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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Isham Bypass

Consultation is underway for the A509 Isham Bypass scheme and community feedback is encouraged.

This is a priority project for North Northamptonshire Council as it seeks to provide a range of benefits to the local community and road users, including reducing congestion, traffic noise and pollution.

Councillor Graham Lawman, the Council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "The Isham Bypass is part of the Major Road Network and this scheme is a much-needed project for the region, which local residents have been campaigning for over many years."

### Consultation sessions

Saturday 20th August, 9am-4pm in Market Street, near the Swansgate Centre, Wellingborough

### Online sessions

- Wednesday 3rd August, 6pm-8pm
- Wednesday 10th August, 6pm-8pm

For more information visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/major-highway-projects/Pages/a509-wellingborough-development-link-phase-1-isham-bypass.aspx](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/northamptonshire-highways/major-highway-projects/Pages/a509-wellingborough-development-link-phase-1-isham-bypass.aspx)

# HIGHAM FERRERS SHOWCASES ITS SECRET GARDENS

Visitors to one Higham Ferrers garden were so impressed by what they saw recently that several popped "thank you" notes through the gardener's letterbox.

"They wrote that their visit had been so enjoyable. I got some really good feedback," recalled Julie Carlton, who welcomed 160 people into her showcase garden in Linnetts Lane recently.

She was taking part in the town's annual Secret Gardens event which was organised by the Higham Ferrers Tourism Committee.

Two hundred garden lovers from across the region made a beeline for the town, buying programmes in the Market Square and then settling on their own route around the 13 private gardens and four community gardens.

The town's new Mayor, Councillor Nigel Brown and Mayoress Jackie Brown also popped into some of the

show gardens, both declaring that what they had seen had been "impressive."

Over at Julie Carlton's garden, there was a constant stream of visitors, some who wanted to sit a while and others wanting to talk about her vision.

Others told her that they had heard about her garden after last year's Secret Gardens and were determined to see it for themselves this year.

Many said they believed she was a professional gardener or designer, but she explained that she had always kept a decent looking garden.

"I have always had a love of design and plants and more so in later life and now that I'm retired, I have more time to do what I love," she said.

Nowadays she tends to specialise in tropical and traditional plants, explaining that she calls her garden "The Jungalow".

One visitor who raved about her rare lemon-scented geraniums was rewarded with a cutting.

"She said they reminded her of her Mum and she had not been able to find them anywhere. I got my own lemon-scented geraniums from my Mum's garden when she passed away 20 years ago, so the visitor got one of the same cuttings," Julie said.

Ninety-two-year-old gardener Rosie Marks of Mill Fields was delighted to welcome 70 visitors to her red-white-and-blue themed Jubilee Garden.



A gathering of gardeners – some of those involved in the Secret Gardens event got together a few days earlier to check out each other's displays

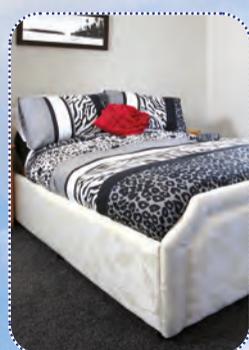
And the town's "Hedgehog Mother" who takes in abandoned and rescued hedgehogs and whose garden contains a hedgehog hospital, was kept busy giving advice on a range of hedgehog queries.

"It was a busy weekend. I had eight new hedgehogs in on Saturday and 160 visitors on Sunday," she said.

Summer cocktails and plants were also on sale in the town's Duchy Barn Garden and there was also music and an art exhibition.

The Higham Ferrers Tourism Committee Chair, Liz Barnett, said that all the proceeds raised from the event would go towards the summer and winter flower displays in the troughs around the town.

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# WILDLIFE NEWS

WORDS BY  
ROY BURRELL

There are some creatures in our countryside which we think we know quite well though their lifestyle and behaviour hide them at times. This is the season when one group of mammals makes an appearance for a few months before hiding away to sleep off the winter – bats.

There must be few readers who cannot give some kind of description of these mammals, even if it is only that we sense them fluttering around in the dark, feeling rather than seeing them. They are literally 'creatures of the night', though in this case there is nothing to fear, because the ones on our list do not include any blood-sucking types!

They are insectivores and so are vital in controlling increases of small creatures which appear as the sun sets and darkness strikes; their performance will determine first whether they locate their prey and secondly, a difficulty for all wildlife, whether enough of what they need is found.

Their targets are almost entirely small, insects like midges, and some bats will be looking for well over 1,000 little insects per night, to provide enough for themselves as well as the youngsters in the nest. This might mean many miles of physical activity every night.

If bats had to hunt in the daylight we can imagine some of the problems, since bats "illuminate" their surroundings with sound.

They have a built-in transmitter which sends out sound waves. Then, just as light waves are reflected during the day, these sound waves will bounce off the target insect, recording where the fly is. In other words, their system replaces light with sound, and bats have that 'magic' accessory to do the job.

If they could also 'colour code' their fur it would be even more convenient, but that is out of the question. We have to rely on size and "squeaks" to help us with that – and that is a different story.

# GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

Last time, I mentioned that I had visited the museum in the village where one set of my ancestors came from. There is nothing like local knowledge! On the same train of thought, have you considered joining a Family History Society (FHS) – or maybe even more than one?

If you are following your family and you live at the other end of the country from where your ancestors hailed, you might have thought that, as you were unable to attend any meeting, they would not be able to assist. However, this is a misconception.

Although I live in Northamptonshire, I have ancestors from the bottom right-hand corner of England: Suffolk, Essex, Kent, Surrey and Sussex. The FHS in each of those places has been invaluable to me, putting me in touch with others who are researching my family names as well as those who are able to undertake research on my behalf. Not everything is online!

