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NEWS IN BRIEF

**Vaccine clinics
for young people
aged 16-17 open**

Preparations have been made to extend the local vaccine offer more widely to people aged 16 and 17.

Those who are unable to attend the dedicated drop-in clinics can expect to be contacted by the NHS soon with details of how to book.

Anna Dorothy, Deputy Director of the Northamptonshire Covid-19 Vaccination Programme, said: "Drop-in vaccination sessions are continuing to prove popular with people who want the convenience of finding a vaccine site near them without having to spend time booking an appointment."

Full details of upcoming clinics can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/covidvaccine.

Check availability and eligibility before visiting and take along your NHS number, which you can easily find online at nhs.uk/nhs-services/online-services/find-nhs-number/

Anyone aged 18 and over who is unable to attend a drop-in clinic can still book an appointment at existing local vaccination sites, either online, by calling 119 or by contacting their GP practice.

Rushden Academy students celebrate A Level and BTEC success 2021

Students at Rushden Academy are celebrating their outstanding achievements in their A Level and BTEC subjects. The Ferrers School, Huxlow and Rushden work together as The East Northants College (TENC) for Post 16 Studies and have an excellent tradition of success.

The majority of students will now be taking their next steps to university in September following remarkable results in a range of subjects.

High achievers at Rushden Academy this year include:

- Dominic, who was delighted to achieve an A in History, A* in Mathematics, an A in Further Mathematics, and an A* in Photography. He plans to study Photography at De Montford University, Leicester following a gap year.
- N'Dea, who achieved an A in Biology, an A in Mathematics,

an A in Photography and A* in EPQ. She has accepted an apprenticeship in Food Science at Unilever.

- Tom, who achieved four Bs in English Language and Literature, History, Sociology and EPQ. He is going to read History at Bangor University.
- Leah, who achieved an A* in Photography, and a double Distinction Star in Health and Social Care. She is going to continue her studies in Social Care at Worcester University.
- Paige, who is going on to study Law at York University

with her impressive grades of A in English Language, A* in Law, A in Psychology and A in EPQ.

- Tom, who achieved a B in Art, A in Photography and C in Psychology and is going to York to study Photography.
- Megan, who achieved an amazing A* in Biology, A* in Maths and A in Chemistry and is taking a gap year before applying for a midwifery course next year.

This year following the cancellation of exams, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, students' grades were awarded through a process of Teacher Assessed Grades, against a national standard and approved and awarded by the exam boards.

The Government is not publishing performance data for any schools or colleges this year due to the varying impact of the pandemic.

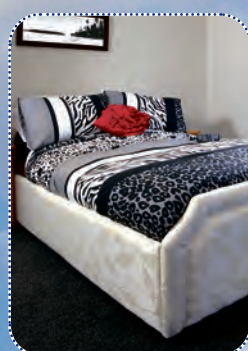


Jane Burton, Principal of Rushden Academy said: "The last two years have been incredibly challenging for all students and staff alike, but against all adversity students have worked incredibly hard to achieve well deserved, excellent results. This has

enabled our students to transition onto their chosen destinations which deserves a huge congratulations. We are very proud of all that they have achieved over the last two years and wish all of our students every success as they take their next steps."

If you wish to enquire about current vacancies within the sixth form at Rushden Academy, please contact Mrs A Owen, Director of KS5, on 01933 350391.

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WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

Our most important wildlife concern must be looking after our native animals and plants, but there will always be a little thrill, or at least a glow of satisfaction, for those working to protect those species of animals or plants in danger of disappearing altogether.

It gives a sense of achievement, too, to those workers who then see practical results, such as the reintroduction of beavers into a few (secret) areas of woodland, or the successful growth in the numbers of red kite after they became virtually extinct but are now seen flying over our streets as they did centuries ago.

Another report in recent weeks was the nesting of a member of the crow family – the chough. Unfortunately we are most unlikely to find this bird species around our local countryside, but there are extra projects in place in favoured (and protected) coastal places, as once featured on a TV episode of 'Doc Martin' which showed how easily the results of years of work can be destroyed.

The chough, like most of its cousins like the carrion crow, is not just a large black bird which loves the wilder spots; its bright orange legs help birdwatchers. The slightly smaller jackdaw adds its own contribution to the help-the-human choir with its call (Jack! Jack!) to the general mayhem.

