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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### New Lateral Flow Device testing site

A third community Lateral Flow Device testing centre has opened at Danes Camp Leisure Centre, operated by Trilogy Leisure in Northampton.

The location of the site is ideal for staff from the business parks located between Northampton and South Northants, in addition to workers across Northampton and surrounding areas.

Lateral Flow Device testing is otherwise known as rapid testing and is used for those people who do not have symptoms of Covid-19. The aim is to identify the one in three people who may be infectious without being aware, in order to reduce the spread of the virus.

The new site will be open Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 1pm and 2.30pm to 8pm and at weekends from 9am to 1pm.

Each test involves a swab of the mouth and nose and provides a result within 30 minutes.

Testing slots must be booked online in advance using the following web link: [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/Pages/covid-19-community-based-testing.aspx](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/Pages/covid-19-community-based-testing.aspx)

# Rose of Northamptonshire award for 4x4 responders

*In more normal times, Northants 4x4 Response supports the emergency and essential services during severe weather, where additional four-wheel drive vehicles are required to help transport people or equipment.*

Its volunteers donate their time and the use of their own vehicles and typically they help district nurses and carers get to their patients so that they are able to deliver the care and support that tends to be almost taken for granted, but which is far more difficult to provide when roads become impassable.

During 2020 the charity's volunteers were busier than ever, without a snowflake in sight. Alongside colleagues from other voluntary organisations, they helped to support the County Council's response to the pandemic, using their logistics skills to ensure that food packs were

delivered to those who were shielding, as well as essential prescriptions, whilst longer-term arrangements were put in place.

They also made 'Safe & Well' visits to check on the welfare of potentially vulnerable people, to ensure that they weren't being overlooked for support and that they had what they needed. Whilst most people were indeed safe and well, sometimes the visit revealed someone who really did need some help. In one particular case the person had run out of food, so arrangements were made and a food pack was dropped off within a couple of hours.

Of course the charity's volunteers were not immune to the complications that Covid brings with it, with some of them needing to shield and consequently unable to take to the road. Instead they were able to play their part in control, receiving requests from the county's volunteer hub and allocating the task to a nearby Responder. They also provide feedback from the Responders on the road to the Council, so that in situations like when a person is without food, prompt action can be taken.

By the end of the year, the team had delivered over 330 food packs and 150 prescriptions, and carried



out over 600 welfare visits, recording over 11,000 miles covered.

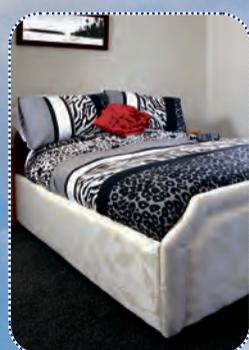
As Christmas approached, so did the winter weather. December was a wet month, and despite being a double land-locked county there is still a lot of water in it with

various rivers, canals and many reservoirs.

On 23rd and 24th December, members of the team were deployed alongside other agencies to help with flood rescue in various parts of the county. Working tirelessly

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# WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY  
ROY BURRELL

Out on a bike ride or car trip, or even in our gardens, it is easy to forget that every time we touch the ground we are trespassing on an animal's home ground (this doesn't apply in the same way to plants!), which just happens to have some property protecting it. That property may be simply speed; it moves too fast for whatever the threat might be, and the animal "gets away with it" (though if that is good or bad depends on whose side you are on, whether the 'target' animal is one of our personal favourites).

Those thoughts came up recently when looking for evidence of animals in our garden in the night hours – without the sophisticated (and expensive) equipment to produce a top-class job. One image showed something running very quickly between fence and the bait used to attract the "prey", but did appear to be slim with a white underbelly. Unfortunately it was just a poor blurred image and not a brief glimpse of one of this country's fiercest and bloodthirsty mammals

– the weasel.

It may not be very large, but it packs a load of lively effort into moving very quickly along a trail of scent which might lead to a meal. Its healthy appetite needs a plentiful supply of energy to fuel its chasing, and it may eat a quarter to a third of its body weight every day. Each animal is likely to set up its own patch of plant cover through which its narrow body (the width of a 2p, or at the most 50p, coin) can outrun the voles and mice if the chosen hoped-for prey is not a bird!

They are not the most sociable of creatures, though, and are unlikely to spread out over more than a 20-acre patch, even with a family to feed (probably mainly by the mother). There could be five or so young in the litter, and if the birth is early in the spring another litter might be produced.

If your thoughts sprang to the old nursery rhyme "Pop Goes the Weasel" one suggestion is that it may be linked to 'pop' being the pawnbroker's shop just around the corner if a debt had to be paid.

# GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

Have you stumbled across ancestors who were Non-Conformists eg Baptist, Methodist etc? I have a few in my paternal line. My great grandmother was baptised in December 1855 in the Parish Church when she was 7 months old. Then, she was baptised again at the age of 21 in the local Baptist Chapel. It was only through researching the baptisms of her children that I discovered this. Her eldest child was baptised as a baby in the Parish Church in 1874 but all others were baptised in the Baptist Chapel when they were much older. Yes, my great grandparents had converted to being Baptists.

Luckily, their children started marrying in the latter years of the 19th century and so could do so in the Baptist Chapel. If this had been 50 years earlier, it would have thrown up some problems as following the Marriage Act of 1753, the only legally recognised marriages in England and Wales had been those performed by the Church of England, Jews and Quakers. If you were

Catholic or Non-Conformist (Baptist etc), you still had to marry in an Anglican Church. However, this law changed with the 1836 Marriage Act, which allowed ministers of other religions to be deemed Registrars.

If you are rummaging amongst the Parish Records for the marriage of your ancestors and are unable to find it, check if they too were Non-Conformist. Many Non-Conformist registers have been deposited at the Local Record Office or the Public Record Office, but be aware some chapels still retain their own records. Also, Baptist Registers will normally record births rather than baptisms as infant baptisms rarely took place.

Remember that preachers often covered a circuit and the records could be held in one central register. So, dig out a map of the area, plot the chapels and spread your net wide.

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though both nights into the early hours of Christmas Day, they helped to rescue people from their flooded homes, from cars driven into floodwater, as well as around 100 residents of Billing Aquadrome along with their pets and, as it was Christmas, their presents.

Four-wheel drives don't always get the best press, but the volunteers donate their time

and the use of their own vehicles to help their communities when the need arises in an attempt to redress the balance.

In recognition of the team's work in the county, it has been awarded a Rose of Northamptonshire as part of the County Council, Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff's scheme to recognise the unsung volunteers in the county.

## Your Health – What is Arthritis?

WORDS BY  
CLAIRE SHORT

Did you know that there are over 100 different types of arthritis? And that different types of arthritis can give symptoms at different ages? In the next few weeks I'm going to talk about a few of the common ones to help you understand them.

