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NEWS IN BRIEF

Battle of the Brampton Valley Way

Race Harborough has recently opened entries for its unique Leicestershire vs. Northamptonshire running event on Sunday 4th June, which sees participants travel along 14 miles of the traffic-free Brampton Valley Way – and back again!

The super flat route includes the famous Kelmash and Oxendon tunnels and cuts through the heart of rural Northamptonshire.

The event sees runners declare themselves as either Team Leicestershire (starting from the Market Harborough end of the route) or Team Northamptonshire (starting from the Northampton end of the route), and with such fierce rivalry between both counties on the rugby pitch, the battle at this running event is always a hard fought one.

Based on the cumulative elapsed time for an equal number of finishers from both sides, a victor will prevail.

Entries are priced at £28 – that's great value at only £1 a mile – and there's an event medal for every finisher too.

Entries for the 2023 event can be made online via: www.riderhq.com/events/p/4pfevpgw/f/battle-of-brampton-valley-way

Peregrine falcons in Higham Ferrers livestream from the nest

The domestic life of Higham Ferrers' peregrine falcons is now visible to anyone with access to the internet.

The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham is sponsoring a livestream direct from the nesting box in the bell tower of St Mary's Church.

This is an exciting opportunity for 'twitchers' and other wildlife lovers to watch these magnificent birds up close and personal. The live feed is available 24/7, with infra-red coverage during the night. It offers a rare glimpse into the daily lives of the peregrine falcons, including courtship displays, egg laying, and chick rearing.

The birds have already been seen in the box, but nesting proper is likely to begin this month. Now is a great time to monitor

their progress! One caution, however: this is true 'reality TV'. Falcons prey on live birds, and some of the footage will show the male delivering dinner to his mate. Some people might find this upsetting.

Access to the live feed, together with other useful facts about peregrines, can be found on The Ashgrove Clinic's website:

www.ashgrovehealth.co.uk/falcons

The live feed can be wound back by up to 12 hours, so even during this build-up stage, it will always be possible to see one or both of the birds in and around the nesting box.



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GARDEN WASTE SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE – COLLECTIONS TO START SOON

Residents who want to use North Northamptonshire Council's new garden waste subscription service – and who have not already signed up – are reminded that collections will start soon.

From Monday 3rd April only those who have subscribed to the scheme will have their garden waste bin collected. The annual subscription charge for the fortnightly service is £40 per bin and can be paid online via debit or credit card. Subscriptions will last 12 months from the point of purchase. If people sign up early ready for the change, it will run from April to April. More details about the service and how to sign up are available on the garden waste section of the council's website. People can sign up any time and, once payment is processed, will receive a new garden waste permit for sticking onto their bin, so collection crews know to collect it.

Up until now, people living in the former East Northants district area have had to pay an annual charge of £55 for their collections, while the remainder of the council area have not. To acknowledge the historic disparity in charging for

green waste collections, the council has decided that existing subscribers will be offered a first year £20 discount at their next renewal. This discount will be for the first year of the scheme only. After this the annual cost will align with the rest of the North Northants area at £40 a year. The new charge for any new subscribers in East Northants is already in place and they will pay the new charge of £40.

As part of the refreshed service, the council will also be offering an enhancement to the subsidised compost bin scheme, where residents can buy a home compost bin for £5 plus delivery. The authority will also be offering an ad hoc sack collection system, at £16.50 for 10 compostable sacks, for those not needing or wanting a bin. Residents can also take green waste to their nearest household waste recycling centre in the NNC area for free disposal.

Details on all the garden waste services are available on the council's website. Residents unable to go online can subscribe to the service by calling customer services on 0300 126 3000. Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Last time, I mentioned that I had discovered rather a lot of transcription errors in the 1921 census and had been notifying Find My Past accordingly. They are probably getting rather fed up with me, but could always offer me a job...

