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Carers Week 6th-12th June

This year Carers Week will run from Monday 6th to Sunday 12th June with the theme 'Visible, Valued and Supported.'

Carers Week is an annual campaign that aims to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges that unpaid carers face in their daily lives and recognise the contribution that carers make to families and communities throughout the UK.

Carers continue to experience extra pressures as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Seventy-two percent have had no breaks since it began, and many thousands continue to provide more care than they did before.

Carers Week also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support.

It takes on average two years for a carer to identify themselves as such.

In 2022, Carers Week is made possible through Carers UK working together with six other major charities: Age UK, Carers Trust, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Oxfam GB, Rethink Mental Illness and The Lewy Body Society.

UNIQUE TIMELINE TAPESTRY UNVEILED IN HIGHAM FERRERS

The last piece of a nine-year-old tapestry 'jigsaw' has finally been fitted in place in Higham Ferrers, with the unique creation being hailed a "stunning finale".

The tapestry traces the life of one of Northamptonshire's most historic figures, the Higham Ferrers-born Henry Chichele, who became the Archbishop of Canterbury in the 15th century.

The fabric and thread tapestry, which has been fashioned by eight Higham Ferrers craftswomen, 'The Material Girls', has been created using appliqué and various embroidery techniques, with millions of stitches.

Four panels had already gone up in the historic Bede House – founded by Archbishop Chichele and next to St Mary's Church – before the final introductory panel, and the key to the jigsaw, which explains what the rest of the tapestry is all

about, was unveiled by the vicar, Revd Michelle Dalliston.

Thread, fabric, history and the community had been interwoven to tell the wonderful story of Henry Chichele and the Bede House, which this year celebrates its 600th anniversary, the vicar told the unveiling ceremony.

Barry Matson, the Chair of The Friends of St Mary's, said the tapestry was a labour of love and the last piece, "a stunning finale".

The tapestry was the brainchild of retired art and design teacher Fay Caddick, who told the gathering that although it had taken nine years, two years were "lost" to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Material Girls had previously worked on another tapestry known as the Mapestry,

a map of the town's heritage buildings now housed at Henry Chichele School, and could not wait to get started on the Henry Chichele timeline tapestry.

"All the pieces they were working on came together like a jigsaw. And I can't think of a more fitting place for the tapestry than the Bede House," she said.

The tapestry was initially destined to hang in the local library but when that was shut down, The Friends of St Mary's – a registered charity dedicated to the preservation of the Grade I listed buildings in the town – suggested they hang their work in Bede House.

The tapestry is being preserved for posterity behind special see-through boxes. The first four panels were sponsored



by The Friends of St Mary's, while the last box has been sponsored by The Friends of St Mary's as well as benefitting from the profits of a local book 'Higham Ferrers 1251-1914' by Brenda Lofthouse, Gwen Tobin and Rachel Smythe.

The Friends of St Mary's and the Higham Ferrers Tourism Committee took advantage of the gathering to bid farewell to

Revd Michelle Dalliston, who left the town on the weekend of 26th-27th February, to take up a new position as the Vicar of Peterborough.

She said that it had been a privilege and a joy to serve the Higham Ferrers community.

"The last three years have been the best years of my life. My heart will never leave Higham Ferrers," she said.

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The Town Council manages the cemetery, which includes grounds maintenance and cemetery memorials. Under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, Article 3, the Town Council is empowered to take immediate action to make safe dangerous memorials. Any memorials considered unsafe and an immediate danger to the visiting public will be made safe by the contractors and owners

of the affected memorials will be notified in writing at their address registered with the cemetery.

Memorials that are found to be unsafe but not an immediate danger will be identified by a notice fixed to the memorial stating the memorial is a potential danger and that it should not be touched. The owners of the affected memorial will be notified in writing.

All private graves, with their memorials, should be kept in

good repair by their owners. Notice will be sent to the owner if repairs are required. If repairs are not made within three months, the Town Council can carry out the repairs or remove the memorial at the expense of the owner. Re-instatement of the memorial will also be at the expense of the owner.

If you're concerned about the safety of a memorial you own you should consult and employ a registered monumental mason.

For more information about the survey, please email the Town Clerk at info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk or write to Town Hall, Market Square, Higham Ferrers NN10 8BT.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Following on from my advising you to purchase a copy of the original census page – once you are sure that you have the correct one – remember... it is not just the one page!

Click on where it says 'Extra' and it will open a 'filmstrip' of other pages – including the address page, so don't think that it's missing. Included is a handy map of the area where your ancestors lived – very useful if the roads and houses have since been destroyed for development.

By the way, if you live in an old house now and would like to discover who was living there in 1921, Find My Past also has that facility. I certainly did that for earlier censuses for my previous house (built in 1851) and found the information rather interesting!

Although the library has access to Find My Past, sadly the 1921 census is not available through the library service. This is because of contracts and the issue of payment for access from individuals. Therefore, the only way to check is to bring it up on your own computer.

Having said that, you can view the records for free at access hubs at the National Archives at Kew,

in London. This is useful to know if you are travelling to that neck of the woods, especially as access and travel is opening more following the pandemic. However, do contact the National Archives in advance to check availability. The National Library of Wales in Aberystwyth and Manchester Central Library also have the facility.

This census only covers England and Wales. The 1921 census for Scotland will be released on the ScotlandsPeople website, www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk later this year.

Sadly, there was no 1921 census for Ireland. In January 1919, Sinn Féin had declared Irish Independence and the War of Independence that followed lasted until 11th July 1921, when a ceasefire was declared. British rule in Ireland ended in the December. The next census to take place in Ireland was that of 1926 and it is hoped that it will be available to view in January 2027.

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REPAIR CAFÉ RETURNS

Repair Cafés are based on a simple idea: people bring in their broken or damaged items and a team of skilled, voluntary repairers do their best to mend them. The owner has the chance to watch and learn from the process whilst enjoying a cup of tea and maybe a slice of cake.

