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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARE WORKERS OFFERED £600 THANK-YOU PAYMENT

A bonus of £600 is to be offered to all staff across Northamptonshire delivering CQC Regulated Care Services for their efforts during the ongoing pandemic and over the coming winter months.

Leaders from West and North Northamptonshire Council, together with Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Group Chief Executive have worked together and merged funding available for this purpose.

The payment is made in recognition of the vital role carers undertake in helping to keep people at home or looking after them in care homes and supporting those returning after hospital stays.

It is hoped the extra payment will act as an incentive for care workers to remain in their jobs in CQC regulated settings over the winter, and for new starters to join the caring profession in the winter months.

The payment will be made on 31st March to existing staff and to new starters. To qualify as a new starter, individuals must be new to CQC regulated care and support and recruited on or before the end of January 2022.

OVER £930,000 WORTH OF GRANTS GIVEN OUT

Northamptonshire Community Foundation has given out over £930,000 since April 2021 to local voluntary groups and small charities on behalf of its generous donors and partners.

Northamptonshire Community Foundation has also sought to ensure that rolling programmes have been made available throughout the financial year to help the ongoing work to support vulnerable residents during the Covid public health crisis.

This has included a Family Food Aid programme; Made by Sports #ClubsInCrisis, to help provide funds for small sports clubs supporting young people; and The Constance Travis Endowment Fund focusing on local solutions to tackle priority needs including poverty, hunger, good health and wellbeing, quality education and gender equality.

Rachel McGrath, Deputy CEO and Grants Director of Northamptonshire Community Foundation said: "We

would like to say a big thank you to our generous donors and the amazing community groups and charities providing essential support and community activities locally through grant awards and funds.

"We know this has been another challenging year for so many during the ongoing uncertainty around the pandemic and the big difference so many local community champions are making to keep people safe, well and connected."

In the lead-up to the festive season, the grant making charity funded a number of projects to support local people including:

Peak Empower providing meals, online cookery sessions and wellbeing packs across



Northamptonshire to families and individuals on a low income.

Linwood Co-operative providing Christmas Day hampers for vulnerable residents and families based on the Kingswood Estate in Corby.

Home-Start Kettering providing low income families living throughout

the district with a full Christmas food hamper, including Christmas Crackers, chocolates, party food and games.

McCarthy-Dixon Foundation providing a number of arts and crafts activities to local residents, festive gifts and food aid for families facing financial hardship.

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WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

Activity in both the animal and plant kingdoms is now virtually at a standstill, as if everything were taking a 'deep breath' before looking at what will come in a few weeks.

A major exception to the shutdown (or, for this year, 'lockdown') is the strange world of fungi. We all know about mushrooms and toadstools, but yet they are an extremely wide and versatile group of living creatures. Would you call them animals or plants?

You will probably disagree, along with almost everybody else. They have caused biologists many problems, and they are now generally classed in their own kingdom, separate from animals and plants – so whatever answer you give, you were probably only half-right.

Mycologists examine vast numbers of fungi for suitable areas to live; between them they cover the whole planet. The fact that they continue to survive proves that they have each overcome, separately, all the problems of finding a mate at the right time and place.

They do not have the same structure of trunk, branches and leaves, but lay down a 'web' of fibres underground and produce enzymes which breakdown to compounds which dissolve in water and are absorbed to feed the whole plant.

In an unexpected way, therefore, these organisms do a clean-up job, and they are particularly active at this time of year as the leaves have fallen to the ground. Clearly lots of workers are needed for such an operation, all doing different jobs, and it is less surprising to discover that there are probably ten thousand or more different species of fungus in our own islands.

For many people a popular taste for fungi makes them much desired in some kitchens, often offering large sums for some, like the truffles. But a word of caution: some fungi are dangerously poisonous to humans, and identification is essential. If you wish to explore those ingredients only try with an expert; do not rely on the cap colours. However pretty the fungus, some are virtually incurable and once inside the human body the result may not be welcome.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

A New Year with new resolutions? Rather than just have a load of names on a tree, have you delved deeper into your ancestors' lives? Occupations can give interesting clues as to what was happening at the time.

