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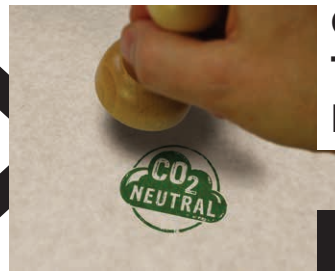
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PLANTING TREES FOR THE JUBILEE

364 trees have been planted at the Nene Valley Crematorium in Wellingborough as part of the Queen's Green Canopy initiative.

The tree planting on site comprises of two elements – 68 trees planted by Kier and 296 planted by North Northamptonshire Council (NNC).

The planting by Kier was part of the works for the new prison with trees planted on land that had been leased to Kier from NNC whilst construction was taking place.

The majority of the trees were planted late in 2021 as part of landscaping works undertaken by NNC and consisted of boundary planting and three memorial gardens.

Further trees will be planted until the end of the planting season in late March, before additional trees are planted towards the end of 2022.

NNC is working closely with the Northamptonshire Lord Lieutenant's office to help encourage tree-planting activities across the area, as well as planting trees on NNC land, in the lead-up to Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022.

For more information visit queensgreencanopy.org

DEREK LAWSON MBE AND RICHARD GELL RECEIVE HONORARY FREEDOM OF HIGHAM FERRERS

On Friday 18th February, both men were recognised for their long and outstanding service to the community with the presentation of Honorary Freedom of Higham Ferrers.

Despite the extreme weather, the ceremony and reception at the Bede House was attended by 70 invited guests.

In 1964 a young Derek Lawson was elected to the then Higham Ferrers Borough Council. He saw the formation of the East Northamptonshire District Council, which led to Higham Ferrers becoming a Town Council.

Derek subsequently became the longest serving member of the Town Council with over 57 years' service.

He was a member of the East Northants District Council for over 20 years (Chairman 1987-88) and a Member of the Northamptonshire County Council for 40 years (Chairman 2007-8).

Derek was Vice-Chairman of the Police and Crime Panel, which was part of the Northants Police Authority before the position of the Police and Crime Commissioner was created. Among Derek's other achievements are Chairman of the Board of Governors at both the Ferrers School and the Henry Chichele School. He held the position

of Chairman of the TASH (Towards a Safer Higham) Panel, being involved in the campaigns for 'Yes to Rushden Lakes' and played a big part in the Chowns Mill Roundabout Improvement scheme.

Derek has been a very well respected Mayor of Higham Ferrers on three occasions, and the Leader of the Council for five. Derek's work in local government was recognised when he was awarded a well deserved MBE in 2007.

Richard Gell was a member of the Town Council for over 37 years, serving firstly as a Conservative councillor before going Independent. He stepped down in 2019 but has always kept the connection with the Council through his role as the Parish Tree Warden. Over the years



his advice has proved to be invaluable.

Being very involved with the Greenway Project, he played a big part in the extension through to Kimbolton Road.

He advised on the Interpretation Boards, not only along the greenway but also the new Nightingale Way play area. For several years he was the Council's representative for the Angling Association, and being a member of the Ramblers' Association

was involved with the improvements to the Wharf Road Pocket Park.

Richard was elected to the East Northamptonshire Council in 1999 where he served until the recent disbandment. He was part of the Planning, Licensing and Scrutiny Committees.

Richard has been Mayor twice, once in 1983-84 and again 2015-16 when he played a very active role and was very well respected.



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WORDS BY
ROY BURRELL

After this year's weather we may think that the meteorologists (the "weather people") must be happier than the rest of us. We usually think the weekend will allow us to relax but we know that is sometimes far from the case.

We nowadays seem to think that life must be lived flat-out, and the weather has certainly given us plenty to deal with, with its recent storms.

A 'storm' is a violent battle between wind and water often leading to damage, even death. The water in the storm cell falls, inevitably, on the ocean(s), while the land masses drain away under the influence of gravity. This year's offerings have come in such large quantities that there has been no time for drainage to take the water away to the ocean. Three extreme examples in a week was simply too much for natural processes to deal with.