If your ancestors were more local and from Northamptonshire, then the Northants FHS is certainly the place to investigate. Although things have changed somewhat since before Covid struck,

meetings have recommenced. They are now in the form of two online (Zoom) meetings a month for members plus two branch meetings: one held in Weston Favell and the other in Kettering. But not only are there opportunities to meet face-to-face with others, the societies have access to a wealth of other information. Not a bad investment of £12 a year for membership! Take a peek here: <https://www.northants-fhs.org/>

Another thought is social media. If you belong to Facebook, it is worth looking for the names of your towns and villages and see if there are any social history groups in there. I belong to one for Tenterden in Kent, where my lovely ancestors had the sense to stay in the same place for over 400 years. Most helpful of them! Some of the members have posted photographs of the place in days gone by, which give me a sense of what it was like back then instead of relying on Street View.

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# Charity awards over £347,000 to 90 community projects

Leading grant-making charity Northamptonshire Community Foundation has awarded £347,470 to 90 community projects since April 2022.

The county-based grant maker has delivered a combination of grant programmes to best support urgent local needs including a rolling programme of awards meaning that community groups, organisations and charities can apply for funding at any time, with a maximum

grant award of £3,000. The Foundation also manages a number of grants and programmes with regular closing dates for funding applications and which are advertised on their website.

Northamptonshire Community Foundation is the leading grant-making charity in the county, providing vital, often life-changing grants across Northamptonshire. Last year the charity awarded over £1.2 million to support some of the most vulnerable people in

Northamptonshire.

Recent awards across the county include:

The Never Alone Project - £3,000: To offer peer support groups for the parents and carers of bereaved children covering East Northamptonshire.

Home-start Kettering - £3,000: To contribute towards employment costs of a family support worker, who will be working with families in need in Kettering and surrounding areas.

United African Association - £3,220: For equipment costs for an African dance and drumming group which also offers free performances at community events across the county.

Cherwell Theatre Company - £4,996: Delivering the 'Song of Summer' drama and music youth project supporting young actors and musicians across Northampton to celebrate local heritage through music and performance.



# Your Health – Don't worry!

*Worrying means feeling uneasy or being overly concerned about a situation or problem. With excessive worrying, your mind and body go into overdrive as you constantly focus on "what might happen".*

**WORDS BY  
CLAIRE SHORT**

**Anxiety and worry seem to be on the rise in our society, or perhaps we are just getting better at admitting how destructive they can be. In the UK, anxiety disorders are thought to affect up to one in 10 people during their lifetime.**

A few things that worrying does to your health:

- Your brain releases stress hormones like adrenaline and cortisol into the bloodstream
- Your heart rate increases, your breathing becomes heavier

- You may experience digestive problems
- Muscle tension might cause you to feel aches and pains.

Here are a few things you can do to help yourself:

- Practise making more small spur of the moment decisions – even something as simple as changing your usual takeaway order! This will help to build your confidence that even if you make a different choice, the world won't end.
- Be kind to yourself when you make a mistake – they are part of the universal human experience.
- Set aside a weekly "power hour" to tackle small tasks

that don't have a fixed deadline and that you'd usually allow to build up.

- Try a relaxing therapy to calm your body and mind. Clinical aromatherapist Kathy Billinge in Higham says that aromatherapy, reflexology and Reiki are good places to start if you're over-worrying.

Mowing the lawn – I feel it is important to point out that whether mowing the lawn is therapeutic or anxiety-inducing will depend on the person and on the lawnmower. No assumptions can be made on this topic, though I expect you know what I think!

Have a calm week,  
Claire

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# Spotlight on > SUMMER DAYS OUT

## > THE NORTH NORTHANTS COUNTDOWN TO SUMMER IS ON!

It's set to be a summer bigger and better than ever thanks to all the exciting activities North Northamptonshire Council has planned for young people across North Northants.

From Monday 25th July there will be an array of fun activities to get stuck into across leisure centres, community centres, parks and open spaces.

Some activities available will include:

- Holiday Clubs
- Turn Up and Play Sessions
- Forest Schools
- Arts & Crafts
- Lots of sports – football, table tennis, tennis, swimming, diving, cricket
- Crash courses in swimming and taster sessions for diving

Full details of what will be on offer in each district and borough can be found by visiting the council website at [www.northnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk)



[www.northnorthants.gov.uk/summer-activities](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/summer-activities)

"We have been working hard to plan a summer to remember for the children of North Northants and I have no doubt that due to the variety of activities on offer there will be something for everyone, no matter what your child's interest or hobby," says Deputy Leader for North Northants Council and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, Cllr Helen Howell.

Leader of North Northants Council, Cllr Jason Smithers said: "At North Northants Council we are committed to bringing communities together and with this summer's calendar of events and activities, we hope that children will be able to get involved and learn a new sport, make new friends or be creative this summer."

## > SIX WEEKS OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AT NENE PARK

From Saturday 23rd July look out for some exciting activities and events running for the six weeks of the school summer holidays in the Park! There is something for everyone to enjoy, from holiday trails, guided walks and cycles to pond dipping, bug hunts, craft workshops and bushcraft sessions. Not to mention daily watersports pay and play activities at Nene Outdoors and boat trips on Overton Lake!

Find out what's happening and when, with the Six Weeks of Summer guide to family fun in the Park: [www.nenepark.org.uk/sixweeksofsummer](http://www.nenepark.org.uk/sixweeksofsummer).

## Passenger Boat Trips

Daily during the summer holidays. Enjoy a tranquil trip around Overton Lake and onto the River Nene on an electrically-powered passenger boat. The 45-minute pre-bookable trips will depart daily from the Visitor Centre Jetty at 10am, 11am, 12 noon, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm. Suitable for all ages, it's £8 per person and free for under 3s. Book online or on the boat.

## Pay and Play Watersports Hire

Daily 11am-6.30pm (10am at weekends) Make a splash with 'Pay and Play' watersports, available daily during the school holidays, 11am-6.30pm (10am at weekends). Activities include swan pedalos and row boats, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks and canoes, dinghies and windsurfing. Book online to avoid the queues on busy days!

## Cycle Hire

Daily 10am-5pm Hire a bike from Nene Outdoors and discover miles of traffic-free cycling paths, lakeside trails and woodland routes in the Park. Cycle hire is available daily during the school holidays from 10am to 5pm. Book your cycle hire online.

