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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Transfer of Household Waste Recycling Centre contract

Northamptonshire County Council has announced the transfer of its Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) contract to a new operator.

The local authority's recycling centres are currently operated by Amey, which has recently sold its HWRC contract to an established UK Waste Management organisation, Urbaser.

The county council is now working with Urbaser to ensure a smooth handover, which is not expected to affect operations at the sites. The transfer took place at the end of February 2021.

Northamptonshire has a network of nine recycling centres. The HWRCs are currently managed under a contract between the county council and Enterprise Managed Services (EMS), an organisation which was bought out by Amey in 2013. The contract commenced in 2010 and it is a 15-year contract.

On transition to unitary on 1st April 2021, the HWRC contract will be hosted by North Northamptonshire Council, serving the whole county until the contract's natural expiry in 2025.

## Nearly £200,000 awarded to community groups across Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire Community Foundation, the leading grant-making charity in the county, is delighted to continue to offer strategic support to vulnerable individuals and families on behalf of their generous donors and partners.

Last year, the charity launched the Coronavirus Response & Recovery Fund to benefit charities and community groups that offer vital support to vulnerable people affected by the coronavirus outbreak

With support from the National Emergencies Trust (NET), the fund aims to help such organisations in their ongoing steps to provide much needed essential support to the most vulnerable members of our community. The fund currently offers crisis response grants to support immediate community action as a result of the most recent lockdown and has made a series of longer-term, strategic response grants to several groups working in partnership to alleviate a range of issues presented by the public health crisis.

A total of £117,439 was awarded to

seven organisations across the county.

SOFEA, Support Northamptonshire, United African Association, Northampton Hope Centre, Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire, Home-Start Wellingborough and District and Serve Rushden each received a strategic response award through the Foundation.

- SOFEA – Received £20,000 to work in partnership with Community Larders across rural West Northamptonshire to deliver free food parcels to those in need.
- Support Northamptonshire – Received £16,030 to work with several BAME organisations to tackle food poverty, with a key focus on Northampton and Wellingborough.
- United African Association – Received £16,235 to support the African communities in Corby and

Kettering to tackle food poverty and to offer virtual workshops and counselling services for young people.

- Northampton Hope Centre – Received £20,000 to work alongside several food projects and food banks including Northampton Foodbank, Weston Favell Foodbank and Shine, to tackle food poverty across Northamptonshire.
- Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire – Received £15,444 to work with local resilience groups and Northampton Borough Council to support existing organisations and schemes with information and guidance and signposting individuals to appropriate voluntary, community and social enterprise groups.
- Home-Start Wellingborough and District – Received £14,023 to



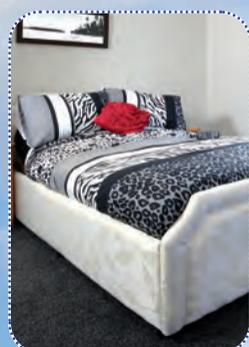
Serve Rushden

continue their support hub for families, working in partnership with Mind, Service Six and Relate.

- Serve Rushden – Received £15,707 to support vulnerable individuals and families as part of the community resilience hub in East Northamptonshire.

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## Nearly £200,000 awarded to community groups across Northamptonshire

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Jess Slater, of Serve Rushden, said: "Serve are delighted Northamptonshire Community Foundation awarded us funding from their strategic grants to support our community resilience project, which helps people with multiple needs. The funding has gone a long way to support those who are suffering financial hardship, mental health concerns, family concerns and many more needs have been addressed

as a result of this project." Through extended support from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), a further £79,499 has been awarded to continue their vital work in supporting local communities across Northamptonshire. Rachel McGrath, Deputy CEO and Grants Director of Northamptonshire Community Foundation, said: "During the pandemic, in addition to crisis response grants, we have also

deliberately awarded strategic funds to a number of groups working in partnership across Northamptonshire, using their expertise addressing health inequalities, poverty, wellbeing support and providing help to vulnerable people that also tackles some of the underlying issues and promotes collaboration. Thank you to our generous donors and partners who have supported this crucial philanthropic response to the public health crisis."

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

I mentioned Non-Conformist records last time, and was referring to England and Wales, but what about parish registers in other parts of the British Isles? Take Ireland, for example.

Although the Church of Ireland was declared to be the official church in 1536, the registration of births, marriages and deaths did not become a requirement until 1617. However, this edict still went widely ignored until 1634 when copies were required to be sent to the bishop of each diocese. The entries were very mixed up – baptisms being intermingled with marriages and burials – until an agreed format was introduced in 1807. By 1820, formal registers had been introduced so that the required information for each parish was the same.