This concept is not new, of course, but is one that has been lost in modern consumer purchasing patterns. It has become 'cheaper' to simply buy a low value replacement rather than get something repaired – resulting in piles of discarded electronic goods, cheaply made

bicycles and low quality clothing – many of which are not recycled, even if they do make it into recycling bins. This needs to change and many manufacturers are shifting towards providing for the circular economy.

Products are being designed to be repaired, which extends their product life and reduces waste. Purchasing models are changing too, to be more like 'hire' agreements where retailers and manufacturers will retain ownership and take back goods at the end of their life. And more

products will be designed for recycling.

Following the success of the first event in July, the Repair Café team will be back in action on Saturday 2nd April, at Fletton House, off Glaphthorn Road in Oundle. Soon, those who have such items for repair will be asked to get in touch.

For now, though, 'repairers' are needed – those of you with skills in repairing items as diverse as patching trousers, fixing old VHS recorders or cine-cameras, or sharpening knives and scissors.

If you are interested, please email the organisers: repaircafe@transitionundle.org.uk



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SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES TO HELP KICK-START THE HIGH STREET

Workshops, webinars, masterclasses and bespoke advice are just a few highlights of the dedicated support available to local independent high street and online businesses thanks to a new initiative to help kick-start our high streets led by North Northamptonshire Council.

NN Future Retail has been made possible by the Government's Welcome Back Fund and provides free packages of support which are available for up to 100 businesses in the area to help them continue to adapt, grow and thrive as they navigate through the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic and the changing high street scene.

Available until March 2022 and on offer for retail, online and high street businesses in North Northamptonshire are virtual and face-to-face events delivered in line with the latest Covid-19 advice and guidance,

which cover topics led by local experts in the field on finance, marketing, social media, strategy and managing people – to name a few. Sessions will provide information, signposting, referrals to funding available and dedicated one-to-one support led by business specialists tailored to the needs of the organisation.

Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, Councillor Helen Howell said: "There's so much to get excited about on high streets in North Northamptonshire, they are buzzing with independent retailers who play a huge part in our local communities.

"The NN Future Retail programme comes at an ideal time following a complex couple of years for the high street and I urge local businesses to find out more and take advantage of this free offer that can help them continue to evolve and prepare for the future, as well as help give

their customers confidence in using their services and ensure they are Covid-19 safe while shopping."

Councillor David Brackenbury, Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration said: "This is a great opportunity for our network of local businesses. The value they hold in our communities is extremely evident, and across North Northamptonshire we have a variety of unique companies who are at the heart of our daytime, evening and night-time economy.

"We have seen many of these businesses adapt and transform with great creativity particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic as their customer needs and behaviours have altered. The launch of NN Future Retail will help them continue to build resilience and develop in these ever-changing times, as well as giving business owners and

teams the chance to network, learn from each other and share skills."

Delivered on behalf of the council by local company Building Business with support from partners including Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, the

University of Northampton and the Business and IP Centre Northamptonshire, the support provided through the NN Future Retail programme is

free to access and is available to independent businesses in the North Northamptonshire area including retail, hospitality, personal care services and more.

Businesses can learn more about this exciting opportunity by emailing the team at enquiries@buildingbusiness.org.uk or by calling 01832 279444.

Higham centenarian celebrates



Higham Ferrers resident Isobel Gow is seen being presented with flowers from Higham Ferrers Mayor Cllr Tina Reavey at the Over 60s Club at Higham Ferrers WMC.

Isobel, who turned 100 on 8th March, is originally from Edinburgh but has lived in Higham Ferrers with her daughter Pam for the last eight years.

Isobel attends the Over 60s Club with friends every week and all Higham residents are invited to come along and join the group for bingo, tea and cake, and occasional music every Friday between 2pm and 4pm.

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Thu 14 Postal Museum
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Tue 19 Warwick
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MAY
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Mon 2 Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza
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Mon 9 Derbyshire & Peak District
Wed 11 Lion King or Only Fools & Horses
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Spotlight on > FARMERS' MARKETS

> FRESH PRODUCE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

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roast, locally roasted coffee and much more.

There's a lot on offer to tempt you and all the stall holders are ready to answer any questions you have about their goods.

Why not make a day of it and visit one of the many independent cafes, shops and restaurants, take a stroll along the River Nene or follow the Heritage Trail. With

free car parks, a convenient and regular bus route on the X4, there is lots to enjoy. Take a look at loveOundle.org to find out how you can make the most of your visit.

> LOCAL LAMB FROM PARK TO PLATE

Discover a new sustainable initiative from Nene Park Trust. Their monthly 'Park to Plate' lamb boxes contain lamb born and reared on land managed in a nature-friendly way, including the Nene Park estate.

Park to Plate has grown out of the share farming partnership between Nene Park Trust and first generation farmers, brothers Craig and Ryan Baxter, following the three key principles of being kind to animals, kind to nature and kind to the environment. The partnership places the utmost importance on the welfare of its animals, ensuring they live happy, healthy lives. Farming in harmony with nature, livestock roam extensively on land that is managed for

the longer-term benefit of the environment and wildlife. The farming system is entirely forage-based, meaning that livestock enjoy their favourite food – grass, herbs and wildflowers – throughout their lives, minimising environmental impact and maximising benefits to nature.

More information about the partnership and farming principles can be found at www.nenepark.org.uk/park-to-plate

Boxes of Park to Plate lamb are now available to order from the Nene Park online shop. Customers can choose between small, medium or large boxes, containing a variety of cuts of lamb from joints and cutlets to mince and chops. The full contents of each box, and the prices can be seen on the Nene Park website: www.nenepark.org.uk/pages/shop/department/lamb-boxes

The boxes are available to order by a set cut-off date each month. Once your order has been placed, you will receive a confirmation email



with details of collection dates and times.

