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Calling volunteers

Northamptonshire County Council is calling for volunteers to help support those in need during the coronavirus crisis.

They are seeking those who can offer help with issues including tackling loneliness through phone calls, prescription collections and community support such as helping at foodbanks and in kitchens.

More than 520 people signed up in the first 48 hours, could you join them?

For more information Tel: 0300 1261000 (Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm) or visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk

Coronavirus information hub online

Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire, which supports voluntary and community action across the county, has launched an online Covid-19 information hub via its website, which will be updated daily. Visit for news, resources, wellbeing, volunteering and funding opportunities.

www.voluntaryimpact.org.uk/covid-19/

Raunds Town Council distribute **isolation packs**

Raunds Town Council is providing isolation care packs for its older residents to help lessen the feeling of loneliness during the Coronavirus lockdown.



Contact: info@raunds-tc.gov.uk

"We know from the more than 150 residents, who regularly attend our film and coffee afternoons, how important these occasions are to keep our residents connected," explained Cllr Lee Wilkes, Chairman of the Environment Leisure and Recreation Committee. "While we obviously can't hold these events at the current time, we want our residents to know that we are thinking of them and provide them with information and a little light relief to help them through this difficult time."

The isolation packs include items such as toilet paper, information on sources of advice and help, sweets, plus a range of activities such as crosswords and puzzles and short stories.

"We wanted to give a

combination of practical items and some for a bit of light relief," said Cllr Wilkes. "Some of our residents have been genuinely overwhelmed; they are just grateful to know we are thinking of them. A few residents have been in tears of the phone and we are just grateful to be able to do something positive to support them. We hope just to know people are thinking of them and knowing where to go when they need a little more help will help make a difference."

The town council are now looking to repeat the packs in the coming weeks and would welcome any businesses who would like to donate useful items to make contact as they have struggled to get all items required due to delays with deliveries and availability of stock.

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Raunds Music Festival **postponed**

Raunds Music Festival has confirmed the postponement of this year's festival with the following statement: "It is with great reluctance and sadness, but after much discussion and soul searching we have to announce the postponement of this year's Raunds Music Festival due to the coronavirus.

"We are sure that you will understand our decision, taken after the latest government advice urging people to avoid theatres and other such social venues.

"We will put all our energies into making the 2021 Festival even better, the dates are 29th April - 2nd May 2021. This will be our 20th year. Currently we are hoping all the acts

booked for 2020 will confirm their availability for next year.

"We do hope to put on one or two concerts later on in the year, subject to official health advice of course - please check our website. We look forward to seeing our loyal audience again and enjoying music together.

"The Festival itself runs on a shoestring, and entirely volunteer labour. If you can simply hold on to any tickets until next year, or another concert, it would help us, but of course we can arrange refunds.

"Fortunes are not made (usually) in the world of folk, roots, and local music, and this will be a difficult time for artists. Please think about buying some CDs to support them."

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

What does your 'workstation' look like? I use the term 'workstation' loosely, as where you work on your family tree might be the car, the dining room table, or in a dedicated office. Do you have bits of paper floating around that seemed important at the time but now you have not the faintest idea what they are for? Time for a sort out?

This can be a rather daunting task but one that really needs to be done. Although I have been told that I can be organised to the point of obsession, I am also

guilty of letting paper pile up. The other day, I tackled mine. It can be a bit of a balancing act, knowing how much and what information to collect as you go along. Some nugget of interest, such as an address of a great uncle once removed that is different from all the others that you have for him, might have seemed relevant once upon a time but now, months or years later, you (and he) have moved on. Do you ditch the piece of paper or keep it?

Okay, so you want to keep the information but not the

scrap of paper. Perhaps a spreadsheet could be the answer. For those who are computer savvy, this is an ideal way: list the names of the folk, time period it relates to, source of the information (if known) plus any other notes. If you do not use a computer, then it can also be done on sheets of paper or by using a card index system.

I know that spring is coming but now could also be the time to spring clean those bits of paper knocking about the place and put them into some sort of order.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Welcome... To a digital only edition of Nene Valley News.

Despite our initial resolve to continue to print and distribute the April editions of the paper, logistics and concerns over safety have proved too challenging. We will review this situation on an issue by issue basis but meanwhile, we are reporting on the response of organisations, businesses and the community of East Northamptonshire to support those who are vulnerable and in isolation.