Mostly when we talk about arthritis we are talking about osteoarthritis, or degenerative arthritis. In osteoarthritis the cartilage of the joints starts to get thin and loses its smoothness. You can also get bony bits that grow along the

joints. This is what makes the joints look fatter or bumpy. Both of these can cause pain, swelling and stiffness.

The health of your own joints will depend on your age, your family history, previous injuries and general fitness.

What can you do to help your joints when they start to get a bit worn out? Firstly, don't panic! There are lots of simple things you can do at home before a joint replacement is needed. A rehab professional (such as an osteopath, physiotherapist or sports therapist) will be able to give you exercises to help you strengthen the area and can

show you how to keep the area mobile. Your GP should be able to help with pain management while you get going with your rehab.

Most importantly, keep active as much as possible. Get professional help on what exercise to do, but if pain permits, try to keep moving so that the muscles don't get weaker.

And yes, using that awful machine, the lawnmower, counts as keeping moving. Just don't overdo it after reading this column. If it hurts get it looked at by an expert (both the lawnmower and your joints!)

Have an active week.

**Claire Short, Registered Osteopath, runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to [claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk](mailto:claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk) or Tweet to @AshgroveClinic**

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# PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL WELCOMES THERAPY DOGS MURPHY AND MIA

Prince William School in Oundle will soon be welcoming two therapy dogs in a bid to enhance student wellbeing.

Cocker spaniel Murphy and black Labrador Mia will join the school once they are fully trained to provide comfort and support to students who suffer from anxiety, depression and other mental

health issues.

Murphy and Mia will each live with a member of school staff, and the puppies and their owners will train together before being assessed by the charity Pets As Therapy when the dogs are nine months old.

Headteacher Elizabeth Dormor said: "During the various

lockdowns, we have seen how important family pets have become. But even before that, the school was looking into the mental health benefits of having a dog.

"Murphy and Mia will be trained to be a calming influence in what can be at times a very stressful environment for some of

our students. We're all incredibly excited to welcome Murphy and Mia in to school and I'm looking forward to seeing the benefits they'll bring to everyone's wellbeing."

Mia will be in the sixth form

supporting students, while Murphy will work with Years 7 to 11.

The dogs will begin by spending two to three days a week in school to start getting used to the school bells and

seeing students. They will have their own office where they can go for naps and quiet time to rest.

Once they are fully trained, it is hoped that Murphy and Mia will also visit hospitals and care homes as part of their therapy role.



Cocker spaniel Murphy (left) and black Labrador Mia

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We are aware that regular social contact with friends and family has always been important, but the enforced periods of isolation during recent lockdowns have created an imbalance in many young people's lives. There has also been increased anxiety relating to online education as well as returning to school. So, should you wish to refer yourself to CHAT, you can do so by phone, email or directly through our new website, which includes advice and guidance for all the family.

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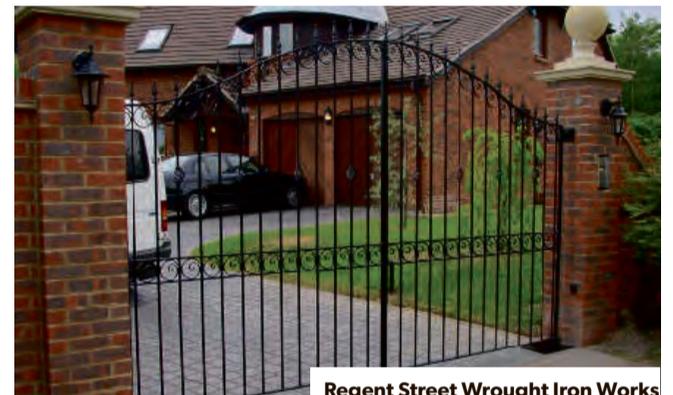
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Repair and strengthening works on Nine Arches Bridge in Thrapston over the River Nene on Bridge Street/Kettering Road are set to take place between February and July 2021, lasting around five months.

Specialist bridge restoration contractors working on behalf of Northamptonshire Highways will carry out structural repairs and arch strengthening to all nine arches. Once the strengthening scheme has been completed, the road over the bridge will be resurfaced.

The first stage of the works will take place under the main navigation arch. This will require a six-week road closure while this arch is in a temporary state. The navigation channel beneath the bridge will also be temporarily closed to allow the specialist structures team to complete their work safely. The work float (pontoon) will be removed at the end of the day and moored overnight at the adjacent mooring.

Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to cross the river using the separate footbridge, as works will not affect this. Cyclists will be asked to dismount.

Nine Arches Bridge is a historic structure and is frequently inspected. Recent inspections have shown a weakness in the arches meaning works are required to enable the structure to carry all vehicles.

Northamptonshire Highways has been monitoring the bridge and working with the Environment Agency, and East Northants Council to agree a programme of works and secure the required permits and consents to work on this historic structure.

Starting works now means that disruption to both users of the road and the navigation channel is mitigated. Options have been considered including a weight restriction to allow Bridge Street/Kettering Road to remain open. However, a decision has been made that the most efficient and safest way to carry out the first stage of works is with a road closure. This means the main works to repair the historic

structure can be completed quickly with the bridge reopening to traffic.

Following the six-week road closure and works to the main navigation arch of the bridge, Northamptonshire Highways will continue its work on the other arches to repair and strengthen them. This work will take place under the bridge and not affect the road.

During the closure, a diversion has been agreed with Highways England to use the A14 and traffic should access Thrapston at Junction 13.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Portfolio Holder for Highways at Northamptonshire County Council, said: "We are aware that Thrapston Bridge is a key access point to the town and the range of businesses and services on offer. It is also a valuable heritage asset, which we are seeking to preserve. The last time work was carried out on the bridge we were repairing the parapets but essential works are now required underneath the bridge arches to ensure it is strong enough to carry vehicles.

"These strengthening works will ensure the bridge can continue to be used by traffic accessing the town centre. In order to carry out the works, it is necessary to close the road to traffic for six weeks.

"We have sought to keep this closure as short as possible to reduce inconvenience to residents and visitors to Thrapston. We are using specialist contractors and working closely with heritage officers at East Northants District Council to ensure we protect and preserve the historic importance of this beautiful medieval bridge."

**You can keep up to date with all roadworks and closures in your area by visiting [one.network](http://one.network) or by following the Highways team on Twitter @nnhighways. A Thrapston Nine Arches mailing list has also been created. To register for e-bulletin updates please email [comms@kierwsp.co.uk](mailto:comms@kierwsp.co.uk)**

## Writing a Will: Advice from Wilson Browne Solicitors

### Do you need a lawyer to write a Will?

There is no legal requirement for you to use a lawyer to write your Will, but paying for a professionally drafted Will shouldn't be thought of as something you buy on price – like an online shopping service or buying a DIY Will kit.