This week, I was following through a branch of one of my lines and discovered a young woman who was working as a nurse in one of the asylums of the day. I found her mother and siblings living together, but there was no sign of the father, although her mother said that she was still married. A bit of digging and following through from a different angle, I found the father – in the same asylum in which his daughter was working, but as an inmate. He died there a couple of years later. I wonder how she must have felt, possibly seeing her father each day in his troubled mental state.

Another of my ancestors can be found in the 1861 census working as a domestic gardener and living with his widowed mother in Kent. His mother died in 1867 and, by 1871, he was living in Paddington, London, the owner of several houses. He died in

1874 and I have downloaded a copy of his will. His assets came to a total of just under £9,000 – the equivalent of just over a million pounds today! He had also changed his surname and, before you ask, yes I am sure that it is the same chap as he refers to his brothers by name, being his original surname. I am now working through the flowery handwriting of the will to see if there are any clues as to how/why he came into this property and money. I do love a mystery!

Oh yes – if you register with the Probate Service, you can order a copy of any will that has been to probate from 1858 onwards for just £1.50. The service is good, just taking a few days to arrive in your email inbox. Have a search here: <https://probatesearch.service.gov.uk/#wills>. Make sure that you are on the correct tab at the top of the search form.

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BALANCED BUDGET TO PROVIDE FIRM FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS FOR NORTH NORTHANTS

Delivering a balanced revenue budget while working hard to protect vital services is at the heart of proposals which were put before North Northamptonshire Council's Executive.

The budget set out a detailed spending strategy for the authority for the financial year 2022-2023 as well as outlining the medium-term financial plan for the next three years.

The budget further develops firm financial foundations for the council as it settles into its second year following the reorganisation of local government in Northamptonshire.

Proposals focused on further transformation of services as well as developing policies around the authority's corporate plan.

The council's commitment to tackling the effects of climate change is emphasised with a dedicated pot of £1 million over the next three years to be invested in moving towards net carbon zero.

The council is also investing in Northamptonshire Children's

Trust to help deliver service improvements for some of our most vulnerable children and young people.

The authority is also proposing to reintroduce bus subsidies for rural routes – helping connect communities and reduce car journeys.

Cllr Lloyd Bunday, the council's Executive Member for Finance, said: "I'm proud to present this budget to the Executive and I'd like to thank colleagues who have worked exceptionally hard throughout the year to get our finances to where they are.

"We are very much in a period of transition from the formation of our new council in April and it's essential that we have financial stability to provide the firm foundations from which we can develop.

"This budget provides just that while at the same time ensuring that there are no cuts to service provision.

"While we are in a strong position now, we cannot shy away from the fact that the Covid pandemic has had a profound

effect on societies and economies around the world and this presents us with some uncertainty in the medium term.

"However, I am confident that by being prudent we can be in the best position possible as we move forward."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Financial stability is one of the cornerstones of local government and it's essential that we're in a robust and stable position if we are to deliver quality services to the people of North Northants.

"I'm pleased that despite the uncertain times we're living in, we've been able to draft proposals that aim to benefit our residents while at the same time are affordable."

Council Tax

It is proposed that council tax is increased by 2.99%, which includes the adult social care levy of 1%.

This would contribute around £5.2m per annum and would represent a Band D level of Council Tax for North

Northamptonshire Council of £1,578.73. This is an increase of £45.83 (equivalent to £0.88 per week) from the Band D Council Tax level of £1,532.90 in 2021/22.

This Band D figure does not include the Council Tax for individual Town and Parish Councils or the Council Tax set for Fire and Police by the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner. There is no change to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme which will continue at 25%.

Net budget

Net revenue budget for 2022/2023 is £293.2million, providing a range of services to residents and businesses across the area including care to vulnerable adults and children, education, the disposal and collection of waste, household waste recycling, economic development, housing and support for the homeless.

The authority is also investing in staff to help deliver its services. Last year, the minimum level of pay



for our staff was raised to £9.50 per hour (equivalent to the real living wage). Further pay awards for 2022/23 will be subject to any national announcements and consultation.

Housing Revenue Account

The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) is a separate ring-fenced account within the Council for the income and expenditure associated with its housing stock. The HRA does not directly impact on the Council's wider general fund budget or on the level of Council Tax. Income to the HRA is primarily received through the rents and other charges paid by tenants and leaseholders.