Sometimes, you can search for someone, find their details in a couple of censuses but then there is no trace of their birth or death. Or maybe you have their birth record but then there is no trace of them until 30 years later! I think that some of them have been set down on this earth by aliens – and then abducted back into space years later!

As well as transcription errors, something to bear in mind is the spelling of names. Spelling did not really settle down until the beginning of the 20th century – yes, as late as that – so please don't be offended if you find your name misspelt and think to yourself, "They got that wrong!". Names were recorded as the person who was doing the recording heard them. An example is the name

Alice. I have seen that as Elys, Alys, Ayls – you get the idea? Recently, I was searching for a family by the name of Forster. Of the 7 censuses in which they were recorded, 4 of them had the surname as Foster – missing out the letter R. What helped me to find them was that the mother was born in an unusual sounding place, so I used that as a key in my search. It pays sometimes to think laterally.

Also, think to yourself how similar some letters can be. I have the name Bailey in my tree. When I was looking through the parish records, I thought that there were rather a lot of people with that surname in the village – until it dawned on me that there was another family there whose surname was Barley. I was missing and gaining the dot over the 'i'.

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Secondary school places allocated in North Northamptonshire

A total of 4,225 secondary school places have been allocated to pupils across North Northamptonshire.

More people than ever before make their applications online – now at 99% and up from 98.8% in 2022.

95.2% of applicants have been allocated one of their preferred schools – the same percentage as the number of children getting a place at a preference school in 2022.

80.05% of applicants – 3,382 children – have been allocated a place at their first preference – a slightly lower percentage than last year (81.7% in 2022).

12.1% of applicants have been allocated a place at their second preference (10.2% in 2022), while 3.05% have been allocated a place at

their third preference (3.3% in 2022).

Families who applied for their secondary school place online and within the deadline are able to check their offer on the council's website at <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions>

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Council's executive member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "I'm delighted that we are seeing consistency in the number of children being allocated one of their preferred schools.

"Meanwhile, we continue to work hard to create additional school places across North Northamptonshire to meet the demand caused by our growing population.

"New schools are being built and we are expanding existing sites across the area."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I wish all the children well as they embark on this next stage of their education.

"Supporting children in their education is a priority for the council and moving up to secondary school is a big step on this journey."

Any parent has the right to appeal (through the independent appeals process) against refusal of a place at any school for which they have applied.

The next round of secondary school place allocations (for late applicants) will take place in April.

Primary school allocations will be announced on Monday 17th April.



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Your names chosen for NNC's gritters

North Northamptonshire Council has given its fleet of gritters amusing names as suggested by local residents and school classes.

On the frontline of the winter service is the fleet of gritters that operates out of Wellingborough, with the gritting season running from October until mid-April.

Since October last year, the Kier Highways fleet has been out 39 times, treating 821 miles of roads every time,

to keep them open and safe for all.

The fleet has been updated with new vehicles that are powered by sustainably sourced Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), which reduces the carbon produced by combustion engines by up to 90%. They also have new technology to ensure routes are

treated on time and that salt is used where it is needed most, reducing costs.

Cllr Graham Lawman, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "Gritting to keep our network open is a serious business,

but the dedicated winter team want to bring a smile to people's faces and what better way than naming their gritters?

"These new vehicles have been nameless for the last few months, so it is about time they were named. I am particularly pleased to see many schools entering and we have chosen as many of them as possible."

Throughout January, the online competition attracted hundreds of suggestions. This month, the fleet of 10 vehicles will have names as suggested by residents and school classes from across North Northants.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who got involved and sent in their funny, imaginative and just plain odd names. It was such a hard decision but we're delighted that the fleet will no longer be nameless."

The names have been chosen by the winter team who had a lively debate on what names should appear on their vehicles. Winners will also be welcomed to see their named gritters. John Coombes, General Manager at

Kier Highways, added: "It's great to see the response from local schools. Entries never fail to raise a smile, and we're delighted with our newly named line-up..."