### The real question you should be asking is SHOULD I instruct a lawyer to write my Will?

Nobody likes paying tax and with the current inheritance tax rate sitting at 40%, your loved ones could be looking at a big tax bill after you pass away. Instructing a lawyer ensures you receive up-to-date tax planning advice that could save your estate a huge amount by carefully rewording a few clauses in your Will or by adding in a couple more.

### Using a lawyer can minimise future claims against your estate.

It is not common knowledge that "Cutting people out" of your Will can prompt a claim against your estate from that disgruntled person. Instructing a lawyer to draft your Will comes with all the advice you need to ensure that the chances of this happening are greatly minimised.

### A lawyer will ensure your Will does exactly what you want it to.

It is quite easy to fall into the trap of copying a Will clause from the internet into your own Will believing it to mean one thing, when in reality it is has a completely different effect. Using a lawyer ensures that each clause you include in your Will has been tailored to reflect your exact individual wishes.

### A lawyer will make sure your Will is definitely valid.

A Will that has been made without the help of a lawyer risks the ultimate punishment – that it will be declared invalid and will hold no legal significance at all. Various rules must be followed to ensure a Will is validly executed and the slightest deviation from the rules can cause a legal headache for your loved ones after you die.

You can write your own Will, but we'd recommend you don't, and before you say to yourself "Well, they would say that wouldn't they," it's a fact: lawyers stand to make a lot more from sorting out the effects of a badly written or a disputed Will than they do from writing one.

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### > WOODFORD

**NE/21/00108/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of detached triple garage (Re-submission of 20/00389/FUL).  
6 Addington Road Woodford  
Applicant: Mr Bob Lockley

### > RAUNDS

**NE/21/00117/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (NS)** Installation of 1 phone signal booster antenna to exterior of the Enterprise Centre.  
Enterprise Centre Michael Way Raunds  
Applicant: East District Council

### > COLLYWESTON

**20/01329/LBC**  
**(16 March 2021) (LB)** Proposed single storey extensions to curtilage listed building.  
2 Ketton Road Collyweston  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs McKinney

### > TWYWELL

**20/01019/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (ART15)(CA)**  
Alteration and conversion of four disused agricultural buildings into four residential dwellings (Class C3), to include extension works, new car ports, associated site layout and landscaping works, and diversion of public footpath PA10.  
Manor Farm High Street Twywell  
Applicant: Tata Steel (UK) Ltd

### > TWYWELL

**20/01020/LBC**  
**(16 March 2021) (LB)** Listed Building Consent for the external and internal alterations to these barns to facilitate their conversion to four residential dwellings.  
Manor Farm High Street Twywell  
Applicant: Tata Steel (UK) Ltd

### > COLLYWESTON

**20/01328/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Proposed single

storey extensions.  
2 Ketton Road Collyweston  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs McKinney

### > OUNDE

**20/01170/LBC**  
**(16 March 2021) (LB)(CA)** Extend the existing steel railings around the perimeter of the church wall.  
The Holy Name Of Jesus Church West Street Oundle  
Applicant: The Diocese Of Northampton – Mr D Wilson

### > APETHORPE

**NE/21/00130/LBC**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)(LB)** Replacement of patio doors to rear of house, window to bedroom at rear of house, doors to annexe at rear of house (retrospective).  
Michaelmas Cottage Main Street Apethorpe  
Applicant: Dr Duncan Perry

### > BRIGSTOCK

**20/01616/VAR**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Variation of condition 3 to allow for revised plans that reflect the completed works on site pursuant to 19/01534/FUL Alterations to existing bay window with detached covered carport and fence. Internal alterations and modernisation to mill house Brigstock.  
Condition 3 - Due to construction methods the roof has been modified, patio line has been altered and the fence height raised to accommodate raising site ground levels.  
Mill House 18 Latham Street Brigstock  
Applicant: Mr Max Marsden

### > KINGS CLIFFE

**NE/21/00146/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** To erect a pagoda with shed/store room under part of the canopy.  
3A The Dovecote Park Street Kings Cliffe  
Applicant: Mr Glyn Aspinall

### > ISLIP

**NE/21/00133/FUL**

**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Proposed single storey rear extension; and addition of 2 cabrio dormer windows to existing rear elevation.  
Crantock House High Street Islip  
Applicant: Mrs Claire Anstey

### > APETHORPE

**NE/21/00163/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** 1 1/2 storey rear extension, new front and side porches and alterations to include replacement of doors/windows.  
The Stocks Main Street Apethorpe  
Applicant: Mr And Mrs Brassey

### > HIGHAM FERRERS

**NE/21/00137/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Change of use from residential to osteopathic, physiotherapy and sports therapy clinic.  
11 Market Square Higham Ferrers  
Applicant: Mr Steven Bruce

### > RUSHDEN

**NE/21/00183/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (ART15)** Change of use from B8 warehousing and distribution to B2 manufacturing (light industrial) to enable an increase to capacity and number of employees (circa 150) (No external changes).  
Unit 4 Express Business Park Shipton Way  
Applicant: Prestige Homeseeker Park And Leisure Homes - Rachel Stallard

### > DUDDINGTON WITH FINESHADE

**NE/21/00181/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Single-storey rear extension in a traditional orangery style.  
Churchgate Cottage Church Lane Duddington  
Applicant: Miss Fowler

### > ASHTON

**20/01600/LBC and 20/01599/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (LB)(CA)** Restoration of existing curtilage listed glasshouses and installation of swimming pool associated with the residential use of the land and provision of associated soft and hard landscaping.

The Cottage The Green Ashton  
Applicant: Charlotte Lane

### > HARRINGWORTH

**20/01700/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Construction of 2no. timber storage sheds.  
Lime Grange Barns Wakerley Road Harringworth  
Applicant: Mr Justin Bell

### > CHELVESTON-CUM-CALDECOTT

**NE/21/00077/FUL**  
**(16 March 2021) (CA)** Part conversion and redevelopment of existing former stable block to form a granny annexe for ancillary use to the main dwelling.  
Church House Caldecott Road Chelveston  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs P Mommersteeg

## 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.gov.uk](mailto:planning@east.gov.uk), or by letter to: Planning 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 20 February 2021

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

# From the CHAIRMAN...

*Thank you to all the residents of ENC who nominated their champions for my Chairman's Champions awards. We are busy trying to work on a way to make presentations in a Covid secure way; it is not an easy thing to organise but we will try and make the best of it.*

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

Those who will be receiving an award will be contacted with the arrangements very soon. Sorry for the delay but as you will appreciate it is not how I wanted to do this but we all have to comply with the Covid rules.