The variety of noises from various members of this family makes us aware of their presence, particularly in the summer months; their calls, never quiet at the best of times, seem even louder in the absence of other traffic before the rest of the world has engaged first gear for the day ahead.

Some will, understandably, not be found unless the conditions are right for them, but the theme colour is black, following the saying "One rook is a crow, more than one are rooks".

Hopefully the demands of family life will soon be over for our local crow, which developed an annoyingly harsh edge to its 'caw' but monotonously calling just four or five times in each phrase. It is surprising how boring that can be at five o'clock in the morning!

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Following on from last time, when I mentioned criminal ancestors, I was watching a television programme recently about Victorian Britain with Michael Buerk. This particular episode concentrated on Law and Order and showed the introduction of photographs being used to identify perpetrators, as well as the discovery of fingerprints.

There was a visit to the Birmingham Police Archives, where the oldest surviving prisoner photographs are kept. By the 1870s it was made law that all Police Forces had to take photographs of people in custody, which is when the first ledger of the Birmingham Police collection starts. Although the early photographs were taken in a nearby photographic studio, it eventually became the norm for them to be taken when the criminal was admitted to the prison. If you have discovered any criminals amongst your ancestors, it is certainly worth contacting the local Archives to see if they – or the local Police Archives – have such photographs.

I do like watching these types of programmes as they provide an insight into the social history of the day. It is all very well seeing how far back you can trace your family's history, but after a while there is a danger of the people becoming just a list of names and dates. What happened that might have tipped your ancestor over into criminal activities? There is a book called 'Reuben's Corner' by Spike Mays in which the author tells of their diet of stale bread (a farthing cheaper than fresh bread), skimmed milk and potatoes. His father had gone to Canada to see if he could prepare a better future for them. Money was initially sent home but this gradually stopped and so those left behind had no income. Spike resorted to stealing turnips from a farmer's field so they didn't starve. This was as recent as 1911 and certainly shows how one part of my family lived.

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Fri 27 Clacton Airshow
Mon 30 Weston Super Mare
Mon 30 Skegness

SEPTEMBER

Wed 1 Kensington Palace & Knightsbridge
Sun 5 Skegness
Tue 7 Springfields or Spalding
Thu 9 Kew Palace & Gardens
Sat 11 Ludlow or Ludlow Food Festival
Mon 13 James Herriot Museum
Wed 15 Sheringham & the NNRW
Thu 16 Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
Fri 17 Southwold
Sat 18 Scarborough
Tue 21 Moreton & Bourton
Thu 23 Manchester Open Top Bus
Thu 23 Manchester
Fri 24 Stratford
Sat 24 Stratford Gin & Cruise
Sat 25 Bakewell Farmers Market
Sun 26 Malvern Autumn Show
Tue 28 Royal Airforce Museum - Hendon
Wed 29 Derbyshire Lunch, Cruise & Ashbourne
Thu 30 Cotswold Tour - New route

OCTOBER

Sat 2 Bletchley Park Code Breakers
Sat 2 Milton Keynes shopping
Wed 6 Shrewsbury Cruise & British Iron Works
Sat 9 Knitting & Stitching Show
Sun 10 Skegness
Tue 12 Cambridge
Sat 16 Blackpool Illuminations
Sat 23 Westonbirt Colours of Autumn
Tue 26 Dinosaur Adventure Park
Thu 28 Black Country Museum or Dudley Zoo
Fri 29 London Museums or Free Time
Fri 29 London Transport Museum

NOVEMBER

Sat 6 Silverstone Experience
Sun 14 Nottingham Christmas Market
Wed 17 Pretty Woman the musical
Fri 19 Chatsworth at Christmas
Sat 20 Birmingham Christmas Market
Sat 20 Harrogate Christmas Market
Sun 21 Festive Gift Fair
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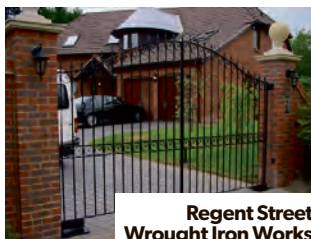
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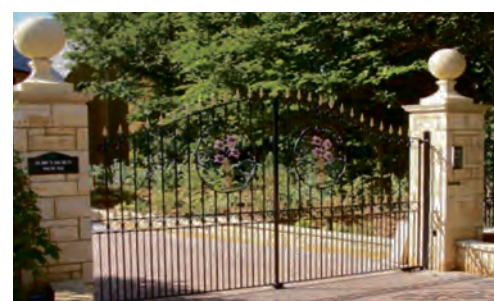
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21st August
Newton Bromswold Village Fete
Church Lane, Newton Bromswold 2pm

