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NEWS IN BRIEF

Whitefriars Church update
Please note that Whitefriars Church has now decided not to hold church services at Whitefriars Primary School for at least the next four weeks. Although such services are permitted in law, the church leadership has agreed that it would be safer and wiser to not meet.

Friends of Refugees East Northants will be meeting on Zoom from 7.30pm on Thursday 21st January. All are welcome to take part. Andrew Presland has details at andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com.

The monthly Whitefriars Church Countryside Walks are currently cancelled.

Community cash for local causes

Persimmon Homes Midlands has made awards to Rothwell-based FC Aztec, 1st Wellingborough Girls Brigade and Rushden's SERVE charity.

Persimmon's donation of £500 to FZ Aztec will fund match kit to enable the team to compete against other local clubs.

A donation of £438 to SERVE will make sure their planned seated and standing yoga classes to support health and mobility in 2021 will go ahead. The charity had already raised most of the £4,438 needed.

ROCKINGHAM FOREST TRUST RECEIVES GRANT FROM GREEN RECOVERY CHALLENGE FUND

68 projects have been awarded grants between £62k and £3.8 million to kick-start a pipeline of nature-based projects while creating and retaining jobs. The Natureworks project at Stanwick Lakes has received £128,000.

Rockingham Forest Trust is one of the first environmental projects awarded a grant from the government's £80 million Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

Defra recently announced grants between £62,000 and £3.8 million to help create and retain thousands of green jobs. The projects, spread across England, will see trees planted – 800,000 in total – and protected landscapes and damaged habitats such as moorlands, wetlands and forests restored, alongside wider

conservation work. The projects will also support environmental education and connecting people with green spaces.

RFT's Natureworks project celebrates and supports nature, bringing it centre stage at Stanwick Lakes. Over the next year the Trust will be boosting the site's flora and fauna, from water voles to wading birds and reedbeds to river banks, through a combination of habitat improvements, natural resilience works, and landscape enhancements.

There will be lots of opportunities for local people to get involved, helping with mammal surveys, or taking part in family-friendly activities and events.

Alyson Allfree, Trust Director says: "We are absolutely delighted that our Natureworks project has been chosen for support through the Green Recovery Challenge Fund.

"In a year where nature has been so vital to us all, it feels particularly important to be able to invest the time and money to

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ensure that our special habitats at Stanwick Lakes continue to be cared for and enhanced."

The Green Recovery Challenge Fund is a key part of the Prime Minister's Ten Point Plan to kick-start nature recovery and tackle climate change. The fund is being delivered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency.

Environment Minister, Rebecca Pow, said: "These projects will drive forward work across England to restore and transform our landscapes, boost nature and create green jobs, and will be a vital part of helping us to build back greener from coronavirus."

"I look forward to working with environmental organisations as these projects help address the twin challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change, while creating and retaining jobs as part of the green recovery."

Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive, National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "Supporting our natural environment is one of the most valuable things we can do right now. All these projects are of huge benefit to our beautiful countryside and wildlife, but will also support jobs, health and wellbeing, which are vitally important as we begin to emerge from the coronavirus crisis."

The government's forthcoming Environment Bill puts the environment at the centre of policy making to ensure that we have a cleaner, greener and more resilient country for the next generation.

The fund is supporting a range of nature conservation and recovery and nature-based solutions projects, which will contribute towards the government's wider 25 Year Environment Plan commitments, including commitments to increase tree-planting across the UK to 30,000 hectares per year by 2025.

WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

Have you booked this year's holiday yet? Not very likely; there are too many other problems facing us, and last year's travel problems have not helped us to look forward. Many (but not all) of the problems came from the year's major event: the coronavirus.

We have all experienced some effects, though we may not know for years in the future just what the permanent results could be; for example, if some of our wildlife species were wiped out there may be several others which would suffer – eventually.

But plants and animals do not follow our calendar, as often noted in this column, and our weather over the whole year could have changed growth. A couple of examples showed up recently in our garden, a bird and a mammal; both had the same aim in mind, often from similar menus – the need to stay alive during shortages, and build the body ready for the stresses of family-raising in two or three months' time.