Here at ENC we are making plans to commemorate and celebrate all the work that has been done within our district over the lifetime of this Council.

I am truly honoured to be the Chairman in the final year of this Council, I feel that we should be showcasing the improvements and benefits that this Council has made.

I am sure that you will agree with me that Rushden Lakes has been a great benefit to our District with

the creation of jobs, retail and leisure opportunities, fantastic restaurants, boating and nature trails. I for one can't wait to be able to go back there again after the lockdown restrictions have been relaxed.

We also have fantastic leisure and fitness facilities in our District with a full compliment of outreach programmes that provide all sorts of fitness opportunities for residents of all ages. Our provider Freedom Leisure will be waiting with open arms to welcome us back to those facilities once we are open again.

These are just a couple of projects that ENC are responsible for bringing to our District so make sure you take advantage of them.

I will be remembering some more over the next few issues so until then,

Stay safe!



Cllr Helen Howell

# LIFE-CHANGING OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A NEW CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION

Helping people lay the foundations for a career in the construction industry is the aim of Northamptonshire County Council's construction skills programme, and over 400 people have now graduated from this free training, with many more due to complete their courses in the next few weeks.

Made possible through funding from a successful bid from the Department for Education (DfE) and a partnership with the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and local training partner Evolve Your Future, the short training programme gives people industry recognised qualifications for health and safety, manual handling and first aid as well as their CSCS card which enables them to

work on construction sites.

The training is for anyone aged 18 and above who isn't already working in the construction industry, regardless of experience and background, with no qualifications needed to join, and provides a life-changing opportunity for people to build a new career and be part of the many growth projects happening across Northamptonshire.

Councillor Jason Smithers,

Cabinet Member for Place and Environment said: "The construction skills training programme is very successful in Northamptonshire and I am pleased we are able to continue to offer this opportunity despite the challenges the Covid-19 pandemic is bringing.

"As an area of significant growth, it is vital that we have a skilled workforce to deliver the huge variety of projects taking place, and with many people

facing an uncertain future right now, this training gives people a chance to try something new.

"The country may be in lockdown, but learning in this essential industry hasn't stopped the students and they are showing a strong commitment to their learning, with many now having completed their training. It's fantastic to see what they have achieved, and I know they are excited for their future in the construction industry.

"The training doesn't end when the courses are complete, students are supported with writing their CV, completing job applications, given help to develop interview skills and are given support with securing their first construction job. I'm looking forward to

hearing how they are all getting on and seeing the difference the training has made to their lives."

Construction skills programme graduate Ryan Freeman took up the learning opportunity in November and can't recommend it to others enough, he said: "I've recently been at university studying a psychology degree but have struggled to find work locally in this field. My future was looking uncertain and then I came across this training and had a complete change of direction.

"I've always been interested in construction, and this opportunity came at a perfect time for me. The tutors are very supportive and thanks to the training I've had, I have secured a job in roofing where I can develop more skills and learn on the job and I'm excited to see where it will take me.

"Anyone who is considering these free courses should definitely sign up. They are a great stepping stone to working in a busy and exciting industry. The qualifications you get will open up so many opportunities for you and the training gives you the added bonus of your CSCS card."

With the current national lockdown restrictions in place, training is being delivered through online sessions with Covid-19 secure classroom based testing, and site visits are arranged for students in line with the latest Covid-19 guidance and advice.

Funding to deliver the construction skills training programme is in place until the end of March this year and anyone interested is encouraged to register their interest now to secure their place.

To find out more and register for the training visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/constructionhub](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/constructionhub)

## KierWSP awarded contract extension by County Council

KierWSP, the highways service provider for the county, has been awarded an extension to the contract to March 2022 by Northamptonshire County Council.

The original contract was awarded in 2008 and together with the new contract, the combined KierWSP joint venture has been delivering highways services for 13 years across Northamptonshire.

KierWSP will now provide services for a further 12 months. This extension will help to support the smooth transition of services as Northamptonshire moves to become two new Unitary authorities from 1st April.

NCC, and the successor authorities are committed to ensuring that services continue to be delivered without disruption to residents or visitors to Northamptonshire as the new authorities are established.

The process to procure new highways services for the future authorities has already begun. This will ensure that both West and North Northamptonshire have new highway services contracts in place when the current arrangements with KierWSP come to an end.

Councillor Jason Smithers, Portfolio Holder for Place, Highways and The Environment said: "Northamptonshire

County Council has taken the decision to extend its contract with KierWSP until the end of March 2022. This extension ensures that the existing highways services can continue in a smooth and uninterrupted manner as the two new Northamptonshire unitary authorities are created, and start to bed in.

"KierWSP will continue to provide the existing highways services across both unitary authorities until the end of this contract. Meanwhile, the authorities will be running a procurement exercise to secure new highways contracts for the new unitary authorities."

The joint venture combines the strengths of Kier, an infrastructure services company and WSP, the design, engineering and management consultancy, to deliver integrated local government services across the UK.

The contract will see KierWSP continue to provide transport and highway services, and this will include structural inspections, routine maintenance and passenger transport services to ensure Northamptonshire's highways network is maintained and

remains safe for all users.

KierWSP General Manager, Debbie Taylor-Bond said: "We are thrilled to have been awarded an extension to our contract which will now continue until March 2022. Over the years we have developed a strong and positive relationship with Northamptonshire County Council and we are pleased at being given the opportunity to work with the new North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire unitary authorities and support the smooth transition of vital highways and transport services.

"Over the last 13 years we have worked with the local authority to adapt services to meet the financial challenges and support the transformation of the services provided to the public and we remain fully committed to bringing innovative operational solutions and capabilities regarding transport and highways to the county.

"Our priority is to carry out all works safely and deliver affordable and quality services, whilst keeping the customer and communities at the heart of everything we do."

For more information please contact Kat Woodcock [kwoodcock@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:kwoodcock@northamptonshire.gov.uk)



### MARCH

- Thu 4 Cotswold Tour
- Tue 9 Spalding or Springfields
- Thu 11 Seasonal Mystery Tour
- Sat 13 National Railway Museum
- Sat 13 York
- Sat 13 Jorvik Viking Centre
- Sun 14 Mothers Day Special Lunch at Bridgnorth
- Tue 16 Derbyshire & Peak District
- Thu 18 Shugborough Mansion & Wedgewood
- Sat 20 Gloucester
- Sat 20 Gloucester Cathedral & Cream Tea
- Sun 21 Kew Gardens
- Thu 25 Canterbury or Whitstable
- Fri 26 Ideal Home Show
- Fri 26 Stratford Upon Avon
- Wed 31 Lords Cricket Ground
- Wed 31 Westminster Abbey Tour

### NOVEMBER

- Fri 26 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Mon 29 Thursford Christmas Spectacular

### DECEMBER

- Wed 1 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Fri 10 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Wed 15 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
- Tue 21 Thursford Christmas Spectacular

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Departs: 13th May 2021,  
4 Days, £379.00 per person

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# WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER A SUCCESSFUL CENSUS 2021

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) – which runs Census 2021 – is working with councils in Northamptonshire to deliver a successful census and help local services to fully meet future needs.

