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NEWS IN BRIEF

Public Consultation on Local Cycling and Walking Plan

Northamptonshire County Council has launched a consultation on the Northampton Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and is seeking views from the public.

The plan supports an ambition for Northampton to become a leading centre for active travel, which fully embraces walking and cycling. The document outlines the measures that could be introduced to transform levels of walking and cycling in the town.

The Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan includes a summary of the analysis work undertaken, a network plan which identifies the preferred routes and core walking zones for further development, alongside a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment.

The Council is seeking views on the scope of the document, its approach and whether any changes are needed to the schemes proposed to ensure that they meet the new cycling design guidance LTN 1/20 Cycling Infrastructure Design.

People have until Friday 23rd October 2020 to submit their comments using the consultation hub.

New Thrapston food bank

Supported by Thrapston Town Council, local supermarkets and a team of willing volunteers, Tuesday 1st September saw the launch of the new Thrapston FoodBank.

The previous food bank (Bridge of Grace) was closed at the end of 2016 because there were no eligible clients coming forward to make use of it, but, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has become apparent there is now a real need in Thrapston.

Over the school holidays a 'Holiday Hunger' team was providing free sandwiches to Thrapston families whose

children would otherwise have received free school lunches, and from that the idea of starting the food bank was born.

Operating under the umbrella of East Northants Community Services (ENCS), Thrapston FoodBank is able to share resources, systems and operating procedures with Raunds and Rushden food banks, who are also part of ENCS. This meant it could get up and running



Volunteers on the Thrapston Baptist Church Lawn

in just over a month.

Trustee, Lindsay Latimer said: "We announced its arrival on our new Facebook page, and offers of help and food have come flooding in. We now have over 20 volunteers, a good variety of produce and cash donations to help with the running costs of the food bank.

We have been overwhelmed by the support and generosity of Thrapston folk. Thank you all so much."

Open to anyone who is experiencing food poverty, the aim of the food bank is to provide people with food in a time of crisis, and support them while they resolve the issues that caused the crisis.

The food bank is open every Tuesday from 1pm to 3.30pm at Thrapston Baptist Church, St Paul's Gardens NN14 4FE. For more information, or to offer help of any kind, phone the dedicated food bank number 07907 343 373 or check the Thrapston FoodBank Facebook page.



Trustees and Thrapston Town Councillors:
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WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

As summer merges steadily (though, with this year's weather, not always gently) into autumn the evenings start earlier and we watch signs of seasonal change in the leaves and fruits of the plant kingdom. Artistically, of course, the stars of the show are leaves passing through their wide range of colours from dark brown to pale orange or yellow, and which fade as worms and fungi turn them back into compost to enrich the soil underneath. We may come into the story as many fruits act as food, for humans as well as the countryside's natural population: they are the berries and grains ready for anything on offer.

In any year there are both winners and losers caused by how the weather has helped the plants, or in the worst cases given very little, or no, crop. In the last century the farming year, and therefore wildlife, had an timetable for regular operations like ploughing, sowing and harvesting, but agricultural methods have changed a lot, and no longer can we know by looking at the calendar what might

be happening in the fields; September could have shown the corn crop being harvested, but now much of the straw residue will already have been collected and safely stored.

Among the sufferers will be the hundreds or thousands of species that we cannot see because they are too small or are hiding at literally 'ground level' — the millions of insects — but they are under pressure from all sides, not only as food for other wildlife (for example there are plenty of creatures which, like us, find the taste of blackberries an attraction, even if well protected by their formidable thorns) but also being the enemy of horticulturists and farmers protecting their crops by using chemical additives.

So anything which the weather did during the whole year will have widespread effects which cannot be predicted and may only show when next spring brings its new growth, though they could be affecting animal and plant species throughout the winter. And it's goodbye to those (birds) leaving us in the next two or three weeks for warmer climes and more food. Familiar, and without that virus?

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

When I was a child, I was taken with alarming regularity by my Gran to the cemetery in St Albans to visit my Grandad. Grandad had died 10 years before I was born, but Gran — she who is to blame for my interest (some would say obsession) in family history — thought that I should know where my Grandad was buried.

The gravestones fascinated me; I can remember one particular angel looming large over the path that we took and there were family memorials with names listed of wives and husbands — plus the occasional offspring.

Did you know that the old designs of gravestones and memorials can have special meanings? For example: a

broken pillar or column signifies a life cut short; angels can mean innocence and may be seen on graves of children; an anchor is usually used if the interred was a sailor.

On one of my holidays in Scotland, I visited the cemetery at Newcastleton in the Scottish Borders (as you do...) and saw the last known address of the deceased also etched into the gravestones. How useful is that! One of the most helpful gravestones that I have seen is that of a several times great grandmother of mine in St Mildred's churchyard in Tenterden, Kent. It lists the names

of all eight of her children, which made following that line a lot easier!