The blackbird (actually a pair turned up, even this early in the season) had been

missing for two or three months, yet they came close enough, even without any early winter storms, to remind us that whatever the weather has in store for us there would still be a countryside (unless we destroy it!).

Strangely, the other major natural tragedy of the year could be even more damaging, but visible, as clouds from the disastrous fires in various parts of the world made their frightening impact.

The other example from our garden was not in direct competition with the birds: a newly-installed camera soon showed its worth as a (long-tailed) field mouse showed how it copes without light in battling against visible weather or invisible disease; the 'give-away' is the rather prominent pair of ears which give this quiet and harmless little mammal some protection against danger.

There are suggestions that the damage caused by the pandemic could have been tackled quicker and more effectively with more lives saved; in the natural world protection is old, built into the design – until another one comes along!

NEW NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

Residents in Northamptonshire are officially told to 'Stay at Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives'.

Last Monday's Government decision to place England in lockdown, level 5 on the Covid-19 alert system, is based on the latest available coronavirus data, the rapid rise in case rates due to the new mutant strain of the virus and is in line with the measures set out in the Government's Covid-19 Winter Plan.

This means that all residents in Northamptonshire and across England are officially being told to 'Stay at Home, Protect the NHS and Save Lives.'

With each level of the alert system comes tighter local restrictions and guidance. The national lockdown restrictions are now in place until further review.

Under the national lockdown restrictions, the Government is ordering everyone to stay at home. You may only leave the house for limited reasons permitted in law, such as:

- To shop for essentials
- To work, if you absolutely cannot work from home
- To exercise once a day
- To seek medical assistance, for example to get a Covid-19 test
- Or to escape domestic abuse

For the full guidance see www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home.

Lucy Wightman, Director of Public Health Northamptonshire said: "I know this is exceptionally difficult news for residents and I can only reassure you that, given the concerning data and the current pressure on our NHS services, the Government's action is absolutely essential. Positive case rates are on an upward trend, hospital services are already at capacity and need to be protected urgently. We are now in a situation of exponential growth which undoubtedly, if left unchecked, will lead to our NHS services being overwhelmed."

"We must all play our part and stay at home. If we do venture out, for reasons permitted, then we must continue to wash our hands, cover our face and keep our distance."

"Residents have shown remarkable resilience in combating this virus to date but as a country we are now faced with a new challenge. The virus has mutated to be up to 70 per cent more contagious. This means continued adherence to the guidelines, however restrictive, is absolutely vital if we are to protect ourselves, our loved ones and beat the virus."

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The OWL talks: Good food projects which help strengthen communities

Have you ever come across an idea that is so simple but incredibly effective and thought to yourself 'Why didn't I think of that?' The next two OWL talks, run by the Oundle Waste Less project, will focus on food themed initiatives that perfectly meet that description and whose positive outcomes provide an uplifting tonic for these extraordinary times.

On Tuesday 19th January, Mary Clear CBE will talk about

Incredible Edible Todmorden – an amazing project which uses growing food as a way to build a stronger, more connected, kinder community. Fortright, friendly and fun-loving, Mary galvanised the whole town to 'get growing' – the payback from which has been huge. Not only have people enjoyed the social interaction, wellbeing opportunities and environmental learning provided by the project, but the town has benefited

economically too. 'Incredible' tourism draws large numbers of visitors to the town – appreciators of good food and how it is produced, they want to spend a little time soaking up the positive atmosphere in which the hardy Yorkshire town is bathed.

On Wednesday 24th February, during Good Food Ideas, the spotlight will shift to several local projects whose success is similarly underpinned by meeting both social and environmental objectives. Second Helpings Stamford is a 'Real Junk Food' project – whereby food donations and surplus ingredients from retail outlets, which would otherwise go to waste, are gathered up, cooked up and served up to those who most need essential nutrition. Volunteer led, it is feeling the effects of the current pandemic - numbers at the lunches have doubled but cash donations towards the cost of



THE (online) OWL TALKS JAN/FEB 2021

Promoting discussion about low carbon and low waste living

Incredible Edible Todmorden: the power of small actions



Tuesday 19th January at 7.30pm

Mary Clear MBE, chairperson and co-founder of Incredible Edible Todmorden will describe how a group of volunteers in one Yorkshire town have used food and growing as a lever to build a kinder world, achieving more than ever thought possible and having oodles of fun in the process.