This year's HRA proposal is for a balanced budget for the two Neighbourhood Accounts, which

means there is no need to use reserves for funding. There is also a proposed rent increase of 4.1% for the next financial year, which is in line with the Government guidelines for rent setting levels.

Any funding received by the HRA is retained within the HRA and will be used to support housing improvements and maintenance.

Next steps

The draft revenue budget was discussed at a meeting of the Executive on 23rd December and a consultation on the proposals will run until Friday 28th January.

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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 Springfields or Spalding
Thu 10 Seasonal Mystery Trip
Sat 12 National Railway Museum or York
Sat 12 Jorvik Viking Centre, York
Tue 15 Derbyshire & Peak District
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Sunday 9th January, 10.15am Epiphany Experience

In the grounds at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. An interactive presentation of the Christmas story, largely from the point of view of the Wise Men, who we remember at Epiphany (and postponed from Christmas Day due to key players isolating then due to Covid).

Sunday 9th January, 10.30am Countryside Walk: Hardwick Hike

A 4 mile circular walk in countryside near Hardwick, north west of Wellingborough. Meet in the centre of Hardwick, near the church (NN9 5AL) in time for a 10.30 start. Please contact Andrew Presland at andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927 for more details. Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden, and open to all.

Sunday 16th January, 10.15am Morning Worship

At Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. No need to book, but face masks required.

Thursday 20th January, 7.30pm Both Sides of Phil Collins – The Greatest Hits of Phil Collins & Genesis comes to the Castle Theatre in Wellingborough

It's another night in paradise... guaranteed as this hit-packed production arrives in Wellingborough as part of its nationwide tour. Backed by a cast of world-class musicians

and singers and featuring a horn section that will blow you away, the star of the evening delivers a delightfully interactive spectacular that includes each and every one of Phil Collins' greatest hits.

Enjoy two hours of non-stop, sing-a-long classics. Solo chart toppers including *In the Air Tonight*, *Easy Lover*, *You Can't Hurry Love* and, of course, *Another Day In Paradise* combine with Genesis smash hits *Invisible Touch* and *I Can't Dance*.

Capturing every vocal intonation and mannerism perfectly and combining this with the music genius' cheeky humour, something really special is in the air the night that Both Sides of Phil Collins comes to Wellingborough.

Tickets cost just £23 and are available from parkwoodtheatres.co.uk/castle-theatre or call the Box Office on 01933 270007.

Saturday 22nd January, 7pm Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper (other options available)

Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club. Book your team (max 6 per team) on 07741 651170. Price £8.50 per person. All money raised for Cando Care Well Being Centre in Irthlingborough.

Sunday 23rd January, 10.15am Morning Worship with Holy Communion

At Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden. No need to book, but face masks required.

Sunday 30th January, 10.15am Morning Worship

At Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden. No need to book, but face masks required.

Every Friday (term time), 9am – 11am Sparklers

In The Bridge, behind the car park of Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All children under 5 and their parents/carers are welcome to join us for stories, crafts, sensory play and activities. Hot drinks and snacks available during the morning. £1 per family.

Every Friday (term time), 1.30pm – 3pm Little Sparks

A group for new parents and babies to meet together to chat and share their experiences. At The Bridge, behind the car park of Whitefriars Primary School, Rushden. Details from Emma Croxon at emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk or 07957 080074.

Sunday 6th February, 9.15am Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing. Free. Tel: 01933 663603
6.25 mile walk from Upton Country Park.

Sunday 20th February, 9.35am Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park Higham Ferrers for car sharing. Free. Tel: 07952 350540
5 mile walk from Kinewell Lake, Ringstead.