On Ya Bike - Guided cycle rides and cycle skills track: In partnership with PECT we want to encourage more visitors to get out on their bikes in and around Peterborough. Go to the events pages to book your guided cycle ride and drop-in to the cycling skills track.

- Guided cycle rides – 14th August, 17th August, 18th August, 27th August, 31st August – book online
- Cycling skills track – 3rd August, 5th August, 9th August, 12th August, 24th August, 26th August, 4th September

## Visit Longthorpe Tower

Weekends 10am-4.30pm Visit Longthorpe Tower, the surviving tower of a 14th-century fortified Manor House. It contains the finest set of medieval wall paintings in a domestic setting in Western Europe, giving a rare insight into the medieval mind. Book your 1-hour tour with the knowledgeable volunteers between 10am – 4.30pm at weekends. Booking essential.

## Open Water Swimming

Every Thursday 5.30-7pm Come along and swim the 400m course on Gunwade Lake in these friendly sessions. Register with NOWCA and get your first swim session free. Subsequent sessions are £6.50. Find out more at [www.nenepark.org.uk/open-water-swimming](http://www.nenepark.org.uk/open-water-swimming)

## Go Camping

Upgrade your day out at Ferry Meadows to an overnight adventure! Book one of the bell tents on 'Lakeview Campsite' or book a camping pitch at 'The Glade'. Located in the heart of Ferry Meadows, both campsites have access to a number of facilities and are ideally situated to take advantage of all the exciting activities on offer at Nene Outdoors. Find out more on the website.

## Ride the Ferry Meadows Railway

All aboard the Ferry Meadows miniature railway! Sit back and enjoy the ride as you pass through meadows while taking in views of Overton and Lynch Lakes. The carriages include a wheelchair coach which allows people to ride the train while remaining in their wheelchairs. To see if trains are running on the

day of your visit please call 07779 031764 or go to the Ferry Meadows Railway website.

## Social Walking Group

27th July, 1st August, 31st August 10.30am-12noon Not sure where to go for a walk, or not keen on walking on your own? Join one of the Visitor Rangers for a social walk around Ferry Meadows and the wider Nene Park and meet like-minded people. The location and routes of the walks will be different each month with two opportunities to come along and see a different area of Nene Park. Suitable for 14yrs+ Cost: Free

## Osprey Talk

Monday 25th July 7-9pm Join Ken from the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust for an informative talk and presentation about this wonderful bird of prey. Self-service tea/coffee and biscuits available at the interval. Suitable for: 12yrs+ Cost: £5

## Watersports Courses

Adult RYA Start Sailing Level 1 Saturday 6th – Sunday 7th August 9am-5pm Saturday 20th – Sunday 21st August 9am-5pm This two day course covers how to sail in all directions, including an awareness of launching and recovery. After the course participants will be able to sail in light winds under supervision. All safety equipment, including wetsuits and buoyancy aids are provided. Suitable for: 16 yrs+ Cost: £166

## Youth RYA Sailing Stage 1

Monday 1st – Tuesday 2nd August 9am-5pm Monday 15th – Tuesday 16th August 9am-5pm This two day course covers basic sailing skills, rope work and collision avoidance. After the course participants will be able to tack and control boat speed and understand basic principles. All safety equipment, including wetsuits and buoyancy aids are provided. Suitable for: 8-15 yrs Cost: £166

## Youth RYA Sailing Stage 2

Wednesday 3rd – Thursday 4th August 9am-5pm Wednesday 17th – Thursday 18th August 9am-5pm This two day course covers launching and recovery, steering, parts of the boat and basic sailing. After the course participants will be able to steer and understand basic principles. All safety equipment, including wetsuits and buoyancy aids are provided. Suitable for: 8-15 yrs Cost: £166

## RYA Start Windsurfing

Saturday 13th – Sunday 14th August 9am-5pm Nene Outdoors is the perfect place to learn to windsurf. The safe and sheltered waters help you progress in this sport, giving you the opportunity to focus on learning the basics, including preparation, sailing in all directions, manoeuvring the board and getting on and off the water. Suitable for: 16 yrs+ Cost: £166

## Youth Windsurfing Course

Wednesday 17th – Thursday 18th August 9am-5pm This two day intensive course teaches participants the basics of windsurfing, including the key techniques and skills needed. After the course participants will be able to sail to a chosen point on the water and return to where you started in light winds. Suitable for: 10-15 yrs Cost: £166

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Wednesday 27th July 10am-12noon  
Join Louise, Project Officer Arts, for a walk and activities around Thorpe Meadows Sculpture Trail. Explore the sculpture trail and a selection of the sculptures via hands-on creative activities. Suitable for: all ages. Meeting point: Thorpe Meadows car park. Cost: £2.50pp

#### Children's Fused Glass Workshop

Friday 12th August 10.30-11.30am, 1-2pm, 3-4pm  
Join June from Semperart at this workshop, especially for children to make their own unique fused glass. During the session you will develop a design that June has created especially for this workshop and choose a variety of coloured glass to create your design. Once your piece is complete, it will be fired in a kiln and you can collect it approximately one week later from the Visitor Centre. Suitable for: 7 yrs+ under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: £12 pp

#### Adult's Introduction to Fused Glass Workshop

Saturday 13th August 10.30am-12noon, 1.30-3pm  
Join June from Semperart at this beginner workshop to make your own unique fused glass. Suitable for: 16 yrs + Cost: £20 per person.