Oliver Burke, Head of Operations at Nene Park Trust says: "This is such an exciting point in our Share Farming Partnership. Each stage of the farming cycle is managed

locally. This means that the meat that comes from the Partnership is of the highest quality, using the highest animal welfare standards, and is hyper-local, as it makes its way from the park to your plate."

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FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHER SCHEME COULD BE EXTENDED UNTIL THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive will be discussing the funding for benefits-related Free School Meals for the remainder of the academic year.

If agreed the council will provide shopping vouchers for families with children who are eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals, with vouchers being distributed to the families by their schools during the Easter holidays and the May half-term.

Under the scheme, each eligible child is provided with a £15 meal voucher to pay for lunches.

The funding would come from the Government's Household Support Grant, with £306,000 being spent during the Easter break and

£153,000 in the May half-term.

Since the council came into being in April 2021, the funding for free school meal holiday vouchers has been £1,950,000 to date.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the council, said: "It's almost two years since the pandemic started and these have been very challenging times.

"However, some families have struggled severely, and I'm delighted that we can provide this additional support for those who are in most need of our help."

Cllr Scott Edwards the council's Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "This scheme has already made a big difference for many children and I'm pleased that we are able to keep offering this support.

"I'm proud that North Northamptonshire Council at this time can provide a helping hand."

Without additional funding being available, the scheme is likely to run until the end of this academic year before support returns to their pre-Covid levels.

FUTURE PLANS FOR RAUNDS LIBRARY ANNOUNCED

As part of the Council's Community Managed Libraries Programme, North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) has been working alongside Raunds Town Council and the Raunds Library Community Trust volunteers to find a viable solution to enable the transfer of Raunds Library into community management.

As an interim measure, in order to keep the library open for the local community, NNC had allowed the Raunds Community Library Trust to occupy the library premises under a Tenancy at Will.

NNC are now able to announce that a partnership has been brokered between an experienced and established Academy Trust and Raunds Community Library Trust. A new business plan has been received, which will be subject to approval by NNC's Executive, but there is confidence that this will secure the future of Raunds Library.

Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "The decision to close Raunds

library, unless a suitable community management agreement was established, was taken by the former Northamptonshire County Council.

"It has always been my desire to find a workable solution to retain Raunds Library without placing the financial burden solely on the residents of Raunds, so I am delighted that we have been able to bring these two trusts together. We have been working tirelessly with all concerned to find the best outcome for our residents and this partnership will provide the support and stability that is needed to retain Raunds Library. My sincere thanks to all concerned."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the council, said: "I am pleased that we have

been able to announce this partnership and, subject to approval by the Executive, we should be able to secure the future of this excellent asset for the residents of Raunds."

Raunds Town Council added: "Raunds Town Council welcomes this positive outcome for Raunds Library and would like to place on record our thanks to Cllr Howell and NNC for all of the work that has gone on behind the scenes. We would also like to thank the army of volunteers who have kept the library going over the last few years. It is great that everyone has come together to be able to secure the future of this important community service. We very much look forward to meeting the Academy Trust in due course to discuss how we can support them further."

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Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

> LUDDINGTON IN THE BROOK

Application for the siting of six temporary mobile homes and a wash/welfare facility for use by seasonal agricultural workers (retrospective) **(resubmission of planning application ref: 20/01013/FUL) at Land Adjacent Rectory Farm Gypsy Lane Luddington In The Brook (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/00268/FUL (12 April 2022)**

> DEENE

Variation of condition 2 to allow for a revised internal layout for the business uses and additional rooflight and dormer pursuant to 19/00682/FUL- Change of use of redundant North Barn, West Barn and Old Dairy (B8/ Agricultural) to mixed use B1 (Business) Condition 2 - Approved plans at Buildings At Home Farm House Deene **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00265/VAR (12 April 2022)**

> OUNDLE

Proposed internal and external alteration works to dwelling, including new lantern light to flat roof, reducing 1 window, new

set of bifold doors, and minor internal alterations to C20 extension. (Resubmission) at 58 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00276/FUL (12 April 2022)**

> DEENETHORPE

Conversion of farm buildings to a dwelling with associated access and the alteration/ extension of the existing farmhouse at Manor Farm 14 Deenethorpe NN17 3EP **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00218/FUL (12 April 2022)**

> OUNDLE

Repair existing failing Collyweston roof slates to rear elevation and replace with new Collyweston roof slates, repair timbers as necessary - Resubmission of NE/21/01485/FUL and NE/21/01486/LBC at 1 St Osyths Lane Oundle PE8 4BG **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00244/FUL (12 April 2022) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/00245/LBC**

> WOODFORD

Change of use of building to B8 storage and distribution with ancillary office at The Nursery Manor House Farm Addington Road Woodford NN14 4ES **(Info) (LB/**

CA) (Info) NE/22/00241/FUL (12 April 2022)

> RUSHDEN

Conversion of building to 13 residential flats, proposed roof lights, and landscaping work to the front to include new retaining wall, steps and bin store at Independent Wesleyan Church High Street Rushden NN10 0PJ **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00301/FUL (12 April 2022)**

> ASHTON

Alter Courtyard and outbuilding to form habitable accommodation with internal alterations to ground floor and new rear french doors at 2 Mill Cottages Oundle Road Ashton PE8 5LB **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00107/FUL (12 April 2022) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/00108/LBC**

> HIGHAM FERRERS

Retrospective application for installation of automatic sliding gate to parking area and freestanding outbuilding at 1 Hind Stile Higham Ferrers NN10 8EA **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00215/FUL (12 April 2022)**

> ISLIP

Demolition of existing garage; single storey front porch extension; 2 storey rear extension; external alterations including render and replacement windows and roof tiles at 22 High Street Islip NN14 3JS **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00226/FUL (12 April 2022)**