There are challenges facing everyone; from the elderly who will be missing friends and social activities; families finding they have become home offices and schools overnight; businesses required to lockdown while others have had to gear up to meet the unprecedented demand for their services. Only three months ago, I am sure none of us could even have imaged this scenario.

As you read this issue of Nene Valley News I am sure you will agree that the thought 'there's

no such thing as society any more' is far from the truth. There are volunteers stepping forward to collect prescriptions, make phone calls to alleviate loneliness, help at foodbanks and distribute isolation packs.

The packs which Raunds Town Council has assembled are designed to lessen the feeling of loneliness; making people feel still connected. There are some welcome essentials, as well as treats and activities to pass the time.

Our homes are our sanctuaries and those active enough will no longer have an excuse to put off that list of projects around the house. Mending, decorating, baking, knitting and growing food are engaging new participants daily. We have included nature tips from the Woodland Trust for families self-isolating with kids. There are 10 ways to take inspiration from your own garden, its plants and wildlife.

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Village pub opens community store

The Plough, a popular gastropub in Shutlanger, has opened a community shop offering home deliveries and takeaway meals to help locals during the coronavirus outbreak.

Pub landlord Jim Kay and his partner Jessie King transformed their restaurant into a shop offering essential goods and cleaning products, as well as fresh food from local suppliers, which has been well received both by villagers and those further afield.

"The response has been great; we have met

people we have never seen in six years of trading as a pub," said Jessie King. "The community support has been overwhelming. Our customers include over-65s, as well as people from surrounding villages who have been coming to collect or ordering from as far as 50 minutes away for contactless shopping.

"We're stocking local eggs from Stoke Park Pavilions, bread from Whittlebury Bakery and vegetables from our Northamptonshire supplier. We are trying to reach out to as many people with these

products as possible each week."

The couple say they hope the shop and takeaway is a demonstration of their pride and dedication to The Plough.

"We have managed to sustain as many of our staff as possible with the business diversifying creating new opportunities. Our sheer determination to make the business continue to trade has made this venture viable and we continue to work in a safe and responsible manner, helping people along the way," says Jessie.

"We are taking this very seriously; all staff will wear gloves when handling any goods and all areas will be sanitized throughout the day. We have staff policy in place in regard to COVID19 that no staff can work with any symptoms and are self-isolating in spare time.

"We are requesting all customers to use our wash hand facilities on arrival to the Plough.

Our five-star hygiene means that we adhere to very

Opening hours: Tuesday- Saturday 10.30am- 6.30pm, Sunday 12pm – 4pm. The Plough takeaway Wednesday - Saturday 5pm-9pm, Sunday 12-4pm. For more information visit www.theploughshutlanger.co.uk or <https://www.facebook.com/ploughshutlanger/>

high standards of cleaning to rival supermarkets."

As well as fresh fruit and vegetables, toilet rolls and hand wash refills, the shop at The Plough offers a good range of tinned goods such as chickpeas and pineapple, fresh meats, including free range chicken breasts and Sunday roasts' joints, as well as preservatives, cereals, fresh milk, yoghurts and confectionary.

"Our specialist wine supplier continues to provide a flow of beautiful wines making insulation more bearable for some!" says Jessie.

Jim and Jessie say they hope to continue this valued community service in the future. "Anything is possible and nobody knows what things will be like after lockdown. We will always continue to be as positive as possible in anything we do."

Warning over LAPTOPS

With an increasing number of people working from home, Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue are reminding residents to be aware of the hazards of leaving unattended laptops switched on and the importance of checking smoke alarms.

They have issued the following advice when using technology, whether it is plugged in or not:

- Do not rest items on bedding or blankets.
- Allow room for airflow around these items so that

they can cool down.

- Never keep paperwork inside a closed laptop
- After use, allow to cool on a flat hard surface such as a table where air can circulate
- Never keep your devices under your pillow
- Switch off items when not in use.

For more information about home safety visit www.northantsfire.gov.uk/safety

HELPING OUT Higham and Rushden

Helping out Higham and Rushden, an informal group of local volunteers, has had an outstanding response after appealing for help through social media.