#### Children's Willow Weaving Workshop

Tuesday 23rd August – 50-minute workshops between 10am and 3pm  
A children's taster workshop to introduce you to the wonderful world of willow. Join Martin from Rutland Willows as he takes you through the techniques you need to create a unique piece of work to take home. Suitable for: 10-15 yrs, Cost: £14 per person

#### Wildlife Eco Boat Trip

Wednesday 10th August 9.30-11am  
Wyndham's near-silent motor means that she is the ideal craft for wildlife watching. Enjoy a trip around Overton Lake and along the River Nene where swans, geese and other water fowl will glide alongside the boat with you. We cannot guarantee what you will see but wildlife highlights may include herons, kingfishers and the elusive otter! Minimum age: 8 yrs, children must be able to sit quietly and patiently. Cost: £14

#### Pond Dipping

Wednesdays: 27th July, 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August, 24th August, 31st August 12-3pm  
Join a drop-in session and spend some time pond dipping and identifying the fascinating creatures you find. There may be a wait on the day due to the number of people attending. Suitable for: 3 yrs+ Cost: Free, donations welcome

#### Bug Hunting

Tuesday 2nd August 10.30am-12noon and 1.30-3pm  
Friday 19th August 10.30am-12noon and 1.30-3pm  
Find out about the amazing mini beasts which make their home in the different habitats of Ferry Meadows. Suitable for: 2 yrs+ Cost: £2.50

#### Pollinator Ponder and Wildlife Wander

Tuesday 16th August 1-2.30pm  
A walk with a ranger looking at some of the butterflies, bees and wildflower species found in the Park and how they work together in the world of pollination. Suitable for: 10 yrs + Cost: £2.50

#### Summer Holiday Trail

New trails launched on the 25th July, 5th August and 19th August 9am-4pm  
There is a new trail every two weeks throughout the summer holidays. Collect a trail sheet from the Visitor Centre and then hunt for questions as you walk around Ferry Meadows. Return to the Visitor

Centre to claim your prize to grow at home. No need to book; just pop into the Visitor Centre to find out more. Suitable for: all ages Cost: £1 per sheet.

#### Archery

Tuesday 26th July, Tuesday 9th August, Thursday 25th August 11am-4pm  
Pay and Play Archery sessions will run throughout the day. Why not come down and have a go? You will find us on Oak Meadow close to Nene Outdoors. Suitable for: Adults and children 8 yrs + Cost: £10. Booking Essential.

#### Climbing Wall



Thursday 4th August, Tuesday 16th August, Tuesday 30th August 11am-4pm  
The team from Nene Outdoors will be getting our climbing wall out during the school holidays for all visitors to have a go. We will be outside Nene Outdoors. Are you brave enough to reach the top? Suitable for: adults or children over 4 yrs Cost: £10. Booking essential.

#### Bushcraft: Tool Use

Tuesday 9th August 10.30am-12noon and 1.30-3pm  
Learn how to use a selection of tools including loppers and gimlets to turn elder sticks into crafts such as beads, jewellery and much more! Suitable for: 8 yrs+ Cost: £5.50

#### Bushcraft: Fire Lighting

Thursday 18th August 10.30am-12noon and 1.30-3pm  
Children will be shown how to use basic bushcraft techniques to light a fire without using matches and then try to light their own. Suitable for: 7 yrs+ Cost: £5.50

#### Bushcraft: Shelter Building

Friday 26th August 10.30am-12noon and 1.30-3pm  
Come along to find out how to build your own wild shelter and have a go at creating your own. Suitable for: 7 yrs+ Cost: £5.50

#### > DISCOVER A ROMAN ARMY IN NENE PARK WITH NEW APP

The new 'Artis Trail App' accompanies a circular walk along the River Nene, through Normangate Field and Castor Village uncovering the unique heritage of the Nene Valley from the Bronze Age, the Roman period and up to World War II. The app has been imaginatively created by One to One Development Trust. Their fun and creative approach brings to life the history of the area through augmented reality, audio tours, aerial views and information about the plants and wildlife.

By using the app, visitors can try on a virtual Roman Helmet as they walk across Ermine Street, the main route connecting the north and south of the Roman province, or create a miniature Roman Army on Normangate Field – within

the site of the industrial suburbs of the Roman Town of Durobrivae. The walk passes through the beautiful village of Castor and walkers can uncover a virtual Praetorium – the impressive Roman administrative building that once stood on Stocks Hill, the foundations of which can still be seen in the wall opposite St Kyneburgha Church.

The activities are easy to access on a mobile phone via QR codes located along the walking route.

Judi Alston, Creative Director of One to One Development Trust said: "The area is so rich in heritage, and it has been very rewarding creating an interactive digital project about its exciting history. We ran community consultation days testing out the concept ideas with visitors to Nene Park and local families. These have helped inform the digital trail."

The Artis Trail is produced in partnership with the Nene Valley Archaeological Trust and is part of the Nenescape Walking In Time project – a series of four self-guided walks exploring the heritage of Nene Park and the landscape of the lower Nene Valley, West of Peterborough. The trail is named after Edmund Tyrell Artis (1789-1847).

Artis' archaeological investigations along the Nene Valley uncovered some outstanding discoveries including a Roman mosaic, and the remains of Roman pottery kilns and grand villas. Artis lived and worked on the nearby Milton Estate between 1813 and 1826 and during that time produced a beautifully illustrated publication of mosaics and excavated building remains. His gravestone can be viewed in Castor churchyard.

More information about the walking route and a downloadable map can be found online at [www.nenepark.org.uk/walking-in-time-heritage-trails](http://www.nenepark.org.uk/walking-in-time-heritage-trails)

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# Who are your leading councillors?

*Nominations officially open for Cllr Awards 2022.*

The Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) and CCLA are proud to host the 13th annual Cllr Awards honouring the achievements of individual councillors who go above and beyond for their communities.

This year's categories showcase the vital work of councillors including the coveted Community Champion, Leader of the Year and Young Councillor of the Year awards.

Nominations can be made by anyone (members of the public, councillors and council officers) who would like to recognise a councillor who has made a real difference to their area over the last year. The deadline for nominations is Wednesday 7th September with the shortlist due to be unveiled at the end of September.

The winners will be decided

by a panel of judges made up of senior councillors and officers and leading stakeholders from across the sector. On Thursday 20th October the winners will be revealed at the annual awards ceremony taking place at the Roman Baths and Guildhall with 2022 hosts Bath & North East Somerset Council. It will be held as a hybrid event with virtual link-ups to the live ceremony.

This year's Awards are made possible thanks to the generous support of founding partners, CCLA.

Jonathan Carr-West, Chief Executive of LGIU, said: "From how our towns look to the home care we receive and the funding of much valued community projects, the work of councillors is felt across all of our lives on a daily basis.