"Our experienced drivers work around the clock to keep North Northamptonshire's roads safe. What people don't necessarily see, is how much of our winter preparation takes place all year round."

"It's great that young people receive a glimpse of that through this competition and are joining us in this mission, in some small part!"

Gritting routes can be viewed online <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/your-council/maps>.

Gritter names 2023

- True Grit
- Grumpy Gritter
- Salty
- Jolly Gritter
- Salt of the Earth
- Sir Grit a Lot
- Ice Knight
- Wicky Gritty
- Thaw Patrol
- Blizzard Wizzard



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Thu 30 Wembley Stadium

APRIL

Tue 4 Black Country Museum
Tue 4 Dudley Zoo
Thu 6 Fakenham & Sheringham
Sat 8 Norwich
Mon 10 Great Yarmouth
Thu 13 Tower of London
Thu 13 London Museums or Free Time
Fri 14 Cannon Hall Farm
Wed 19 Hereford
Thu 20 Banbury Market
Sun 23 Skegness
Tue 25 Spitfire & Hurricane + RAF Manston
Fri 28 Southwold & Diss
Sat 29 Oxford OR Oxford Castle

MAY

Mon 1 Bakewell Bank Holiday Market
Wed 3 Bury St Edmunds Market Day
Sat 6 Belvoir Castle & Gardens
Sun 7 Lincoln
Mon 8 Derbyshire & Peak District
Thu 11 Jersey Boys
Thu 11 Back to the Future the Musical
Fri 12 Stamford Market & Grantham
Sat 13 Malvern Spring Show
Sat 13 Springfield
Sat 13 Spalding Flower Parade
Sun 14 Hunstanton
Mon 15 Salisbury Cathedral & Free Time
Wed 17 Wye Valley River Cruise & Lunch
Sat 20 Clacton-on-Sea
Sun 21 Melton Mowbray Cheese Fair
Sun 21 Camden Market
Tue 23 Mystery Full Day
Thu 25 Constable Country & Essex
Sat 27 Warwick Market Day
Sun 28 Brighton
Tue 30 Family Seaside Mystery
Wed 31 American Museum & Bath

JUNE

Thu 1 Tank Museum
Thu 1 Monkey World
Fri 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Fri 2 Doncaster
Sat 3 Skegness
Tue 6 Melton Mowbray Market Day
Wed 7 Sheringham & NNRW
Sat 10 Hunstanton

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Holidays

MAY

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JUNE

10th - 18th JUNE - THE BEAUTIFUL AUSTRIAN LAKES & MOUNTAINS

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JULY

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Spotlight on > FARMERS' MARKETS

> FRESH PRODUCE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Oundle Farmers' Market is held in the Market Place on the second Saturday of each month between 8am and 2.15pm. The market supplies a wide range of fresh, local produce including meat, fish, eggs, cheese, sourdough,

vegan baked goods, Turkish street food, stuffed flatbreads, pies, cakes, hog 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.

> HIGHAM FERRERS FARMERS' MARKET

Higham Ferrers Farmers' Market is held in the historic Market Square between 9am and 1pm on the last Saturday



of each month, except December when it is usually the last available Saturday before Christmas.

The Farmers' Market is a very successful monthly market which is celebrating its 21st birthday on 29th

April 2023. There are around 20 stalls providing a great variety of produce and many award-winning traders. Some produce varies depending on the season and farming schedules but always includes a great range of meat, poultry, eggs, pies, cheese, bread, cakes, sweet treats, honey, chutney, chilli sauces, hot drinks and fruit and vegetables.

Buying from local producers means you can ask them direct questions about their products and get advice or even recipe ideas from these friendly and helpful traders.

The market creates a lovely atmosphere in the town throughout the year and there are often extras such as craft stalls, charity stalls and a Christmas band in December.

> THRAPSTON FARMERS' MARKET

Thrapston Farmers' Market has been running for almost nine years on the High Street, which itself has seen great rejuvenation in recent years.