> OUNDLE

Proposed internal and external alteration works to dwelling, including new lantern light to flat roof, reducing 1 window, new set of bifold doors, and minor internal alterations to C20 extension. (Resubmission) at 58 West Street Oundle PE8 4EF **(LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/00303/LBC (12 April 2022)**

> DEENE

Variation of condition 2 to allow for a revised internal layout for the business uses and additional rooflight and dormer pursuant to 19/00683/LBC - Repair and alteration to curtilage listed barns (North Barn, West Barn and Old Dairy) to allow for change of use to mixed use B1 (Business); replacement roof tiles; replacement and new fenestration; repair and restore internal structures and associated works Condition 2 - Approved

plans at Buildings At Home Farm House Deene **(LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/00263/VAR (12 April 2022)**

> LAXTON

New garage and single storey extension to the rear at The Old Bakery 6 Main Street Laxton NN17 3AT **(Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00213/FUL (12 April 2022)**

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows :

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

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

Info - Non-statutory - included for information only.

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

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

**Rob Harbour,
Assistant Director
Growth And Regeneration**

Dated 19 March 2022

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF TWO RUSHDEN SCHOOLS

North Northamptonshire Council is asking for your views, to ensure the best education for young people in Rushden.

The schools are:

- Tennyson Road Infant School which provides education for children aged 4 to 7 years.
- Alfred Street Junior School which provides education for children aged 7 to 11 years.

To address several financial and operational challenges at Alfred Street and Tennyson Road schools, the Council was approached by the governing bodies from both schools to support an amalgamation.

Council officers support the request of the governing bodies and agree that the proposed amalgamation would be to the benefit of children in the local area. It would also seek to address financial concerns regarding the long-term viability of operating as two separate

schools.

There are currently three options being explored:

- Option 1 – maintaining things as they currently are
- Option 2 – one of the schools is closed
- Option 3 – both schools are closed and a new primary school established

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "Supporting children in their education is very important to us and our role here is to make sure that whichever option is decided upon helps provide children with the best chances possible.

"It's important that as many people as possible have their say to make sure that everyone has had their view and all sides

of the issue have been fully explored."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Our young people are the future of North Northants so it's important that they receive the best education possible. Ensuring the right school arrangements are in place is essential so it's important we get this right."

Have your say

- People can have their say by completing the online questionnaire

- They can also write to: North Northamptonshire Council, Initial Consultation: Tennyson Road Infant School and Alfred Street Primary School, Sheerness House, Meadow Road, Kettering NN16 8TL

The consultation will run until midnight on Friday 29th April 2022.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON FUTURE OF KERBSIDE GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS IN NORTH NORTHANTS

People are being asked for their views on the harmonisation of kerbside garden waste collections in North Northamptonshire.

At a meeting last month, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive approved a proposal to go out to consultation on providing a consistent service across the area.

Following local government reorganisation last year, the new unitary council has inherited different approaches to the fortnightly kerbside garden waste collections from the previous local authorities.

In Corby and Kettering, the service is currently provided all year at no extra charge, whilst in Wellingborough, it operates between March and November with no additional cost for users of the service. In East Northamptonshire, the year-round scheme has a £55 annual subscription charge, paid by users of the service.

Cllr Graham Lawman, the council's Executive member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "Now that we are one council across the North Northants area, we need to ensure there is a consistent service that is fair

to all, which is not the case at present.

"It's important that we ask people for their views on this as it affects the majority of households in our area and certainly everyone who has a garden. This also gives us an opportunity to promote home composting, which we would like to encourage.

"However we run the service, there is a cost, whether this is direct or indirect, therefore, one of the main questions is whether it is right that funding comes from general funds, i.e everyone's council tax, or only from users of the service."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the council, said: "It's important we provide a consistent service for everyone and this project will ensure that is the case. Naturally we need to seek people's views as it affects so many people across North Northants."

To implement a harmonised kerbside garden waste service, the council has some key options and considerations:

- To determine which months of the year a kerbside collection service would operate

- To establish whether a universal garden waste service would be provided to all residents without an additional charge.
- To establish whether a subscription-based garden waste service would be provided to residents who wish to subscribe to the service and pay a subscription charge.
- And, if a subscription charge was to be levied, the level of this charge.

Have your say

- You can have your say by completing the online questionnaire <https://northnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/garden-waste-service>
- Comments can also be made by post at: North Northamptonshire Council; Garden Waste Collection Service Consultation, Sheerness House, Meadow Road, Kettering NN16 8TL.

This consultation will run from 14th March until midnight on Sunday 17th April 2022.

When the Executive decides on the future service delivery (expected to be in July), they will also consider the implementation timeframe, which could be as early as this autumn.

GRANTS TO BE PROVIDED FOR ALMOST 400 NORTH NORTHANTS BUSINESSES

Up to 400 businesses impacted by Covid-19 restrictions could be eligible for a one-off grant from North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) under a new grant scheme.

All businesses who have previously received a Discretionary Hospitality and Tourism Grant have been contacted by email and can apply for the Discretionary Omicron Grant (DOmi) scheme. Business owners who received a Discretionary Restart Grant in 2021 and operate in one of the eligible sectors have also been contacted. This includes gyms, leisure and night clubs.

Inevitably there have been some difficult decisions on eligibility and not all businesses that have been impacted by restrictions will receive support in this round. Please do not contact the Council about this new grant if you have not received an email.

It is expected that approaching 400 businesses across North Northamptonshire

could receive grants in this round of funding.

Cllr David Brackenbury, NNC's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration said: "The sectors being contacted have felt the impact of Covid-19 restrictions the most. Our teams are working hard to reach as many qualifying businesses as possible, so they can receive these much needed grants as soon as possible. From our experience of previous grants, we know these funds can make a real difference and I hope this round of assistance can be the helping hand businesses across North Northamptonshire need."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC, added: "Our goal is to support the local economy as effectively as possible with this grant scheme by providing meaningful support to those businesses identified. I would urge anyone who has been contacted by our team to submit an application before the deadline."