"Councillors and councils are key to keeping the

machinery of everyday life going, ensuring the most vulnerable in the community are looked after and making sure the places where we live and work are thriving, safe and inclusive.

"Much of the work done by elected members is behind the scenes, which is why we created the Cllr Awards back in 2010. So that every year we can take time to recognise this work and celebrate their achievements.

"The LGIU is proud to once again open nominations for the annual Cllr Awards to honour the commitment of our locally elected representatives. Our local democracy and our local democratic structures are stronger because of our councillors. We look forward to seeing a record number of nominations this year and getting to know the many inspiring stories behind them."



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## Notice of planning APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

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

### >OUNDLE

Internal and external alterations to main dwelling including addition of new railings and steps to front of house, repairs to boundary wall and coursed rubble stone walling, replacement of glazed lobby to rear of building, replacing brick facade with stone, alterations to fenestration including new bathroom window at 33 West Street Oundle PE8 4EJ (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/00828/LBC (16 August 2022)

### >BRIGSTOCK

Single storey extension, and raising roof level of existing porch at 4 Braybrooks Brigstock NN14 3HX (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00829/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >RUSHDEN

Change of use from offices into 2 x 1 bedroom flats at first and second floor levels. Conversion of existing rear garage/warehouse into 1 bedroom flat, including modifications to shopfront to introduce entrance door serving the proposed flats at first and second floor levels at 32 High Street Rushden NN10 0PL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00838/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >SLIPTON

Re-submission of Listed Building Application NE/22/00315/LBC. Retention of roof structure; reinstated following fire damage at Rutherford Cottage 1 - 2 Sudborough Road Slipton NN14 3AQ (LBRegs) (Info) NE/22/00824/LBC (16 August 2022)

### >WOODFORD

Detached car port and garage to the side of existing house. at 1 Church Green Woodford NN14 4EU (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00842/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >OUNDLE

Conversion and extension of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation; internal and external alterations to main dwelling including addition of new railings and steps to front of house; replacement of glazed lobby to rear of building, replacing brick facade with stone; alterations to fenestration including new bathroom window at 33 West Street Oundle PE8 4EJ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00827/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >WOODNEWTON

Erection of a dwellinghouse following the demolition of existing structure (Revised resubmission to NE/21/00970/FUL) at 31 Main Street Woodnewton PE8 5EB (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00867/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >BRIGSTOCK

Implementation of a rear balcony area; Installation of bi-folding doors; replacement of all windows with aluminium black frames;

further hard and soft landscaping to existing patio area including new planting area, garden entrance and stone garden wall at 5 Bridge Street Brigstock NN14 3ET (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00767/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >KINGS CLIFFE

New dormers to front elevation, new front door, new roof and chimney, partial conversion of existing double garage to include utility room. Resubmission of expired application 18/00906/FUL at 45 West Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00868/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >BRIGSTOCK

The installation and operation of an electricity substation to facilitate grid connection of the Brigstock Solar project, including: a battery energy storage system (BESS) compound made up to 38 double stacked battery containers; inverter/transformer stations (powerblocks); underground cabling; customer (control building) substation compound; access, parking, boundary treatment, landscaping and temporary compound at Land North Of Old Head Wood Grafton Road Brigstock (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/22/00812/FUL (16 August 2022)

### >KINGS CLIFFE

Painting the hard wood stained windows and painted doors at 4 Forest Approach Kings Cliffe PE8 6XG (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/00821/FUL (16 August 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 23 July 2022**

**Consultation deadlines will differ for each application.**

**You can see details of these applications at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications).**

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# STARSHIP'S ROBOTIC DELIVERY SERVICE EXPANDS

Starship Technologies, the world's leading provider of autonomous delivery services, has partnered with North Northamptonshire Council and the Co-op to bring the benefits of autonomous grocery delivery to local residents across Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers and Rushden.

The move follows a successful scheme which has been running in Northampton since November 2020. The partnership will see up to 45,000 residents across 33,000 households in Wellingborough, Rushden and Higham Ferrers able to access on-demand grocery delivery from four Co-op stores: Olympic Way, Farm Road off Northern Way, Redhill Farm, Grangeway and Higham Ferrers.

Starship's robots have become a much loved and firm fixture across local neighbourhoods in Northampton for the last 18+

months, with the company also operating in Milton Keynes and Cambourne, as well as multiple university campuses in America and elsewhere in Europe.

Starship was created by the co-founders of Skype in 2014.

Since launching commercial deliveries in 2018, Starship's robots have travelled more than 4 million miles and safely completed more than 3.5 million deliveries. Around the world, the robots make 140,000 road crossings every day, equivalent to three road crossings every second.

Andrew Curtis, UK Operations Manager at

Starship Technologies, said: "We have had very positive feedback from local communities in Northampton since starting operations there in November 2020, and today is an exciting day for Starship as we offer the benefits of autonomous grocery delivery to 33,000 more households across Northamptonshire.

"Our robots offer an environmentally friendly and convenient way of helping people with their 'top up' shopping and we're confident the service will be similarly well received in North Northants."

North Northants residents



will be able to choose from a range of grocery items, schedule their delivery, then drop a pin where they want their delivery to be sent. They can watch in real-time via an interactive map as the robot makes its journey to them.

Once the robot arrives, they receive an alert and can meet and unlock it through the app. The robots are lightweight and travel at the speed of a pedestrian (no faster than 4mph). They use a combination of sensors,

artificial intelligence and machine learning to travel on pavements and navigate around any obstacles, while computer vision-based navigation helps them map their environment to the nearest inch.

## Hundreds of jobs to be created as hi-tech manufacturer builds on innovative success

Leaders of North Northamptonshire Council have welcomed a boost to the local economy after innovative manufacturer TopHat announced it will bring 1,000 skilled jobs to the area.

TopHat, which uses innovative technology to build 3D modular homes, will develop a new cutting-edge facility on Corby's Magna Park site being developed by GLP.

Capable of delivering one house every hour, the state-of-the-art facility will use precision engineering techniques to create around 4,000 homes per year on the site. Construction is due to start later this year with the facility operational in late 2023.