"I put a post on the town's Facebook group offering to help anyone who was self isolating with their shopping," explains local resident and charity worker Bryony Doughty. "I put it up one morning and then headed out to work. An hour later when I got to my office, I checked and the post had a couple of hundred likes and lots of comments. A few people suggested I set up a group which is what I did a couple of nights later and since then we have had more than 950 people join. It has been really humbling to see how many people want to help out."

The group has so far had around 60 requests for help, mostly for shopping and picking up prescriptions.

"It is generally elderly people, but also a few younger people who are vulnerable to the virus and who have been told to self isolate," explains Bryony. "We have also been contacted by a lot of people who live out of the area but who have relatives in Rushden and Higham and who are worried about

them."

Bryony has also had offers for donations from residents and companies in the neighbourhood, including a local printers which has helped with printing leaflets, but they are still in need of more volunteers.

"We need the volunteers to complete the registration form as otherwise they will not be matched to someone who needs help. The one thing they all have in common is that they are kind-hearted individuals who just want to help out in this time of crisis.

"I hope that volunteers will be inspired to continue and will donate their time to other worthy volunteering opportunities around the area, including the homeless shelter in Rushden, SERVE, and Rotary clubs.

"The charity I work for, Mercy Ships, has a floating hospital ship that travels to poor nations and helps provide free healthcare, as well as offering training and support to local medical professionals. The crew on the ship are all volunteers so I have seen first hand the impact having dedicated volunteers can make on the lives of people in need."



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Emergency appeal for **Age UK**

Age UK Northamptonshire is calling for donations and emergency support for older people in the area.

The local, independent charity has launched a **Just Giving** page to help raise funds to support several measures, including creating emergency food packages, carrying out welfare checks, and making adaptations in peoples homes, shopping and collecting supplies and telephone befriending.

"We cover the entire county and numbers are growing each day," explains Laura Graham, Age UK Northamptonshire Business Relationship Manager. "On just one day last week, we sent out more than 40 hot meals from the Venton Centre in Northampton, plus another 10 from Four Seasons in Kettering along with 10 lots of shopping. We expect these daily numbers to grow substantially in the coming weeks."

Laura points out that older people are most at risk during the Coronavirus lockdown period.

"We are all facing difficulties in one way or another and because we are all impacted, it can be easy to focus just on ourselves or our family. Older residents who face challenges in normal life are having these challenges exacerbated by lockdown. They are also less likely to be digitally connected so will feel the effects of isolation more acutely. It's important that these people are not overlooked which is exactly what staff and volunteers at Age UK Northamptonshire are working hard to do.

"Clients who are housebound due to ill health and without a support system are most at risk. It means they are having even more difficulty accessing medication and food which is why we have set up our emergency delivery service.

"We are also appealing to businesses for support with laptops to enable staff who would normally work in the community, to work from home."

The students of Abbeyfield School, Northampton, were quick to respond to the appeal raising £1,082, and as well as donating essential groceries also made special cards with kind messages for local Age UK clients.

"It was absolutely amazing," said Laura Graham. "Not only the money that was raised, which is always appreciated, but the kind words shared in the notes written for our clients. In times like this, kindness is the most important thing and it was lovely that the pupils were able to spread positivity in this way. We can't thank the pupils enough for their generosity."

For more information visit <https://justgiving.com/campaign/coronavirusappealAgeUKNorthamptonshire>

Isolation **SUPPORT** for Eastern district

A Covid-19 Isolation Support Group has been launched in the Eastern district of Northampton as part of an ongoing support campaign across the county.

The Eastern district covers Thorplands, Lings, Goldings, Southfields, Blackthorn, Ecton Brook, Rectory Farm, Bellinge and Standards Barn.

"At the moment we have about 30 volunteers who are helping local people being affected by Covid-19, offering services such as picking up prescriptions, shopping and dog walking, as well as telephone befriending," said Angela Woods, who is one of two co-ordinators for the Eastern District group. "We are still getting people wanting to help or unfortunately finding that volunteers are now having to isolate themselves but know we are there to help.

We will help anyone; all they need to do is ask.

We hope we are doing that by them knowing we are all in this together."

Angela says she hopes that the growing awareness of the need for volunteers will unite people within the community after the Coronavirus crisis has passed.