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2023 DATES

14 January	8 July
11 February	12 August
11 March	9 September
8 April	14 October
13 May	11 November
10 June	9 December



STALLS INCLUDE:

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JANUARY	28th	JULY	29th
FEBRUARY	25th	AUGUST	26th
MARCH	25th	SEPTEMBER	30th
APRIL	29th	OCTOBER	28th
MAY	27th	NOVEMBER	25th
JUNE	24th	DECEMBER	23rd



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The market hosts around 15 stalls on the morning of the first Saturday of each month (excluding January). Stalls sell a wide range of locally made food and drink; from local honey, preserves and sauces to sourdough and speciality breads, cakes, desserts and confectionery, cheeses, pork and ham, pies, flatbreads and more. The market even hosts a Welsh cake stall, a specialist mushroom stall selling fresh fungi and tinctures, and a vegetarian curry chef who brings her super tasty, healthy ready meals. We have an excellent



fresh fish van attending too.

"A visit to our market also brings you to our lovely High Street in Thrapston, with a

wide offering of everyday and specialist shops, cafés and eateries. We have free street parking and car parks on Sackville Street and Bull Ring off Chancery Lane.

"Our community market is run by a dedicated team of volunteers who have a passion for supporting local businesses and growers. Every penny we raise goes back into running the market and into supporting causes in the community – improving the High Street environment, donating to local groups like Guides, Scouts and arts clubs amongst many others. We have donated over £15,000 since we began in 2014!" Follow on social media @thrapstonfarmersmarket



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YOUR HEALTH – RUNNY RELATIVES

WORDS BY CLAIRE SHORT

We're seeing a lot of running strains, sprains and gait issues at the moment. Now, I'm not going to assume that you're a runner, but you probably know someone who is training and I hope you'll show them this article.

We're very lucky in this area as there is a lot of support available for runners and people with gait problems:

Irchester Park – a free, weekly, timed 5k walk/jog/run at 9am every Saturday. Open to all ages and abilities.

Running Buddies – high quality coaching for new, intermediate and advanced runners through qualified coaches.

Ashgrove Active – a Facebook group providing support to runners, in particular to those currently training for marathons.

Diamond Runners – sessions are devised and led by an England Athletics qualified coach and leaders to be varied, fun and challenging. All abilities are welcome.

For injuries there are a lot of sports therapists in the area, plus osteopaths and chiropractors. You've also got K-Laser therapy and gait analysis in Higham to help you get better faster. Make sure the person you see has



good credentials and is able to offer you the treatment you need – if you need help with running technique see a practitioner who runs. If you need post surgical rehab, see a rehab specialist – you don't have to always see the same therapist. Pick the expert for your current needs.

And please don't get your gait analysis done by eye on a treadmill. Get a proper scan done to assess dynamic movement of your foot. You have access to high-tech science these days, so use it!

And stay focused! One of the things that comes across in the Ashgrove Active FB group is that increasing your distance means staying focused, not just on the training, but on the brilliance of what you're achieving.

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Claire Short is a Registered Osteopath, and runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers. Send your questions to claire@ashgrovehealth.co.uk



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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:

> RUSHDEN

Change of use of former Bank E(c)(i) with 4 bedroom flat to Retail E(a) with 6 1-bedroom flats including demolition of single storey element and extension to second and third floors, access, amenity space and parking at Bank 133 High Street Rushden NN10 ONX (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00200/FUL (11 April 2023)

Proposal to install 10 x Box Fascia, 8 x Graphic Vinyl, 2 x Frosting at Unit 1 7 High Street Rushden NN10 9JR (LB/CA) (Info) NE/22/01529/ADV (11 April 2023)

Residential Development of 6 x 1 bedroom flats including Amenity Area and Parking at Bank 133 High Street Rushden NN10 ONX (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00201/FUL (11 April 2023)