Some of the inscriptions can also say a lot about that person. In Stamford, for example, there is a gravestone for a William Pepper who died in 1783. On it is written: 'Tho' hot my name, yet mild my nature, I bore good will to every creature; I brewed good ale & sold it too, and unto each I gave his due.' The burial took place at Stamford St John on 30th March and the parish register notes that William was aged 49 and had been a Victualler.

They don't write them like that any more!

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EDITOR'S NOTES

A warm welcome to our first printed edition of autumn.

We may be having a last burst of warmth but with schools and colleges now well into the first academic term of the year it very much feels as though summer is well behind us.

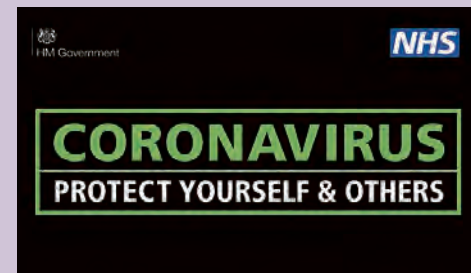
This issue includes our Education feature with schools inviting enquiries from students who will be exploring their options for next year. Lockdown has been a very challenging time for pupils, parents and teachers and that will continue as protocols are observed to provide a safe and protected environment. Everyone is also striving to

make up for lost time with learning and the national curriculum. At whatever stage of education, there are so many changes to encompass from online lectures to wearing face masks and keeping to group 'bubbles'. One bright side to all this which has been expressed at our office is the smooth drop-off process now. With allotted time slots for many schools, there is no time to hang about and children seem, by and large, to sense this too. "Drop-off has never been so stress free," was one comment I heard here.

Open Days this year are a mix of virtual events and

pre-booked appointments so there is plenty of scope to explore the most suitable next stage for your child beginning on page 8.

Elsewhere there are new local initiatives to promote more walking and cycling which are under public consultation and recycling schemes to help protect the environment. Being able to enjoy open spaces has been one of the healthiest ways to recharge our batteries during this pandemic. With so many opportunities to explore and enjoy nature within the East Northants district, now is the perfect time to get out to enjoy seasonal colour and autumn sunshine.



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Northamptonshire Libraries announces next phase of reopenings

As of Monday 14th September, Northamptonshire Libraries is able to increase the range of services that can be offered safely and will be welcoming customers back into libraries for a limited browsing service, enabling customers to browse and select their own stock using the self-service system.

In order to do this safely, the service will need to control entry and each library will manage this in a way that suits their layout. In general, browsing will be by a bookable session. Walk in will be available, but only if there are no booked appointments at that time.

Each library will allow a limited number of customers into the building, depending on the safe capacity of the library. The library will be marked out to ensure social distancing around shelves and there will be one-way systems. Browsing will also be time limited.

Community Managed Libraries will continue to offer services according to local capacity, so please check at your local library. Since the closure of libraries

across the county in March this year, all library charges have been suspended. However, from Monday 5th October 2020, all library charges will be reinstated. This will include the late return charges on borrowed items, computer hire and printing charges. Safe cash handling procedures will be in place, but where possible, people will be encouraged to pay by card.

Conscious that customers may be facing a difficult time economically, the libraries service will be doing everything it can to make it as easy as possible to avoid incurring charges, by renewing books in person, via the telephone or 24/7 online.

Access to a wide range of websites, including all government related sites, is available without needing to pay for computer use. The paid service includes access to personal email, social media and Office applications.

Customers who are able

to return items before the 5th October will still be able to do so without incurring any charges, and are encouraged to return any borrowed items before the deadline if they can.

If you have any queries, or would like to book an early browsing slot, please contact your local library where staff will be pleased to offer assistance.

Councillor Lizzy Bowen, Deputy Leader of the Council, said: "So far, our library re-openings have been very successful and we're thrilled to be introducing controlled browsing and reintroducing some of our services in order to help our local residents.

"Library services are an essential part of the community and we have used a phased approach to ensure that health and safety measures are in place and that social distancing guidelines can be adhered to, to protect both our staff and customers."

Further information is available online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/news/council-news/Pages/updates-on-events-and-services-coronavirus.aspx

EAST NORTHANTS COUNCIL FUTURE PROOFS GRANTS FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR

At a meeting of East Northamptonshire Council's Policy & Resources on Monday 7th September, committee members voted for an 'in principle extension' to the support grants and service agreements the Council provides to voluntary sector organisations past 31st March 2021.