"I have been in contact with people I didn't know before and it is great to see us all putting differences aside and coming together because this virus does not care how old you are, where you come from, who you believe in or the colour of your skin. That is why we all need to do this together. So please stay inside, stay safe and let us help."

<https://www.facebook.com/Covid-19-Isolation-Support-Eastern-District-Northampton-106442270991385/>

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a very strong focus on the basic skills of English and Maths, and we track our children's progress very carefully and make sure everyone knows what their next steps for learning are.

Outside of the curriculum, we have an increasing sports development programme and offer a range of sporting activities for our children from curling to cross-country, street dance to the more traditional sports of football and tag rugby. Outside of sport we have bell ringing groups, offer peripatetic music lessons, participate in the Dancing School UK local competitions and plan to be part of Young Voices in 2020.

Gillian Morton, Head Teacher. "I am extremely proud to be the Head Teacher of this incredible school. The children, teachers, support staff, parents, governors and local residents are always coming together to support and challenge one another to make the school even better. I feel that the school is at the heart of this special community and look forward to welcoming you to come and see what Bozeat Community Primary School and Nursery has to offer".

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10 nature activities for kids if you're self-isolating at home

We're all going to be spending a lot more time at home in the coming weeks and months and with schools now closed many families will be looking for ideas to keep the children entertained.

To help, the Woodland Trust has pulled together some simple, nature-based activities you can enjoy together at home or in your garden.

1. Go on a minibeast hunt

Spring is well and truly kicking in now, and the warmer weather will bring lots of creepy crawlies out. So get the kids out in the fresh air and take a closer look at your garden. You'll soon notice it's teeming with wildlife! Things to look out for include:

- A worm after a spring shower
- A bumblebee looking for nectar
- A spotty ladybird exploring the grass
- A slimy snail in a dark damp spot
- A butterfly basking in the sunshine

2. Make a loo roll bird feeder

This is the type of messy task kids love getting stuck into. And it will help them learn about the birds in your neighbourhood.

You can make this simple feeder with items you probably already have at home:

- 1 Smother a cardboard tube in peanut butter (no added salt and sugar versions are suitable for birds).
- 2 Roll it in bird seed and thread some string through the hole.
- 3 Tie it up in your garden where birds will feel safe eating.

How many garden birds will you spot? To help you and your children identify them visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/03/10-garden-birds/

You could keep a running log of the birds you see. Visit your birdfeeder as an alternative bit of learning, now that schools are out.

3. Go on a scavenger hunt

This is a fun idea for kids of all ages. You can keep it really simple for little ones - help them look out for different colours or textures in nature. For older children, challenge them to hunt for seasonal signs such as spring blossom or new leaves. Or ask them to see how many tiny natural objects they can find to fit inside a matchbox.



4. Make natural art

Art and crafts will be a popular way to keep kids busy. To mix things up, put the pencils and crayons to one side and look for natural art materials instead. Collect fallen leaves, petals and sticks and use them to make a picture or sculpture.

You could even use the objects as 'stampers' or paintbrushes - dipping them in paint and rolling, brushing or stamping them on paper to create interesting patterns and effects.

5. Have a picnic in the garden

Kids will soon tire of sitting around the same table for every meal, so pack up your lunch and take it outdoors. It's a lovely way to keep mealtimes varied, and for everyone to get some fresh air.

If you don't have a garden or it's raining outside, have an indoor picnic on the living room floor instead. Kids will love the change from the norm and it will feel like an adventure.

6. Move like minibeasts

This is a great way to get young children active and help them burn off some excess energy. You can do it outdoors or inside. Challenge your kids to:

- Lie on the ground and wriggle like a worm
- Flap their arms like a butterfly flutters its wings
- Put their hands on the floor and scuttle about like a spider
- Do some giant leaps like a cricket
- Crawl on the floor then curl up into a ball like a woodlouse

7. Make an animal or forest out of Lego

Many families will have Lego, wooden blocks or other building toys at home. So challenge your kids to make something inspired by nature. You could all work together to make one big scene, like a springtime woodland or a giant tree. Or you could have a contest to see who can build the best minibeast, mammal or bird.

8. Butterfly symmetry art

This craft has the wow factor! All you need is paint and some paper. Simply splodge paint on one half of your paper and fold it in half so the paint spreads on both sides. Carefully open it up to reveal a beautiful butterfly. It's a great way to teach youngsters about butterflies and how their wings are symmetrical.

