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NEWS IN BRIEF

**Booster vaccines
key to avoid
waning Covid
immunity**

Eligible people in Northamptonshire are being warned not to miss out on their Covid-19 booster dose – as latest evidence shows the protection offered by two doses begins to wane over time.

New findings from the Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE) shows:

- For the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine – protection falls from 65% up to three months after a second dose to 45% six months after the second dose
 - For the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine – protection falls from 90% to 65%
 - Protection against hospitalisation falls from 95% to 75% for Oxford/AstraZeneca and 99% to 90% for Pfizer/BioNTech
- Those eligible for a booster dose include people aged over 50, those who are clinically vulnerable and unpaid carers. They will receive letters and text messages confirming their eligibility for a booster if their second dose of vaccine was administered at least six months ago. Those eligible can call 119, book online or visit a local drop-in clinic.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE TO HOST VIRTUAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Leading local thinkers on environmental strategy, renewable energy and sustainable transport will come together to take part in North Northamptonshire's very own virtual climate change conference, NNClimate21 on Tuesday 16th November.

NNCLIMATE21 will be a showcase of activities and opportunities in North Northamptonshire on key important topics such as sustainable transport, renewable energy and environmental strategy. It will feature local keynote speakers from across the industry including the University of Northampton, Chelveston Renewable Energy Park, Electric Corby, Voi Technology, River Nene Regional Park, North Northamptonshire Council and more.

The conference will be virtual, taking place online to reduce the

carbon footprint of the event. It will be broadcast live on YouTube for anyone to watch.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, added: "North Northamptonshire Council declared a climate and environment emergency in July this year. I believe that as a Council we need to set an example and lead from the front. We need to be ambitious and not be afraid to challenge conventional thinking. We need to encourage new policies that help shift mindsets and behaviours to focus on the most important issues because

the climate emergency is too important to pay lip service.

"I hope that everyone who attends this conference virtually will come away with a better insight about the environmental initiatives taking place locally and help stimulate debate about how we can all respond more quickly to the challenges ahead."

Cllr Harriet Pentland, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Climate and Green Environment, said: "With the COP26 conference taking place, this is the perfect opportunity for us to come together to focus on the key environmental issues for North Northamptonshire.

"We want to discuss local issues and solutions that will have a positive and lasting impact on the local environment for

generations to come."

Dr Chris Holt, Senior Lecturer in water resources and climatology at the University of Northampton said: "We are already seeing the impacts of climate change around the world in the form of severe and extreme weather events. Northamptonshire will not be unaffected, and we need to be considering now what changes might occur to our weather on a day-to-day basis but also the extreme conditions and how they will affect us."

Matthew Pencharz, Voi Technology's Head of Public Policy for UK, Ireland & Benelux said: "Ahead of COP26 in Glasgow, it's important to share knowledge on how greener and convenient transport modes such as e-scooters and e-bikes can help us address the climate crisis.

"Domestic transport represents nearly a quarter of all UK greenhouse gas emissions, more than any sector across the economy, and over half of which comes from passenger cars. Micromobility is already playing a role in reducing carbon emissions by giving the local community a more sustainable alternative to short car rides.

"At Voi, we're committed to climate-neutral mobility and are delighted to be working with the council to support NNClimate21. We encourage everyone to tune in, so we can all do our bit to create better places to live."

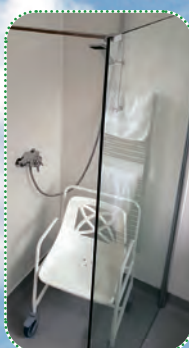
The conference will take place from 10am until 3.30pm on Tuesday 16th November and there will be three sessions held on the day focusing on the following topics: The 'Future of Energy', 'Sustainable Travel' and the 'Environment'.

**For more information about NNClimate21
and the conference timetable please visit:
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WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

Compared to some other places in the world we have rather a small list of mammals in our countryside, and some of them are so rare that they often need special projects to improve their chances of survival.