Understanding the needs of the nation helps everyone from central government to local organisations, such as councils and health authorities, plan and fund public services across England and Wales.

Census results inform where public funding is spent on services like transport, education and health – on cycle routes, schools and dental surgeries.

The census, taking place on 21st March 2021, will shed light on the needs of different groups and communities, the inequalities people are experiencing, and it will ensure the big decisions facing the country following the coronavirus pandemic and EU exit are based on the best

information possible.

Gwen Rhys, one of Northamptonshire's ONS Census Engagement Managers, said: "I've been talking to lots of individuals, community groups and parish councils over the past few months and everyone is excited about being part of this year's census.

"The online form is easy to complete and takes no more than 10 minutes per person, and there is help available for anyone who needs it. Everything is explained in the census Information Packs households will receive next month."

Theresa Grant, Chief Executive of Northamptonshire County Council has been tasked with creating two new unitary councils which will take over from the eight existing councils in the county from Thursday 1st April.

She said: "Information gathered in the census is used by local councils to ensure

recommendations to politicians are based on sound evidence.

"Therefore, as we prepare to launch the two new councils, I would urge every householder to take part in the census, speak to neighbours and friends and encourage them to take part so that future decisions are made with the very best information."

In March households will begin receiving information packs which will explain how to complete the census and will also include a code to allow them to do so online. People can also request a paper questionnaire if they would prefer to complete the census that way. In areas where lower online completion is expected, around 10 per cent of households will receive a traditional paper form through the post.

There is plenty of help available, with people also able to complete the census over the phone with assistance from

trained staff via the ONS' free phone contact centre.

The main census field operation will begin only after Census Day, contacting those who have not responded.

Field staff will never need to enter people's houses; they will always be socially distanced, wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and work in line with all government guidance. They will be operating in the

same way as a postal or food delivery visit.

Census 2021 will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Any information that is published following the census is fully anonymised by ONS, which is an independent organisation, separate from the government.

This means no-one from government departments or private organisations that provide people with services will be able to see their answers.

After 100 years, census records are released so future generations can learn about their history.

For more information and advice on how to answer the questions, visit [census.gov.uk](http://census.gov.uk)

## VIRTUAL FESTIVAL FOR BUSINESSES

A virtual festival will be held from 22nd-28th February to provide help and support for businesses in East Northants and Wellingborough as part of the Recovery Through Enterprise programme.

The Recovery Through Enterprise programme was set up by local authorities and organisations, in light of the coronavirus pandemic to support businesses and partner organisations from across the county and offers a variety of resources and help including personal 1:1 business advice, dedicated support for those thinking of starting a business and access to specialist resources.

Across the festival week, there will be a variety of business support webinars with guest speakers from organisations such as SEMLEP, Enterprise Nation as well as officers from East Northamptonshire Council's Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Health teams. There will also be a series of podcasts released with local high street businesses who have adapted throughout the pandemic.

The main event on Tuesday 23rd February will include an introduction to the Recovery

Through Enterprise programme, guest speakers and breakout sessions across the day based around digital media.

Cllr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "The Recovery Through Enterprise programme continues to grow in strength and we are so pleased to be able to host a virtual festival to help businesses at this difficult time.

"We have experts across the week ready and on hand to give tips and advice to all businesses, so whether you are just starting a business from your spare room or are well established but are having to adapt to cope with the consequences of the pandemic, there really will be something for everyone."

To find out more about Recovery Through Enterprise and to book onto any of the sessions, please visit [www.recoverythroughenterprise.co.uk](http://www.recoverythroughenterprise.co.uk) For live updates throughout the week, you can follow @enterprisingN and @\_nenevalley on Twitter and you can also find Recovery Through Enterprise on LinkedIn.

## Library Plus presents Pacesetter's 21 for 21

Northamptonshire LibraryPlus has partnered with Pacesetter Sports and Wellbeing to produce a series of seven videos called "Pacesetter's 21 for 21".

Each video focuses on the theme of 'you and your wellbeing' – including messages, quotes and actions that support health and wellness.

Wellbeing looks different for each and every person, and the Pacesetter's 21 for 21 allows viewers to pick and choose what is most helpful and useful for them.

This series is available from all Northamptonshire County Council Libraries'

Facebook pages with a new video being uploaded every fortnight for viewers to browse.

Cllr Lizzy Bowen, Deputy Leader of Northamptonshire County Council, said: "In such difficult and uncertain times, looking after your mental wellbeing is more important than ever and we want to do all we can to make this manageable for local residents.

"We're pleased to be able to share the Pacesetter's 21 for 21 on our social channels to provide our residents with everyday hints, tips and motivation that might help make it easier for them to prioritise their mental health and wellness."

## MOTORISTS WARNED AS BUS LANE ENFORCEMENT STARTS

Motorists are being warned that fines will now be issued for those illegally using bus lanes in some parts of the county.

Northamptonshire County Council is using number-plate recognition cameras to discourage illicit use of the lanes, with fines being issued to offenders.

The measures have been introduced at three sites in Northamptonshire:

- Drapery, Northampton town centre
- Weedon Road/St James' Road, Northampton
- The bus gate linking Church

Street to Cambridge Street in Wellingborough town centre

Warning notices have been given out in advance of the new enforcement rules. In that time some consistent 'offences' have been noted and so the County Council reminds motorists that:

- St James Road, Northampton – heading towards the town centre – motorists are prohibited from using the bus lane even when undertaking stationary traffic waiting to turn right.
- Private hire vehicles are prohibited from using the bus lanes (with the exception

of Drapery, Northampton). Taxis (hackney carriages) are allowed to use bus lanes.

- Drapery, Northampton – vehicles seeking access to the Market Square can only legally do so from the north, via Sheep Street.

Freeing up the bus lanes makes bus journey times more reliable and therefore a more attractive mode of transport.

As cyclists are also allowed to use the bus lanes it also encourages people to make cycle journeys along the routes with the lanes being relatively safe with lighter traffic.