The manufacturer uses robotics and pioneering manufacturing to create homes that are ultra-low carbon to build and to run.

Councillor David Brackenbury, North

Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "This is an exciting addition to the portfolio of business we have here in North Northants and I'm delighted to welcome TopHat to the area.

"One of our key priorities is helping to create the conditions to boost the economy in North Northamptonshire.

"This development brings with it significant employment opportunities, which is a welcome addition to the North Northants economy."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "It's wonderful seeing such a pioneering manufacturer locating to

North Northamptonshire, creating hundreds of skilled jobs.

"The innovation used by TopHat in creating low-carbon homes will assist in significantly reducing living costs at this time of very high energy prices and into the future."

The new 650,000 sq ft cutting-edge facility will be in addition to TopHat's existing site in Derby which already produces up to 800 homes per year.

Earlier this year, American aluminium can manufacturer Ball Corporation started construction of a new production plant in Burton Latimer, creating 200 jobs. It is expected to become operational next year.



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 Mon 15 Skegness Carnival Day  
 Tue 16 Emmerdale Village Tour  
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 Fri 26 Wiltshire Golden Triangle  
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 Tue 30 Clacton Air Show  
 Wed 31 Weston Super Mare  
 Thu 1 Skegness  
 Fri 2 Spinnaker Tower & Gunwharf Quays  
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**SEPTEMBER**  
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**TAURUS**  
Holidays

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**  
**28th-1st SEPTEMBER – DUBLIN & WICKLOW RIVER & RAIL**  
 Summerhill House Hotel, Enniskerry. Half Board, includes Excursions £589pp. County Wicklow is known for its namesake mountains, Irish Sea coastline, country estates and the Wicklow Way. The walking trail passes through Wicklow Mountains National Park which includes glacial lakes, rivers and Glendalough, the remains of an early-medieval monastic settlement in a forested valley. Wicklow, known as 'the Garden of Ireland' is south of Dublin. The holiday includes entry to Powerscourt Gardens, a train ride on Dart Railway and boat cruise on the Liffey.

**SEPTEMBER**  
**7th-14th – THE ALMABTRIEB FESTIVAL – COWS COME DOWN**  
 Main Accommodation Hotel Edelweiss, Lermoos, Austria. Half Board, includes Excursions £799pp. Lermoos is situated in a bowl with the slightly elevated position of the village giving spectacular views across to the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain. The village combines tradition with modern spirit and offers a wide range of activities. Young and old feel at home in Lermoos and return every year. This holiday includes entrance to Linderhof Palace, Ski Jump and other excursions plus one night's entertainment.

**OCTOBER**  
**2nd-8th OCTOBER – IRELAND, KINGDOM OF KERRY**  
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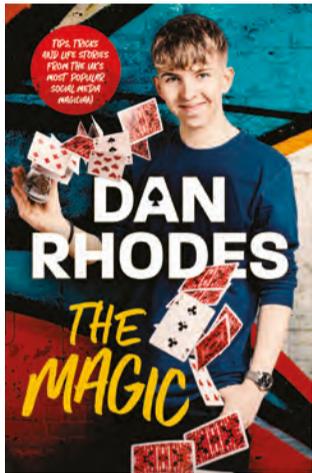
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# Dan Rhodes: Behind the Magic

Friday 19th August, 7-8pm

The Queen Victoria Hall, West Street, Oundle



Join Dan Rhodes, the awe-inspiring 18-year-old close-up magician, for a live performance of mind-blowing illusions and remarkable magic tricks to entertain the whole family, as he comes to Queen Victoria Hall in Oundle.

In his debut book, *The Magic*, Dan brings together the love and joy he has continually derived from magic, from the very first moment he received a magic kit from his parents when he was 6 years old, setting him on his journey from amateur magician to global TikTok and YouTube star.

The book also gives tips and insights into how you could become a social media inspiration too. With striking



illustrations throughout and clear 'trick guides' to help young magicians get started – along with some impressive sleights of hand for the more experienced illusionist – Dan's book also contains a fascinating history of the craft of the magician, highlighting the skill and dedication it takes to become a true master.

Dan took the world by storm

after he saw Amanda Holden in half during his 'Britain's Got Talent' audition in 2019. He is now one of the most successful and beloved YouTubers and TikTok influencers in the world with more than 20 million followers.

Spend an hour with Dan as he performs astonishing tricks and takes us on his journey to becoming a magician.

**Tickets £5 available from the Oundle Box Office, Queen Victoria Hall. Phonenumber open 10am-2pm Mon to Fri: 01832 279086. Online at <https://oundlelitfest.org.uk/events/> Enquiries contact [oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:oundlelitfestival@hotmail.co.uk)**

## WHAT'S ON AT THE COWPER & NEWTON MUSEUM

**Children's Garden Trail 'Amazing Animals' Family fun time!** Throughout the year during usual opening times. £1.50, includes a small prize. Bring a picnic to enjoy sitting in our beautiful, tranquil gardens. Usual admission applies to see inside the historic house.

**Refreshments in the Courtyard** 4th and 18th August 10.30am-12.30pm. Includes homemade cakes, a choice of tea, coffee, speciality tea or juice and a relaxing stroll around our beautiful 18th century, tranquil gardens all for £4. Usual admission applies to see inside the historic house.

**Jon Bickley and the Invisible Folk Club Band** Saturday 27th August 2-6pm in the Museum Gardens & Courtyard. Folk Tradition and the Olney Hymns - Usual admission charges apply. Renowned folk singer and composer Jon Bickley and the Invisible Folk Club Band featuring the popular folk and jazz singer Annette Burrows, the guitarist Bob Templeman and violinist Diana Stone.

**Three Hares Gallery – Hanoi Art (Free exhibition)** 3rd-30th August. Vietnamese and lacquer art. Usual admission applies to see inside the house.

For more information visit the website: [www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk](http://www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk)

## Nene Valley News - Events

### Fotheringhay Village Hall PE8 5HZ

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### Morning Worship

Sunday 24th July – Morning Worship with Holy Communion at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX.

