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NEWS IN BRIEF

September is preparedness month

Since 2015, Northamptonshire County Council and other local partners have been involved in the #30days30waysUK campaign which aims to inspire and empower people to be ready and better prepared for a wide range of risks and their consequences, such as flooding, fire and power cuts.

Throughout September, a daily preparedness theme is shared on social media using the hashtag #30days30waysUK linking to information and trusted resources by NCC and partner organisations, including Northants Police and other emergency, health and voluntary services.

#30days30waysUK aims to encourage Northants residents to "be prepared not scared", first by being informed through community risk registers and signing up for warnings. Second, by connecting to national and local resources and third, by inspiring personal and collective action to build capacities from the ground up for better individual and community preparedness and resilience.

For more information visit the website www.30days30waysuk.org.uk

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO DECLUTTER AND DONATE

If you enjoy a look through pre-loved items to find a few treasures or are Oundle based, have been having a clear out during the lockdown and want to pass on your no-longer-needed belongings, the next Oundle Waste Less Declutter & Donate event is just for you.

On Sunday 20th September, the streets of Oundle will again be dotted with 'stalls' selling/asking

for donations for household items, clothes, furniture and other goods as part of the second garage sale

organised by the Oundle Waste Less team.

The event aims to relieve the strain on the local charity shops (which are still finding donations difficult to manage due to the current pandemic), provide stallholders with the chance to make some money for themselves or their favourite charity in these difficult times and, of course, waste less.

Anyone wanting to get their stall added to the event map should email owl@transitionoundle.org.uk by 16th September with brief details of where they will be, what they are selling and whether they are donating any proceeds to a chosen charity. Sellers will be asked to read the risk assessment and agree to put a few simple coronavirus prevention measures in place, such as making hand sanitiser available.

Those wishing to visit the stalls will

be able to download a map (available from 18th September) from the @OundleWasteLess Facebook page or www.transitionoundle.org.uk. A few hard copies will be available from the stalls and from outside The Coffee Tavern in the town's Market Place on the day.

As parking at many of the locations is very restricted, buyers are encouraged to walk or bike around the town and only drive to collect any large items they have bought as they are on their way home.

Oundle Waste Less project manager Camilla Sherwin said: "The pandemic has hit charities' income hard, so this is a good opportunity to raise some funds for them and rehome some useful, pre-loved items."

Updates will be published on the webpages mentioned above and other local social media.

The Oundle Waste Less project is run by Transition Oundle. It aims to encourage people to make simple changes to reduce unnecessary waste, which in turn will reduce their impact on the environment. The project is funded through National Lottery and East Northants Resource Management Facility Funding, and the OWL talks are being supported by Nene Living and Village Connect magazines. Email: owl@transitionoundle.org.uk Facebook/Instagram: @OundleWasteLess or web: www.transitionoundle.org.uk/owl



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WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

This year's summer brought along something extra with the gales and storms which so often upset our plans. The sun's ultraviolet rays are similar to normal light used by our eyes, but in a form which we cannot see. Some plants and animals are adapted to them and use them, for example, to attract insects. At the other end of the scale are infrared rays, which lead to sunburn, so eyes and skin can both be at risk. The rays damage some natural materials, such as our human tissue, which is why we should avoid too much exposure.

The fact that both rays damage living creatures is a clear warning that human activity can harm the wild species we see, some of them every day, and we do not know how far that damage will go. Despite advances in some areas we must expect that once a species becomes truly extinct (not just rare or living in very remote country) it is gone – forever.

The causes? Very often the blame can lie with those rays already mentioned, and two phrases have been increasingly used over recent years: 'climate change' and 'global warming', with the first one probably the best description that can be used. 'Global warming' suggests that the world is becoming more comfortable, but a change in any part of the environment can result in conditions fatal to some animal or plant, and as in the proverbial 'house of cards' the walls can come tumbling down'.