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22nd August
Discussion Church
Whitefriars Church, Rushden 10.30am

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28th August
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29th August,
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28th-30th August
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17th September
Rushden & District History Society
Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX, 7.30pm

Members £1.50, non-members £2.50. Steve Dimmer: "Walt Disney – struggles of a legend". Tel 01933 358218 for more information.

18th September, from 8am
Raunds Town Garage Sale
Locations throughout Raunds

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- The Tremes (all former members of The Tremeloes) – Starting out as an English beat group founded in Dagenham Essex in 1958, they were originally called Brian Poole and The Tremeloes. Hits include 'Even The Bad Times Are Good', 'Do You Love Me', 'Call Me Number One' and 'Silence Is Golden'.
- Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich. Originally called Dave Dee and The Bostons, formed in 1961. They changed their name to Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich in 1964. In 1966 the band were in the charts for 50 weeks out of 52. In Germany alone in 1967, record sales outsold The Rolling Stones and The Beatles. Hits include 'Bend It', 'Zabadak' and 'The Legend Of Xanadu' plus many more.
- The Fortunes – Hailing



Mike Pender MBE

Dozy, Beaky, Mick & Tich

from Birmingham, England, the band first came to prominence in 1964 with their hit single 'Caroline', which was used as the signature tune for the influential pirate radio station of the same name. Other classics include 'Storm In A Teacup', 'You've Got Your Troubles' and 'Freedom Come Freedom Go'.

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NMVC LITE opens Deco show

On Saturday 24th July NMVC LITE opened the live evening show of 'One Voice – The Concert' at Northampton's Deco Theatre with all profits from the event going to The Northamptonshire Community Foundation Coronavirus Response and Recovery Fund.

Conducted by NMVC's Musical Director, Stephen Bell and accompanied on piano by Andy Poole, NMVC LITE sang Andy's arrangements of three memorable songs from West Side Story, and the 60s hit ballad 'A Portrait Of My Love' followed by a rousing performance of 'The Wellerman' sea shanty with some very enthusiastic audience participation.

NMVC LITE will next be performing on Saturday 28th August, when they appear as guests in a 'Night at The Proms' event presented by Joshua Daniel, "The Tenor", in the United Reform Church, Union Street, Desborough at 7pm.

The NMVC LITE group will also be singing at



the full NMVC 'Last Night of the Proms' concert on 25th September at Spinney Hill Theatre, Northampton, together with the GUS Band and soprano Emily Haig.

NMVC website: <https://www.nmvc.co.uk>
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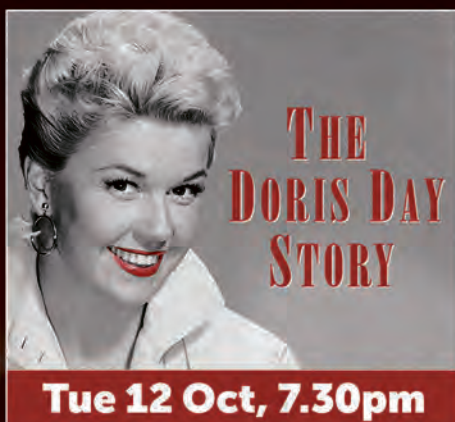
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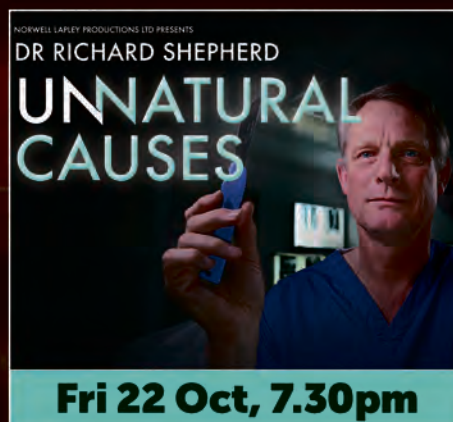
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Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Notice is given that the following applications have been received by North Northamptonshire Council – Thrapston Office together with the last date for making representations:

> RUSHDEN

Hybrid planning application comprising: A. A full application for the delivery of access and on-site spine roads, associated access junction arrangements onto the A6 and drainage infrastructure; and B. An outline application with all matters reserved aside from access for a phased development of up to 500 homes, employment development of around 5,700m², public open space and associated infrastructure at Knights Farm 223 Newton Road Rushden NN10 0SX (Info) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01124/OUT (14 September 2021)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Proposed development of 4 detached dwelling houses with gardens, parking and access road on land off Orchard Way at Land Adjacent Orchard Way Orchard Way Easton On The Hill (Info)

(LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01185/FUL (14 September 2021)
NE/21/01185/FUL (14 September 2021)

> TWYWELL

Lowering of kerb outside the property, removal of hedge to create access for a driveway at 4 Gordon Terrace High Street Twywell NN14 3AH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01107/FUL (14 September 2021)

> TITCHMARSH

Installation of integrated solar panels to roof on south elevation of property at 15 Chapel Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DA (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01189/FUL (14 September 2021)

> BRIGSTOCK

Installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Point for a car. This would be mounted on the back of the fence/gate post (not attached to the house or visible from the front of the property). Minimal cable run - As electric box is at same rear corner of the house and cable would run down at floor level. At 25 Benefield Road Brigstock NN14 3ES (Info) (LB/

CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (NE/21/01147/FUL and NE/21/01148/LBC (14 September 2021)

> RUSHDEN

Construction of 8no 1 bedroom apartments and 2no 3 bedroom townhouses at 28 Moor Road Rushden NN10 9SP (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01081/FUL (14 September 2021)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Single storey rear extension and loft conversion at 70A Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01142/FUL (14 September 2021)

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part16 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.

LB/CA - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act 1990.

LBRegs - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990.

Rob Harbour, Assistant Director Growth & Regeneration

Dated 21 August 2021

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COUNCIL LEADER OFFERS CONGRATULATIONS TO CORBY'S WORLD-BEATING BMX DUO

North Northamptonshire Council Leader Cllr Jason Smithers has spoken of his delight at the Olympic success for Corby's two freestyle BMX riders.

Charlotte Worthington landed herself a Gold medal at the Games, recently held in Tokyo, while GB team mate Declan Brooks took the Bronze in his event.

Both of them train at Corby's Adrenaline Alley, which was used as the official training centre for Team GB's BMX Freestyle squad in the run-up to the Tokyo Games.

Cllr Smithers said: "I'm absolutely delighted for these two very talented BMX-riders – and their world-beating performances.

"I'm planning to meet up with them to offer my congratulations as soon as is possible and plans are currently being put in place for a town celebration.

"The amount of effort and training that goes into being the best in the world must be absolutely immense and they deserve all the glory that goes with being at the top of their sport.

"It's wonderful that they have trained at Corby's Adrenaline Alley and I'd like to congratulate the team there too for offering a wonderful facility here in North Northants.

"Performances such as this are not only important for those involved but they act as an inspiration for others.

"For some this might be about achieving excellence while for others it might be about finding something they love to do and that brings a positive impact to their lives."



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REPAIR WORKS COMPLETED AT THRAPSTON'S NINE ARCHES BRIDGE

All works at the Nine Arches Bridge in Thrapston have now been completed with the road fully reopened to traffic.

Work started on strengthening and repair works in February, initially under a full road closure.

Northamptonshire Highways were able to keep the road open for much of the duration of the scheme. For the last few weekends the road was closed for resurfacing over the bridge.

Cllr Graham Lawman, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "I am sure you will join me in congratulating our expert team who have worked in some extreme weather conditions, much of the time from a pontoon under the bridge, for completing this scheme on

programme.

"We realise how important this bridge is to the community and are delighted the road is fully reopened, traffic lights functioning and all traffic management removed."

Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, Cllr Jason Smithers, said: "These works were essential to keep the bridge safe and I'm delighted that they have now been completed.