Stanwick Lakes announces new director and visitor centre relaunch

New Executive Director "absolutely delighted" to take leadership role.

Kate Chadwick has recently been appointed as Executive Director at Stanwick Lakes, a unique 750-acre countryside attraction and nature reserve in the heart of Northamptonshire's Nene Valley.

The role combines previous directorial and operational lead roles to create a more overarching, leadership position at Rockingham Forest Trust, the environmental charity which manages Stanwick Lakes.

Kate joins the charity from MK Gallery, where she was previously Deputy Director. She said: "I'm absolutely delighted to take on the role at Stanwick Lakes. There is so much to look forward to and I'm very excited for what the future holds."

One of the first tasks



in her new position is to relaunch the site's visitor centre, which has been closed since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. A central feature of the Stanwick Lakes site, the visitor centre is used by over 300,000 people a year and will reopen at the beginning of April 2022. Kate will also be refreshing the organisation's brand image and re-installing a key piece of the site's play equipment damaged by fire in 2021.

"We have an intense few

weeks to get everything up and running before the visitor centre relaunch in April, but the whole team here is pulling together. In the meantime, the site remains open as usual to the public including our extensive play areas, outdoor food kiosk and other facilities," Kate added.

Stanwick Lakes' visitor centre houses a 100-cover restaurant and gift shop, exhibition space, a heritage resource room and private hire facilities. Visitors can also enjoy numerous lakeside walks and trails and the site hosts a variety of high-quality cultural events throughout the year including heritage craft courses, outdoor cinema, frost fairs and family orientated Christmas activities.

Tree-mendous team effort as trees are planted at Irchester Country Park

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) Councillors and the Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire joined local school children and Northamptonshire Carers to plant trees as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative.

A group of pupils from Irchester Primary School took part in the planting on 11th March, alongside Northamptonshire Carers and local dignitaries. Across the day native and fruit trees were planted to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, including 70 trees (one for each year of Her Majesty's reign) on the Royal Meadow.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and Environment, said: "The trees that were planted at Irchester Country Park, as well as those across North Northamptonshire, will have a long lasting impact on our communities now and for future generations. Although the planting season is coming to an end, there will be a further opportunity at the end of the year for people to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' and I would encourage everyone to take part and help improve our natural environment."

Cllr Helen Howell, Deputy Leader of NNC and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "It was great to be able to join Irchester Primary School and Northamptonshire Carers for our last, big planting event of the planting season.

"Since October 2021, trees have been

planted across North Northamptonshire by our teams, as well as community groups and volunteers, to commemorate Her Majesty's 70 years of service and they will be a legacy for years to come. Thank you to everyone, so far, who has taken part in this fantastic initiative."

James Saunders Watson Esq, Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, said: "The Queen's Green Canopy is one of the key initiatives to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. There has been a concerted effort to plant thousands of trees across the county involving numerous organisations and individuals, including private individuals, schools, small groups and the local authorities. This initiative has engendered enthusiastic support from so many corners of our community."

Since the start of the planting season and up to the end of March (the end of the planting season) trees have been planted at locations across North Northamptonshire and officially recorded as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative.

The council continues to work closely with the Northamptonshire Lord-Lieutenant's office and local community groups to encourage tree planting activities across the area.

For more information on how to get involved, visit queensgreencanopy.org
You can also find out more details about tree planting and permissions.

Peterborough Celebrates Festival will showcase diverse range of talent

A three-day community festival that brings together and celebrates everything that makes Peterborough great will be held on the weekend of 13th–15th May.

Peterborough Celebrates Festival, a free-to-attend community and family-focused festival at Ferry Meadows, will also act as an opportunity to thank the many people who have helped the city come through the last couple of extremely challenging years.

The event will start with a small launch event on Friday evening.

From grassroots music, theatre and community groups to food and drink, crafts and sports, there will be a packed, eclectic schedule of activities and entertainment across the weekend.

Matthew Bradbury, Chief Executive of Nene Park Trust, said: “Peterborough Celebrates

Festival will provide a stage to celebrate everything that is great about Peterborough – showcasing the diverse range of talent across our community.”

The event has been developed in partnership between Nene Park Trust and Peterborough City Council, alongside community leaders, businesses, and supporters from across the city.

Cllr Steve Allen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities for Peterborough City Council, added: “Peterborough is a fantastic, diverse and thriving place and this festival will bring all of this together for everyone to see and enjoy.”

Community organisations, groups and businesses are also being asked to come forward if they feel they can support the event through exhibiting, sponsoring, or volunteering.

For more information about the festival, please visit peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk

PLATINUM JUBILEE BIG PICNIC LUNCH TO BE HELD AT WICKSTEED PARK

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) will host a ‘Big Picnic Lunch’ event at Wicksteed Park to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen’s 70 years of service.

Families and community groups are all invited to join the celebrations, which will take place on Sunday 5th June at the park in Kettering.

Cllr Helen Howell, Deputy Leader of NNC and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: “It certainly will be an event not to be missed and a great opportunity for families and friends to come together to celebrate Her Majesty’s 70 years of service. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the team at Wicksteed Park for their support.”

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC, added: “We really hope that you will be able to join us and the team at Wicksteed Park for this great event. But it’s not just about our ‘Big Picnic Lunch’ – there will be events taking place across North Northamptonshire throughout the weekend.”

The Big Lunch is an annual event which encourages communities to come together. This year’s will be the official community celebration for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. A pageant is also due to take place in Northampton to mark the Jubilee.