As East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) will cease to exist and be replaced by the new North Northamptonshire Council on 1st April 2021, Councillors and Officers were keen to do as much as possible to keep these grants in place, so vital support services to the district's most vulnerable residents continue.

Introduced in 2011, the grants and agreements totalling £120,000 a year are awarded to a variety of partner organisations including SERVE, Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service and Service Six, and offer a

range of specialist services such as transport, support workers and counselling support across East Northamptonshire.

CLLr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "This decision is a sign of how much we at ENC recognise the value of these grants and want to protect them for the foreseeable future. The services and organisations that these grants support are invaluable to our more vulnerable residents and we understand this.

"In recognition of this, we are pleased to put forward this recommendation

to the shadow North Northamptonshire Council that the funding required for these grants should be included in the draft North Northamptonshire Council 2021/2022 budget."

The current round of grants had been due to expire at the end of March 2020, but ENC Councillors had previously agreed to renew them until East Northamptonshire Council ceases to exist at the end of March 2021.

It is hoped that this recent decision will future proof the grants into the new Council, and mean that those who need specialist support can receive it.

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Northamptonshire Healthcare pledges support for equal health

Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) and its buddy trust, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, have signed the Equally Well Charter for Equal Health, as part of a commitment to ensuring that patients with long-term mental health conditions have access to high quality help and support for their physical health.

Crishni Waring, Chair of NHFT, signed the Equally Well Charter for Equal Health on Thursday 3rd September at a virtual meeting of the board.

Leicestershire Partnership Trust (LPT) and NHFT are working in partnership to share best practice and ensure that services continue to meet the needs of local communities.

Cathy Ellis, Chair of LPT, pledged the Trust's commitment to Equally Well signing the charter at the board meeting on Tuesday 1st September.

NHFT provides a range of high quality and innovative mental health services for adults and children across Northamptonshire and is committed to delivering outstanding and compassionate

care. The Trust is continually working with its service users, patients, staff and visitors to review the services it provides, using lived experiences to develop its care provision.

Equally Well UK is asking all health service providers and commissioners, organisations which provide mental health services, or work with people experiencing mental health illness to work with them to sign the charter and reduce the physical health inequalities for people with severe mental illness.

NHFT and LPT share Equally Well UK's vision to ensure that everyone living with a long-term mental health condition has access to effective, timely, consistent and responsive help

at every stage of their life for their physical health and has an equal chance of enjoying a healthy and, ultimately, equal life expectancy.

Crishni Waring, Chair of NHFT, said: "We are dedicated to providing outstanding and compassionate care for our service users and patients, and by pledging our commitment to the Equally Well Charter for equal health, we will take another step forward to ensuring our services continue to evolve and meet the needs of our communities.

"We will strive to ensure that our services are accessible to anyone experiencing mental health problems. Our colleagues will continue to work with service users to improve

their physical wellbeing and to prevent, treat and manage physical health problems, creating individual care plans to their needs."

Emma Bailey, Project Manager for Equally Well UK, added: "We are delighted to have Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust and Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust join our growing membership of organisations all pledging to improve the physical health care for people with a severe mental illness."



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NEW STICKER TO INCREASE RECYCLING AWARENESS IN EAST NORTHANTS

As part of East Northamptonshire Council's (ENC) long-term strategy to combat contamination in recycling bins across the district, each household will receive a sticker to place inside their recycling bin lid, which reminds residents about what can and cannot be recycled.

The stickers have been included in the new issue of ENC's resident magazine, ENCircle, which will be delivered throughout East Northamptonshire.

Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council said: "As a Council, we have a duty to collect waste, but are also committed to educate and work alongside residents when it comes to recycling and our Waste team work constantly to ensure this happens.

"But we are always looking

to do more and after listening to residents, we have decided to introduce this simple tool which we hope will help.

"This new sticker will be supported by existing information on our website, regular social media posts and the great work our Waste and Customer Services teams do on a daily basis with residents."

The hard wearing sticker should be affixed to the

inside of the household's green-lidded recycling bin and is designed to be a visual reminder of what should be recycled in East Northants.

Residents who do not receive a copy of the new issue of ENCircle, or whose complimentary sticker is missing are advised to send an email to waste@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk to arrange for a sticker to be sent out.