Good Food Ideas: small projects making a big difference

Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm

Representatives from Stamford's Second Helpings and Peterborough Environment City Trust's Cool Food & Community Fridge projects will talk about how these simple initiatives are having significant social and environmental impacts, and discuss how others can get involved.



The talks will last approx. 45 mins with Q & A afterwards

Register on Eventbrite or email owl@transitionoundle.org.uk to receive the Zoom links.

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meals have halved. Additionally, Peterborough Environment City Trust will talk about their Community Fridges, where people can connect to their neighbours, access nutritious

food, save money and reduce waste, as well as Cool Food – their award-winning project which guides participants to make simple switches to reduce the carbon impact of their diet.

Both of these unmissable talks will be held on Zoom and will start at 7.30pm. Registration is through Eventbrite (search for their titles) or email owl@transitionoundle.org.uk for the links.

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WELLNESS EXPERTS COMBINE TO GIVE NEW YEAR'S **GUIDE TO GOOD HEALTH**

Members of the Wellness Network online offer gems based on their individual expertise.

As we herald in a new and much anticipated year, thoughts turn to resolutions and hopes for the future. Many uncertainties abound but the one thing we can all address is our health.

Staying as well as possible, emotionally, physically and mentally is key to facing challenges with greater resilience, energy and focus.

Members of the Wellness Network online, all experts in their own chosen fields of wellbeing, have come together to offer a 15-point **WELLNESS NETWORK** blueprint for staying well in 2021. The expert advice covers simple

spiritual actions such as being kind through to important physiological needs of the body for substances such as serotonin.

A tip for every month and all easy to implement and free of charge.

The expert advice is as follows:

Walking in Nature, getting outside in the fresh air, taking the time to really look at your surroundings and be present in the moment.

Envision the way you want each day to be at the start of each day, set your expectations.

Listen to your body – it is your own GPS. What is it telling you and how can you accommodate her? Ask yourself frequently, "What do I need in this moment?"

Lean on someone for positive self-care. The song 'Lean on me' is spot on as wellbeing can come in all shapes and sizes including massage; exercise; music or even tarot readings to give us comfort about the future. All help to clear the mental and emotional clutter that we needlessly carry around. Self-care is not necessarily a solo activity so lean on your chosen wellness practitioner.

Napping and sleep are essential. The body can go 8 – 24 days without food and water but only 11 without sleep. Sleep affects every organ system and every state of our being. In these uncertain times, make sure that you and your family create regular sleep patterns and go to bed and get up at the same times each day. Remove all electronic devices where possible from the bedroom and switch off from blue-light (from the TV, your computer or phone), an hour before sleep. Read in bed or listen to a hypnosis recording to get your brain into a better frequency for 'switching off'. During the day, if you can, take a Nappuccino – drink a coffee then nap for 20 minutes when the caffeine will kick in and bring you back refreshed.

Energise yourself in the same way as a high-performance athlete: by adding rest and recovery into your schedule. It is by design that school lesson sessions are usually 40 minutes to allow for a rest each hour. Meditation, relaxation, breathing exercises and mindfulness are transformative practices that calm your parasympathetic system to actually help to remove stress from your brain and body.

Serotonin is a happy hormone that helps you feel good – and the recipe for creating it is very easy! When we have positive thoughts, have positive interactions with people (or pets) or do a positive action, serotonin is created, helping us feel happy and more in control of our lives. And when you create lots of serotonin you can see it as you actually glow! So, focus on the positives – no matter how big or small.

Stillness of the body helps awaken our awareness. When we step off the busy and chaotic treadmill of life and pause, we start to see things more clearly. We notice the quality of our thoughts. We notice our emotions. We

notice how the body feels. From this place of stillness, we can choose to act consciously rather than reactively.