That shows how vital nature's quiet places are; not just along the Nene Valley but anywhere that gives some rest from those damaging rays (as well as wind and floods); there is no health service for wildlife to cope with the dangers, so we must help.

Enjoy the countryside, but remember that it needs as much help as we do to beat the difficulties – and literally 'Save the Planet'. Some results on TV and radio remind us that urgency is needed here in Britain just as in the unmapped parts of our planet (before we go to Mars?).

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

How do you deal with discovering something unexpected – or even shocking – in your family tree? Years ago, when I was following my Picketts in Sussex, I sent off for my 2 x great grandfather's death certificate. He was only 42 when he died and I was expecting to read that he had died of cholera, TB or other somesuch disease that was prevalent at the time. This was 1867.

You can imagine my reaction when I read the certificate: "Cut own throat whilst not of sound mind". He left his widow with six children under the age of 10. It was another seven years before I could obtain a report of the inquest as the relevant

newspapers at that time had not been digitised and were far too fragile to be handled by the public.

William had been a painter and decorator and, back then, there was lead in the paint. This exposure had resulted in his mind being affected and he was convinced that people were after him and his family. Therefore, he decided that the only way out was to ensure that he was no longer around so that his family would be safe.

I have another ancestor who died in Linton, Cambridgeshire, in the workhouse. At the time I

was shocked that this chap was in the workhouse as he had worked hard all his life and had family supporting him in his old age, but it turned out that he had died in the Workhouse Infirmary – the local hospital of the day.

I also have a family who had 13 children but only four survived to adulthood. Further investigation led to the discovery of a local epidemic that had wiped out many of the population in that area. It is always worth delving a bit further into what was happening in the area at a particular time as what is discovered can answer so many questions.

Genealogy Specialists, Tracing Our Past, Discovering Our Genes (TOP DOG) www.genealogy-specialists.com

Interpretation panel tells story of Stanwick Road Recreation Ground

On the rather wet morning of 19th August, District Councillor Richard Gell was joined, with umbrellas in hand, by the Mayor, Councillor Tina Reavey, and the Leader of the Town Council, Councillor Pam Whiting, to officially celebrate the interpretation panel newly installed on the recreational land off Nightingale Way, Station Road.

The Council took ownership of this recreational land in 1975 when it was transferred to them from the Corporation of Higham Ferrers following Local Government re-organisation. The land originally formed part of a larger land holding that had been used for recreational purposes back in the mid 1800s. The panel shares the history of this recreational land, 'Stanwick Road Recreation Ground', from the past to the present day. The panel stands proudly by the new play equipment installed in 2019.

The panel has been funded in part by the East Northamptonshire Council Member Empowerment Fund. Undeterred by the rain and to support District Councillor Gell, the Chairman of the District Council, Councillor Helen Howell, and the Leader of the District Council, Councillor Steven North, were pleased to attend and learn for themselves a little piece of Higham's rich and fascinating history.

Do you know how many goals secured the win for

Higham Town Football Club when they played Wellingborough Town at the recreation ground in 1882? The answer to this and other insights into Higham's heritage are waiting for you when you come and view the panel.

The panel's map shows other Council land nearby that you can walk to and appreciate; the Dogs Off Lead area and the Higham Ferrers Town Green. Both of these are only a short walking distance away and can be accessed easily using the pedestrian bridge over the A6.



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Higham Ferrers celebrates 30 years of **twinning** with **Hachenburg**

Mayor Cllr Tina Reavey was due to visit Hachenburg this August as part of the Twinning visit and mark 30 years of the association. The Twinning Treaty was signed by Cllr Mrs Anna Sauntson in 1990 during the first Twinning trip to the town situated in the Westerwald region of Germany.