The two villains of the piece – air and water – are essential for our planet's wildlife, but this year's record breaking wind and rain cannot be compared with typical weather patterns. Any

one of the storms alone might have allowed us chance to handle the huge strain of getting the water away without too much damage, but three hammer blows in one week was just too much. Even improved flood controls could not cope. "Climate change" must have had some effect, though we cannot tell yet.

Will these events have any effect on our native wildlife? Of course – though not always how we might expect. Some animal and plant species may find difficulty in living with new conditions, with some even facing extinction – just think of the dinosaurs, some of which relied upon weather changes which eventually became irreversible.

Long-term forecasts are basically "educated guesses" but they give experts targets for the future. Our planet's "ecosystems" have dealt with many thousands of changes but we do not have enough tree species to fill out the old saying "Oak before ash, we'll have a splash; ash before oak we're in for a soak". It was a mighty big splash this year!

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Last time I mentioned that the 1921 census took place a couple of months later than originally planned. This may throw up some anomalies in your research.

There were a lot of specific questions on the form to be completed, including the requirement to record – with other supporting information – the details of everyone in the household who was "alive at midnight on the night of Sunday 24th April 1921". You may have an ancestor who died between 24th April and 19th June and it may be a bit of a surprise to see them listed on the form – especially as that supporting information included the name of their employer and other such details. Then again, they might not have been included when they should have been...

One thing that might be confusing as well is the age of those listed. It asked for that in years and months. If someone was born in October 1900, for example, their age should be recorded as what it was in the April – 20 years and 6 months. But as the census was delayed until the

June, it could appear as 20 years and 8 months. Don't be fooled and widen search parameters.

When you search for someone on the 1921 census, a list of possible suspects appears, as with other census returns. You have the option of buying a copy of the transcription for £2.50 or the original for £3.50. Knowing how transcription errors can occur, it could prove rather costly to purchase the transcription, only to discover that you have the wrong person. A handy hint before you decide to purchase a record is to hover your cursor over the icon for the transcription. It will show a few of the names of others on that record. If they are strangers to you, you might want to pass by. I would also recommend that, once you are sure that you have found the correct person, you purchase a copy of the original – to avoid those transcription errors!

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Living Streets

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Walking is good for our minds, our bodies, and our cities, towns and villages.

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of speeding vehicles.

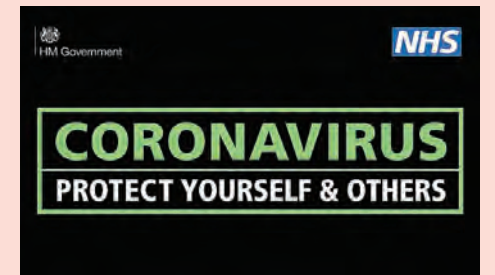
It doesn't have to be like this. That's why I support the demands Living Streets has made ahead of this year's elections, calling on candidates to pledge to improve our streets for all, cut air pollution and make walking easier and safer. Visit livingstreets.org.uk/may22 for more info.

Candidates must commit to set Vision Zero targets of significant reductions in people killed and injured on our roads. We call for

commitments on default 20mph speed limits in built-up areas, improvements to our crossings and junctions and an increase in the number of low traffic neighbourhoods. One person killed on our roads is one too many.

It is time we redesigned our streets around people, not cars. That way we can all enjoy the benefits of walking and build healthier, happier communities.

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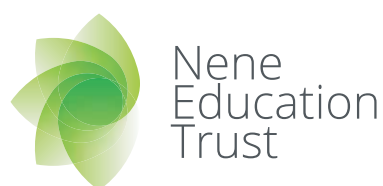
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Notice is given that the following applications have been received by North Northamptonshire Council – Thrapston Office together with the last date for making representations:

>COTTERSTOCK

Removal, alteration and replacement of internal walls in the existing cottage and garage/storage area; Replacement of windows and doors of similar appearance to the existing; New door opening to replace existing window of the cottage; New windows and doors added to garage/storage area at The Stables Cotterstock Hall Estate Main Street Cotterstock PE8 5HD (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00148/LBC (29 March 2022)