In 1875, an Act was passed stating that these were 'public records' and therefore had to be deposited at the Public Records Office in Dublin. This also applied to the copies that had been sent to the bishops. However, on 21st June 1922,

during the Irish Civil War, the Public Records Office was destroyed by fire following an explosion. Many records were destroyed. But those that survived have been – or are in the process of being – digitised and so saved for posterity.

Irish Genealogy, a website that is sponsored by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, has some records and is adding to them all the time: <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>

Although those in the towns and cities started earlier, Catholic records in the countryside areas were not really kept until the 1820s. These can be found at the church to which they relate. If you know the parish to which your ancestor belonged, it is always worth contacting the church office or parish priest. Another extremely helpful website to check is <https://registers.nli.ie/> This is the Catholic Parish Registers at the National Library of Ireland

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WORDS BY  
ROY BURRELL

Whether we enjoy the sounds and sights of our countryside, or think that time spent out in the open is just wasted depends on lots of causes – some of which we occasionally mention in this column (and others of which may come up if nothing else is ready for mention!). But most of us enjoy discovering the unusual when we encounter new sounds or sights and our curiosity is aroused.

That is a feeling shared with some of the animal life along the valley of the River Nene (and almost certainly the same applies to the plants, though it is not as easy to satisfy our nosiness in a 'jungle' of grasses!). One mammal gradually becoming more plentiful, though it takes many years to see the results, is one of our small number of wild carnivores – the otter. At one time this was fairly common



throughout Britain. but around the middle of last century the population came under pressure from two main sources – increasing use of harmful pesticides to boost agricultural production, and loss of habitat to provide breeding conditions for the otters' main food source: fish. This is our largest carnivore and although small mammals will be taken if the chance comes it much prefers fish.

Control of pesticides was tackled with laws governing the chemical compounds involved (they can be dangerous to humans as well) but keeping our rivers and lakes safe involves much wider control. The low numbers were a target for

conservationists and numbers are now climbing back again; however the news is less pleasant for fans of one of the country's leading outdoor activities – angling.

Whatever anyone's personal feelings may be about hunting sports, all species were once in some balance with each other. But our area shows what we can achieve – though not always easily, as the winter floods showed – but we do now have some chance of meeting Britain's largest meat-eater somewhere along the valley. It may be disappointing for many of us, though, to learn that most of their activity happens during the dark hours of night!

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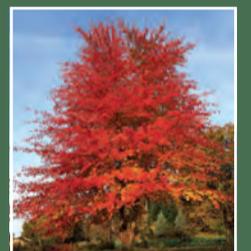
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## East Northants Council officer becomes a volunteer vaccinator

Emma Matthews, an officer at East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) has completed a St John Ambulance course to become a volunteer vaccinator and fight the pandemic, having worked closely with businesses over the past year who have been deeply impacted by coronavirus.

In her role as a Licensing Compliance Officer, Emma works closely with publicans and taxi drivers, as well as those operating licensed animal related businesses, all of whom have been severely affected financially and otherwise by the pandemic and with her sister working long hours for the NHS too, Emma wanted to do more to help those she has met in her professional life, as well as personally.

Emma said: "I have been a first aider since 2010 and wanted to use my skills in a positive way – I had to help my sister and her colleagues, as well as those businesses I have seen struggling. I studied hard to complete the online St John Ambulance and NHS training and then spent a day proving my knowledge, whilst learning how to administer the vaccine.

"Vaccination is the key which opens the door to me saying 'yes, your business can re-open' and is our way out of restrictions. It is the key to my sister and every other NHS and key worker being able to sit down and have a well-deserved rest."

CLr Steven North, Leader of East Northamptonshire Council, said: "Emma really is an inspiration to us all, everyone

at ENC has been working so hard for the past year to help residents and businesses through this tough time and Emma has gone one step further by volunteering to be a vaccinator. This really is a wonderful, selfless act which should be commended."

Once Emma's final screening checks have been completed by the St John Ambulance, she will be able to book her first shifts and starting vaccinating.



Emma Matthews

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer vaccinator, you can find out more at: <https://vaccinationvolunteers.sja.org.uk/>

## SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATED FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

More than 8,900 places have been allocated to pupils across Northamptonshire for the new school year.

The proportion of families securing a place at their first preference school has risen to 80.7% from 79% in 2020, while the number of families being offered a place at one of their preferred schools is 95.7%.