The town of Higham Ferrers values the special friendship and relationship it has had with Hachenburg over the last 30 years and as the trip was cancelled due to Covid-19, Higham Ferrers Town Council are sending a gift to mark the anniversary to the Mayor of Hachenburg. Cllr Tina Reavey still hopes to visit in 2021

Hachenburg has many similarities with Higham Ferrers in that it has a well-preserved town centre with many beautiful old buildings in a style called 'fachwerke' in German and half-timbered in English. The town is in the heart of a beautiful region and has an area close by called the Kropbacher Schweiz, which is an area very reminiscent of Switzerland with small villages nestling in wooded valleys, and the magnificent abbey at Marienstatt which is nearby.

The Twinning Group visits on a biennial basis with a group visiting Higham Ferrers on the alternate years.

Cllr Tina Reavey



NATURE HAS A HOME ON NEW A43 ROAD

KierWSP Northamptonshire Highways have recently completed the next phase of a dual carriageway in Northamptonshire as part of the work to improve the link between Northampton and Kettering.

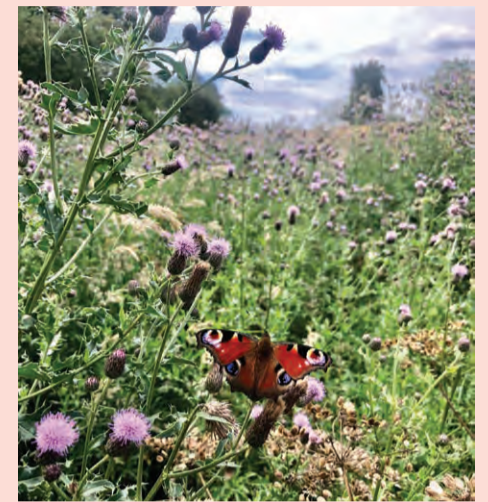
The team from KierWSP and Balfour Beatty have ensured that the local wildlife, fauna and flora were considered every step of the way while building the new road.

Following the completion of this stage of the scheme, a wide variety of wildlife – including bees and butterflies – is now existing alongside the road, with the southeast end linking to a local nature reserve.

The ecological mitigation is the result of work by Hayley Percival and the WSP ecology team, in collaboration with colleagues at KierWSP JV on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council.

The county council has outlined a policy to dual the A43 between the junction with the A45 and the A14, and has already made improvements to the Round Spinney roundabout and constructed a section of dual carriageway north of Moulton, which was completed in June.

Hayley Percival, Senior Consultant Ecologist at WSP said: "It's been a challenging journey, and I know I have been a royal pain in the proverbial. Nature does not need much, but when you see it on paper, it's easily written off and we have fought tooth and nail to ensure that nature has a home



and that Northamptonshire Highways have a legacy to be proud of."

Cllr Jason Smithers, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Place, said: "The abundant wildlife and beautiful scenery surrounding Northamptonshire is a cherished part of our county, and indeed crucial to our health and wellbeing.

"This scheme will be of great benefit to many people and I am delighted that we have been able to complete this work while helping nature to flourish. We hope to see more projects like this in the future."

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- Tue 8 Spalding
- Tue 8 Springfields
- Thu 10 Kew Palace and Gardens
- Sat 12 Ludlow
- Mon 14 James Herriott Museum, Thirsk
- Wed 16 Sheringham & The North Norfolk Railway Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
- Thu 17 Southwold
- Fri 18 Scarborough
- Sat 19 Moreton & Bourton
- Tue 22 Manchester open top bus
- Thu 24 Manchester
- Fri 25 Stratford Upon Avon
- Sat 26 Bakewell Farmers Market
- Tue 29 Royal Airforce Museum

OCTOBER

- Thur 1 Cotswold Tour
- Sat 3 Bletchley Park Code Breakers
- Sat 3 Milton Keynes Shopper
- Wed 7 Shrewsbury Cruise & Iron Works
- Sat 10 Knitting and Stitching Show Cambridge
- Sat 17 Blackpool Illuminations
- Tue 20 Dinosaur Adventure Park
- Thu 22 Black Country Museum Dudley Zoo
- Sat 24 Westonbirt Colours of Autumn
- Wed 28 Cotswold Wildlife Park
- Fri 30 London Museums or free time
- Fri 30 London Transport Museum