>HARRINGWORTH

Proposed internal reconfiguration, changes to existing fenestration, addition of rooflights and proposed landscaping to front of property at Weathertrees 31 Gretton Road Harringworth NN17 3AD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00160/FUL (29 March 2022)

>OUNDLE

Retrospective application for replacement doors and a new internal floor at The Old Town Hall Market Place Oundle PE8 4BA (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00118/LBC and NE/22/00117/FUL (29 March 2022)

>COLLYWESTON

Erection of a separate single storey one-bedroomed dwelling at 35 Back Lane Collyweston PE9 3PJ (Info) (Info) NE/22/00169/FUL (29 March 2022)

>KINGS CLIFFE

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension; Garage conversion to habitable space at 92 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XA (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/21/01571/FUL (29 March 2022)

>OUNDLE

Erection of a new timber shed at 25 North Street Oundle PE8 4AL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00143/FUL (29 March 2022)

>THRAPSTON

Hybrid Planning Application: Full permission sought for the demolition of all existing buildings and structures and the re-alignment of an existing farm track; site infrastructure works, including groundworks, strategic landscaping and creation of development plateaus; and construction of a storage and distribution unit (Unit 01) (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E), including access, parking, servicing, landscaping and associated infrastructure. Outline permission sought for the construction of industrial distribution space (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices (Use Class E). All matters reserved except for site access at Sand And Gravel Quarry Land Pts OP4834 7882 And 8518 TL0178 Huntingdon Road Thrapston (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/00151/FUL (29 March 2022)

>KINGS CLIFFE

Rear single storey extension; addition of front porch; new UPVC windows around the property; new UPVC front entrance door and rear utility door; update to cladding of existing dormer windows

at 34 Wood Road Kings Cliffe PE8 6XF (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00152/FUL (29 March 2022)

>WOODNEWTON

Installation of canopy on front elevation; Two storey side extension; Demolition of existing garden room and erection of replacement single storey rear extension; Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement timber garage at Church End Cottage Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EA (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00154/FUL (29 March 2022)

>BRIGSTOCK

Installation of external buried drainage and water supplies; and a new soil and vent pipe on building at St Andrews Parish Church Church Street Brigstock NN14 3EX (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/00159/FUL and NE/22/00172/LBC (29 March 2022)

>ALDWINCLE

Internal and external alterations to include demolition of existing extension and construction of new glazed extension, removal of partitions and insertion of new partitions, insertion of conservation rooflights, insertion of french doors, addition of ground floor utility and WC, removal of section of wall to kitchen area, create bathroom on first floor and en suite on second floor, erect external soil and vent pipe, replace defective dining room window, and repairs to roof at 45 Main Street Aldwincle NN14 3EL (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00190/LBC (29 March 2022)

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>RAUNDS

Erection of proposed annexe to create home office and partial conversion of double garage to form utility room at Wilanow Berrister Place Raunds NN9 6JN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00184/FUL (29 March 2022)

>PETERBOROUGH

New steel staircase and door to access the existing first floor storage area over the existing garage at 68 Main Street Yarwell PE8 6PR (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00164/FUL (29 March 2022)

>COLLYWESTON

Oak 3 bay open garage with solar panels installed to create a free charging point for the electric car at 108 Main Road Collyweston PE9 3PN (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00178/LBC (29 March 2022)

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:

Part 3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

Part 16 - 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 5 March 2022

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March at the Spinney Theatre, Northampton neatly brings these aims together by linking up with the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). The Brass Band Spectacular

concert will see the GUS Band sharing the stage with the County Junior and County Youth Brass Bands, and also the newly formed County Junior Brass Ensemble.

The County Youth Brass Band is one of NMPAT's flagship ensembles, performing regularly at festivals and competitions across the country. They also take part in bi-annual tours and have performed in many prestigious venues across Europe. The County Junior Brass Band nurtures and develops students to enable them to progress through the ranks of the NMPAT County Group system. The County Junior Brass Ensemble is newly re-formed this term – so will only have had 10 rehearsals before their first performance at this concert – and provides young brass players with an early experience of ensemble playing.