Families who applied for their secondary school place online and within the deadline are able to check their offer on the council's website at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions).

CLr Fiona Baker, County Council Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Families and Education, said: "I'm pleased that this year we have been able to offer more families (80.7%) a place at their first choice preferred schools and almost



96%, that's more than 8,500 children, have received a place at one of their three preferred schools.

"Our growing county means that we are continually faced with the challenge of providing more school places in the future and we will continue to work with our partners to make this happen."

Any parent has the right

to appeal (through the independent appeals process) against refusal of a place at any school for which they have applied.

The next round of secondary school place allocations (for late applicants) will take place in April. Primary school allocations for September 2021 will be announced on 16th April 2021.

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# Robot delivery service expanding in Northampton

*A grocery delivery service that launched in Northampton last November – whereby robots arrive at doorsteps with milk, eggs and other essentials – is now expanding to cover Barry Road and Upton and over 20,000 further homes and businesses.*

Starship Technologies, the world's leading provider of autonomous delivery services, has announced that it will be extending its services, in partnership with the Co-op, to cover Barry Road and Upton.

Customers who live within a three-mile radius of the local convenience stores in the relevant areas of Northampton will be able to order groceries to be delivered by a robot within an hour. The robots use a combination of sensors, artificial intelligence and machine learning to travel on pavements and navigate around any obstacles.

Computer vision-based navigation helps the robots to map their environment to the nearest inch as customers can watch in real-time on an app

while the robot makes its journey to them. Once the robot arrives, customers receive an alert and can then meet and unlock the robot through the app.

Councillor Jason Smithers, Cabinet Member for Highways and Place at Northamptonshire County Council, said: "Starship's robots have been incredibly successful and well-received in the Wootton area, and so we're pleased to confirm they will be expanding into other areas of Northampton. During the current lockdown especially, the robots are providing an essential service for those who might not be able to get to the local shop for their basic provisions.

"We're happy that more residents in Northampton can now have access to this world

leading on-demand delivery service and we're excited about further expansion. I am also delighted that, alongside working with a long established brand like the Co-op, Starship are keen to enable local nearby independent shops and restaurants to use the service."

Andrew Curtis, Head of UK Operations at Starship Technologies, added: "We are thrilled to expand our service in Northamptonshire and bring robot delivery to residents in and around Barry Road and Upton.

"We have been delighted by the overwhelmingly positive response we've seen from local residents in Wootton where we're already operating, and we look forward to working with the County Council to roll out the

service to more neighbourhoods around Northamptonshire."

Chris Conway, Head of eCommerce, Co-op, said: "We continue to look for new ways to innovate and expand access to our products and services in order to deliver a truly compelling offer locally.

The robots have proved to be popular in Northampton, and by offering the home delivery service from our Barry Road store we can further increase availability and choice to meet community shopping needs – delivering quality and value quickly, easily, safely and conveniently is core to Co-op's approach."

Northampton is the second UK town where the delivery service has launched following the introduction of the robots

in Milton Keynes in April 2018, where delivery numbers have soared during the pandemic. In January 2021, Starship reached the significant milestone of completing one million autonomous deliveries, the first autonomous delivery company in the world to do so.

To order a robot delivery from the Co-ops in the relevant area, download the 'Starship – Food Delivery' app on Android and iOS.

## LOCAL RESIDENTS RECOGNISED WITH ROSE OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AWARD

Many people across the county have been awarded with the Rose of Northamptonshire to recognise their outstanding contribution to the county's response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Lord-Lieutenant and the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, facilitated by Northamptonshire County Council have virtually presented 126 awards so far and there are many more presentations to be made as nominations continue to come in for the hundreds of unsung heroes in our towns, villages and communities.

From giving up time to volunteer to run essential errands for people who are having to isolate, performing selfless acts of kindness to put a smile on people's faces, to making PPE and supporting those who are feeling lonely, the variety of reasons for people being put forward for this prestigious award are huge and demonstrate that community spirit is very much alive in Northamptonshire.

In response to the recent flooding crisis over the Christmas period, where some people were forced to leave their homes, the volunteers who gave up their time to support emergency planning teams and affected residents are now also being put forward to receive the Rose of Northamptonshire award.

Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, James Saunders Watson Esq said: "We already know that Northamptonshire is a resilient county, and the stories we are receiving daily demonstrate this clearly. I am thrilled we are able to highlight the selfless individuals and groups who put the needs of others before themselves with this award, and that we are able to extend the award out to those who came forward to help at what was a very challenging time when the floods hit areas of the county at Christmas. I cannot thank them enough for their care and clear compassion and determination to supporting others."