### Sparklers

Meets every Friday (term time) 9am-11am at The Bridge. All children under 5 and their parents/carers are welcome to join us for stories, crafts, sensory play and activities. Hot drinks and snacks available during the morning. £1 per family.

### 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](mailto:emma@whitefriarschurch.org.uk) or 07957 080074.

Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden and open to all.

### Art Exhibition

Sunday 28th August 12 noon-4pm and Monday 29th August 10am-4pm. Admission free. Rushden Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden NN10 9YJ. Our third "Exhibition of Art" by local artists, please come along and enjoy.

### Higham Ferrers Horticultural Show

10th-11th September (Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 11am-3pm), Chichele College, Higham Ferrers. Admission: Free to view. Contact: [highamferrerstourism3@gmail.com](mailto:highamferrerstourism3@gmail.com) Back by popular demand. See website for details [www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk](http://www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk)

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## Rushden artists event

'Art' is a term that encompasses a variety of media which includes watercolours, acrylics, oil, pastels, ceramics and even photography. And whether you enjoy the actual activity of painting or sculpting, or just viewing the works of others at galleries or exhibitions, there is something for everyone.

During the summer of 2019, a couple of local artists staged an exhibition of their work at the Masonic Hall in Rushden together with a few of their classmates. Of course, the Covid pandemic delayed the second exhibition, but this eventually took place over the 2021 August bank holiday and they are now planning their third exhibition for this coming August Bank Holiday.

All the artists involved are local and vary in age, background and style. Some have attended the weekly art classes run by Derek Geater and others attended the now disbanded art group RADAS (Rushden Art and District Art Society)

which sadly stopped their meetings during the pandemic.

A few of those exhibiting started their artistic journey at school but have only recently been able to continue due to work and family commitments. Others have been lucky enough to keep their painting active throughout their lifetime. The youngest exhibitor, Lauren, will be exhibiting for the first time.

Art is an activity that anyone can engage with, providing a tool for expression and a means of relaxation. All are welcome to come along and enjoy the work of local Rushden artists on display over the weekend.

**Sunday 28th August, 12noon-4pm;  
Monday 29th August 10am-4pm,  
Rushden Masonic Hall, Wellingborough  
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## Raunds Coffee Afternoon



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# A Night at **the Musicals**

Saturday 10th September, 7.30pm at Rushden Athletic Club.

Join six super singers from across the county for A Night at the Musicals this September.

On Saturday 10th September, 7.30pm at Rushden Athletics Club, Standing in the Wings Theatre Company will be presenting 'A Night at The Musicals – Hits from the West End, Broadway and Hollywood'.

With over 200 musicals, plays and concerts collectively under their belts, this is a night of local talent not to miss. You'll probably recognise a few of them from productions by Sharnbrook Mill Theatre, THEATS, Bonkers Theatrical and Northampton Musical Theatre Company.

Featuring a three-piece band as well, don't leave it too late to book your seats.

**Tickets are £7 (£5 if booked before 10th August) available via [kathryn@standinginthewings.co.uk](mailto:kathryn@standinginthewings.co.uk) or directly from Rushden Athletic Club.**

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# RUSHDEN CONCERT FOR CHURCH FUNDS

The multi-award winning Northampton Male Voice Choir is returning to Rushden after a three-year absence.

The choir, under its charismatic Musical Director, Stephen Bell, will be performing at St Peter's Church, Midland Road, Rushden, NN10 9UJ on Saturday 20th August in a concert to raise much needed funds for the church.

The programme will include a wide range of popular songs from the choir's current extensive repertoire ranging from musical theatre to former chart-topping hits and much more. There's bound to be a few surprises thrown in too, and this promises to be a great evening's entertainment.



The concert will begin at 7.30pm and tickets costing £10 are available from Jean Bowerman, tel: 01933 350568 or email [stallstpeterschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stallstpeterschurch@gmail.com)



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# Tee off at Charity Golf Day and help enhance facilities for local NHS hospitals

Calling all you avid golfers! Join Northamptonshire Health Charity for an un-fore-gettable day at their 7th annual Charity Golf Day on Thursday 8th September. The independent charity, which supports local NHS hospitals and community services across the county, are looking for teams to help raise money towards their two current major fundraising appeals.

The charity team are working hard with the local community to raise funds for a new outside play area for the children's wards at Northampton General Hospital.

For a child, being able to play whilst being treated in hospital is really important for their recovery as it is reassuring and familiar, enabling children to express their feelings and anxieties.

The funds raised from this year's Golf Day will also benefit the Twinkling Stars appeal for the new maternity bereavement suite at Kettering General Hospital. Lead Bereavement Midwife, Lisa Drummond, said: "Each year we care for up to 100 families who suffer the heartbreak of losing their baby... While we work very closely and

supportively with parents in this situation, we know that our facilities really let us down and we want to change that."

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT)

(WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT No. 21) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intends to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (East Northamptonshire District) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009" as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected on the Council's website at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk) (search traffic regulation orders) and may also be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 883445.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Orders, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Northamptonshire Highways, Highways Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or by email; [parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk](mailto:parkingenquiries@kierwsp.co.uk) by 15th August 2022.

Dated this 23rd day of July 2022  
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES, Executive Director,  
 Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd P/1925

**SCHEDULE**  
 PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANYTIME RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