Once dry, your butterfly will make a cheerful decoration for your home. Or you could even turn it into a card to send to a grandparent you might not see for a while.

9. Ladybird potato stamps

Who doesn't love a cheerful ladybird? This fun activity is great for little ones. You just need a potato, paints and paper. Watch our video to see what to do then get creative. You can even experiment and make other creatures like bumblebees, woodlice or shield bugs.

10. Write a story about woods and trees

If your kids love writing, then get those creative juices flowing with a story challenge. Kick things off by giving them the first sentence and encouraging them to write the rest of the story.

You could also jot ideas on scraps of paper, then get kids to choose some at random that they have to incorporate into their story.

These could include:

- A tree has fallen in the woods
- A character has gone missing
- An animal is shouting an alarm call
- There are some mysterious footprints to follow

Gather together as a family and share the stories you've written. They'll make great bedtime stories too when you've read all the books you have at home.



We hope these ideas help you enjoy your time together while your children are at home. If you're looking for more activities, visit www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/menu/. It provides home educational materials for schools - from wildlife ID sheets to interactive puzzles and quizzes. So you'll find plenty of ways to keep your children engaged and active over the coming weeks and months.



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Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Notice is given that the following applications have been received together with the last date for making representations:

> APETHORPE

20/00272/FUL (25/04/2020) (LB/CA) Proposed new triple window and surround to replace two singles and removal of leading from rear elevation fenestration including minor internal alterations at Iris Cottage Main Street Apethorpe PE8 5DL

> ASHTON

20/00303/FUL and 20/00304/LBC (25/04/2020) (LB/CA) and (LBRegs) The proposals comprise replacing the existing draughty, single-glazed windows in the upstairs rear elevation - bathroom (double window), landing (single), second bedroom (single) - with double-glazed bronze casements matching those used downstairs so as not to compromise the integrity of the building. The existing stone lintels and openings will be used at Millers Cottage 25 The Green Ashton PE8 5LD

> BRIGSTOCK

20/00125/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) To erect a detached 2 bedroom dwelling to replace previously approved static caravan at Spinney Hill Paddocks Stanion Road Brigstock NN14 3FF

> EASTON-ON-THE-HILL

20/00315/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) Erection of grain store at land at OP0103 TF5858 Cliffe Road Easton On The Hill

> HIGHAM FERRERS

20/00298/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) Conversion of garage to games room (no external works proposed) at 15 Williams Way Higham Ferrers Rushden NN10 8AJ

20/00329/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

Erection of detached garage at 1 Chichele Street Higham Ferrers Rushden

> IRTLINGBOROUGH

20/00317/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) Existing brick /stone retaining boundary wall to be demolished and rebuilt as red brick faced cavity reinforced retaining wall at 33 Cherry Street Irthlingborough

> KINGS CLIFFE

20/00228/FUL (25/04/2020) (LB/CA) (Art8) New Car Barn; New Workshop; New Office, and New Sunken Cinema Room at 1 Church Walk Kings Cliffe PE8 6XD

20/00323/VAR (25/04/2020)

(LB/CA) Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for the addition of a garden workshop pursuant to 18/01971/FUL - Proposed 2 new dwellings (revised scheme to 18/00586/FUL) at 33B Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XF

20/00349/LBC (25/04/2020)

(LBRegs) Like repair of the bridge parapet south east at Morehay Lane Kings Cliffe

> LOWICK AND SLIPTON

20/00337/FUL and 20/00338/LBC (25/04/2020) (LB/CA) and (LBRegs) Reinstatement of terrace of cottages following catastrophic fire, internal alterations to layout and extension to rear (as per Design and Access Statement dated March 2020) (Resubmission of 19/01645/FUL) at 1-3 Sudborough Road Slipton

> OUNDLE

20/00305/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) Erect single storey rear extension at 31 Hillfield Road Oundle PE8

20/00316/LBC (25/04/2020)

(LBRegs) Replacement of window types A, B and C to timber double glazed windows; Replacement of door type A at 14 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL

20/00350/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

Single storey rear extension, single storey from extension including entrance canopy and internal alterations at 23 Victoria Road Oundle PE8 4AY

20/00359/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

Rear single storey kitchen extension and new front porch at 18A Glaphorn Road Oundle PE8 4JQ