In our country most of the losses are caused by us, though increasingly we are finding many more problems affecting UK plants and animals as a result of climate change, which is now attracting social media pressure – which nowadays seems to be essential to stir people into action.

We need to use our natural curiosity to learn what the immediate examples in our own little plots (and large estates) are, to show what might be possible for us in terms of protecting species – “every little helps....”

Many of the animals will turn up unannounced, probably unseen but there are always examples which take us by surprise.

Back in the spring we set up a small CCTV in a covered lean-to shed and were surprised and pleased to find a visitor we had not forecast, though

it is one of our most common animals in fields and gardens – a wood mouse. Because mice have always had a (not really deserved) reputation as a pest, they are not generally welcome; any small furry ball running around the fields or houses can make anybody jump. So finding this new animal was a pleasant reminder that our countryside is a hive of activity often overlooked, or missed completely.

After several visits suddenly it stopped abruptly, suggesting that local cats had also found a new source of food – but recent sightings hold more promise.

Identifying small brown furry creatures is not always easy, though some patches of lighter colour can give the alternative of yellow-necked mouse, and comparisons between mice and voles shows the latter has a sharp-pointed head against the rounded head of the vole, and guess how the long-tailed wood mouse got its other name!

But whatever name you decide to give it, leave it alone; it is an essential ingredient of diet for a wide range of others in the ‘carnivore’ (meateater) family.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Talking of public houses, which I did mention in passing last time, where are they all now? Before I moved here, the village where I lived had just three public houses, but history tells me that there used to be at least another five. Some of them had been converted into private houses but still bore the name of the pub – or inn – as the house name. If you find your ancestors in the census and they are running a drinking establishment, but you are unable to find that pub or inn in the present day, it could well be that the place no longer exists as such.

The Green Man in Oundle is no longer a public house, but now houses an antique shop. The Wheatsheaf in Thurning is now a private house, as is the Fitzwilliam Arms in Irthlingborough. However, by looking at the buildings there are still some clues to be had of their previous use.

But what were your ancestors’ jobs? Here are some of the more unusual names that may be found:

- Ale Conner – A man who inspected the ale sold

in public houses for quality and measure (Also known as an Ale Founder)

- Ale Tunner – He was responsible for filling the barrels (tuns) with beer
- Brewster – Female Brewer
- Hush Shop Keeper – Someone who brewed and sold beer without a licence (this was usually a side-line to their normal occupation.)
- Maltster – A brewer, maker or seller of malts (beers)
- Mashmaker – He made the mash vats or mashels used for mixing malts to make the beer.

If you do find the pub where your ancestor lived or worked and it is still in use as such, it is always worth contacting the brewery to see if they have information in their archives – you never know what you might discover!

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Fri 19 Chatsworth at Christmas
Sat 20 Birmingham Christmas Market
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Sun 21 Blenheim Palace Christmas Market
Wed 24 Cheltenham Christmas Market
Fri 26 Thursford
Sat 27 Bath
Sat 27 Cadbury World at Christmas
Sun 28 Bury St Edmunds
Mon 29 Thursford

DECEMBER 2021

Wed 1 Thursford
Fri 3 Worcester Christmas Market
Sat 4 Melton Mowbray Christmas Market
Sun 5 Windsor or Windsor Castle
Thu 9 Christmas Lunch River Cruise
Fri 10 Stratford Upon Avon Victorian Christmas
Sat 11 Nottingham Christmas Market
Sat 11 Oxford Christmas Market
Sun 12 Hyde Park Winter Wonderland
Wed 15 Thursford

JANUARY 2022

Sat 8 Boundary Mills Grantham
Wed 19 Seasonal Mystery Trip
Thu 27 Royal Courts of Justice

FEBRUARY 2022

Sat 5 Warwick & Leamington Spa
Tue 8 Batsford Arboretum Snowdrops
Wed 9 St Albans Market Day
Thu 17 London Museums or Free Time
Fri 18 Aylesbury Market Day
Tue 22 Melton Mowbray
Wed 23 Seasonal Mystery Trip
Thu 24 Ely
Sun 27 Orchids at Kew Gardens

MARCH 2022

Thu 3 Cotswold Tour - New route
Tue 8 Springfield or Spalding
Thu 10 Seasonal Mystery Trip
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Sat 12 Jorvik Viking Centre, York
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CASH BOOST FOR NORTH NORTHANTS TO HELP COMMITMENTS TO PROSPERITY AND NET ZERO

A funding injection of almost £3million into North Northants will help boost the local economy and launch innovative projects that will shift the area towards its net zero carbon goal.