The GUS Band is excited to be sharing the stage with these talented youth players from around Northamptonshire especially as there are close ties between the band and NMPAT: Rob Fleming, one of the GUS horn players, conducts the County Junior Brass Band; Owen Yarrow, percussionist, plays in

the County Youth Brass Band and George Bruce, principal Euphonium with GUS, is a former County Youth Brass and Concert Band member.

Tickets are available now from the NMPAT office: 125 Kettering Rd, Northampton NN1 4AZ, Tel: 01604 637117 or buy on the door.



MP DROPS IN

Peter Bone, Member of Parliament for Wellingborough and Rushden, dropped in to visit the team at 360 Play to see how the sector was beginning its recovery after the impact of the pandemic.

During his visit he saw how families are coming back to rediscover natural forms of play and physical activity, after the long lockdowns. He watched one of the pre-school classes, Hartbeeps, which offers sessions to those who became parents during lockdown, before riding the dodgems and seeing the 360 Street roleplay zone in full swing.

Duncan Phillips, Founder and Managing Director said: "It's so good to be able to show how important physical and connected play

between parents and children is after such a long time of resorting to digital entertainment. Our business, like many in the indoor leisure space, has been drastically impacted over the last two years and to have our local MP visit and see how important our role is, as families come out of the impacts of the pandemic, is a great support."

Mr Bone MP, who enjoyed his visit said: "I was very impressed with my visit to 360 Play at Rushden Lakes, it is a great environment for families. It was a pleasure to see both the children and parents enjoying their time there. 360 Play is a first-class amenity based in the superb Rushden Lakes and it is certainly worth a visit."

For further information about the GUS Brass Band or to enquire about this event please contact: Amy Bruce, Publicity and Press Relations, amy_lou1993@hotmail.com Tel: 07900 955818; or Stephen Bell, Associate Musical Director, GUS Business Development Team, stephen@redkitetraining.co.uk Tel: 07749 111171

Nene Valley News - Events

- **The 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 7pm to 9.30pm:** Ise & Nene Valley Woodturners at Cranford Village Hall. All woodturners are made welcome from novices to experienced. Demonstrations monthly by professional turners. Free refreshments. Contact: Peter Bond Email: peterjbond@btinternet.com, Tel: 07483809637.
- **Sunday 6th March, 10.15am:** Morning Worship at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. No need to book, but face masks required please. More details from office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk
- **Sunday 13th March:** Countryside Walk, 'Mill Cotton – not forgotten'. A walk in the Nene Valley at the northern end of Stanwick Lakes, near the site of Mill Cotton deserted village. Park at the side of the road near Blackthorn Lake Marina (NN14 4TU), where the continuation of Station Road, Ringstead crosses the former railway line – in time to leave at 10.30am. Please contact Andrew Presland on andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927 for more details. Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden, and open to all.
- **Also on Sunday 13th March:** other community activities run by Whitefriars Church, Rushden, including a new monthly group meeting at the board game cafe, Coffee 'n' Counters, in Grangeway, Rushden, with coffee, cake and encounters with God. Details from office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk
- **Sunday 20th March, 10.15am:** Morning Worship at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. No need to book, but face masks required please.
- **Every Friday (term time), 9am to 11am:** Sparklers at The Bridge. All children under five 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. Details from Emma Croxon at emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk or 07957 080074. Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden and open to all.
- **Every Friday (term time), 1.30pm to 3pm:** Little Sparks – a group for new parents and babies to meet together to chat and share their experiences. At The Bridge. Details from Emma Croxon at emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk or 07957 080074.
- **Litter-picks, organised in conjunction with Higham Deanery (Church of England)**
- **Saturday 12th March, 10am to 12 noon:** Rushden Greenway – meet at either Dove Motors, Crown Park Rushden (NN10 6BS) or behind St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers (NN10 8BT). Equipment will be provided but please bring your own gloves.
- **Saturday 19th March, 10am to 12 noon:** Irthlingborough Lakes (precise location to be finalised). Details from Andrew Presland: andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927.