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North Northamptonshire Council

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

> TITCHMARSH

Replacement of timber front door and windows with UPVC to the front elevation; replacement of rear patio doors with sliding doors; replacement of existing rooflights and doors with two new larger UPVC roof lights and two larger sliding doors to the single storey rear element at 63 High Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DF (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01594/FUL (1 February 2022)

> THRAPSTON

2 x illuminated signs (illuminated letters on rails) and 1 x non illuminated double sided panel at Central England Co-operative Oundle Road Thrapston NN14 4PD (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01775/ADV (1 February 2022)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Demolition of existing first floor ancillary retail area, and erection of two floors containing 16 residential units with associated car and cycle parking and refuse store at 13 - 19 High Street Irthlingborough (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01725/FUL (1 February 2022)

> POLEBROOK

Works to listed building to allow for garage conversion to garden room and utility, reinstatement of former conservatory, alterations to fenestration, addition of 3 no new dormer windows (1 to south facing roof slope and 2 to the north facing), reconfiguration of internal service areas, replacement and repairs to external stonework and pointing and reinstatement of loft staircase and access at The Old Rectory Main Street Polebrook PE8 5LN (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01647/LBC (1 February 2022)

> DUDDINGTON

Installation of waterwheel in existing

waterwheel pit within the mill building. Installation of generator, gearbox and associated equipment for hydroelectric generation at The Mill Mill Street Duddington PE9 3QG (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01722/LBC NE/21/01721/FUL (1 February 2022)

> YARWELL

Change of use (from agricultural to part E commercial/business) and provision of a new single storey veterinary surgery building with car parking on land adjacent to the track at Track Adjacent 25 Mill Road Yarwell (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01714/FUL (1 February 2022)

> SLIPTON

Single storey extension to the side and rear of the existing house, with a second storey added to the existing rear building. Replacement of all windows and doors at Peartree Cottage Main Street Slipton NN14 3AS (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01779/FUL (1 February 2022)

> BLATHERWYCKE

2 storey front extension, first floor extension to existing bungalow, and single storey car port at 5 Main Street Blatherwycke PE8 6YW (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01782/FUL (1 February 2022)

> THRAPSTON

Demolition of existing single storey lean-to structure and erection of two storey side extension to existing light industrial unit for use as a staff canteen at 12 Cottingham Way Thrapston NN14 4PL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01521/FUL (1 February 2022)

> THRAPSTON

Change of use of agricultural workshop to install two internal stables and associated storage, and construction of steel barn to house a Horse Rehabilitation Unit at Two Hoots Barn Huntingdon Road Thrapston NN14 4NJ (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01586/FUL (1 February 2022)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Alterations and conversion of existing 2 storey dwelling house and detached workshop into 4 self contained flats at 62 High Street Irthlingborough NN9 5TN (LB/CA) (Info) (LB/CA) NE/21/01691/LBC and NE/21/01690/FUL (1 February 2022)

> LOWER BENEFIELD

Proposed demolition of existing boiler housing and reconstruction of new boiler enclosure together with formation of new opening to Rectory Farm House to accommodate patio doors at Rectory Farm House Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01699/FUL (1 February 2022)

> TITCHMARSH

Internal alterations to provide a downstairs bedroom with integral shower room for disabled use at 26 Chapel Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DA (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01702/LBC (1 February 2022)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Single storey rear kitchen extension at 30 Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01771/FUL (1 February 2022)

> HIGHAM FERRERS

Erect a Covid-19 dedication plaque to the external end wall of the Town Hall at Town Hall Market Square Higham Ferrers NN10 8BT (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01741/LBC (1 February 2022)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Internal ventilation ducting fixed to the window. No changes proposed externally at Diamond Business Centre Attley Way Irthlingborough NN9 5GF (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01795/LBC (1 February 2022)

> LOWER BENEFIELD

Alterations to the internal layout and external window and door to allow for the Change of Use from Agricultural 1 bedroom apartment, workshop and store to a 3 bedroom residential

NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

property at Rectory Farm Flat Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01698/LBC (1 February 2022)

> KINGS CLIFFE

improvements to and resurfacing of internal access road at Rockingham Forest Park Wansford Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6FR (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/21/01337/FUL (1 February 2022)

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> LOWER BENEFIELD

Change of Use from Agricultural 1 bedroom apartment, workshop and store to a 3 bedroom residential property; erection of new domestic shed and oil tank; installation of new boundary fence and vehicular access gate at Rectory Farm Flat Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01697/FUL (1 February 2022)