A number of cutting-edge enterprises have been awarded the Government cash to invigorate initiatives, which include the development of local energy projects, delivering an app to monitor food waste and offering training and support to ex-offenders.

News of the funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities under the Community Renewal Fund comes as the COP26 climate change conference has focused attention around environmental issues, and before the council's online summit, NNClimate21.

Cllr David Brackenbury, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "This is great news for North Northants – I'm absolutely delighted that we will receive this funding to help boost some key projects in the area.

"These are beneficial to creating employment opportunities and boosting the local economy and there is a strong focus on initiatives that are seeking clever low carbon solutions."

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the Council's Executive Member for Climate and the Green Environment, said: "...[I]t's

clear that combatting the effects of climate change and protecting the environment is a significant piece of work for all of us.

"I'm delighted that this has been recognised in the funding from the Government for these innovative projects right here in North Northamptonshire and goes to show how everyone's focus is now fixed on reducing carbon emissions."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "As a council we are committed to creating an area which offers prosperity for our residents while at the same time being mindful of the need to move

towards net zero.

"Funding such as this is essential so that we can deliver on both fronts and this really is a step in the right direction."

The Community Renewal Fund was launched by the Government in March 2021. It aims to support people and communities most in need across the UK, with the council submitting bids in the summer after approval at its Executive.

There are a number of funded projects in North Northamptonshire:

- Construction Skills Programme - £90,033
- Green Recovery and Innovation programme - £507,767
- Greenway and River Ise, Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study - £122,400
- In2work - £758,080



- Knowledge Exchange for Better Business (KE4BB) - £342,489
- North Northamptonshire to Net Zero (NN2NZ) - £550,157
- Parish Asset Mapping
- Northamptonshire Devolution Project - £281,625
- Sustainable Food Network North Northamptonshire - £108,375
- The Skill Mill - £91,800

More details of the council's own virtual climate change conference on 16th November can be found online: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/climate

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> OSBORNE'S CELEBRATES ITS 66TH CHRISTMAS

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Rushden, Osborne's Toys is celebrating its 66th Christmas this year.

Jim Osborne purchased the gift shop at 118 High Street,

Rushden in May 1955, quickly expanding the premises on either side of the original shop. Osborne's is now in its fourth generation and is very much a traditional, old fashioned toy shop, still run by Mrs Pamela Osborne, son William, his wife Libby and great granddaughters Kasey and Esme.

It has taken pride of place along Rushden High Street for over 60 years, boasting a wide range of traditional toys and expert advice.

It was even the first shop in the UK to sign up as a stockist of Lego, the most popular toy for generations.

As a specialist toy and model shop, and a proud member of Toymaster, Osborne's aims to give a friendly and professional service to all customers. And as an independent, they are big on traditional toys.

"Every day of the week someone will come into the shop and say, 'We've never been in a toy shop like this for years. There isn't one where we live.' And they've come

from quite a few towns away. People come from all over including Wellingborough, Kettering, Northampton and Milton Keynes because they haven't got a shop like this one."

Visit Osborne's for all your Christmas toy needs: 116-118A High Street, Rushden, Northants NN10 0PE. Call the shop on 01933 312415 or visit the website www.osbornes-rushden.co.uk

> OUNDLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

It is that time of year again! The beautiful historic town of Oundle will be holding its Christmas market once again on Saturday 4th December from 12noon until 7pm after having to cancel due to Covid last year.