> RAUNDS

20/00306/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) Two story extension to left hand side and single story to the rear of the property at 81 Midland Road Raunds NN9 6JF

20/00347/OUT (25/04/2020) (Art8)

Outline: Residential development for up to 21 dwellings and access (with all matters reserved except access) at Hillside Brick Kiln Road Raunds NN9 6HY

> RINGSTEAD

20/00355/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) Single storey side extension; to create an additional ground floor bedroom and wet room at 32 Back Lane Ringstead NN14 4DR

> RUSHDEN

20/00302/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info) Retrospective single storey garage extension at 39 Glenfield Close Rushden

20/00335/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

Two-storey side and rear extension at 37 St Marys Avenue Rushden NN10 9EP

20/00340/OUT (25/04/2020) (Art8)

Outline: Erection of up to 13 residential dwellings and new access (All matters reserved except access) at OP0066 SP9764 Avenue Road Rushden

20/00354/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

Proposed detached 3 bedroom house at 33 Dingle Road Rushden NN10 6RX

20/00364/FUL (25/04/2020) (Info)

Double storey rear extension at 101 Wellingborough Road Rushden NN10 9YL

> STANWICK

20/00267/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

To install first floor french door with balustrade to north elevation for fire egress purposes at 3 Chapel Lane Stanwick NN9 6QB

> TANSOR

20/00318/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

First floor extension to existing bungalow at The Fieldings Main Street Tansor

> THRAPSTON

20/00288/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory; single storey side extension (store) and new front entrance porch at 19 Clare Drive Thrapston NN14 4TA

20/00307/FUL (18/04/2020) (Info)

Demolition of existing single storey side element and erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and new continuous sloping roof over the entrance and bay window at 19 Highfield Road Thrapston NN14 4NL

20/00324/LBC (25/04/2020)

(LBRegs) Upper ground floor - new fire exit door within the atrium; glass panels in each of the units in the atrium to be replaced with solid; levelling of existing internal ramp; lower ground floor - internal masonry wall to be removed at East Northamptonshire Council Cedar Drive Thrapston

> TWYWELL

20/00326/FUL (25/04/2020) (LB/CA)

Enlarge store door; demolish steps to replace with new access ramp at Macqueen House High Street Twywell NN14 3AH

> OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT

20/00311/FUL (25/04/2020) (LB/CA)

Refurbishment and conversion of disused Collyweston School to a dwelling house, and additional dwelling house on subdivided site at 98 Main Road Collyweston

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part 3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part 16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.

LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.

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

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services

Dated 4 April 2020



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

From the CHAIRMAN

Our last venture as Chairman of East Northamptonshire Council was a night hosted by the Mayor of Peterborough at a local curry restaurant. Like us, he was supporting a local business, not realising the effects Covid-19 would have on all of us. Our thoughts go out to all affected – especially, of course, those who are seriously ill but also to everyone as our lives have been altered and made more difficult.

**WORDS BY
CLLRS DUDLEY AND
SYLVIA HUGHES**

I was pleased to know that local churches and lots of other organisations were able to find volunteers to

help the isolated and alone. I am confident that if you email or phone your local councillor they will be able to put you in contact with someone who can help get shopping and other essentials. Local churches

are also making it possible to be a virtual part of Sunday services.

Meanwhile both Sylvia and I send our best wishes that you manage to stay safe by following the government's guidelines.



Enterprise Centre, East Northants appoints centre operator

Businesses across East Northamptonshire will soon have access to high-quality offices and workshops and first-rate business support as Enterprise Centre, East Northants prepares to open, following the appointment of its operator.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) has announced that BizSpace will oversee the operation of the brand new enterprise centre. With more than 20 years of expertise, BizSpace is the UK's leading provider of regional flexible workspace and will work with Enterprising East Northants, the council's economic arm, to provide small and medium enterprises with business support and advice.

Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Steven North, said: "The successful appointment of BizSpace to operate Enterprise Centre, East Northants marks another key milestone in the delivery of this project. We look forward to welcoming their expert team on board and seeing first-hand the expertise they'll bring to benefit businesses across the district.

"These are extraordinary times and it is clear that recovery from the economic impact will depend on and be driven by the enterprising and entrepreneurial qualities that are part of the nation's DNA. The Enterprise Centre will play a critical role in unlocking and supporting these qualities."