High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, Paul Parsons said: "We launched the Rose of Northamptonshire awards because we felt the very many unsung heroes across Northamptonshire who had done so much to help others throughout the pandemic should be recognised, and we were keen to engage the public in the nomination process.

"During the course of the award presentations we have heard very many life-affirming stories. There have also been a number of very positive common themes running across so many of them. These include new

ways of cooperation and working together between organisations, individuals and charities have developed; innovation – finding ways to do things differently and at very short notice; and a desire and intention to build back better and stronger. I am extremely grateful to everyone who has been awarded a Rose of Northamptonshire award for all they have done and continue to do."

Leader of Northamptonshire County Council, Councillor Matt Golby said: "We have been overwhelmed with the number of nominations that have been sent in from local residents for the awards. They all tell a heart-warming story of the wonderful work that is happening day in, day out to help others. I am thankful to them all, and proud to recognise them with the Rose of Northamptonshire award."

Residents and those working across the county are now hearing the news they have been nominated and have been chosen to receive the award with a congratulatory letter and certificate being sent to them together with an invitation to join a virtual presentation led by the Lord-Lieutenant and High Sheriff to talk about their stories in more detail.

People can be nominated for a Rose of Northamptonshire award at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/roseoftheshires](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/roseoftheshires)

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**Notice is given that the following applications have been received:**

**> EASTON-ON-THE-HILL NE/21/00214/FUL (30 March 2021) (CONSID)** Removal of rear conservatory; Proposed rear single storey extension; Replacement door and windows to front elevation. 33 West Street Easton On The Hill Applicant: Ms K McGilvray

**> HARRINGWORTH NE/21/00179/LBC (30 March 2021) (LSTSIT)** Install a mini satellite dish (53cm diameter) to the rear elevation of the property. Tallat Barn Wakerley Road Harringworth Applicant: Mr Gavin Gordon

**> EASTON-ON-THE-HILL NE/21/00201/FUL and NE/21/00202/LBC (30 March 2021) (CA)(LB)** To raise height of rear garden boundary wall from 1.5m to 2.3m between 23 Church Street and 21 Church Street. 23 Church Street Easton On The Hill Applicant: Freddie Guinness

**> HARRINGWORTH NE/21/00239/FUL (30 March 2021) (CA)** Demolition of existing double garage and erection of new double garage with annexe and en suite above; Widening of driveway; Single storey side extension with landscape improvements. 35 Gretton Road Harringworth Applicant: Mr & Mrs Simon Sharp

**> BRIGSTOCK 20/01670/FUL (30 March 2021) (CA)** Two storey rear

extension. 11 Bridge Street Brigstock Applicant: Mr And Mrs Simpson

**> LOWICK AND SLIPTON 20/01690/LBC and 20/01689/FUL (30 March 2021) (LB)(CA)** To erect a lean to constructed from a metal frame with corrugated iron roof to create two covered areas; and to erect a poly tunnel to the rear of the site. The Snooty Fox Main Street Lowick Applicant: Mr R Gordon

**> THRAPSTON NE/21/00080/LBC (30 March 2021) (LB)** Re-furbish main front roof and three dormers. 17 Huntingdon Road Thrapston Applicant: Mr Nigel Pearson

**> BENEFIELD NE/21/00185/FUL (30 March 2021) (CA)** Extension to existing pig building to create a roofed manure storage area on an existing concreted farm yard area. Hill Farm Glaphorn Road Upper Benefield Applicant: Mr Jason Cutmore

**> RUSHDEN NE/21/00193/FUL (30 March 2021) (CA)** Change of use from office/shop to 4 bedroom HMO. 37 Church Street Rushden Applicant: Mr R Singleton

**> LOWICK AND SLIPTON NE/21/00205/LBC (30 March 2021) (LB)** Internal and external alterations (as per the Design and Access statement) to allow for

the reinstatement of 2 dwelling cottages destroyed by fire as single dwelling; Single storey rear extension. 1-2 Sudborough Road Slipton Applicant: T Janson-Caddel And M Jamieson

**> KINGS CLIFFE NE/21/00229/FUL (30 March 2021) (CA)** Proposed replacement windows and doors. Crown House Hall Yard Kings Cliffe Applicant: Mr And Mrs Pearman