## COUNCIL TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS WITH COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT FUNDING

Financial support will now be given to Northamptonshire schools from the County Council through Covid-19 grant funding of £24.90 per pupil – a total funding allocation of £3m. This will be used to cover future costs or those already incurred from infection prevention and control measures on items not already covered by government funding.

Schools across the county have been responding to Covid-19 on the front line since March last year, working extremely hard to follow all of the necessary guidance to operate in a way that is Covid-safe and secure for all pupils.

As a result, additional costs for schools have been incurred during a time when they are already under immense pressure. The grant will be given to schools on the express condition

that all monies received will be used only in accordance with the spending criteria, on eligible items permitted and in line with the objectives of the grant.

Cllr Fiona Baker, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education at Northamptonshire County Council, said: "This year has been incredibly difficult for everyone and our local schools must be commended for their dedication to making their learning environments as safe as possible so that the county's children can continue to access the best possible education.

"We'd like to thank our county's schools for their continued hard work, continuing to put the interests and wellbeing of pupils first during this extremely challenging period."

## Local charity welcomes **NEW TRUSTEES**

*Northamptonshire Community Foundation has recently welcomed two new faces to its Board of Trustees.*



The charity, which last year awarded over £2million in funding across Northamptonshire, is delighted to announce that Rachel Mallows MBE, DL and Liam Condron have joined the Foundation's Board of Trustees. They each bring with them a wealth of experience and expertise across corporate business and the voluntary and community sector.

Victoria Miles DL, CEO of the Foundation, said: "We are delighted to welcome Rachel Mallows and Liam Condron to Northamptonshire Community Foundation's Board of Trustees. They bring with them vast experience and expertise both in the voluntary and community sector and corporate business. I am looking forward to them working with us to ensure the Foundation increases its reach and continues to support our communities both now, and in the future."

Rachel is a Northamptonshire businesswoman with over 30 years' experience in delivering training, coaching, mentoring and business support as the founder and Managing Director the Mallows Company Limited. The organisation, based in Wellingborough, supports SMEs, charities, public sector organisations and larger businesses to flourish, as well as helping out-of-work adults to upskill and find new work.

Rachel also leads a team of



careers advisers, working with schools to provide careers advice and works closely with the Career Development Institute, leading on their mentoring programme. Rachel is also the Director of the Weetabix Northamptonshire Food and Drink Awards (now in its 13th year) and Made In Northamptonshire, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

Speaking of her new role, Rachel said: "I'm delighted to be joining Northamptonshire Community Foundation as a Trustee. I have seen first-hand some of the fantastic work the Foundation supports around the county, particularly to those in need during the pandemic over the past 12 months. It is an honour to be learning more about the work of the amazing charities and their dedicated teams across Northamptonshire who provide exemplary services to such a wide range of people."

Liam Condron is the former CEO of Age UK Northamptonshire, a role he thrived in for over 25 years. Liam established a wide range of prevention, admission avoidance and care services across Northamptonshire, including hospital-based services, advice and advocacy, integrated care and end of life initiatives. Most recently, Liam has been a consultant for Age UK, focusing on the development of partnership

work across the national Age UK network, as well as taking on several leadership roles across the local voluntary sector.

Speaking of joining the Board of Trustees, Liam said: "Never in my lifetime have the challenges faced by our community, or the organisations that serve it, been greater. It is a genuine honour to join the Trustees of Northamptonshire Community Foundation as they endeavour to help organisations to find opportunities amidst those challenges. It is a privilege to be a part of an enterprise that brings so much hope to our community at a time when this is most needed."

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is the leading, independent grant making charity in Northamptonshire, providing often life-changing grants to some of the county's most vulnerable people.

Paul Southworth OBE, DL, Chair of Northamptonshire Community Foundation, said: "I am delighted to welcome both Liam and Rachel as our two latest Trustees to be appointed. Their background, skills and experience will further strengthen the composition of our already strong Board of Trustees. I know we will value their future contributions to our efforts and we look forward to working with them in the challenging times ahead."

## Oundle Festival presents Steve Cole

*Children's author Steve Cole to host Adventures with Words. Saturday 6th March, 2pm. Venue: Zoom webinar, Tickets £5.*

Come and watch Steve Cole – author of *Astrosaurus*, *Secret Agent Mummy*, *Magic Ink*, *Doctor Who*, *Young Bond* and many more. He will lead you on a laugh-a-minute, high energy, ukulele-accompanied masterclass in "chucking imagination at words" (aka telling stories).

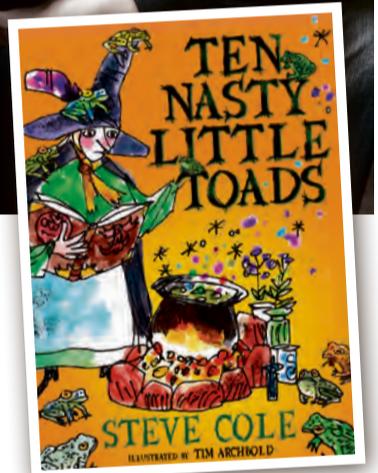
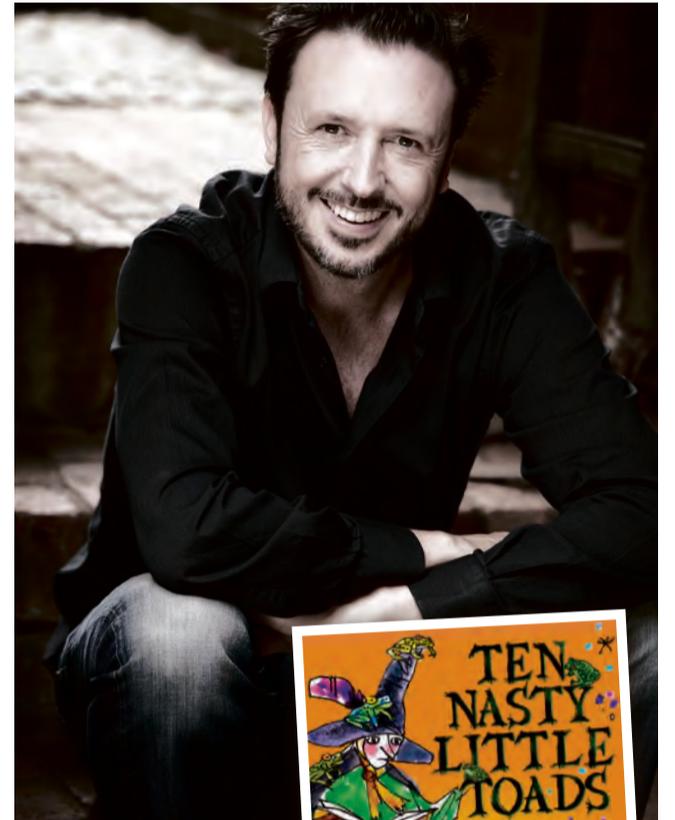
He will teach children quick-and-easy ways to invent story ideas, share secret writing tips and reveal the origins of some of his own loopy characters. Children and adults alike will feel enthused and inspired to leap into new adventures in creative writing!