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
 (PUBLIC FOOTPATH MK17 (PART) – BRIGSTOCK)
 (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath MK17 (Part) in Brigstock as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath are unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: The existing route of MK17 (Part) to be closed starts at point A at National Grid Reference (NGR) SP9436 8512. The route travels generally south west for approximately 153 metres to point B at NGR SP9432 8498.

The route is shown by a solid black line between points A – B

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required due to surface damage due to badger set.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 11th March 2022 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR SP9436 8512. The route travels north west along the footway of Park Walk for approximately 350 metres to point C at NGR SP9411 8536, at its junction with MK18. The route travels south west along MK18 for approximately 575 metres to point D at NGR SP9361 8509 at its junction with MK19. The route travels east along MK19 and onto MK17 for a total distance of 718 metres to point B at NGR SP9432 8498.

If you require any further information please contact Sarah Cureton on 07500 579932. PKG/ROW/033

Dated this 5th day of March 2022
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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
 (OUNDL ROAD, WOODNEWTON)
 (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

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 Oundle Road, Woodnewton as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Oundle Road, Woodnewton from Southwick Road to Pound Lane.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repair to wash out chamber.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th March 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 1st April 2022.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Woodnewton Road, Main Street, Fotheringhay Road, Nassington Road, Fotheringhay Road, Church Street, Apethorpe Road, Nassington Road, Woodnewton Road and Apethorpe Road.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N456 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/082

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
 (ST OSYTHS LANE, OUNDLE)
 (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 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of St Osyth's Lane, Oundle from Market Place to East Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new zebra crossing.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th March 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 9th March 2022.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Market Place, North Road and East Road.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N455 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/075

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
 (GREENWAY, RUSHDEN)
 (TEMPORARY CYCLEWAY CLOSURE) ORDER 2022**

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

LENGTH OF CYCLEWAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Greenway, Rushden from Midland Road to Paddock Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during construction of a new ramp.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th March 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 cycleway will be restricted until 13th April 2022.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Paddock Road, St Georges Way, Wellingborough Road and Washbrook Road.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N470 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/089

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COUNCIL COMMITS TO BEING CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030

North Northamptonshire Council announced recently that it is committed to becoming carbon neutral by the beginning of the next decade.

Since the authority came into being in April 2021, work has started in earnest to tackle climate change and look after our beautiful environment. Over the next 12 months, the authority will continue to develop its wider approach to doing so, building on the hard work already underway.

The council has proposed a significant and specific budget of £1million in funding over the next three years to tackle climate change. It is expected that elements of this funding will be used to develop a carbon management action plan and establish a Climate Change and Environment strategy.

In the immediate term, the funding will also be used to roll out environmental awareness training for all elected members and staff in a phased approach, starting this month.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and Green Environment, said: "At a meeting of the council in July 2021, we declared a Climate and Environment Emergency which was a very important commitment for us to make as a new council.

"At the time, we said that we would set a date for reaching carbon neutrality once we better understood our current carbon emissions by consolidating the position of our predecessor authorities – the most prudent approach to take.

"We are now in a place to give a realistic, whilst ambitious, timeframe by which we can reach this important goal.

"And while we have set a goal for 2030, addressing climate change is a much longer-term commitment that will require innovation and widespread change."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I'm proud of the work we have done so far and look forward to seeing further measures put in place to move towards this goal.

"I would like to personally thank Cllr Pentland and her Executive Advisory Panel for moving forward with pace and getting NNC to this point so early on in this new council's journey."

Since its inception as a new council, a great deal of activity has been undertaken.

For example, the council has instigated a tree-planting initiative which has seen more than 2,000 trees planted in the past three months, as well as continuing a campaign to 'feed the bees' by allowing wildflowers to flourish in some roadside verges, where appropriate.

The authority also hosted its own conference – NN Climate 21 – in November, to showcase pioneering measures already in place and in development to reduce

carbon emissions in the North Northamptonshire area.

Included in this were details of the rollout of on-street electric vehicle charging points with the company Liberty Charge at seven locations in the North Northants area.

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