**> IRTHLINGBOROUGH NE/21/00224/FUL (30 March 2021) (CA)** Proposed first floor rear extension and associated internal and external alterations, including partial change of use of ground floor, to allow for the creation of 3 No. residential apartments (net increase of 2 No. apartments). 48 High Street Irthlingborough Applicant: Ms D Mabbutt

**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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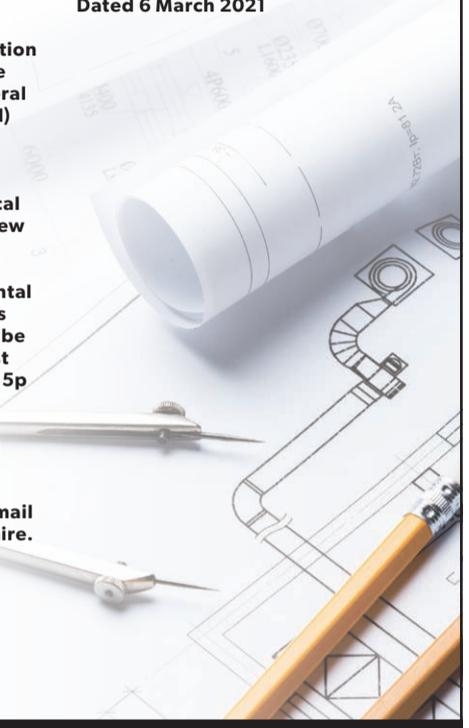
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**Paul Bland, Head Of Planning Services Dated 6 March 2021**



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## From the CHAIRMAN

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

Preparations are now underway for the final East Northants Council meeting on 22nd March, which will be held virtually as per the Government's guidance. You're welcome to watch the meeting with details available on our website before the meeting – [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/meetings)

Since its inception 47 years ago, ENC has played a huge part in the lives of local communities and we would have liked to have given it the send-off it deserves. However, due to Covid restrictions, we will be marking the moment in different ways concluding with our final council meeting.

I would like to congratulate all the staff, officers and members for their resolve in embracing the world of technology. It hasn't been easy for a lot of us councillors, as you can imagine, but each and everyone of us have attended the meetings virtually

and got the job done.

Whilst we were unable to hold an official opening (again due to Covid), the East Northants Enterprise Centre in Raunds opened to its first occupants in June last year and continues to go from strength to strength providing high-quality offices and workshops for local businesses. This fantastic building provides job and business opportunities for the people of East Northants and will be an asset for the area as we move into the new North Northants Council by encouraging local business to stay local and by bringing new businesses in.

The economic development team and revenues team also continue to provide support to those businesses struggling due to the pandemic and encourage anyone in need of business help to get in touch. Our Recovery Through Enterprise initiative has already helped many local businesses and is here to help more, so please visit the website [recoverythroughenterprise.co.uk](http://recoverythroughenterprise.co.uk) for details of all the help available.

My next column will be my final one as Chairman of ENC as soon



**Cllr Helen Howell**

after that we enter the pre-election period. The elections to be held on 6th May are for the new North (and West) Northamptonshire Council, for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and for the town and parish councils. There will be lots of information coming out soon about each election, ways that you can vote and what we're doing to ensure safety at polling stations so please keep an eye out on our website, on social media and in the local press for details.

For now, please make sure that you are registered to vote by visiting [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) – it takes 5 minutes so you can do it whilst your tea is brewing.

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# Celebrating women in construction this International Women's Day

Ahead of this year's International Women's Day on Monday 8th March, Northamptonshire County Council is celebrating the inspirational female students who have taken part in its free training in construction skills.

The training programme, which has funding in place from the Department for Education (DfE) to deliver courses until the end of March, has seen women complete the courses, demonstrating that despite construction being a male-dominated industry and the stigma around women working in construction roles, careers in this sector are gender equal and women can bring a strong skill set to the variety of jobs available.

With the theme of 'Choose to Challenge' for this year's worldwide event, female construction training learners are doing just that and proving they are strong and hard-working and capable of

working in construction roles regardless of their gender.

Councillor Jason Smithers, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Place said: "We are seeing many more women taking up roles in the construction industry which is great to see, and events such as International Women's Day are a brilliant and important way to highlight this and celebrate achievements.

"Construction is a very empowering industry to be in, and women aren't any less capable than men of working in the job roles available. There is something suitable for every person, and every skill set regardless of whether you are male or female.

"I'm pleased to see women

graduating from the training programme as well as men, and look forward to hearing how they are getting on, as I know they all have an exciting future ahead of them."