"The bridge is a valuable heritage asset, which everyone in the local area will be familiar with, so it's important that we carried out the works while maintaining its historic integrity."

Higham's haven

A once-muddy mess that has been transformed into a spectacular garden has been hailed a "Higham haven" by the town's Mayor, Councillor Tina Reavey.

Cllr Reavey was speaking after officially opening the Duchy Barn Garden in Higham Ferrers, which was followed by a fundraising summer music festival – the first Higham Ferrers Tourism Committee-hosted event this year since lockdown.

Higham Ferrers vicar, Rev Michelle Dalliston, also heaped praise on the garden, telling the 100-plus guests at the weekend function that the transformation had been "miraculous".

Volunteers spent a total of 798 hours working on the garden.

The Duchy Barn Garden is alongside the 15th-century Chichele College and the four barns at the site are used by local community organisations, including Higham Ferrers Tourism.

But one month after the entrance was cleared of brambles and ivy, a legacy of mud was left on the route to the barns. It was a challenging time for the Tourism Committee as members were preparing for the annual Christmas Sparkle and had to keep wading backwards and forwards through the mud.

That was when Committee member Carol Fitzgerald, who project manages Chichele College, saw

the potential of the site, envisaging that it could be turned into a hard and clean pathway with the addition of a community garden.

Expert garden designer Jill Stewart helped draw up the plans, which evolved over time as excavations revealed various interesting finds and funding came in.

The Tourism Committee allocated funds and grants came from the Duchy of Lancaster's Covid Benevolent Fund, Nenescape, the Mayor's Charity, Higham Charter Book Profits Fund, individual donors as well as the Co-op, which also sent a team to dig and plant vegetable and flower borders.

The Nenescape grant as well as an additional grant from the Duchy of Lancaster enabled a wheelchair-friendly vegetable bed to go in as well as a pathway to be built from the entrance, around a donated apple tree and a tree seat, which was also donated.

The Gateway Club, a social and leisure charity for adults with learning disabilities and run by volunteers, which plans to hold weekly meetings at the Duchy Barn Garden, received a Lottery grant to combat loneliness during Covid, and that was

used to buy seating, tables, a birdbath and an arch.

"The Fab 4" – Olwen Mayes, Pat Barber, Angelika Meachen and Mary Garratt, all members of the Higham Ferrers Archaeological and Research Society (HiFARS) – spent hundreds of hours excavating, scraping away tons of soil to reveal cobbles.

And Higham Ferrers historian Brenda Lofthouse, spent 41.5 hours scraping ivy off six large stone walls, using a pair of secateurs and a piece of broken fork.

"You really had to get behind the ivy to get it out," she recalled.

Archaeologist Steve Morris, a member of HiFARS, was the archaeological adviser on the project, while professional landscape gardener Shane Hill was the appointed contractor.

While Carol Fitzgerald told the opening gathering it was impossible to name everyone who had helped, she thanked them for their time, money, gifts and skills, adding that the funds raised from three weekend music events would go to finishing off the garden.

"This has been a wonderful community effort. It's spectacular. The garden is going to give us a sense of wellbeing for many years to come," she said.



Joy as Higham's Duchy Barn Garden is opened



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YOUR HEALTH – WRIST PAIN

WORDS BY
CLAIRE SHORT

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Surgery for carpal tunnel is fairly common and certainly we've seen a lot of people get relief from the op, but it won't normally be recommended by a surgeon until you've tried a rehab approach first. From a mechanical perspective

this makes complete sense – if you can find the cause of the nerve being squished you might be able to stop it happening.

As always the underlying cause can be different for each person, which means the treatment and rehab for each person is different. The thing that is really important though is to look at how the rest of the body is moving – if you've got a shoulder problem that is making you type, read, knit, garden or weight-lift in a different way to normal, this will have an effect on your wrist.

Here are a few wrist tips

from our osteopaths, sports therapists and chartered physiotherapist:

- Stretch your wrists and forearm muscles
- Keep your shoulders mobile
- Don't sit doing one wrist movement for hours at a time – change what you're doing to give the muscles a break.