For more information about recycling in the area, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/recycling

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Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Notice is given that the following applications have been received:

> BENEFIELD

20/00898/LBC
(12 October 2020) (LB)

Partial demolition and rebuild of existing curtilage listed barn
31 Main Street Upper Benefield Peterborough
Applicant: Mr Paul Falkner

20/00897/FUL
(12 October 2020) (CA)

Partial demolition and rebuild of existing barn
31 Main Street Upper Benefield Peterborough
Applicant: Mr Paul Falkner

20/00967/FUL
(12 October 2020) (CA)

Construction of outdoor swimming pool and access steps; outdoor dining area; new landscape and glass house
Benefield House Main Street Lower Benefield
Applicant: Mr And Mrs J Todd

> THRAPSTON

20/01089/FUL
(12 October 2020) (CA)

Change of use from class A2 to Class C3 for the creation of two residential flats
33 High Street Thrapston Northamptonshire
Applicant: Mr And Mrs J And L Davies

> KINGS CLIFFE

20/01032/LBC
(12 October 2020) (LB)

Removal of wall section to allow for access to proposed dwelling (associated with application 20/00971/FUL)
31 West Street Kings Cliffe Peterborough
Applicant: Mr And Mrs J Anderson

20/00971/FUL
(12 October 2020) (ART15) (CA)

Proposed new 2 storey dwelling land at the rear of 31 West Street
31 West Street Kings Cliffe Peterborough
Applicant: Mr And Mrs J Anderson

> BARNWELL

20/00989/FUL
(12 October 2020) (CA)

Change of use of outbuilding from C3 (Residential Dwelling) to Sui Generis (Dog Grooming Parlour) No internal works to be carried out except the addition of a small dog bath to existing plumbing.
Rectory Cottage 54 Church Lane Barnwell
Applicant: Mr Trevor Hunt

20/00951/LBC
(12 October 2020) (LB)

Works to listed building to raise the height of the chimney so the top of the pot is 1.8 metres minimum above the thatch by removing 1970's red brick and then building the chimney up by several courses using reclaimed brick; Replace the existing chimney pot with a taller one which is in keeping with the cottage
46 Main Street Barnwell Peterborough
Applicant: Mrs Judith Bailey

> FOTHERINGHAY

20/00981/FUL
(12 October 2020) (ART15)

Change of use of agricultural field to form campsite with the siting of 4 tents, installation of waste disposal tank and marking out of associated parking area
Land Adjacent Walcot Lodge Woodnewton Road Fotheringhay
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Martin

20/00945/LBC
(12 October 2020) (LB)

An extension and alterations to The Garden House
Garden Farm House Main Street Fotheringhay
Applicant: Mr and Mrs C St John

20/00944/FUL
(12 October 2020) (CA)

An extension and alterations to The Garden House
Garden Farm House Main Street Fotheringhay
Applicant: Mr and Mrs C St John

> GREAT ADDINGTON

20/01023/LBC
(12 October 2020) (LB)

Demolition of curtilage listed single storey stables following destruction of original stable block in fire
Stables The Manor House Cranford Road
Applicant: Mr Stephen Chard

> TWYWELL

20/01002/FUL
(12 October 2020) (CA) (LB)

Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement dwelling (Resubmission of 20/00505/FUL)
4 The Lawns Twywell Kettering
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Nick Fry

> DUDDINGTON WITH FINESHADE

20/00982/FUL
(12 October 2020) (CA)

Attic conversion to habitable room; removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension; erection of garden room and double garage
Meadow Garth High Street Duddington
Applicant: Bentley And Furlonger

> RAUNDS

20/00954/FUL
(12 October 2020) (MAJOR)

Full application for the erection of 14 no. dwellings and associated works
Land Known As The Poplars Brick Kiln Road Raunds
Applicant: Bauhaus Local Ltd - Mr A James

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 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, 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 19 September 2020



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

From the CHAIRMAN...

At the end of August, I was pleased to launch the East Northamptonshire Champions awards, designed to recognise those unsung heroes across the district.

WORDS BY
CLLR HELEN HOWELL
CHAIRMAN OF EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
COUNCIL

Nominations are now open across the categories, and will remain open until 31st December, so I do urge

you to have a think and nominate that person in your community whose work deserves to be recognised.

There are a variety of categories, including the two Young Person (up to 7 years and the 7-16 years) awards which will be given to those younger residents who have

shown initiative and gone out of their way to help their community.

Over the last couple of months, there has been an enormous amount of community support and the Community Organiser, Helping in the Community and Good Neighbour awards all aim to

recognise these.

There are also two awards aimed specifically at volunteers, the work and continued dedication they continue to show in their communities, whilst the Business/Organisation award will recognise those that have mobilised their workforce to assist in dealing with the pandemic.

Finally, there is the Bravery award, for someone who has shown considerable personal bravery or in helping others.

To nominate someone in any of these categories, please visit www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/ENChampions

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Rushden East – the impact on Higham Ferrers

Rushden East Sustainable Urban Extension has always been the aspiration of Rushden. Higham Ferrers has reluctantly supported the concept as long as it was located south and only a small section was in Higham. The Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan supports a mix of residential, community facilities and employment in this area.