For more information about the Platinum Jubilee in North Northants, visit www.northnorthants.gov.uk/Jubilee

RAUNDS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022

28th April–1st May

The four-day indoor festival concentrates mostly on acclaimed folk, roots and acoustic music, but also includes local performers, community groups, song ‘n’ tune free sessions, and other grassroots initiatives.

The Trials of Cato will headline the Sunday evening session. Their debut album won Best Album at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, with BBC Radio 2’s Mark Radcliffe hailing them as “one of the real discoveries on the folk circuit in recent times.” Not to be missed, book up early!

At the crossroads of blues and American roots music you’ll find Brooks Williams. “Setting new standards and a fresh direction for the blues,” says Blues In Britain, and creating a “beautiful fusion” (Keys And Chords). Williams performs throughout Europe, North America and will be returning to Raunds for this year’s festival.

On Saturday night Megson top the bill. The husband & wife duo bring an infectious mix of

heavenly vocals, lush harmonies and driving rhythmic guitars. Megson have gained fame on the British folk scene, not only for their arresting and intelligent songwriting, but also for their exquisite musicianship and northern humour. Also on Saturday you will see the Rosellys, a band who make no apology for their love of Americana. Musically, they blend English accents with lyrical references to both the UK and US alongside well pitched bass, feisty drum beats and stunning pedal steel and fiddle, to create a sound that walks the fine line between Celtic folk and Americana.

Have you recently moved to Raunds? Why not give the festival a try this year, you will not be disappointed! The festival is mostly staged in the Saxon Hall, with good seats and the opportunity to choose from real ales, soft drinks, hot drinks and some food to keep you going.

Looking for a bargain? Why not consider buying the Early Bird Saver. Buy before 1st April and you get all of the concerts and sessions for only £45!

Tickets are available from Raunds Hardware & Pet Supplies, Brook St Newsagents, ring the Festival Hotline 07756 015615 or go to the website: www.raundsfestival.com, where you can see a full list of acts.

Nene Valley News - Events

Saturday 19th March, 10am to 12 noon: Lent litter-pick, organised in conjunction with Higham Deanery (Church of England), but all are welcome to take part: at Irthlingborough Lakes - meeting at the old bridge (off the A6) Station Road, Irthlingborough. Please bring your own gloves. Other equipment will be provided. Details from Andrew Presland: andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927

Sunday 20th March, 10.15am: Morning Worship at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. More details from office@whitefriarschurch.org.uk

Counting Down Now to a ‘Posh’ Jumble Sale at Cotterstock Village Hall PE8 5HD Saturday 26th March 9.30am -12.30pm. Bargains Galore, don’t miss out, come and have a rummage in the jumble, you will see:

- good quality toys from toddlers to teens
- bikes for adults and children
- puzzles and games
- books by popular authors
- bric-a-brac vintage and antique pieces including a Tuscan Charade bone china dinner service with serving dishes
- lots of perfect pieces of Portmeirion pottery as well as Masons Chartreuse ornaments, china trinket pots, Wedgewood, Hummel figures, Beswick, Limoges, Caithness paperweights and many other items
- sets of glasses for every drink
- garden pots
- branded clothes displayed on rails, some still with their tags on including, Boden, Reiss, Jack Wills, Ted Baker, Dalia, Jigsaw and Ralph Lauren
- accessories, new and nearly new shoes including Dune and Ruby Shoo, leather handbags, purses, scarves and jewellery.

Tables will be spread out in the village hall, garden and a marquee to keep everyone as safe as possible. Admission is £1 (cash only) and all monies raised will be shared between St Andrew’s Church and Cotterstock Village Hall funds. All unsold jumble will go to local charity shops.

Sunday 27th March, 10.15am: Morning Worship and Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday 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.

Wednesday 30th March, 12noon onwards: East Northants Community Leaders’ Lunch at 19 to 21 Church Street, Rushden: talks on local community activities – including the work of the Joshua Foundation in local schools, followed by a buffet lunch at 1pm. All welcome. Details from Andrew Presland: andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or 01933 316927

Sparklers meets every Friday (term time) 9am to 11am at the Bridge. All children under five and their parents/carers are welcome to join for stories, crafts, sensory play and activities. Hot drinks and snacks available during the morning. £1 per family. Little Sparks – a group for new parents and babies to meet together to chat and share their experiences: every Friday (term-time) 1.30pm-3pm in the Bridge. Details from Emma Croxon at emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk or 07957 080074. Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden and open to all.

Friday 8th April, 7.30pm, Rushden & District History Society Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Graham Sutherland: ‘Drainpipe Trousers to Rock ‘n’ Roll – Life in the 1950s’. Admission Fee: Members £1.50, non-members £2.50. Tel: 01536 238320 for more information.

Monday 18th April Stanwick Races – 10K and 2K. Stanwick High Street. Time: 10.30am. Admission: 10K Affiliated runners £13, unaffiliated £15. 2K Child £5. Contact: Les Marchant. Email andorrapenguin@gmail.com. 10K and 2K road races.

Your Health – PLOGGING

WORDS BY CLAIRE SHORT

Yes, it really is a thing! It’s not a typo.

I agree, it’s not the most serious name for an activity, but if you want to give an activity a name that makes you smile, then plogging has to be on the list.

Plogging started in Sweden in 2016 and has taken off around the world, including, it would seem, in our own towns. And the idea is pure genius.

If you go plogging you’ll be running while collecting litter at the same time. I told you it was a clever idea! From a purely environmental view it means that plastics and other waste are collected and don’t cause damage to plants, wild animals and birds. Aesthetically it works because it makes our beautiful countryside cleaner. But how about from a physical point of view?

I can hear you thinking that stopping your run

or walk to pick up litter every few yards might slow you down. Well, of course it will slow you down, but think about the additional movements you’ll be incorporating into the activity – you’ll be forward bending (or squatting), twisting, engaging your core muscles and moving your shoulders.