New ways to Think Differently can protect your mental health. You can turn negative thoughts into positive ones by questioning their truth. When a looping thought occurs ask yourself 'What is?' rather than 'What if?'

Emotions – are all good. You don't have to be happy or positive all the time. It's OK to feel sad, angry, confused or unhappy. It is normal, so don't beat yourself up about it. If you need to shout out loud do so, or punch a pillow to release it, or run on a treadmill, or dance like crazy for five minutes to feel better.

Take time out for self-care, nurturing and connecting back to self so we are present.

Wish & Dream, as you never know, what you wish and dream for today, you could achieve tomorrow.

Overwhelm feels like running on empty and can take a toll on you physically, emotionally and mentally. To beat overwhelm you can change two things: a) Your way of BEING (inner – your paradigm, based on beliefs, giving rise to thoughts and feelings. Ask yourself if your beliefs are working for you any longer?). b) Your way of DOING (outer – your actions, behaviour, circumstances. Take time to calm down, replenish, reset in nature every day).

Rejuvenate: as we head towards springtime we look forward to renewal and being re-energised again. Perhaps meditate on those things in your life that make you feel young and youthful. Perhaps it's particular friends or enjoyable activities. Simply listen to your body, your emotional intelligence. Make time for those things you want to do or people you want to be with, not resorting to what our minds tell us we should do.

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NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

Notice is given that the following applications have been received:

> **BENEFIELD**

20/01685/FUL (2 February 2021) (CA)
Demolish existing flat roof outbuilding and construct new single storey side extension with a pitched roof. Springwood Cottage Causin Way Lower Benefield. Applicant: Mr Howell

> **RUSHDEN**

20/01681/FUL 2 February 2021 (CA)
Single-storey extension and part Change of Use of taxi offices to create residential dwelling (C3) including demolition of outbuilding. 126 High Street Rushden. Applicant: Mr James Morphett

> **HARRINGWORTH**

20/01701/LBC 2 February 2021 (LB)(CA)
Installation of a Sky satellite dish to a curtilage listed building. Lime Grange Barns Wakerley Road Harringworth. Applicant: Mr Justin Bell

> **BENEFIELD**

20/01644/VAR 2 February 2021 (CA)
Variation of condition pursuant to planning permission application 20/00727/VAR. Conversion of the Benefield Wheatshaf into 4 dwellings and the erection of a new build dwelling. Conditions Variation: Condition Number 4 - Boundary position and boundary treatment between Plot 1 & Plot 2. The Benefield Wheatshaf Main Street Upper Benefield. Applicant: The Benefield Wheatshaf

> **RUSHDEN**

20/01654/FUL 2 February 2021 (CA)
Conversion and extension of store to the rear of shops at No 119 High Street Rushden to form a single dwelling within Class C3. 119 High Street Rushden. Applicant: Town Planning Expert - Mr Neil Briggs

> **KINGS CLIFFE**

20/01651/FU 2 February 2021 (CA)(LB)
Replacement of a rotten, collapsing summerhouse in garden (on the same footprint) and the erection of a new shed and summerhouse. The Old Wheatshaf 56 Park Street Kings Cliffe. Applicant: Mrs Charlotte Pollard

> **SUDBOROUGH**

20/01440/LBC 2 February 2021 (CA) (LB)
Repair damaged roof by removing tiles, replacing wooden battens and refixing reusable tiles and reclaim tiles to match. 14 Main Street Sudborough. Applicant: Mr Jeremy Crouch

> **OUNDLE**

20/01669/LBC and 20/01668/FUL 2 February 2021 (LB)(CA)
Proposed oak framed double garage associated with no. 98 West Street. 98 West Street Oundle. Applicant: Mr And Mrs White

> **THRAPSTON**

20/01609/FUL 2 February 2021 (CA)
Demolition of existing conservatory; erection of single storey rear and side extensions; low brick retaining wall at rear; new first floor roof light. 3 The Limes Thrapston. Applicant: Mr And Mrs K Crowther

> **HIGHAM FERRERS**

20/01630/FUL and 20/01631/LBC 2 February 2021 (CA)(LB)
Barn conversion to workshop, gym and annexe including internal and external alterations. 19 College Street Higham Ferrers. Applicant: Mr Alex Speaight