Rushden East is a proposed new development on land to the east of the A6 bypass between the John Clarke Way

and Newton Road Roundabouts. It is identified within the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy as a suitable site to meet the long-term housing and employment needs of the area.

The site is being promoted by Barratt Developments and Taylor Wimpey. It will comprise:

- Around 2,700 new homes, including affordable housing and homes for the older population.
- Employment opportunities, including offices and industrial premises as well as two local

centres, small-scale business space and dwellings suitable for home working or business start-ups.

- New schools for local education provision.
- A new town park, open greenspace and play areas.
- Land for a new cemetery and other local community facilities such as allotments.
- New links to connect with the wider Greenway network.
- An energy strategy to ensure that the highest viable amount of heat and energy used within the development is generated on-site from renewable or low-carbon sources.

From the start Higham Ferrers has had to fight to have its views heard. As far back as the public hearing for the Core Strategy, the Council was asking for the boundary to be defined. The Inspector said in his report: 'the masterplan will need to consider Higham Ferrers Neighbourhood Plan'. He also said that 'the detailed concerns expressed by Higham Ferrers Town Council regarding site boundaries and related matters... will need to be considered in the masterplan

process'.

Four years later the boundaries have changed little since the concept produced for the Core Strategy. There has been no agreement with Higham. The Rushden East Board has only one representative from Higham Ferrers Town Council despite lobbying for more, whilst Rushden has seven (two Town Councillors, four District Councillors and one

County Councillor).

Higham Ferrers Town Council understands an outline planning application is due before the end of the year, which will include proposals for employment only (B8 (large warehouses) included) in the parish of Higham, a cemetery in Rushden as far south as it could be, and connectivity being pushed towards Rushden Town Centre.

The Town Council wants residents to know this planning application is due, so they can make their voice heard. The Town Council will be considering at their next meetings whether to review the Neighbourhood Plan in the hope this will help.

This development will affect Higham and the Council want to ensure that Higham gets some benefit and not all the negatives.



Nene Valley News - EVENTS

> UNTIL 1ST OCTOBER

Friends of Oundle Library Poetry Competition

Oundle Library, Free to enter, caw@first4biz.co.uk. Celebrate National Poetry Day by writing a haiku entitled 'Life Since 23rd March 2020' and entering the FOOL Poetry Competition. Full details at www.friendsofundlelibrary.org.uk

> THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Talk: 'Meaning in Madness – From the

Vicarage to the Virus' by Revd Philip Evans (Lead Chaplain at St Andrew's Healthcare, Northampton and formerly Vicar of Whitefriars Church, Rushden)

Online (Zoom meeting), 1pm, Free, andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com for the Zoom link. Organised by Peterborough Diocese Evangelical Fellowship, but open to all. A reflection on Christian ministry in challenging times, both before and during the pandemic.

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OCTOBER

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Sat 3 Bletchley Park Code Breakers
Sat 3 Milton Keynes Shopper
Wed 7 Shrewsbury Cruise & Iron Works
Sat 10 Knitting and Stitching Show
Tue 13 Cambridge
Sat 17 Blackpool Illuminations
Tue 20 Dinosaur Adventure Park
Thu 22 Black Country Museum
Thu 22 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
Sun 15 Nottingham Christmas Market
Fri 20 Chatsworth at Christmas
Sat 21 Birmingham
Sat 21 Festive Gift Fair
Wed 25 Cheltenham Christmas Market
Sat 28 Cadbury World at Christmas
Sun 29 Melton Mowbray Christmas Market

DECEMBER

Fri 4 Worcester
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Sun 6 Windsor
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Spotlight on > EDUCATION

A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Dear Readers, I hope that you are safe and well. In what can only be described as the most challenging time that all of us, as a collective global community, have ever known and experienced, I am writing this piece to share with you a viewpoint from the proud CEO of the Nene Education Trust, a multi-academy trust which is based in East Northamptonshire. My role allows me the privilege to oversee seven schools in Raunds and surrounding areas.

There hasn't been a day that's passed us by in recent months where something linked to schools and education hasn't been towards the top of the news agenda: everybody has an opinion on schools and in particular teachers and this is okay, right? After all, we provide a public service to our wonderful young people and communities, therefore it is right that we are

held to account by the very public that pay for this service.

Many sectors have felt frustrated, upset and perhaps belittled during the national 'response' to the global pandemic and, in my opinion, the education sector is no different. We have received controversial and often conflicting guidance from central Government, but I am incredibly proud of how our school leaders, staff, young people and parents/carers have responded to the situation we have been forced into. Our drive is to always do the very best for our young people and this has remained at the fore throughout lockdown. I believe that we now have an opportunity to evoke change within the education sector. It can get better for our young people. It simply must.