There will be up to 80 stalls attending the market and Santa and his reindeer will be there to welcome you. The stalls will run from the Market Place and into West Street to allow plenty of space for you to visit the stalls that will hopefully cater for all your Christmas gift



needs. This year the Christmas lights will be on from the start of the market and the Yarwell and Nassington brass band will be playing carols around the Christmas tree.

Entry is free and there is free parking in the Co-op short stay car park PE8 4BG and the long stay car park in Herne Park Road PE8 4BZ. The following roads will be closed: Market Place, West Street and New Street from 8am until 9pm.

Parking restrictions will be in place and there will be no parking in Milton Road and Blackpot Lane. These areas will be patrolled by Traffic Wardens from 8am whilst the market is on. A temporary one-way system will be in operation.

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The charity would like to ensure every patient in hospital receives a present on the day. There are many patients, mostly elderly, that have nobody – this means no visitors and no gift.

"Last year, thanks to the generous support of the local community, every inpatient received a gift bag, which helped raise a smile

and remind them they are in people's thoughts. We are so grateful to everyone in the local community who made this possible," said Rob Powell, Charity Fundraiser.

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> RAUNDS

Creation of 36 new retirement residential apartments with communal facilities at Darsdale Home For The Blind Chelveston Road Raunds NN9 6DA (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01369/FUL (7 December 2021)

> OUNDLE

Single storey rear infill extension, replacement of flat roof over the existing garage with pitched roof. Replacement windows and render of whole property at 3 South Bridge Close Oundle PE8 4DH (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01496/FUL (7 December 2021)

> IRLINGBOROUGH

Proposed construction for 7 dwellings, demolition of existing building and associated works including formation of vehicular accesses, highway improvements works, residents' parking and landscaping (Revised resubmission to 20/01587/FUL) at 102 Nene View

Irthlingborough NN9 5SG (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01505/FUL (7 December 2021)

> LAXTON

Erect new oak frame garage with associated landscaping and access (revised resubmission to NE/21/00815/FUL) at Parkside Cottage 1 Main Street Laxton NN17 3AT (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01448/FUL (7 December 2021)

> DEENE

Erect fencing, security camera post and electric sliding security gate for access to Cardigan Business Units at Home Farm House Deene NN17 3EJ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01549/FUL (7 December 2021)

> COLLYWESTON

Conversion of existing outbuilding to 1 no. dwelling house; consisting of a two-storey rear extension, single storey front extension and associated works (new windows, doors and rooflights, new gable dormer to the rear and infilling of openings) at 8 High Street Collyweston PE9 3PW (LBRegs) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01565/LBC and NE/21/01564/FUL (7 December 2021)

> RUSHDEN

Convert the existing loft space to a single 1 bed flat at 4 - 6 Alfred Street Rushden NN10 9YS (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01482/FUL (7 December 2021)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Insertion of 2 roof lights, replacement ground floor window and change of dormer window to full height window to the rear elevation at 52 High Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01568/FUL (7 December 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.

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**Rob Harbour, Assistant Director
Growth and Regeneration
Dated 13 November 2021**

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K Greenwood



Colour & Vision - Network Arts Exhibition



This exhibition brings together a range of quality contemporary and traditional art from emerging and established artists in the region. It features a diverse range of work by members in

a variety of media; paintings in oil, watercolour, acrylics, drawings and sketches.

Members include a mix of amateurs and professionals interested in and practising art in Northamptonshire. All work will be for sale, which means the exhibition is an excellent opportunity for those wishing to invest in high-quality art at affordable prices.

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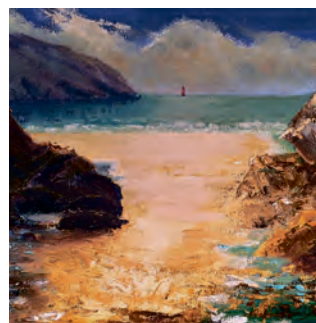
About Network Arts

Network Arts is a group run by artists for artists. The group gives professionals and amateurs the opportunity to practice and enjoy the support of a community of artists by having an annual programme of workshops covering a range of media and styles.