> POLEBROOK

Garage conversion to garden room and utility room, alterations to fenestration, addition of 3 no new dormer windows (one to the south facing roof slope and two to the north facing), replacement of cement pointing with lime mortar, repairs to stonework and reinstatement of lime pointing, reinstatement of former conservatory at The Old Rectory Main Street Polebrook PE8 5LN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01646/FUL (1 February 2022)

> RUSHDEN

Retrospective application for sign displaying the name of the business on the front of the building at 26 High Street South Rushden NN10 0QX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01619/ADV (1 February 2022)

> RINGSTEAD

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Rob Harbour, Assistant Director Growth And Regeneration

Dated 8 January 2022

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Foundation launches fund to support refugees

Northamptonshire Community Foundation has launched the Northamptonshire Welcome Fund to help refugees needing support in the county.

The fund has been established thanks to an initial appeal with public donations and two local generous business donors, Archways Estate Agents and Barratt Homes.

The donations and any other subsequent donations from the ongoing appeal will provide grants to community groups and charities to provide a broad range of assistance to address hardship for refugees, especially families from Afghanistan.

Rachel McGrath, Deputy CEO and Grants Director of Northamptonshire

Community Foundation said: "We have been deeply moved by the generosity and support by the general public through a local ongoing appeal and our very generous donors. We have already made an award to Northamptonshire Emergency Response Corps to directly support Afghan families and we already have £21,000 to award via community groups and local charities to help refugee

families and individuals be supported and feel safe."

Amer Alkhalil, Managing Director at Barratt Homes Northampton, said: "We are so pleased to be able to support Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the important work they are doing. It is important to us, a leading housebuilder, to recognise and support local charities and organisations who help the communities near our developments."

The Foundation appeal is ongoing and donations can be made to support local refugees via their JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/refugeewelcomefund>

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO APPLY FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 PLACES – TO START IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Parents and carers are being encouraged to submit applications for Reception places in Primary and Infant schools and Year 3 places in Junior Schools for September 2022 – if they have not already done so.

The deadline for applications for places in Reception is Saturday 15th January 2022 at 5pm.

The deadline for applications for places in Year 3 in Junior Schools is also Saturday 15th January 2022 at 5pm.

All applications, whether postal or online, must be received by the deadline to be considered on time. Late applications will not be processed until after National Offer Day – 19th April 2022.

For people living in North Northamptonshire – applications may be made online at www.northnorthants.gov.uk/admissions.

All on time applicants will receive an offer of a school place on National Offer Day, Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "I would encourage parents who are applying for a school place for September 2022 to submit their applications in

good time and before the deadline.

"The application process enables parents and carers to list, in order of preference, the three schools they would like their children to attend.

"While most applicants are successful at getting a place at their preferred school, there are steps that parents can take to maximise their chances. Submitting an application form on time is the most crucial step, followed by nominating a second and third preference school and including your closest school as one of your preferences."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Starting school or moving up to junior school is a big step in a child's life, so we would encourage everyone to get their application in before the deadline."

To find out more about applying for a school place in the North Northamptonshire Council area, and to submit an application visit: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/admissions

An independent school admission appeals process is available for applicants who wish to appeal against refusal of a place at a school for which they have applied.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(BRIDGE STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

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 Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe from Morehay Lane to outside 21 Bridge Street.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during urgent works to collapsing wall.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th January 2022 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 14th February 2022.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Kings Cliffe Road, Main Street, Bridge Street, Apethorpe Road, Main Street, Oundle Road, Cotterstock Road, Woodnewton Road, Glaphorn Road, Southwick Road, Glaphorn Road, Main Street, Bulwick Road, Southwick Road, Deene Road, Blatherwycke Road, Bulwick Road, Main Street, Kings Cliffe Road, Blatherwycke Road and West Street.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp
ref:- 21/22 – N397 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/001

Dated this 8th day of January 2022
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
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North Northamptonshire Council

ADOPTION STATEMENT

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
The Town and Country Planning Regulations (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (SI 2012 No. 767)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE RESIDENTIAL ANNEXES – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

In accordance with Section 23 of the above Act and Regulation 14 of the above Regulations, notice is hereby given that the Residential Annexes - Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted by North Northamptonshire Council on **30 September 2021**. North Northamptonshire Council's Executive approved the proposed amendments to the SPD arising from the statutory consultation under Regulations 12(b) and 35, which took place over 4 weeks, from **22 February – 22 March 2021**, inclusive.