Change is absolutely needed right across the spectrum of education in our opinion here at

the Nene Education Trust. The system continues to fail a lot of our young people year after year by demanding that they conform to what is arguably a backward-looking education structure and exam system. Indeed, 80% of young people who are excitedly starting their school journey right now (4 and 5 year olds) will find that, when they go into their first job, it doesn't even currently exist. As well as this, transferable skills are required as our young people will have several jobs in their first few years of employment. We cannot and must not pigeonhole the young people in our society. How is our education system preparing our young people for the life of work? Moreover, how is our system preparing young people for life itself?

At the Nene Education Trust we use the above context, as well as our extensive knowledge of our local environment, to

influence our strategic thinking.

Due to our localised profile around a semi-rural area of East Northants, we have a unique opportunity to positively influence a community now and for generations to come. Through engaging with local businesses and key players within the local area, we are able to collaborate collectively to fulfil our civic duty – to act solely in the interests of children and young people.

Since becoming CEO two years ago, I am extremely proud of the achievements we have made in a very short space of time. Our focus on developing leaders through our in-house 'Excellence Pathways' programme is well established. Developing our 'Education Strategy' for all learners aged 2-18 uniquely enables autonomy in each school within the Trust, whilst promoting a common language and framework around

high quality teaching.

The Nene Education Trust is committed to developing character, raising aspirations and celebrating achievement. We truly place 'developing character' at the centre of all we do. The culture we have created for all our staff through mental health, wellbeing and mindfulness strategies is pivotal to all we do and exemplified in our staff charter. For our young people, each school has devised their curriculum around 'Work, World and Wellness' ensuring that within the context of each school we are developing well-rounded individuals. Throughout their journey through school, all children receive mindfulness sessions and have wide opportunities through our 'Whole Child' project to express their pride in who they are through creative arts.

Open Day information will be



announced soon so keep an eye on your websites.

Visit neneeducationtrust.org.uk for more information or follow on Twitter @NeneEducation to keep up to date with our activities.

Chris Hill, CEO



School Governors Required



The Nene Education Trust is a 7-school trust based in East Northamptonshire.

We believe great schools thrive because of the great people in them. We are passionate about using the power of education to help our young people develop into individuals who are a credit to our community.

This is an exciting time to be part of the Nene Education Trust and believe you could provide a vital role in this process by becoming a school governor.

If you have the time, skills, energy and commitment for this rewarding and fulfilling role we would love to hear from you.

For more information about the Trust and the role of governors, please visit our website neneeducationtrust.org.uk or email EMorehen@neneeducationtrust.org.uk



Laxton Junior School

Laxton Junior School, set in the heart of the beautiful market town of Oundle and an intrinsic part of Oundle School, prides itself on being a happy school, with learning and wellbeing at its centre.

It is a school that values community, quality and its strong relationships, all of which have come to the fore in recent months. The connection of the whole community was central to the success of the broad remote learning programme that LJS moved to for the duration of the Summer Term, with pupils benefitting from a brilliant and innovative array of teaching and learning opportunities across the curriculum.

As LJS enjoys being together as a whole school community once again, Head Sam Robertson, is determined that the school offers individual care and support to each child and family.

"This academic year brings with it some unknowns and inevitable challenges but we are ready to adapt and



to ensure every single child is nurtured back to school, with a clear learning path that helps them settle happily back into their daily routine and make fantastic progress."

Five core values sit at the heart of an LJS education: care, a love of learning, opportunity, community and quality. These values are evident across everything the school does, ensuring pupils

are equipped with the skills to thrive in all aspects of their future lives.

LJS is proud of the high academic standards its children achieve, the vast majority moving up to Oundle School at the end of Year 6, but prouder still of the intellectually curious, open-minded, kind-hearted and well-rounded young people they become.

To find out more about Laxton Junior School, please visit www.laxtonjunior.org.uk, call 01832 277275 or email admissions@laxtonjunior.org.uk.

New 'School Street' pilot in Wellingborough

Northamptonshire County Council has announced the launch of the first pilot scheme in the county for a 'School Street' in Wellingborough.

School street closure schemes – where cars are prevented from going near the school gates at drop off and pick up times – have been successfully trialled in towns and cities elsewhere in

the UK.

St Barnabas Church of England School in Wellingborough will be the first school in the area to take part in the scheme. This will be a temporary trial funded by

the Government's Emergency Active Travel Fund and will be reviewed regularly to determine if it should be a more permanent measure.

The 'School Street' will be enforced Monday to Friday

between 8am–9.30am and 2.30–3.30pm, using traffic signs and barriers at both ends of St Barnabas Street. The scheme will be overseen by staff at the school and any non-compliance will be reported to the police.