NOVEMBER

- Sat 7 Silverstone Experience
- Sat 14 Harrogate Christmas Market
- Sun 15 Nottingham Christmas Market
- Fri 20 Chatsworth at Christmas
- Sat 21 Birmingham Christmas Market
- Sat 21 Festive Gift Fair
- Wed 25 Cheltenham Christmas Market
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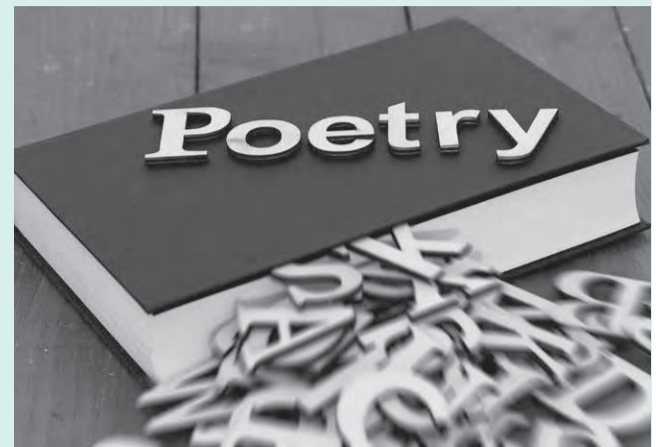


Nene Valley News - EVENTS

> 26TH AUGUST –
1ST OCTOBER

Friends of Oundle Library Poetry Competition

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> SATURDAY 12TH
SEPTEMBER

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> SUNDAY 13TH
SEPTEMBER

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk – Avoiding the Clay Pigeons (3 mile walk)

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10am-10.30am (staggered start times for two separate groups)
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> SUNDAY 20TH
SEPTEMBER

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Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Notice is given that the following applications have been received:

**> WOODNEWTON
20/00957/FUL
(28 September 2020) (CA)**

The proposed development is to erect two glamping pods
25 Main Street Woodnewton
Peterborough
Applicant: Mrs A Miller

**> THRAPSTON
20/00649/FUL
(19 September 2020) (CA)**

The installation of four paving mounted VRV air-cooled heat pumps
East Northamptonshire Council Cedar Drive Thrapston
Applicant: East Northamptonshire Council – Mr M Lineham

**> TWYWELL
20/00789/FUL
(19 September 2020) (CA)**

Conversion of two attached disused agricultural barns to a residential dwelling (use class C3)
Disused Barns On The Western Side Of High Street Twywell
Applicant: Tata Steel (UK) Ltd

**> DUDDINGTON WITH FINESHADE
20/00963/FUL
(28 September 2020) (CA)**

Installation of metal arbour; Altering the height of existing wall; Installation of steps; Erection of a low retaining wall
Beaumont House High Street Duddington
Applicant: Mrs Lisa Warner

**> RAUNDS
20/00960/FUL
(28 September 2020) (ART15)**

Erection of four employment units (Use Class B1(c)/B2/B8) with ancillary offices, including new vehicular and pedestrian access, HGV and car parking, internal access roads, servicing, external lighting, landscaping, infrastructure and associated works
West End Land North Of Brick Kiln Road Raunds
Applicant: Aequitas Estates (Raunds) Limited

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).
GPDO – Publicity for prior notification application in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (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