The Residential Annexes SPD is a Local Development Document and supplements the statutory Local Plan for the 41 parishes that formerly comprised the East Northamptonshire District of the North Northamptonshire Unitary Authority.

The document contains sections covering the following:

- Is planning permission required
- Permitted development
- Will permission be granted for my annexe
- Heritage assets
- Setting of heritage assets
- Other outbuildings/ extensions for incidental use
- Modular or mobile homes
- Climate change implications
- National Space Standards
- Householder Extensions SPD (2020)
- Supporting statement to accompany an application for an annexe
- Suggested conditions of approval

Copies of the SPD, together with supporting documentation, are available on the Council's website (<http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/spd>) and also by contacting the Planning Policy Team on 01832 742010 or via email to planningpolicy.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk

Hard copies of the documents are also available at the following locations during normal opening hours:

- Libraries at Oundle, Thrapston, Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Raunds.
- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ
- Customer Service Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT
- Customer Service Centre, 4 New Street, Oundle, PE8 4ED

Any person who feels aggrieved by the adopted SPD, may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review, under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, on the grounds that the document is not within the appropriate powers and/or a procedural requirement has not been complied with. Any such application must be made promptly and, in any event, not later than 3 months from the date of this adoption notice.

If you have any further questions on the SPD, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01832 742010 or by email: planningpolicy.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk

Simon Richardson
Interim Planning Policy Lead Manager
05.01.2022

Family NOTICES

Nene Valley News can help you make those important family announcements.

Walker, Aaron/Hunt, Nicola
Married on April 2 2014, at St Andrews Church. The couple had their honeymoon in Paris.

Happy 1st birthday

On April 1 2014, K Chamber, aged 8, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones. Sadly missed by Jan, Sally and Alan. To take place at All Saints Church, Rushden, Monday April 7 at 11am.

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Improvement continues at Northamptonshire Children's Services

The latest Ofsted monitoring inspection shows Children's Services in Northamptonshire are continuing to improve and that senior leadership have realistic plans in place which are already proving successful.

In the second monitoring visit since the foundation of Northamptonshire's two unitary authorities in April, Ofsted inspectors focussed on Children in Care aged 16+ and Care Leavers during their visit at the beginning of November.

In a letter to West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) and North Northamptonshire Councils, inspectors said: "Senior leaders demonstrate in their recently updated self-assessment that they know their services well and are committed to improving the lives of children and young people.

"Improvement plans are realistic and continue to be implemented with success despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic."

Inspectors did recognise there are still improvements to be made and that the quality of the service

was still too variable, but said senior leaders have realistic plans in place to address this.

Cllr Fiona Baker, WNC's Cabinet Member for Children, Families, and Education, said: "Much of what we need to do to is to improve consistency of practice and the recruitment and retention of staff.

"The inspectors acknowledge we are relentlessly pursuing a recruitment campaign which will result in better workloads for staff and better outcomes for children and young people in this county."

Cllr Scott Edwards, NNC's Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "A lot of hard work has gone into improving the service, so it is pleasing to see that work beginning to pay-off.

"But we cannot rest on our laurels, there is still much work to be done,

but I am confident the foundations are in place for the high-quality service children and young people in this county deserve."

Julian Wooster, Chair of Northamptonshire Children's Trust said: "Everyone at Northamptonshire Children's Trust is passionate about providing the very best level of care to the county's children and young people and this inspection shows we are continuing on the right path.

"Social work can be an extremely rewarding job and I would urge skilled, experienced social work practitioners to join us and help achieve our ambitions of providing the highest possible level of care to our children and young people."

Inspectors also praised the strengthened Corporate Parenting Board acknowledging its role in the establishment of Council Tax



discount schemes for care leavers, for adding partners to increase the profile of corporate parenting, but

also for recognising shortfalls by planning to increase the number of care leavers on the board.

Northamptonshire Children's Trust are currently offering welcome bonuses for anyone joining the team. To find out more visit <https://www.nctrust.co.uk/working-in-childrens-social-care/Pages/default.aspx>







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