Vehicles with blue badges will be allowed to enter St Barnabas Street during the times of closure.

The aim of the scheme is to create a safer, more pleasant environment for everyone around schools by limiting traffic in the streets surrounding schools at key times, creating a predominantly car-free zone.

The scheme will promote active travel to school by walking and cycling, which in turn, will help to reduce congestion and pollution in the area.

Cllr Jason Smithers,

County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Place, said: "The last few months have been very challenging – we have all had different experiences due to coronavirus and many of us have changed the way we travel.

"We are starting to see an increase in traffic and a return to work and have taken this opportunity to improve provision for walking and cycling as part of the Government's Active Travel scheme.

"Many schools experience a number of traffic related issues at the beginning and end of each school day. We work with schools to educate communities on how to improve safety around schools and to ensure people are considerate and sensible when driving and parking in the area. We are confident that the pilot 'School Street' will be a success in providing safer

routes to schools."

The anticipated benefits of the scheme include:

- Increase in walking, cycling, and active lifestyles for pupils and parents/carers.
- A reduction in traffic speed, congestion, and pollution around the school gates, which will aid children and parents when accessing school.
- Provide a tool to allow the Council to proactively respond to parking related concerns raised by parents and residents.
- When families walk or cycle to school, it can lead to healthier and happier children, and it helps everyone get some exercise.
- Safer school routes mean that children gain independence by walking to and from school themselves.
- There is no congestion so road safety and air quality can improve.

TAKING THE NEXT STEP IN EDUCATION

At The Ferrers School, we know that this is such an important time for parents, carers and children in choosing the right secondary education for their next steps from primary school.



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Our mission is very simple

and very important- to help all our students to be the very best they can be. We express this through our motto, "Aspire, Achieve, Acclaim".

Due to the current restrictions relating to Covid-19, we are unable at this time to host our usual Open Evening onsite, which was scheduled for 6th October 2020.

However, we will ensure that we provide you with all the relevant information you need to make an informed choice in the coming weeks virtually. We encourage you to

look at our online prospectus and will be updating our website www.theferrers.org with virtual presentations, tours and videos.

We will also be offering question and answer sessions during the planned Open Evening week beginning 5th October 2020.

As soon as the current Covid 19 restrictions are lifted, we will provide tours to families wishing to visit our school as we cannot wait for you to see our high quality learning environments that we have to offer students in our community.

For information and transport and highway updates, follow on Twitter @nnhighways. To view road works and diversion routes go to one.network.



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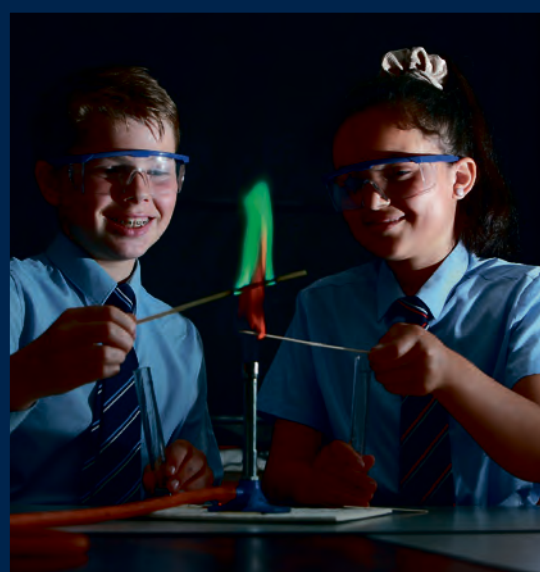
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27 Northamptonshire schools receive Anti-Bullying Alliance accreditation

Twenty-seven schools in Northamptonshire have received an Anti-Bullying Alliance accreditation as part of Northamptonshire County Council's partnership with the ABA All Together Programme.

The online programme aims to help every school in the county prevent bullying and improve student wellbeing by training school staff to become leaders in anti-bullying practices, and make long-lasting change.

Among the schools to receive the accreditation are Briar Hill Primary School, Bridgewater Primary School, Compass Primary, Corby Technical School, Grange Primary, Greens Norton CE Primary,

Irthlingborough Junior School, Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant, Kingsthorpe College Secondary, Oakway Primary, The Bliss Charity School, The Ferrers School, Trinity CE Primary School, Wollaston Primary and Secondary School and Rushden Academy.

Campion School and Language College were awarded a gold accreditation in March 2020.

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There is a strong drive to excel in lessons and to behave respectfully towards each other and our community. We have a highly supportive pastoral system and pupils engage in the rules, routines and values of our school.