Steve Cole is a best-selling children's author whose sales exceed three million copies. He used to edit magazines and books but prefers the job of a writer where you can wear pyjamas and eat chocolate all day.

Much in demand for his energetic performances at events, Steve has appeared at Edinburgh, Hay, Cheltenham, Oxford, Bath, YALC and World Book Day's Biggest Book Show on Earth and more importantly he is now coming to Oundle via Zoom!

Any queries please email [oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk)

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The finalists from the Children's Writing Competition will find out the results at the end of this event.

**Please register via the Oundle Festival website at [www.oundlelitfest.org.uk](http://www.oundlelitfest.org.uk)**

## Nene Valley News - Events

- Whitefriars Church, Rushden, is making an online church service available on YouTube each week. In addition, an online 'Zoom refreshments' (structured discussions etc) takes place at 11.30am each Sunday, for as long as the church isn't meeting in person – which is likely to be until at least mid-March. Sara Owst is the contact for these, at [office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk](mailto:office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk)
- Peterborough Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship (Church of England) is holding Lent Bible School: God, sex and human flourishing: open to all and free on Zoom, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on five Wednesdays starting on 24th February. Week 1 on 24th February with Rev Jonnie Deja of Moulton (Learning together – with so many different opinions, even among Christians, how do we work out what is right? What do we do when people have different opinions about what the Bible says?); Week 2 on 3rd March with Rev Mark Lucas of Barton Seagrave (Identity: what is fundamental to our identity as human beings, and as Christians? How does sex and gender fit into questions of identity?). Details, including booking information, are available at [www.pdef.co.uk/events](http://www.pdef.co.uk/events)
- Instead of the usual weekly Lent Lunches, the Rushden and Higham Ferrers Council of Churches is holding a weekly half-hour of prayer on Zoom at 1pm on Wednesdays during Lent, led by a different church leader each week. These include ones on 24th February and 3rd March. The Zoom link is available from Andrew Presland at [andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com)

**To submit your event please contact us via our website [www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://www.nenevalleynews.co.uk) or call 01522 692542. Please supply in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.**

# CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION CONTINUES DESPITE COVID-19 CHALLENGES

Grocery delivery robots, an e-scooter trial and mass tree planting are just three of the ways that the causes and effects of climate change in Northamptonshire have been addressed this year – despite the huge challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic has brought.

In June 2019, Northamptonshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency and committed to a target of making Northamptonshire 'carbon neutral' by 2030, and to work in partnership with others to achieve this.

As an update – a Full Council meeting of Northamptonshire County Council on 18th February considered a report which outlines these key achievements in recent months.

The County Council is also recommending that the good work that has already started will be continued by the two new unitary authorities after Vesting Day on 1st April so Northamptonshire will be on track for its 2030 target.

Already the Executive Committees of the two Shadow Authorities have resolved to establish a framework and set of recommendations so they can lead the way in tackling environment and climate change through their decision-making and service delivery.

Cllr Jason Smithers, County Council Cabinet Member for Transport, Highways and Environment, said: "While the Covid-19 pandemic is obviously presenting us all with some very big challenges at the moment, the perils of climate change have not gone away, and nor will they unless we all continue to work together to confront this issue.

"While Covid-19 led to many staff being redeployed

to tackle the pandemic, a great deal of work continued on projects to reduce carbon emissions and reduce pollution, which is a considerable achievement.

"I'm delighted that this work will now continue in the new unitary authorities post Vesting Day."

Other successes this year include the County Council securing £1.68m of funding from the Department for Transport to help support a number of active travel schemes throughout the county. This includes a number of measures to encourage more cycling and walking.

Additionally, and as another strand of the Smart Move Northamptonshire initiative, Northamptonshire



County Council has secured funding to deliver an e-bike trial. This scheme will enable local businesses to sign-up and offer their employees an

alternative way of travelling to work.

And the Northamptonshire Climate Change Officers Group (NCCOG) has

continued to meet quarterly to help collaborate and identify opportunities for projects and bids that could support climate change action.



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## PUBLIC NOTICES



### EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AREA RESIDENTIAL ANNEXES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

#### PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004

#### THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (LOCAL PLANNING) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012, AS AMENDED

This notice has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 12 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, as amended.

The RESIDENTIAL ANNEXES SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT will support the strategic policies of the Local Plan Part 1: North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031. When adopted, it will form part of the statutory development plan for East Northamptonshire to guide the determination of planning applications.

The Council is launching a public consultation for the SPD on Monday 22 February 2021 for 4 weeks and is inviting representations on the draft.

Representations on the Residential Annexes SPD must be received no later than 4.30pm on Monday 22nd March 2021. Please state the page and paragraph number to which any comment relates. All comments received by the deadline will be considered, and where appropriate, alterations will be made to the document.

Due to the Covid 19 National Pandemic, paper copies of the draft policy cannot be displayed at the Council's Customer Service Centres or local Libraries. Should you experience any difficulty in viewing the document, please contact the Planning Policy team on [Planning.Policy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:Planning.Policy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) or on 01832 742140.

Representations should be made in writing using the online form: [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/consultation) by email to [planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk) or to the address below:

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Paul Bland  
Head of Planning Services  
22nd February 2021

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

#### THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (TEMPORARY ELECTRIC SCOOTER TRIAL - PARISHES OF RUSHDEN & HIGHAM FERRERS) (INCLUDING BRIDGE TO RUSHDEN LAKES) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council in pursuance of the provisions of section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs (Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020 intends to make an order the effect of which will be to enable electric scooters (as defined in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions) being used in a trial to all roads, cycle lanes and bus lanes in the Parishes of Rushden and Higham Ferrers including the bridge to Rushden Lakes.

This order is required in connection with the likelihood of danger to the public; improving and providing travel options in connection with Coronavirus and became operative on 25th February 2021 for a period of twelve months.

Dated this 20th day of February 2021  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/T20/086

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 20/21 - N506 on 01604-651072.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MY6 - PARISH OF FOTHERINGHAY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians proceeding along that length of Public Footpath MY6 in the Parish of Fotheringhay as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath are unaffected.

**RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** The route to be closed starts at Point A at national Grid Reference (NGR) TL0583 9329. The route extends in a generally northerly direction for 415 metres to NGR TL0587 9369 to the footbridge to be repaired at Point B and then in a generally north westerly direction for 700 metres to NGR TL0540 9412 where the footpath meets BOAT MY7 at Point C.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required to enable safe repair or replacement of damaged footbridge.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The Order will come into effect on 22nd February 2021 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** The alternative starts at NGR TL0583 9329 at Point A and extends in a generally westerly direction for 270 metres to NGR TL0556 9327 at Point D and then in a generally north westerly direction for 585 metres to NGR TL0520 9364 at Point E and then in a generally north easterly direction along BOAT MY7 for 495 metres to NGR TL 0540 9412 at Point C.

Dated this 20th day of February 2021  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

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If you require any further information please contact Caroline Haycock on 07864 997629.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (RAUNDS ROAD, HARGRAVE) (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 that length of Raunds Road, Hargrave as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Raunds Road, Hargrave between junctions of Brook Street.

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

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st March 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 for three days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** Use Hargrave Road, Midland Road, Brook Street, Church Street, B645, Church Road and Church Street.

Dated this 20th day of February 2021  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/T21/074

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 20/21 - N476 on 01604-651072.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS VC1 (PART) & VC3 (PART) - PARISH OF HIGHAM FERRERS) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) 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 is to prohibit pedestrians proceeding along those lengths of Public Footpaths VC1 (Part) and VC3 (Part) in the Parish of Higham Ferrers as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said lengths of footpaths are unaffected.

**RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** The route to be closed starts at Point A at national Grid Reference (NGR) SP9632 6855 (Point A) and extends in a generally southerly direction for 48 metres to NGR SP9632 6851 (Point B) where it joins an unaffected section of Public Footpath VC1.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required to enable re-surfacing and associated works.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The Order will come into effect on 18th March 2021 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** The alternative starts at NGR SP9632 6855 (Point A) and extends in a generally westerly and northerly direction along Bury Close for 320 metres and then in a generally west north westerly direction along Kimbolton Road for 120 metres and then in a generally southerly direction along Midland Road for 297 metres and then along the unaffected section of Public Footpath VC1 for 130 metres to NGR SP9632 6851 (Point B).

Dated this 20th day of February 2021  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

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If you require any further information please contact Sandra Mitcham on 01933 312075.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

#### THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (MILL ROAD, OUNDLE & BARNWELL ROAD, BARNWELL)

#### (PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES OVER 18 TONNES MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT AND REVOCATION OF 3 TONNES STRUCTURAL WEIGHT RESTRICTION AND REVOCATION OF 2.1 METRES WIDTH RESTRICTION) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to prohibit any heavy commercial vehicle over 18 tonnes maximum gross weight from proceeding along those lengths of roads as specified in the Schedule below. Exemptions have been made for loading / unloading / access / agricultural purposes.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 883445. A copy of the Order can also be obtained on request by emailing [pgill@kierwsp.co.uk](mailto:pgill@kierwsp.co.uk)

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Order will become effective on the 22nd February 2021. Dated this 20th day of February 2021

DEBBIE CARTER HUGHES, Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd P/1853

#### SCHEDULE

Mill Road, Oundle & Barnwell Road, Barnwell - between its junction with the A605 and a point 22 metres south of its junction with South Road, Oundle.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

#### THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (GLAPHORN ROAD & COTTERSTOCK 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 Glaphorn Road and Cotterstock Road, Oundle as set out below.

**LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** Glaphorn Road - from Hillfield Road to Tilley Hill Close. Cotterstock Road - from Glaphorn Road to Lime Avenue.

**REASON FOR RESTRICTION:** The restriction is required for safety during upgrade of existing zebra crossing.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th March 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 Glaphorn Road will be restricted until 19th March 2021 and Cotterstock Road will be restricted from 22nd March to 1st April 2021.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** Use Glaphorn Road - use New Street, Market Place, North Street, Station Road, A605, Tansor Road, Oundle Road, Main Street, Glaphorn Road, Cotterstock Road, Southwick Road and Oundle Road; Cotterstock Road - use Glaphorn Road, Oundle Road, Southwick Road, Cotterstock Road, Glaphorn Road and Oundle Road.

Dated this 20th day of February 2021  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES  
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/T21/079

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 20/21 - N486 on 01604-651072.

### NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

#### THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC BYWAY MC17 (PART) - PARISH OF ALDWINCLE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians, equestrians, cyclists and motorists proceeding along that length of Public Footpath MC17 in the Parish of Aldwinckle as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of byway are unaffected.

**RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** The existing route to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference ('NGR') SP9930 8239. The route travels generally south for approximately 1539 metres to point B at NGR SP9886 8094. The route is shown by a solid black line between points A - B.

**REASONS FOR RESTRICTION:** Badly damaged byway.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The Order will come into effect on 23rd February 2021 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** There is no suitable alternative route.

Dated this 20th day of February 2021  
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# EMAT honoured for vital work during Covid lockdown

East Midlands Academy Trust has been awarded a Rose of Northamptonshire award in recognition of its work to support families in need during the first Covid lockdown.

Staff from the Trust's seven schools provided a massive 35,000 meals to families who would normally receive Free School Meals. The national school closures last spring and the

delay in the introduction of a Government food voucher scheme meant those families were facing severe difficulties.

With the help of its catering provider Aspens

and cleaning company Reef, staff from EMAT arranged for families to collect much-needed food parcels, and staff even delivered packages to those families who couldn't leave home.

The Trust has now received a Rose of Northamptonshire award from Northamptonshire County Council, which celebrates the contributions of unsung heroes during the Covid pandemic.

Joshua Coleman, Chief Executive of EMAT, said: "It was a sterling effort from our staff and our partners Aspens and Reef to deliver a massive 35,000 food parcels to our disadvantaged families during the first national lockdown.

"Many of those families rely on the Free School Meals their children receive in school and, with the prospect of schools being closed for months and no voucher scheme yet in place, it was a very worrying time for them.

"I am so impressed by the hard work of staff across our family of schools who went above and beyond, including making home deliveries, to ensure those families did not go without."

EMAT was honoured for its Rose of Northamptonshire award in a virtual presentation recently.



Joanne Crockford – Hardington Covid-19 Support Group

Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, James Saunders Watson, who led the virtual award presentation, said: "The 35,000 meals EMAT provided is a fantastic amount and will have kept those families going at a time when they would have felt most vulnerable, so many, many congratulations."

Another recipient of a Rose of Northamptonshire award was the Hardington Covid-19 Support Group, which established a food bank during the lockdown and provided food bags for families of Hardington Academy and Stimpson Avenue Academy.

The weekly operation, run from the village hall, provided each family with two carrier bags full of food and over 120 bags sent out each week.



The EMAT team distributed 35,000 meals during lockdown



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