So, in addition to clearing up the rubbish, you’ll also be getting a bit of a full body workout – though how effective it is will obviously depend on how much effort you want to put in!

Gym addicts – you could even incorporate jumps along the way.

No matter what your level of running, this seems like a great idea to me. Our local events are organised by The Diamond Runners, so keep an eye open for their adverts.

And the strange name? Apparently it comes from the Swedish verbs plocka upp (to pick up) and jogga (to jog).

Have a ploggingly good week!

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The Bedesmen's Story

When Northamptonshire vicar, the Revd Michelle Dalliston conducted her farewell service at St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers recently, there were five cloaked figures in the packed congregation.

Part of a unique historic group with a heritage dating back 600 years, four of the cloaked churchgoers are Bedesmen and the fifth, a Bedeswoman. They are the only Bedesfolk in the country who carry out ceremonial civic duties throughout the year.

Their traditional home is the Bede House, in St Mary's churchyard, and the cloaked companions also gather every 21st December when, after a church service and thanks to the generosity of local businesses, they tuck into a traditional roast beef feast complete with Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings in front of a large roaring open log fire.

Then they collect their one penny-a-day back pay, the same wages the Bedesfolk

received back in 1422 when Higham Ferrers-born Henry Chichele, the Archbishop of Canterbury and one of Northamptonshire's most famous historical figures, founded the Bede House for the medieval charity.

The Bedesmen's old silver penny is said to be more than a modern day old age pension. The money came from funds of the nearby Chichele College, which Archbishop Chichele also founded.

Five shillings was allotted for filling the lamp that graced the middle of the Bede House's large open hall, and another five shillings went to the barber who visited every Friday to shave them, dress their heads and make them clean.

They were also given enough cloth to make a dark winter-style overcoat, or as the original rules stated 'a gown', complete with a red star attached. The current style was introduced almost 20 years ago.

"The Bedeswoman also

received the same benefits, such as the pay and cloth. It was a very early example of equality," said Stuart Wilby, the group's Prior, the leader.

The significance of the star remains a mystery, he said.

The Bede House was earmarked as a dwelling place for 12 poor men aged 50 and older to live in 'close company' along with a Bedeswoman attendant, who would look after them.

Today's Bedeswoman, Marian Knott, explained that back in time, the duties would have involved cooking for the men using herbs from the nearby garden, doing their laundry and looking after them when they were ill.

The word Bede means prayer and the 12 men had to live in monastic style with several periods of daily prayer as well as undertake manual work in the garden.

There are 11 members at present and the trustees are due to meet to discuss who should fill the current vacancy left by the death of one of



Above: Decked out in their ceremonial cloaks, the Higham Ferrers Bedesmen and Bedeswoman were in the congregation to bid a fond farewell to the outgoing vicar of St Mary's Church, Revd Michelle Dalliston, centre. They are, from the left: Pete Austin, Chris O'Rourke, Stuart Wilby, Bedeswoman Marian Knott and Colin Gilks.



Left: The Bede House in Higham Ferrers as it appeared on a postcard franked 1909.

the members. "Traditionally, preference is given to people who have lived in Higham Ferrers for a while and who have some influence in the

town," said Prior Wilby, who hails from a long line of Bedesmen and women.

The Bede House, which is maintained and administered

by St Mary's Church Parish Council is now used for church activities, fund-raising and social events and it is also available for hire.

North Northamptonshire homes encouraged to check eligibility for **Green Homes Grant scheme** ahead of energy price cap increase

With Ofgem's announcement of a rise in the energy price cap from April 2022, residents in North Northamptonshire are being encouraged to check if they are eligible to receive help under a new scheme which has been recently launched, which could help local householders to offset the impact of any increases in their energy bills, be warmer in their homes and lower their carbon emissions.

Under the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme, delivered by Warmworks on behalf of the South East Energy Hub, supported by North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) and through funding from the UK Government, householders can apply to receive improvements to increase the comfort and warmth in their home.

The scheme offers a wide range of insulation measures and renewable heating technologies which are designed to support homes to reduce their impact on the environment, including

air source, ground source, and hybrid heat pumps.

The Green Homes Grant scheme is open to homeowners, private tenants and people in private rented accommodation, where the home has a low energy rating and a low annual income.

Warmworks will arrange a survey in the homes of eligible householders to agree the work that will be carried out. An accredited and registered sub-contractor team then completes the installation of the agreed heating and energy-efficiency measures, before an independent inspection assesses the completed work against rigorous quality standards. Where required, Warmworks will also then arrange for a full annual service to be completed 12 months later.

Cllr Andy Mercer, the council's Executive Member for Housing and Community, said: "The Green Homes Grant scheme offers heating and insulation improvement grants. It is aimed at people across

North Northants who are on a low income and finding it hard to heat their home. It can also help to offset any increase to their energy bills and reduce their home's impact on the environment."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of NNC, added: "With an increase in the energy price cap coming into force from April, I'd encourage everyone across North Northamptonshire to check if they are eligible to receive help from the Green Homes Grant scheme."

Ross Armstrong, Warmworks Managing Director, said: "I'm delighted that Warmworks is working in North Northamptonshire to deliver the Green Homes Grant scheme.

"Not only do the funded energy efficiency measures that the scheme provides give local people an opportunity to reduce their carbon emissions and support the transition to Net Zero, but also one of the most important benefits we can offer through the scheme is to help people feel warmer, healthier

and happier in their homes.

"A few minutes to complete our short application could help

your home stay warmer for years ahead."

You can find out if you are

eligible for the scheme by completing Warmworks' short application form.

Easter fun at Stanwick Lakes

Don't be late for this very important date...

With the start of new Executive Director, Kate Chadwick, Stanwick Lakes will be holding an Alice's Adventures in Wonderland themed Trail as well as lots of fun activities this Easter.