Cosy Nook, Thrapston – Extension of the existing yellow lines for 15 metres on the south side outside no 1, Rock Road, Oundle – Both sides of junction with New Road outside no 4 for 10 metres and outside no 2 for 15 metres. Birchall Road, Rushden – Both sides of junction with Creswell Road for 10 metres outside no 7 and no 11. Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers – Both sides and for 20 metres covering No. 73 and 73a. Then adjoining existing double yellow lines from junction of Chichele Street for 220 metres towards A6 roundabout. On South side road existing double yellow lines with Midland Road to both sides of the junction with Bury Close and extending along until A6 roundabout. Cranford Road, Great Addington – Both sides from junction with Main Street continuous until the boundary of the outbuilding 'The Cairns', opposite continuous including both sides of the access for the 'The Manor House', extension of existing lines to cover foot and cycle path at the turning head. Ringstead Road, Great Addington – Both sides of the junction with Main Street for 17 metres outside the 'Hare and Hounds' and 15 metres in front of the grass verge. Nene Road, Higham Ferrers – East side, adjoining existing single yellow lines for 17 metres from junction with High Street breaking around the bay then continuing to join existing outside no. 43. At junction with Westfields Terrace south side for 10m outside no 45 and 47. Opposite for 5 metres around the junction. North side on Westfields Terrace extend the existing for 11 metres outside the Adult School and easterly extend for 18 metres outside the Adult School. Extend the existing double yellow lines 22.5 metres up to the boundary of no. 4 and then at both sides of Cunningham Close at the junction with Nene Road for 8 metres outside no 4B and 12 metres outside 4A. Welford Avenue, Irthlingborough – Both sides of junction with Addington Road for 10 metres. Midland Road, Rushden – From eastern boundary outside no. 7 around the inner bend the eastern boundary with no. 5. Addington Road, Irthlingborough – From Welford Avenue junction for 200 metres southwards over the junction with Alexander Road. On east side of junction with Alexander Road northwards to junction with Chimney Crescent. South Road, Oundle – At junction with South Bridge Close both sides of the junction at 10.5 metres outside no. 1 westerly and for 12 metres in an easterly direction outside no. 11. At the junction with Danford Close both sides of the junction for 10 metres outside no. 9 and no 10. For 20 metres from boundary with no. 64 'Navarac' in a westerly direction and for 21 metres outside Mayfield in an easterly direction. Opposite for a length of 48 metres from middle of the boundary of no. 45 in a westerly direction up to be in line with the furthest point of the 20 metres length. Barrington Road, Rushden – For 7 metres over the pedestrian walkway easterly until the boundary of no. 1 and no. 27 opposite side for 8 metres in an easterly over the pedestrian walkway between no. 3 and no.29 both in between the junctions of Alnwick Close and Raglan Close. At junction with Alnwick Close both sides of junction for 10 metres junction protection marking in a westerly direction and for 23 metres outside no. 60 and just past the boundary no. 62. At junction with Carisbrooke Road for 20 metres to the boundary of 24 and at 10 metres junction protection markings in a westerly direction outside no. 4. At junction with Newton Road junction protection markings for 15.5 metres around no. 160 'Harborough Fields Surgery' and for 17.5 metres in a southerly direction. Peck Way, Higham Ferrers – Both sides of junctions as protection markings for total of 47 metres from junction with Higham Road in a southerly direction, opposite a 21 metres protection around junction stopping before the traffic lights (towards town centre). Shipton Way, Rushden – For a length of 70 metres outside of 'Whistl' from the gates for 'Belkin' in a westerly direction.

PROPOSED NO WAITING 'MON - FRI 8AM - 10AM and 2PM - 4PM' RESTRICTIONS (SINGLE YELLOW LINES)

Market Road, Thrapston – North side, for 140 metres opposite the far boundary with no 5 and up until outside of no 113

**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (Oundle Road, Polebrook)

(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, Polebrook as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Oundle Road, Polebrook from Ashdown House for 400 metres.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 8th August 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 10th August 2022.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Nene Way, Hemington Road, Barnwell Road, Luddington Road, Hemington Road, Thurning Road, Luddington Road, Main Street, Barnwell Road, Thurning Road, Hemington Road, Armston Road and Red Lodge Road.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref-22/23 – N124 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/423

**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (VARIOUS ROADS, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(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 those lengths of the various roads in Higham Ferrers as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: High Street – north end to Northampton Road. College Street to High Street. Market Square to Northampton Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st August 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 six days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Kimbolton Road, A6 and John Clark Way or Rectory Road, A5028 and Duck End.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref-22/23 – N153 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/472

**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (WEST STREET, 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 West Street, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of West Street, Oundle from the junction with West Street (towards Stoke Albany) to the junction with Benefield Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to church roof.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th July 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 six weeks.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use West Street and Benefield Road.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref-22/23 – N155 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/476

**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (VARIOUS ROADS, KINGS CLIFFE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit traffic from proceeding along those lengths of the various roads in Kings Cliffe as specified in the Schedule below.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during carriageway resurfacing.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th July 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 for three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: as specified in the Schedule below.

If you require any further information please contact Gary Thorp ref-22/23 – N182 on 01604 651072. PKG/T22/495

Dated this 23rd day of July 2022  
 DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES, Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

**SCHEDULE**  
 (Lengths of roads to be closed)

Wood Street – Forest Approach to Station Road – Diversion – West Street and Park Street  
 Park Street – Bridge Street to Station Road – Diversion – use Wood Road  
 Station Road – Wood Street to Park Street – Diversion – use Park Street and West Street

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If you find Japanese knotweed in your garden there are companies that can give you the knowledge and skills necessary to control and eradicate it from your garden at significant cost.

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## Changes proposed for councils' school swimming service

The way the councils' school swimming service is run across Northamptonshire may change. Accessing swimming lessons would become more streamlined for schools and cost-effective for the councils.

In recent years there has been a decline in demand for the council school swimming service from schools. Currently only 33% of schools utilise the council swimming service, the rest – the majority – booking directly with pools and leisure providers.

If the recommendation is approved, North and West Northamptonshire Councils will no longer be providers of school swimming lessons, effective from 31st December 2022.

The change would:

- Allow schools to deal directly with pool providers to negotiate pool space and times that are accessible to them.
- Ensure schools are able to access pools that are nearest to them.

- Improve communication between schools and pool providers without having to go through a council managed system.
- Ensure that the service does not run at a deficit for NNC and WNC.

The school swimming service is a traded service that was scheduled to disaggregate by 1st October 2022.

It is a non-statutory function for local authorities as it is the responsibility of each individual school to provide swimming services for its students.

Schools decide how they secure their curricular school swimming either via direct arrangements with local pools or otherwise outsourcing from the countywide school swimming service, which links schools with pools and swimming instructors, to deliver swimming lessons at a pool in their area.

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