> **EASTON-ON-THE-HILL**

20/01635/LBC 2 February 2021 (LB)
Erection of single storey annexe to the side of existing garage. 34 Stamford Road Easton On The Hill. Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Beeson

> **EASTON-ON-THE-HILL**

20/01540/FUL 2 February 2021 (CA)
Demolition of existing single storey rear extension; erection of double storey rear extension; addition of two dormer windows to the north elevation. 6 The Lane Easton On The Hill. Applicant: Mr Richard Large

> **RUSHDEN**

20/01640/FUL 2 February 2021 (CA)
Change of Use from Retail to Residential. 19 Newton Road Rushden. Applicant: Local Kitchen Co Ltd - Mr Carl Gren

> **EASTON-ON-THE-HILL**

20/01660/LBCm2 February 2021 (CA)(LB)
Addition of a partition wall to create a larger en suite to accommodate room for a shower (Resubmission of 18/01757/LBC). 58 High Street Easton On The Hill. Applicant: Mrs Jodie Wilson

> **RUSHDEN**

20/01515/OUT 2 February 2021 (ART15)
Outline: Erection of up to 13 residential dwellings (All matters reserved except access) Resubmission of 20/00340/OUT. OP0066 SP9764 Avenue Road Rushden. Applicant: Sanders Associates

> **HIGHAM FERRERS**

20/01662/FUL 2 February 2021 (CA)
Installation of external Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) and roof slope mounted photovoltaic panels. The Methodist Church High Street Higham Ferrers. Applicant: The Managing Trustees

> **EASTON-ON-THE-HILL**

20/01634/FUL 2 February 2021 (CA)
Erection of single storey annexe to the side of existing garage. 34 Stamford Road Easton On The Hill. Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Beeson

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);
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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.

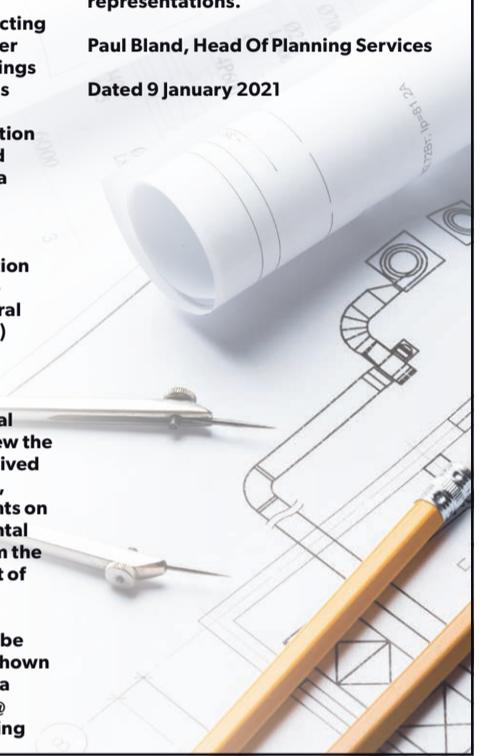
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Services, Council Offices, Cedar House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ.

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 9 January 2021



From the CHAIRMAN

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

This New Year is very different from any we have known before. We have gone through 2020 hoping to start afresh but instead we have gone back into lockdown with all the restrictions that brings. We are a nation of strong survivors and must maintain our resolve to fight this pandemic.

We are now an independent nation with new challenges and opportunities; we can trade with the whole world and take advantage of that prospect as well as remaining allies with our neighbours. We must strive to get this pandemic under control, get our economy back on track and get back to business as usual, as soon as possible. If we only have one New Year's resolution this year it must be to work together to protect everyone.

We have two vaccines being distributed now and a

programme of immunisation across the country. Now is not the time to give up but to get on board with what is required of us and all do our bit to ensure this programme succeeds.

Nobody wants another Christmas and New Year like

the one we just had, we want to spend time with the ones we love and our friends, so let's get on with the job in hand and start the New Year with the resolve to win against this dreadful virus.
Best wishes and stay safe!