As a self-managed and financed group, Network Arts maintains independence and reflects the views of the members when selecting professional artists to run the workshops and venues in which to exhibit as well as organising visits to exhibitions.

The group holds regular exhibitions where artists, at all stages of their careers, are invited to submit work to exhibit.

For further information please visit www.networkarts.co.uk



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GUS Band spectacular concert

On 14th November, a spectacular concert, 'Brass Explosion' is being given at The Core at Corby Cube by The GUS Band and Youth Brass 2000.

The GUS Band, originally named the Munn and Felton Works Band was formed by Fred Felton in 1933 in Kettering. During their 88-year history, thousands have applauded the band in concert, and the Midlanders have dented the northern pride of Yorkshire and Lancashire, traditionally the home of brass bands, by winning no less than six national titles, the British Open Championships and being proclaimed World Champions.

Joining The GUS Band are the breath-takingly talented young musicians of the Youth Brass 2000 brass band. This band was formed in 1989 with the aim to be the "Best youth band in the world" and quickly showed that this was their true intent by becoming the Action Research National Entertainment Champions in 1991. For talented players under the age of 19, the Youth Brass 2000 band has built up an enviable reputation and is currently the reigning Champion Youth Band of Great Britain, having won this competition no less than seven times in the last nine years.

There are very close links between the two ensembles, not least because many players in

Youth Brass 2000 have risen through the ranks and have gone on to play in The GUS Band. These include current players such as Marcus Pain, who was a founding member and principal cornet of Youth Brass 2000 and whose father helped form the youth band. Thomas and James Fountain, both co-principal cornets of the band and now professional trumpet players also gained early experience as members of Youth Brass 2000. In The GUS Band's percussion section, Tim Jones and Joshua Gilding are both former Youth Brass 2000 players and Owen Yarrow, The GUS Band's most recent signing is still a member. Then there is the band's Artistic Director, Chris Jeans, who became the Youth Brass 2000 conductor a week after the youth band started and has been at their helm ever since. A phenomenal achievement and a continued inspiration to the players.

Both bands have a varied programme to perform at the Corby Cube, including The GUS Band's 'History of Pop' set, commissioned especially for the concert, featuring the Queen classic 'Bohemian Rhapsody', as well as a spectacular massed band finish with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

Definitely a concert not to be missed when the county's two premier bands join forces to present a fantastic afternoon's feast of musical entertainment.



Nene Valley News - Events

Thursday 18th November RSPB Mid-Nene Local Group

The next indoor meeting will be on Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm at Saxon Hall in Raunds. There will be an illustrated talk on Birds in a Cage by Derek Niemann. Meeting is open to everyone. Admission £3, Children free. More details are available from Penny 01933 350404.

Sunday 21st November, 9.25am Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing. 6 mile walk from Turvey. Free, 07754 810902.

Sunday 5th December, 9.35am Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing. 5 mile walk from Ecton. Free, 07816 065112.

Friday 17th December, 7.30pm Rushden & District History Society

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Admission Fee: Members £1.50, non-members £2.50. Tel 01536 238320 for more information. Jon-Paul Carr 'The Twelve Days of 'Rushden's' Christmas'.

Sunday 19th December, 9.35am Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing. 7 mile walk from Kimbolton. Free, 07552 993777.

26th – 29th January 2022 Cinderella

Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle, 7.30pm (Wed/Thu/Fri), 3pm & 7pm (Sat). £10-£12, creativeoundle.co.uk or call 01832 279086 (Mon-Fri 10am-1pm). Traditional family pantomime featuring popular local actors and a live band.

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Consultation on admission arrangements for North Northamptonshire schools for the 2023-2024 academic year

North Northamptonshire Council's School Admissions Team is co-ordinating a formal consultation on the admissions arrangements which will apply for mainstream schools within the county for the September 2023 intakes (Primary, Junior and Secondary). This consultation period allows parents, schools, religious authorities and the local community to comment on proposed admission arrangements.

