parking provision (re-submission of 19/01914/FUL) at Land Rear of 23 and 25 St Marys Avenue Rushden

> **WADENHOE**

**20/00407/FUL (26/05/2020)**  
**(CA)** Two and single storey rear extensions, single storey side extension to existing dwelling; replacement two storey garage with studio over at 2 Mill Lane Wadenhoe Peterborough PE8 5XD

> **WARMINGTON**

**20/00416/FUL (26/05/2020)**  
**(LB)** Conversion of two residential outbuildings ancillary to 3 Spinney Close, to form two residential dwelling houses at 3 Spinney Close Warmington PE8 6TF

**20/00419/OUT (26/05/2020)**

**(LB)** Outline application for two serviced residential plots (self/custom-build) with access as a matter for consideration at 3 Spinney Close Warmington PE8 6TF

**The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:**

**Art 15 – Publicity for planning application under Article 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended);**  
**EIA – Publicity for planning application accompanied by an**

**Environmental Statement under Article 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended);**  
**LB – Publicity for listed building consent/planning application affecting the setting of a listed building under regulation 5/5a of the Listed Buildings and Conservation Area Regulations 1990 (as amended);**  
**CA – Publicity for planning application which may affect the character and appearance of a Conservation Area under regulation 5a of the Listed Buildings and Conservation Area Regulations 1990 (as amended).**

**Only applications required by legislation to be published in a local paper are listed above. You can view the full weekly list of applications received along with application documents, plans and environmental statements on our website. Copies of environmental statements may be purchased from the Council (whilst stocks last) at a cost of £1.51 plus 15p per page.**

**Comments on applications should be submitted in writing (by the date shown in brackets for each application) via the website, by email to [planning@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:planning@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk), or by letter to: Planning Services, Council Offices, Cedar House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ.**

**Please note: In the case of a householder or minor commercial application, in the event of an appeal proceeding by way of the expedited procedure, any representations made about the application will be**

**passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.**

**Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services  
Dated 02.05.2020**



**Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. Please go to [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications) for details.**

## From the CHAIRMAN

*Unexpectedly, I am still the Chairman of ENC, as the rules from Government are subject to change, so the Full Council meeting that was scheduled to take place on 15th April has been postponed. The intention is to do it virtually and arrange it so that, as this is a public meeting, residents can be involved.*

**WORDS BY  
CLLRS SYLVIA AND DUDLEY  
HUGHES**

Easter was strange for us all, seeing friends and relatives virtually and we even had a service from our local church listening on the phone. Despite many of the staff working from home East Northamptonshire Council is functioning efficiently and although the offices are closed to the public enquiries can still be made by phone, email or online.

Of course the Chairs and Mayors, affectionately called the 'Chain Gang', had a number of events planned for the last few weeks which had to be cancelled. The Lord Lieutenant, who

is the Queen's representative in the county, recently retired. David Laing, as well as his work in an official capacity, had done a tremendous amount to support charities and the Chain Gang. It was a pity that a big fundraising event at the Derngate Theatre in Northampton showcasing many of the charities he has supported and a chance for him to thank all those who supported him had to be cancelled. The event installing the new Lord Lieutenant, James Saunders Watson, had to be held without guests but I am sure he will be out and about as soon as events permit.

The picture shows our chains waiting to be used. The East Northamptonshire pendant represents aspects of

the District. The four quadrants representing aspects of the District have a wheat sheaf representing the agricultural activity, a shoemaker's tool representing our heritage of cobblers working in their own homes, a bishop's hat or mitre as Bishop Chichele from Higham Ferrers rose to high office and an execution block recalling Mary Queen of Scots, who was executed at Fotheringay. The whole is surrounded by a leather belt and down the centre runs the River Nene.

Meanwhile I hope you stay safe and well, but our thoughts and prayers are for those who are unwell and those who are left bereft of relatives and friends who have fallen victims of the virus.



# The mental health number: 24/7 support for Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) and the mental health charity Mind have collaborated to launch a 24/7 mental health support number for the people of Northamptonshire.

The mental health number has been designed to be the only number you need to call for mental health support in the county. When an individual calls, a trained member of staff will find the right support for the individual, whether this is from the NHS, the voluntary and community sector, or advice over the telephone.

Anyone in Northamptonshire is welcome to call, whether they are currently receiving mental health treatment or not. Existing service users can use the number as an alternative way to contact the service already supporting them as well as a way of speaking to someone out of hours. Healthcare professionals such as GPs can also call in order to refer their patients to services for

support.

Anne Rackham, Director of Mental Health at NHFT said: "NHFT has an established working partnership with Mind – we work together to provide out-of-hours Crisis Cafes available across the county throughout the week. The mental health number was a natural progression of our collaboration and commitment to making mental health services simpler to access.