Everyone in Team Rushden

has a role and responsibility and we have built a culture where together, students and staff are united in making this an outstanding school.

Not only do our pupils do well in their academic subjects, with some going to Oxford and Cambridge University, but they excel in vocational subjects too. We regularly showcase our performing arts, our creative arts and our sports leadership skills. We are proud of our achievements and produce a weekly bulletin to keep parents/carers informed of what amazing things are happening in Team Rushden. We belong to a highly regarded trust, Tove Learning Trust, and work collaboratively to build the best education for our youngsters.

Unfortunately this year,

due to Covid-19, we will be unable to show you around the school. With effect from Monday 21st September you will be able to access the school website at www.rushden-academy.net and open a folder called Year 7 2021. Here you can book a virtual tour for dates from 5th October to 30th October. These virtual tours occur twice daily from 9.30am–10am and again from 2pm–2.30pm.

Also available from the 5th October will be the school prospectus with added audio extras and a further video of the wider aspects of school. You can also use the telephone call back service on 01933 350391. We will arrange a call back to answer any questions and support you throughout the process.

Mrs J Burton
Principal



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Please book a VIRTUAL TOUR!

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WHARF ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(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 Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Wharf Road, Higham Ferrers from the junction of A5028 to Saffron Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 20th 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 High Street, Nene Road and Westfields Terrace.

Dated this 19th day of September 2020
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Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 20/21 – N234 on 01604 883400.

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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 19th day of September 2020
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If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref: 20/21 – N163 on 01604 883400.

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Segregated cycle lane launched

Northamptonshire County Council has announced the latest in its series of active travel schemes, following indicative funding of £351k by the Government from the Active Travel Emergency Fund.

The first block of funding is being used for temporary 'quick win' measures across the county to encourage people to cycle and walk, rather than use public transport.

As part of the latest development, work commenced on 1st September to segregate the cycle lane on the eastern side of Rushmere Road between Billing Road and the Northampton Old Scouts Rugby Football Club. Plastic posts or wands will be installed to provide some separation between cyclists and motor vehicles. Gaps will also be left in the wands so that traffic can turn in and out of side roads.

In addition to the developments on Rushmere Road, work is also being carried out to install a series of cycle racks at locations across the county. These include:

Northampton

- Fish Street
- St Giles Street near the post office
- St Giles Street between Castilian Street and Hazelwood Road
- Abington Street near St Giles Terrace
- Abington Street near Wellington Street
- Guildhall Road

- Abington Park
- Sol Central Entrance Plaza
- Kingsthorpe Welford Road/Harborough Road junction

Kettering

- Kettering, London Road Car Park
- Kettering, Wadcroft Road Car Park
- Kettering, High Street, near Nationwide
- Kettering, Dalkeith Place
- Burton Latimer, High Street/Latimer Close
- Desborough, High Street opposite The George PH
- Desborough, Havelock Street, near junction with Station Road
- Rothwell, Market Hill plaza behind Market House
- Kettering, Market Place

Daventry

- Moulton, Stocks Hill outside Co-op
- Woodford Halse, Station Road, outside pharmacy
- Brixworth Library
- Brixworth, Northampton Road near Kennel Terrace
- Harlestone Firs, adjacent to Harlestone Firs car park

Corby

- Corby, Welland Vale Road, outside local shops
- Corby, Rockingham Road, near Richardson's Cycles
- Corby, Old Village, The Jamb

East Northants

- Oundle, Market Place, outside Tesco
- Thrapston, High Street, outside 'General Store'
- Thrapston, Oundle Road, outside One Stop
- Raunds, High Street/The Square

South Northants

- Towcester 1 x temporary rack
- Brackley 1 x temporary rack
- Towcester, Brackley Road/Pomfret Road
- Roade, High Street, outside newsagent

Wellingborough

- Wellingborough, Pebble Lane/Market Street
- Earls Barton, High Street, outside E Lee Butcher's



A survey of the uses and spaces in the town centre has been undertaken to identify ways of helping business to recover, alongside providing a safe environment for people to move around. The works will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure their effectiveness and changes will be made if considered necessary.

Cllr Jason Smithers, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Place, said: "We're thrilled to be able to announce the latest travel schemes in the area to help cyclists and pedestrians get out and about in a safer, more efficient way."

"The cycle racks that we're implementing across various locations in the county should also make it far easier for cyclists to find safe and sufficient parking where needed."

"In this way, we hope to create an environment where businesses can recover, while also ensuring we maximise the benefits to cyclists and pedestrians."

Work is also continuing in identifying medium-term to long-term cycling and walking projects in the county, with input from the public, to secure further Government funding via the Emergency Active Travel Fund for those schemes.

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