North Northamptonshire Council is consulting on the admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Consultation – will take place between 8th November 2021 and 19th December 2021.

Determination – of school admission arrangements by admission authorities must be completed by 28th February 2022.

Publication – of admission policies should

happen as soon as possible after 28th February (published on schools' websites and copies to and must be completed by 15th March 2022 LA).

To view the consultation, please visit School admissions | North Northamptonshire Council (northnorthyants.gov.uk)

If you would like to respond to this consultation, then please email School Admissions Consultation at: Schooladmissionsconsultation.NCC@northnorthyants.gov.uk

Alternatively, please put your response in writing to: Jan Baines, School Admissions Manager, North Northamptonshire Council, c/o One Angel Square, Angel Street, Northampton NN1 1ED

North Northamptonshire Council steps in to save bus route

North Northamptonshire Council has stepped in to ensure that bus service W8 will continue running.

This service runs every hour from Bozeat and Wollaston to Wellingborough.

The operator of the existing commercial bus service, which runs like most other buses without subsidy, advised the council that the service was no longer viable and would cease operation with effect from Monday

15th November. The well-publicised national driver shortage has also been affecting the W8 over recent weeks.

The council agreed a funding package of just over £14,000 and, having sought tenders, awarded a contract to Stagecoach Midlands that allows the service to continue until at least April 2022, with the option to extend subject to ongoing budget considerations.

The council has been able

to work with Stagecoach to agree that the new contract could start one week earlier, meaning that normal service was able to resume from Monday 8th November.

Stagecoach Midlands will run the W8 to the same route and timetable, except that one journey that used to run from Wellingborough at 0900 and return from Bozeat at 0919 will now run 5 minutes later.

The council is grateful that Stagecoach has

stepped in at short notice and to all those, including Cogenhoe and Whiston Parish Council, which runs the Village Hopper service from these same villages to Northampton, who have worked to try to find a solution to this situation.

Cllr Graham Lawman, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "This is a vital route for many people, including school pupils and connecting our

communities, especially the rural ones, is essential for keeping people in touch and to help the economy. I'm delighted that we've been able to work with another bus company to help find a solution, demonstrating our commitment to bus services in the area."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "With COP26 about to start, I'm very pleased that we've been able to step in and keep this important public transport

route alive.

"We're committed to keeping communities connected, which has multiple benefits all round for our residents and for businesses."

Mark Whitelocks, Managing Director for Stagecoach Midlands said: "We are pleased to be commencing operation of route W8 from 8th November and look forward to serving customers old and new in the Bozeat and Wollaston areas."

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (HIGH STREET, RINGSTEAD)

(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 High Street, Ringstead as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Ringstead from outside 29 High Street for 60 metres.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th December 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 10th December 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Church Street and Chapel Street.

Dated this 13th day of November 2021
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
 Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd
 PKG/T21/409

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N298 on 01604 651072.

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (SHELTON ROAD, HARGRAVE)

(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 Shelton Road, Hargrave as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Shelton Road, Hargrave outside Hargrave Lodge.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd November 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 24th November 2021.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use road to Mere Farm, Hargrave Road, Church Street, Church Road and Kimbolton Road.

Dated this 13th day of November 2021
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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (NEWMAN STREET, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(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 Newman Street, Higham Ferrers as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Newman Street, Higham Ferrers from Simpson Avenue to outside number 13 Newman Street.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new electric main.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th November 2021 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

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

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Upper George Street, George Street and Simpson Avenue.

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, EAST NORTHANTS) (ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intends to make the above Order under Sections 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers. The effect of the proposed Order is to designate parking places restricting use at for electric vehicles only i.e solely battery powered or hybrid – connected to and actively using charging equipment located adjacent to the parking place on the highway and as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with the plans showing the exact length 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 Council's website at [https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/traffic-regulation-orders-\(tro\).aspx](https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/roads-and-streets/Pages/traffic-regulation-orders-(tro).aspx) 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 Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Highways Depot, Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or via email to parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk by 4th December 2021.