"A single number for the public and professionals to call at any time of day or night simplifies the way into mental health services, and will provide an improved service to the people of Northamptonshire."

**Anyone in Northamptonshire can reach mental health support at any time by calling 0300 330 10 11. Please also visit [thementalhealthnumber.me](http://thementalhealthnumber.me) for more information.**

# Wildlife NEWS

WORDS BY  
ROY BURRELL

In recent weeks any light sleepers may have woken in the morning unhappy about the birdsong which has echoed round the streets, trees and hedgerows. This is not annoying the neighbours but potential parents looking for a good bargain on the housing market; not outbidding rivals, though leaving a desirable nesting hole could mean it is lost to another space thief.

This volume of noise, disturbing slumber when darkness has hardly started, is a bird's signal announcing ownership and making it clear to any chosen mate that no other competitor will be as good a choice. For us humans the mere fact that we have travelled a long way (like thousands of miles for a holiday) would be enough cause for celebration, but these winged fliers are here with a job to do, and no time to waste. The noise comes not from partygoers but from earnest job-seekers, both male and female, until the hen takes over for what only she can do.

And that is where the noise continues (this time probably males more than females), as a loud voice makes it clear that this area is being claimed; that he who shouts loudest is probably strong enough to defend the spot from all potential 'gazumpers' wanting to take over. Of course it has to be in the right language. It sometimes seems that a message is understood by different species, but that is rare, and each one of us probably knows as much about bird messages (not the messy kind!) as other birds when we can recognise bird calls obviously not intended for us.

If we understood what they were saying we could eavesdrop on their conversations. We would know why those two collared doves wake us so early with their boring cooing, or why that "easy to hear, hard to recognise" shouting cuckoo goes on and on. But it also means that we get the better songsters like the blackbird, so it's not too bad an exchange.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PILTON ROAD, WADENHOE)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Pilton Road, Wadenhoe as set out below.  
**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Pilton Road, Wadenhoe from Main Street to Pudding Lane.  
**FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of new water connection.  
**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th May 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.  
**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted until for up to three days.  
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Oundle Road, Wadenhoe Road, Pilton Road, Wadenhoe Road, The Green and Main Street.  
Dated this 2nd day of May 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T20/187  
If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 20/21 – N040 on 01604 883400.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHURCH ROAD, HARGRAVE)**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Church Road, Hargrave as set out below.  
**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Church Road, Hargrave from Elm Close to outside Rectory View.  
**FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during installation of new water connection.  
**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 18th May 2020 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.  
**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted until 20th May 2020.  
**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use B645, B663, Hargrave Road, Raunds Road and Church Street.  
Dated this 2nd day of May 2020  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd  
PKG/T20/176  
If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 20/21 – N026 on 01604 883400.

# Cathedral postpones dinosaur exhibition

*T. rex: The Killer Question, the Natural History Museum's touring exhibition due to be shown at Peterborough Cathedral in July and August, has been postponed until summer 2021.*

For more information about the exhibition, or to enquire about how you might get involved in sponsoring a dinosaur or becoming an exhibition volunteer, please email [t.rex@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk](mailto:t.rex@peterborough-cathedral.org.uk) or visit [www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/trex.aspx](http://www.peterborough-cathedral.org.uk/trex.aspx).

The exhibition will now be at the Cathedral from Monday 19th July to Monday 30th August 2021, coinciding with the school summer holidays, just as it would have done this year.

Tickets for the exhibition went on sale at the end of February, and already over 1,000 have been sold. The total number of visitors was expected to match the 35,000 people who came to see Luke Jerram's 'Gaia' artwork at the Cathedral in summer 2019.

The exhibition includes a 12-metre-long static model of a T. rex as well as a life-size T. rex skeleton and nine animatronic dinosaur models. It will be displayed in the early 16th-century 'New Building' at the east end of the Cathedral.

The Very Revd Chris Dalliston, Dean of Peterborough, said: "Whilst we are obviously disappointed that we are not able to show this world-class exhibition here in 2020, we are delighted that we have been

able to work with the Natural History Museum to secure the same dates in 2021.

"The health and safety of our visitors, volunteers and staff come first and we very much want to present the exhibition at a time when people can be more relaxed and confident about public gatherings, so that they can have the best possible experience. 2021 may seem a long way off, but the dinosaurs are still coming and we're looking forward to it!"

The Cathedral is getting in touch directly with anyone who has booked tickets for the exhibition. Bookings will automatically be transferred to the equivalent date in 2021, thus protecting customers from any potential price increase. Alternatively they can request a refund or, if they are cancelling their booking, consider donating their ticket money to the Cathedral to help to offset the significant fall in income it has suffered as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.



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