Priyanka Das from Kettering has previously graduated from the Bangladesh University of Engineering Technology with a civil engineering qualification. Priyanka moved to the UK in 2017 where she has continued her studies and has recently completed the Northamptonshire Construction Skills Training Programme.

Priyanka said: "I wanted to build on my qualifications and gain essential construction skills and my CSCS card to help move my career along

where I hope to secure a job in civil engineering, so when I saw the courses advertised I signed up straight away.

"I wasn't nervous about doing the training even though I knew it would be male dominated; gender shouldn't be the deciding factor on pursuing a goal to work in the construction industry. I

saw it as a great opportunity and I was excited to join so I could build the skills I need for my career in the sector.

"Construction is a dynamic industry with lots of opportunities, and teams within it are diverse, more so now than ever. Women can bring many skills including empathy, problem solving, organisation and communication which I believe can improve the quality of work, and we are great at boosting team spirit.

"The training has been

brilliant and an excellent chance to take the first step to building your construction career, your gender shouldn't stop you! I'm looking forward to seeing where it will take me."

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.

To find out more visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/constructionhub](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/constructionhub)  
To find out more about this year's International Women's Day event visit <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/>

## Musical Director runs for Prostate Cancer UK

Northampton Male Voice Choir's MD, Stephen Bell, is preparing to run the London Marathon to help the choir achieve its target of raising over £20,000 this year for Prostate Cancer UK.

Stephen has been Musical Director of Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) for the last 10 years and is preparing to run the race

of his life when, at the age of 58, he runs the London Marathon on 3rd October 2021 to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK as part of the choir's overall fundraising efforts for this charity.

Stephen started running again in March 2020 when lockdown 1 struck and hasn't stopped. "My first run was on a running machine and it was simply shocking" says Stephen. "I knew it would be a long hard road to get to a place where I could enter the London Marathon but I've persevered and I'm in a great place."

Northampton Male Voice Choir has recently launched a new, 10-week "Zero to Choir Hero" campaign inviting Northamptonshire men to enrol in a programme to learn to sing and join NMVC for a major concert later this summer in aid of Prostate Cancer UK – a kickstart to the choir's concert plans after Covid-19.

Anyone wishing to help NMVC achieve its fundraising target is invited to donate via Stephen's Just Giving Prostate Cancer UK page by visiting: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephenbell-nmvc](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephenbell-nmvc)  
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Stephen Bell

## Nene Valley News - EVENTS

### Whitefriars Church, Rushden 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 10th and 17th March. The Zoom link is available from Andrew Presland at [andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com)

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 3 on 10th March with Ed Shaw of Bristol (relationships) and Week 4 on 17th March with Rev Phil Nightingale of Rushden (sex). Details, including booking information, are available at <https://www.pdf.co.uk/events>

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.

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**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 have made 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 6th day of March 2021  
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,  
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**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT)**  
**(WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND**  
**ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION)**  
**ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT No. 20) ORDER 2021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Northamptonshire County Council intends to make an Order under Sections 1 to 5, 32, 35 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (East Northamptonshire District) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009" as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected on the County Council's website at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) and may also 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.

**OBJECTIONS** to the proposed Orders, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Northamptonshire Highways, Highways Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or by email; [parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk](mailto:parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk) by 24th March 2021.

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**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 have made an order the effect of which is 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.

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# MOULTON COLLEGE MAKES MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY

Staff and students at Moulton College have been working through 'Bloom', a resilience building programme

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perspective on resilience.

Alison Creasey, Student Support Manager at the College said: "Resilience is not necessarily something we think of when we talk about mental health, but it's a skill we all use every day. Whether we're working through friendship tensions, dealing with exam stress or simply just facing a new day of home working and learning, resilience is important.

"Life is constantly changing, so it's essential we strengthen this skill to ensure we can cope with whatever life throws our way."

'Bloom' is providing young people aged 14-18 in schools and colleges across the UK with the tools to manage their own mental health. Since September 2019, the programme has trained over 100 teachers and thousands of young people in building



resilience, positively affecting staff and student mental health across the country.

Whilst Moulton College already works closely with specialist organisations to provide 24/7 mental health support, this programme is specifically training students to develop their own techniques

to combat mental struggles.

Alison added: "It's important that our students have the tools they need to successfully navigate life's transitions both now and in the future. Whilst we as a college will provide all

the support we can in this area, the challenge for our students will be managing their mental health for themselves once they graduate. Our students need to develop these skills to help prepare them for adult life."

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