Dated this 13th day of November 2021

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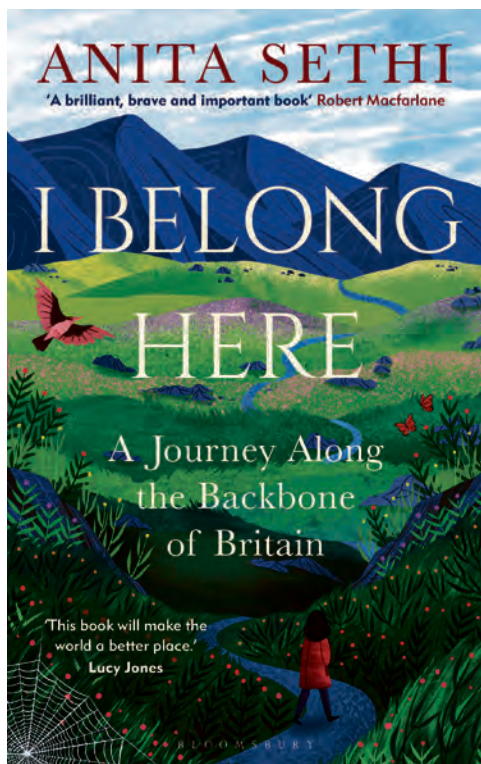
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ANITA SETHI: I Belong Here – A Journey Along the Backbone of Britain

I Belong Here heralds a powerful and refreshing new voice in nature writing. It was chosen as one of Waterstone's Best Books to Look Forward to in 2021, a Guardian 2021 Literary Highlight, and was also shortlisted for the Wainwright Prize for nature writing.



Anita Sethi was on a journey through Northern England when she became the victim of a race-hate crime. The crime was a vicious attack on her right to exist in a place on account of her race. After the event Anita experienced panic attacks and anxiety.

A crushing sense of claustrophobia made her long for wide open spaces, to breathe deeply in the great outdoors. She was intent on not letting her experience stop her travelling freely and without fear. The Pennines – known as 'the backbone of Britain' – runs through the north and strongly connects north with south, east with west. It's a place of borderlands and limestone, of rivers and 'scars', of fells and forces. The Pennines called to Anita with a magnetic force; although a racist had told her to leave, she felt drawn to further explore the area she regards as her home, to immerse herself deeply in place. Anita's journey through the natural landscapes of the North is one of reclamation, a way of saying that this is her land too and she belongs in the UK as a brown woman, as much as a white man does.

Her journey transforms what began as an ugly experience of hate into one offering hope and

finding beauty after brutality. Every word written against the rising tide of hate speech, such as this book, is an act of resistance. "Anita Sethi invites her reader to walk, not just at her side, but in her shoes, and to feel for themselves both the exhilaration and the chagrin of travelling the backbone of her home country as a woman of colour. By turns joyous and humbling, *I Belong Here* is an urgent and necessary addition to the canon of contemporary writing about place in the island of Britain." – Katharine Norbury, editor of *Women on Nature*

Anita Sethi was born in Manchester, UK where her love of nature first flourished in childhood, in wild urban spaces. *I Belong Here* is the first in her nature writing trilogy. She has also contributed to anthologies including *Seasons*, *Seaside Special: Postcards from the Edge*, *Common People*, *The Wild Isles* and *Women on Nature*. She has written for the *Guardian*, *Observer*, *Sunday Times*, *Telegraph*, *Vogue*, *BBC Wildlife*, *New Statesman* and *Times Literary Supplement*, and appeared on BBC Radio 4's *Open Book*, *Front Row* and *Today*, BBC 5 Live and *Sky*. She has been shortlisted for Northern



Writer of the Year at the Northern Soul Awards and Journalist of the Year at the Asian Media Awards, and judged the British Book Awards, Costas and Society of Author Awards.

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