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Working from home with kids (round two) – Advice for parents

As the reality of the next few months sinks in, more parents once again face the hardships of home schooling and home working. We explore how parents can cope with the pressures of working from home with kids (again).

“Our hearts literally sank when the Prime Minister said those words ‘schools are to close’ because we remember what it was like last time – seriously tough times. Entertaining the kids whilst trying our best to keep working and the money coming in. Plus, last time the weather was nice, now it is awful,” explains Jonathan Ratcliffe from [Office Provider Offices.co.uk](http://OfficeProviderOffices.co.uk).

Working from home is tough. Home schooling is very tough. So, if you must combine the two for a long period of time, how are you going to cope?

“Home schooling is one of the hardest things we have done as parents. The expectation and the stress, and at the same time we are trying to hold down jobs – it’s a nightmare scenario,” explains Ratcliffe

You are going to have to plan well, get organised and work to a strict timetable if you want to get everything done. Equally, you will need to have a proper split between work, school, fun and rest.

“You firstly need to take some time to come to terms with the change in lifestyle – and lower your expectations, because the minute you try and do too much, is when the stress will hit you like a brick wall – life has changed for a few months and you need to accept that,” Ratcliffe adds.

- Lower your expectations of what you will achieve with work
- Communicate with your boss daily
- Simplify your day into a set routine
- Do not try and achieve too much
- Pause and try and appreciate moments with your kids (if you can!)

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- **START EARLY AT THE SAME TIME EACH DAY:** Routine is important for good sleep and mental health, for both you and your kids. School starts at a set time, so make sure you are ready and stick to the timetable.

- **GET DRESSED PROPERLY LIKE TEACHER AND STUDENT:** Getting showered and dressed is important to divide sleep and school.
- **CREATE SPACES FOR DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES:** You might set up a teaching room (kitchen), quiet room (spare bedroom) and a play area (living room)
- **STRUCTURE YOUR DAY LIKE A SCHOOL DAY:** Teaching time, activity time, play time and lunch time – just like their normal school routine
- **MAKE A PLAN WITH YOUR KIDS:** At the start of the day ask them what they want to do (within reason) so they feel involved
- **TURN OFF YOUR PHONE:** How are your kids meant to feel involved if you are checking emails?
- **SET ASIDE BREAKS FOR TV, IPAD AND EXERCISE:** Use these times to schedule work emails or calls
- **TAKE EXERCISE:** Depending on where you live, if you have a garden or not – try and get some fresh air, this also allows you some headspace
- **FINISH AT A SET TIME, BEDTIME AT A SET TIME:** By getting a routine drilled in early on, you can try and get the kids to sleep at a sensible time, thereby giving yourself some space to work if you need to
- **DON'T BE TEMPTED TO HIT THE BOOZE TOO MUCH:** If you can, evening time will be the only real time you can realistically work.

If you drink your concentration will be poor, sleep poor and you will wake in a grumpy mood. Try and keep drinking to a minimum.

“The only positive is that you’ve done this before, and you can do it again – but life has changed and coming to terms with that is a good start. It is not an easy time for anyone, and especially the kids who will also be finding the change hard to cope with, more so if you are stressed! Good luck to everyone,” adds Ratcliffe.



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Northamptonshire based rock band Numb have just released a new charity single, titled 'Petals of Red and Black' with an accompanying music video. 100% of proceeds are going to The Sophie Lancaster Foundation, a charity set up in the name of Sophie Lancaster, a young girl who alongside her boyfriend, Robert Maltby, were brutally assaulted in 2007 for their gothic image, with Sophie tragically passing away from her injuries. Her Mother, Sylvia Lancaster, set up the foundation after Sophie's death, focusing on creating respect and understanding of subcultures in our communities.