And you'll be pleased to hear that using that awful machine, the lawnmower, shouldn't upset your wrists! Unless it's broken, which it normally is!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 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 the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 20th February 2021 and which came into effect on 23rd February 2021 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 1st February 2022 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said byway is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for health and safety reasons during ongoing works.

Dated this 21st day of August 2021
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/ROW/414

To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter “Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders” in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Sarah Cureton on 01604 883400.

SCHEDULE

(Lengths of byway to be closed)

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.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: There is no suitable alternative route.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (WEST STREET, EASTON ON THE HILL)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of West Street, Easton on the Hill as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of West Street, Easton on the Hill from The Lane to outside number 14 West Street.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 31st August 2021 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 3rd September 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use The Lane, Church Street and High Street.

Dated this 21st day of August 2021
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/T21/284

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N147 on 01604 651072.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (CHURCH STREET, RUSHDEN)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Church Street, Rushden as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Street, Rushden from Alfred Street to High Street.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd August 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 one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Alfred Street, College Road, Duck Street, High Street, Station Approach, Rectory Road and Newton Road.

Dated this 21st day of August 2021
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/T21/297

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N157 on 01604 651072.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (SLIPTON LANE, SUDBOROUGH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Slipton Lane, Sudborough from Road to Mill to access to Sudborough Grange.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during structure repairs.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd August 2021 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 17th September 2021.

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

Dated this 21st day of August 2021
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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (BROOK STREET, RAUNDS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Brook Street, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Brook Street, Raunds from Hill Street to Shelmerdine Rise.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new water connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th August 2021 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted until 1st September 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Wellington Road, London Road, Brick Kiln Road, North Street and High Street.

Dated this 21st day of August 2021
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/T21/302

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N164 on 01604 651072.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (CRANFORD ROAD, GREAT ADDINGTON)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2021

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

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Cranford Road, Great Addington from right of way MA3 to Fallowfields.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of fire hydrant.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th September 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 Cranford Road, Thrapston Road, Woodford Road, Mill Road, High Street, Addington Road and Woodford Road.

Dated this 21st day of August 2021
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

PKG/T21/314

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N147 on 01604 651072.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 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 the above Order made by Northamptonshire County Council on 18th February 2021 and which came into effect on 22nd February 2021 has been extended until the works to which it relates have been completed or until midnight on 22nd February 2022 whichever is sooner by the Secretary of State for Transport. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath is unaffected.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for health and safety reasons during ongoing works.

Dated this 21st day of August 2021
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director LGSS Law Ltd

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To view the map for this Order please visit www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter “Temporary Traffic Regulations Orders” in the search box. If you require any further information please contact Caroline Haycock on 07864997629.

SCHEDULE

(Length of footway to be closed)

The existing route to be closed begins at point A at National Grid Reference (‘NGR’) TL0583 9329. The route extends generally north for approximately 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.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE:

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.

MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(EIA DEVELOPMENT)

NEWTON BROMSWOLD PARISH

The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (2017 No. 571)

Regulation 25: Further information and evidence respecting environmental statements

Notice is given that additional / updated information has been received by North Northamptonshire Council – Thrapston Office in relation to the following application:

Reference **18/01284/FUL**, for the construction and operation of a broiler rearing unit with six linked poultry buildings and ancillary structures comprising fifteen grain silos, three crumb feed silos, three feed blending houses, two water tanks with an associated pump house, two gas storage tanks, an electricity substation, switch room and standby generator with fuel tank, a weigh room, a welfare block, a cold store and incinerator, a boiler house and storage building, a security gatehouse and associated handstanding, with boundary fencing, landscape, planting and flood attenuation works and an upgrading of an existing vehicular access track extending to the south-west to an existing anaerobic digestion plant access road. (revised scheme to 17/01328/FUL) at Land North of Westwood AD Plant, Bedford Road, Rushden, Northamptonshire (received 25.06.2018). Applicant: Bedfordia Farms Ltd. Parish: Newton Bromswold

This application is accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

The information relating to this application is available to view on the Council's website (www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications). Copies of the Environmental Statement may be purchased from the Council (whilst stocks last) at a cost of £1.51 plus 15p per page. Please email PLANNING.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk. Comments may be submitted in writing to: North Northamptonshire Council (Thrapston Office), Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ, by emailing PLANNING.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk or via the website by **27th September 2021**.

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