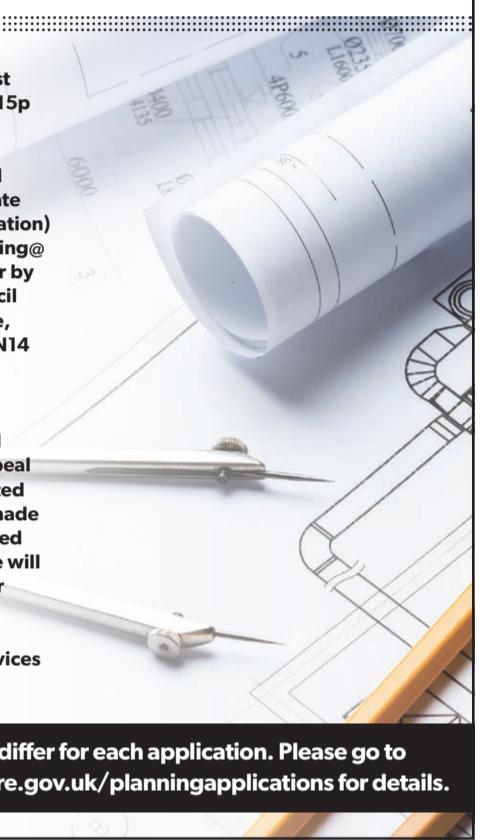
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Please note: In the case of a householder or minor commercial application, in the event of an appeal proceeding by way of the expedited procedure, any representations made about the application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services
Dated 5 September 2020

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



From the CHAIRMAN

I am delighted to be able to launch an awards scheme, the East Northamptonshire Council Champions, which I have been inspired to create in response to the kindness, resilience and community spirit I have seen over the past few months.

**WORDS BY
CLLR HELEN HOWELL
CHAIRMAN OF EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

I have seen and heard of many individuals and groups of volunteers who have taken up the challenge in these very difficult times to help and assist those in need within our community.

I am also keen to recognise individuals for their bravery, resilience and determination to make East Northants a better place to live and I have created 10 categories for you to choose from and submit your nomination. On 10th February 2021 I will be holding an awards ceremony to present the winners with their awards, so please make sure you get your nominations in by the closing date of Thursday 31st December 2020.

The category information and nomination form are available on our website at: www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ENChampions



Cllr Helen Howell

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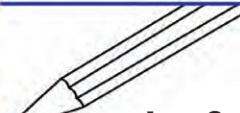
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PUBLIC NOTICES



MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES 2019/20

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) Regulations 2003, the following allowances and expenses were paid to or on behalf of councillors, as well as town or parish councillors who are members of the Joint Standards Complaints Committee and the independent person (and their reserve) appointed to be consulted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of complaints over councillor conduct, in 2019/20. The value of the basic and special responsibility allowances and travel and subsistence expenses paid were in line with the adopted Members Allowances Scheme for East Northamptonshire.