The trail, at only £3 per trail, will run from the 2nd-18th April, 9am-4pm, with large eggs and

charming characters to find. Each weekend of the school holidays and 15th-16th April will include a chance to see adorable animals, face painting, fun craft activities, a prize draw and competitions.

The trail and activities coincide with the reopening of the visitor centre and café.



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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
(AMENDED BY THE LOCALISM ACT 2011)
NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
(GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 (as amended)**

**SUBMISSION OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD
DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PARISH OF
BARNWELL (BARNWELL NEIGHBOURHOOD
DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2031): CONSULTATION
UNDER REGULATION 16 OF THE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL)
REGULATIONS 2012**

Notice is given, that on 4th February 2022 Barnwell Parish Council submitted a draft neighbourhood development plan (the Barnwell Neighbourhood Development Plan 2011-2031) to North Northamptonshire Council, under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The 'plan proposal'

In accordance with Regulation 16, North Northamptonshire Council is now consulting upon the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Comments are invited, regarding whether the 'plan proposal', as submitted under Regulation 15 (the draft Barnwell Neighbourhood Development Plan and supporting documentation) fulfils the "basic conditions", as required by paragraph 8 (1) (a) (2) of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (inserted by the Localism Act 2011). The plan proposal, as submitted, comprises the following documents:

- A map identifying the area to which the proposed neighbourhood development plan relates;
- A consultation statement;
- The proposed neighbourhood development plan;
- A statement (the "Basic Conditions Statement") explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the requirements of paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The "basic conditions"

Representations received under Regulation 16 regarding the plan proposal will be forwarded to an appointed examiner, who will assess the Barnwell Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents against the "basic conditions". These require that the plan:

- Has regard to national policy and guidance from the Secretary of State;
- Contributes to sustainable development;
- Is in general conformity with the strategic policy of the development plan for the area or any part of that area;
- Does not breach or is otherwise compatible with current retained EU obligations – this includes the SEA Directive of 2001/42/EC; and that -
- The making of the Neighbourhood Development Plan is not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (as defined in the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010(d)), either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Submitting representations under Regulation 16

Comments are sought as to whether the plan proposal (Barnwell Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documentation) fulfils the "basic conditions". The consultation will run from Monday 21 March to Tuesday 3 May 2022.

Comments should be made by e-mail to: planningpolicy.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk, or write to:

Planning Policy, Growth and Regeneration, North Northamptonshire Council, Thrapston Office, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ

Representations should be made no later than 4pm on Tuesday 3 May 2022.

Further information can be found on the Council's website under the consultation pages at the following link:
<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-consultations>

Hard copies of the submission documents will be available to view at: Libraries at Oundle, Thrapston, Rushden, Irthlingborough and Raunds during normal opening hours and

- Customer Service Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, NN14 4LZ
- Customer Service Centre, Newton Road, Rushden, NN10 0PT
- Customer Service Centre, Fletton House, Oundle, PE8 4JA

If you have any queries regarding the Regulation 16 consultation please email: planningpolicy.ENC@northnorthants.gov.uk

Simon Richardson
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Growth and Regeneration

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(WELLINGBOROUGH ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH)
(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 Wellingborough Road, Irthlingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Wellingborough Road, Irthlingborough from the junction of Whitney Close to Presland Way.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a new connection.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th April 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 for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use High Street, A6, Wellingborough Road, Sidegate Lane and Mill Road.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N526 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/177

Dated this 19th day of March 2022
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(ADDINGTON ROAD, IRTHLINGBOROUGH)
(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 Addington Road, Irthlingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Addington Road, Irthlingborough from the junction of A6 to Noble Avenue.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during bridge works and surfacing.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th April 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 for three periods, 4th April, 27th April and 14th May.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Addington Road, Ringstead Road, Station Road, Raunds Road, A45 and A6.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N466 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/091

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(MILTON STREET & WHARF ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS)
(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 those lengths of roads as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Milton Street – from Wharf Road for 15 metres. Wharf Road – from Gardenfield to Saffron Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new mains fittings.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th April 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 roads will be restricted until 7th April 2022.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Roland Way, Vine Hill Drive and College Street.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N512 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/154

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(OUNDE ROAD, WOODNEWTON)
(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 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

Dated this 19th day of March 2022
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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(A47 LEICESTER ROAD, DUDINGTON)
(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 A47 Leicester Road, Duddington as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That A47 Leicester Road, Duddington from A43 to county boundary.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway surface dressing programme.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th April 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 for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A6003, A427 and A3.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N530 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/187

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(A43 STAMFORD ROAD, DEENETHORPE & WELDON)
(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 A43 Stamford Road, Deenethorpe and Weldon as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That A43 Stamford Road, Deenethorpe and Weldon from A427 roundabout to Kirby Lane.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway surface dressing programme.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th April 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 for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A47, A6003, A6116 and A427.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref:- 21/22 – N531 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/188

Dated this 19th day of March 2022
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The appeal is being spearheaded by Julie Bloor, Secondary School Improvement Partner at Nene Education Trust.

She said: “Research shows that reading has a powerful impact on a child’s academic success, regardless of their socio-economic background. Unfortunately, it is estimated that during lockdown one in every seven children lived in a house with no books. Local libraries have suffered from funding cuts, so we’d like to do what we can to improve the choice

available in our school libraries.”

Businesses in the area are being approached to see if they feel able to contribute. Each school needs approximately £1,200 to acquire the books. It may be that a single organisation can cover the entire cost for a school, but any contribution, no matter how big or small, would be gratefully received.

Julie added: “When children get into the habit of reading – it doesn’t matter if it’s novels, popular fiction, comics, whatever they happen to be interested in – they improve their chances of doing well at school. Businesses need a well-prepared workforce for tomorrow and are often keen to help, but don’t always know how. This is one tangible way they can really make a difference to the chances of our children and create the leaders of tomorrow.”

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