Khalid Aziz, Marketing Director at BizSpace, added: "We are looking forward to providing workspace excellence to the local businesses of East Northamptonshire. It's a privilege to work alongside Enterprising East Northants and together we hope

to support smaller businesses through flexible, affordable and community enriched workspaces whilst supporting the growth in the local economy."

ENC is working with Total Project Integration (TPI) and RH Partnership Architects to deliver the £8 million project. ENC received £1.695 million funding from the SEMLEP's Local Growth Fund in order to deliver the centre as part of Enterprising East Northants, the council's economic plan for sustainable job creation and business growth.

The new purpose-built Enterprise Centre, which is located at Warth Park in Raunds, will provide a range of flexible units, as well as virtual office support and access to on-site facilities including meeting space and shared office services.

The Local Enterprise Partnership's role is to enhance and promote the area's sustainable growth and, through its Local Industrial Strategy, help unlock the challenges and opportunities faced by businesses. Through its capital investment programme, the Local Growth Fund, SEMLEP invests in a range of projects that improve business productivity, develop local skills in line with employers' needs and enhance the infrastructure – to create good quality places where people want to live, work and invest.

To register your interest or for more information please call 0808 1787 060 or visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ecen

Wildlife NEWS

WORDS BY ROY BURRELL

People all over the country have been understandably shocked by the selfish behaviour reported from a small number of shoppers who considered it their right to take as much of the available stock as they wanted: 'Stockpiling' has been among the more acceptable words used to describe what many feel is a thoughtless and unacceptable action, preventing other shoppers from completing their own carefully restricted basketfuls. Those responsible often put lives at risk; not their own perhaps, but those of others less fortunate and weaker.

This whole picture is repeated in our countryside's fields

and meadows, hedges and woodlands, just as at this time of year life starts to get hectic. Some birds have spent the winter with us and are now 'going home' to be replaced by others coming back after a winter overseas; they will first have to find suitable properties in which to raise this year's family. Once the eggs hatch, or their babies are safely in their holes, underwater or underground, the pressure is to find enough food, not just to keep alive but also feed developing youngsters – could this argument apply to human 'stockpilers'?

No, there is one huge difference: the 'stockpiler' would not like to run out of food, so enough extra food is taken to stop that happening – after all, the leftovers can always be thrown away. For the parents of

developing youngsters in the wild the situation can be much more disastrous; if suitable food supply is not found early in the season it may indeed run out, with no backup, so one or more may die. And different animals have widely different food needs; we sometimes sort species by what they eat: for example, herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

Designing and maintaining land for nature depends on what creatures will need; conservation efforts may be successful, or fail, depending on the right food being there. That is why our own garden feeding activity could, in an extreme case, result in the loss of a species, either locally or nationally – sounds dramatic, but it happens, even in our own patch.



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Nursery opens ALL HOURS

Omnipresence Nursery School in Freehold Street, Northampton is offering key workers a helping hand by extending their hours and opening 24 hours a day to provide round-the-clock childcare.



The nursery school library



Cots at the nursery school

The nursery, which caters for babies and children aged up to 14, normally opens from 7am to 7pm, however it has now made available cots, beds and washing facilities for children to stay overnight.

The nursery staff have a strict coronavirus policy in place which they are following. This includes washing/sanitising hands every 30 minutes, changing into different sets of clothes and shoes on arrival and before leaving, washing uniforms on the nursery premises and using their own personal hygiene essentials.

"After discussing the concept with my team, we all agreed we wanted to support our frontline keyworkers by offering round-the-clock childcare," explains owner Dawn-Louise Young. "The 24-



Omnipresence Nursery School

hour service is a new concept for us, but we are all really keen to support our critical care workers, police force and those working in the food industry for however long this pandemic situation lasts.

"We've already had a lot of interest from frontline workers, including many NHS doctors

and nurses. We need to support these workers so that they can continue to support us. We are following the local authority and government guidelines, making sure the nursery is clean and that we are fit and healthy so that we are allowed to be open.

"Where possible, this

service is open to the key worker families whose nurseries may have had to close while we are on lockdown and who perhaps suddenly don't have any child care. This is reviewed on a daily basis, but we will stay open as long as we're able and allowed to do so."

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