Name	Allowances			Expenses			Total £
	Chairman of the Council £	Basic £	Special Responsibility £	Travel and Subsistence £	IT provision £	Provision of car for civic duties £	
Councillors							
Beattie R		5,344.13					5,344.13
Boto T		5,344.13	1,383.11	279.00	137.88		7,144.12
Brackenbury D		5,344.13	3,683.04				9,027.17
Brackenbury W		5,344.13		308.60		1,409.83	7,062.56
Carter V		5,344.13					5,344.13
De Capell Brooke A		5,344.13		264.15	288.00		5,896.28
Farrar J		5,344.13	297.02		157.20		5,798.35
Gell R		5,344.13	3,390.97	194.40	266.40		9,195.90
Glithero R		5,344.13	1,227.96	1,107.00	215.16		7,894.25
Greenwood-Smith G		5,344.13	2,455.92	257.40	207.60		8,265.05
Harrison H		5,344.13					5,344.13
Hillson M		808.40					808.40
Hobbs S		5,344.13			144.00		5,488.13
Hollomon M		5,344.13			119.88		5,464.01
Howell H		5,344.13	3,683.04	661.05			9,688.22
Hughes D	1,552.00	5,344.13		453.15			7,349.28
Hughes S		5,344.13					5,344.13
Jackson H		1,632.19					1,632.19
Jenney B		5,344.13	3,683.04	614.70			9,641.87
Jenney D		5,344.13	7,500.00	1,666.35			14,510.48
Jones L		5,344.13					5,344.13
Lewis R		5,344.13	3,683.04	428.40	132.00		9,587.57
Maxwell D		5,344.13					5,344.13
Mercer A		5,344.13		280.80	183.72		5,808.65
Mercer G		5,344.13	3,683.88	870.75			9,898.76
North S		5,344.13	13,227.96	1,640.35			20,212.44
Peacock S		5,344.13			183.72		5,527.85
Pentland H		5,344.13	1,033.20				6,377.33
Pinnock J		5,344.13					5,344.13
Pinnock R		5,344.13			240.00		5,584.13
Powell R		5,344.13					5,344.13
Reichhold C		5,344.13		192.80			5,536.93
Sauntson A		1,791.50			129.00		1,920.50
Shacklock G		5,344.13		261.00	288.00		5,893.13
Smith A		5,344.13	1,227.96				6,572.09
Stearn P		5,344.13	3,683.04	335.70	159.72		9,522.59
Thomas P		1,630.01		37.80			1,667.81
Underwood R		5,344.13		237.60	247.44		5,829.17
Vowles J		5,344.13			288.00		5,632.13
Wathen P		5,344.13	3,683.04	109.80	252.00		9,388.97
Whiting P		1,408.46			44.00		1,452.46
Wilkes L		3,476.39		9.00			3,485.39
Wright C		5,344.13	155.15		216.00		5,715.28
Joint Standards Complaints Committee							
Munday D - Parish Council Representative			1,227.96				1,227.96
Others							
Barnard V - Independent (non elected) Person			1,227.96				1,227.96
Sortwell A - Independent (non elected) Reserve			614.04				614.04
TOTAL	1,552.00	208,479.76	60,751.33	10,209.80	3,899.72	1,409.83	286,302.44

Following a decision at Full Council in June 2019, the Chairman and Vice Chairman elected to have their allowances (£5,100 and £850 respectively) paid as a budget managed by the Council on behalf of the position holder. Any underspend at the end of the year would be paid to the respective office holder as part of the year end process with such payments to be subject to taxation rules.

Glenn Hammons, Chief Finance Officer, East Northamptonshire Council, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, Northamptonshire, NN14 4LZ

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SULEHAY ROAD, YARWELL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC INCLUDING PEDESTRIANS & EQUESTRIANS) 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 including pedestrians and equestrians from proceeding along that length of Sulehay Road, Yarwell as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Sulehay Road, Yarwell from Old Sulehay Lodge to byway NM40.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during tree felling.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 29th September 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 for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Wansford Road, Old Leicester Road and Wansford Road.

Dated this 5th day of September 2020
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
 Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
 PKG/T20/259

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref-20/21 - N163 on 01604 883400.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14
THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SLIPTON LANE, SUDBOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Slipton Lane, Sudborough set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Slipton Lane, Sudborough from outside Harebank Lodge.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for a new water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th September 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 for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Sudborough Road, A6116, Kettering Road, Islip Road and Sudborough Road.

Dated this 5th day of September 2020
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based in Milton Keynes that specialises in delivering astronomy outreach events to the public. This was their first official event since lockdown restrictions were lifted and the cadets were lucky enough to be the first to see the charity's brand new AstroVan – designed to make it easier to travel

further and introduce more people to the night sky. Sailors have used the night sky to navigate the oceans for thousands of years, but in an age where we have all become so reliant on technology, it was a chance for the youngsters to learn about this ancient art. After a fascinating talk on

the solar system, they were able to go outside and see the planets for themselves, using the charity's telescopes. They were lucky enough to see the cloud bands of Jupiter and the four main Jovian Moons, but the star of the show was most definitely Saturn – they could not contain their excitement when they first saw the detailed ring structures around the most visually impressive planet in our neighbourhood. One of the cadets even managed to get a wonderful photograph of Jupiter and its four moons using his mobile phone, taken through the eyepiece of the telescope.

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