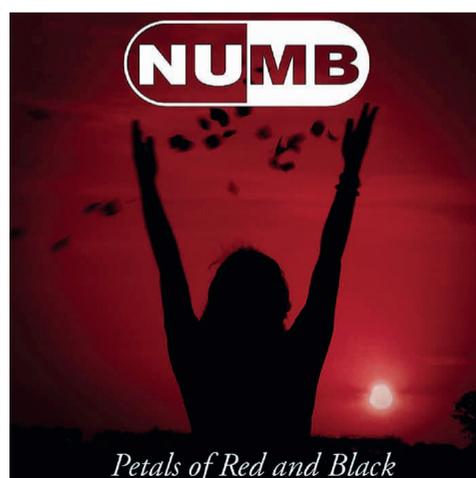
The track was both written and recorded in Northamptonshire and the video was recorded in Northamptonshire too, in Rushden, Irthlingborough and Irchester. The track is also available on Bandcamp.

If you would like to make a donation you will help them reach their target of £1,000 before release. Help this wonderful charity to continue to raise awareness of prejudice against alternative subcultures through its campaigning and educational work.

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THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HAYDEN ROAD, RUSHDEN)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Hayden Road, Rushden as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Hayden Road, Rushden from Short Stocks to Birch Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during telecom works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st February 2021 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 5th February 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Short Stocks, Blinco Road and Cromwell Road.

Dated this 9th day of January 2021

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES

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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (LOWICK LANE, ALDWINCLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Lowick Lane, Aldwincle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lowick Lane, Aldwincle from Bauk Lane to Main Street.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to Anglian Water service.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2021 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 5th February 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Main Street and Lowick Road.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NEW STREET & NEW ROAD, OUNDLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of New Street and New Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: New Street - from Glaphthorn Road to Market Place. New Road - from North Street to Glaphthorn Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway resurfacing.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th January 2021 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 roads will be restricted until 23rd January 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: New Street - use Market Place, West Street, Stocks Hill, Benefield Road and Milton Road. New Road - use North Street, Market Place, New Street and Glaphthorn Road.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MAIN STREET, COTTERSTOCK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Cotterstock from Dove Court to Chippings.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during maintenance of two manholes.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st February 2021 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 2nd February 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Oundle Road, Tansor Road, A605, Station Road, New Road, Glaphthorn Road and Cotterstock Road.

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Age UK Northamptonshire has moved

Age UK Northamptonshire has sold its office building at 31 Billing Road and moved its main office temporarily to the William and Patricia Venton Centre in York Road, Northampton.

The William and Patricia Venton Centre, which was built in 1997, has been reconfigured so that office staff can fit alongside the Day Centre activities and the charity can carry on providing support and vital services to older people throughout the county uninterrupted.

The William and Patricia Venton Centre is Age UK Northamptonshire's Day Care centre. It was built 4th November 1998 and officially opened by the Queen Mother. It celebrated its 20th Anniversary on 8th November 2018. The Centre has now been redesigned to accommodate office staff, who vacated and moved from the Billing Road site over the summer months.

Age UK Northamptonshire has owned 31 Billing Road for some 13 years (since 2nd April 2007). Selling the property allows the charity to downsize its office space and to save substantial running costs. It has allowed the charity to meet the Covid-19 challenges better and

helped it to adapt more quickly to new ways of working.

Age UK Northamptonshire is pleased to confirm that Day Care is continuing to be a central aspect of the William and Patricia Venton Centre. The Centre has consistently provided a place where older

people can meet friends and enjoy activities and entertainment. It provides a safe environment for older people and a respite from the many challenges of Covid-19.

Day Care provision is still very much at the heart of the Centre and every day it helps combat loneliness

and decline, improving morale and independence for all who attend.

Chris Duff, Age UK Northamptonshire's Chief Executive, said: "Covid-19 has forced us to consider new ways of working. We realised that we could save substantial costs by using a much smaller space.

"We were able to make adjustments to our William and Patricia Venton Centre and we moved in the summer. I am pleased

that we have sold our premises at Billing Road to RJ Investments."

Reemal Rabheru, Managing Director of R2G Investments Limited, also commented: "R2G Developments is delighted to have been able to acquire and purchase the Age UK Northamptonshire building and support the charity in their move to their new premises.

"We look forward to working and supporting the charity in the future."



Age UK Northamptonshire are running all of their services, Covid-19 safe, across Northamptonshire. If you would like further information about its services or would like to support the charity, please go to www.ageuk.org.uk/northamptonshire or call 01604 611200.



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