> TWYWELL

Internal arrangement, installation of external vent covers, and new front door at Home Farm House Lower Street Twywell NN14 3AH (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00211/LBC (11 April 2023)

> RAUNDS

Removal of existing rear conservatory to facilitate a new single storey rear and two storey infill extension. Roof to be re-tiled in slate with solar/pv panels. New front porch canopy and detached double garage with office

space above and solar/pv panels to roof, to be positioned in the rear garden at Berrister Cottage 12 Berrister Place Raunds NN9 6JN (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00082/FUL (11 April 2023)

> OUNDLE

Replacement of single-glazed ground floor sash window with double-glazed heritage sash in the same style; Replacement of single-glazed ground floor bay window with double-glazed in keeping with the style of the house. At 75 West Street Oundle (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00177/LBC (11 April 2023)

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) to allow for alterations to the layout of the external landscaping levels including additional information pursuant to NE/21/00581/FUL. Single storey front and rear extensions, internal and external alterations. At 4 Stoke Doyle Road Oundle PE8 4BN (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00078/VAR (11 April 2023)

Reinstate dwelling following fire damage at The Wickette 2 Victoria Yard Oundle Peterborough PE8 4EJ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00113/FUL (11 April 2023) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00114/LBC (11 April 2023) (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00111/FUL (11 April 2023) Reinstate dwelling following fire damage at 3 Victoria Yard Oundle PE8 4EJ (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00112/LBC (11 April 2023)

> LAXTON

Partial demolition and rebuilding of single storey former additions to North (rear) elevation of dwelling. Demolition

of external stone chimney stack to NE corner, Replacement of UPVC windows to North, East and West elevations with timber windows. At Church House Bulwick Road Laxton NN17 3AX (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00158/FUL (11 April 2023)

> GREAT ADDINGTON

Rebuild section of perimeter stone garden wall at Great Addington Manor Cranford Road Great Addington NN14 4BH (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00191/LBC (11 April 2023)

> BARNWELL

Replacement of two storey flat roof rear extension with two storey pitched roof rear extension at Parkers Patch Church Lane Barnwell PE8 6PG (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00137/FUL (11 April 2023) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00254/LBC (11 April 2023)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

Change of use of A1/A3 unit to Hot Food Takeaway at 1 Church Street Irthlingborough NN9 5FT (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00189/FUL (11 April 2023)

> DEENE

Reserved matters: Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale of 145 Dwellings, associated garages and all on-site supporting infrastructure of Parcels 21 and 22, Key Phase 4, Zone 3 pursuant to 19/01219/OUT - Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for means of access in relation to the highway access from the A43 and means of access and landscaping in respect of the causeway crossing from Zone 1, for the development of a

mixed use urban extension to include: residential development of up to 3,500 dwellings (C3), up to 1,000m2 of A1-A5, D1 and D2 uses within two local centres, up to 1,000m2 of D1/D2 (community building / changing rooms uses), two primary schools (D1), a 0.5 hectare reserve site in Zone 3 for flexible land use (education or informal open space), green infrastructure including formal and informal open space, wildlife corridors, landscaping, allotments / orchards and play areas, primary street and pedestrian and cycle network including diversions to existing PROWs, connections to the surrounding highway, sustainable urban drainage network, utilities and transport infrastructure and any necessary groundworks and demolition, and extension to Local Wildlife Sites at Priors Hall Site Kirby Lane Deene NN17 3EJ (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00227/REM (11 April 2023)

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.

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**Rob Harbour, Assistant Director
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Dated 18 March 2023

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BAND QUALIFIES FOR NATIONAL FINALS

Thrapston Town Band recently won the Midlands Brass Band Championships and now qualify for the National Finals.

Thrapston Town Band is celebrating its 165th year in style, by qualifying for the National Finals of the Brass Band Championships in Cheltenham later this year.

On Saturday 4th March the Midlands Regional Brass Band Championship (Fourth Section) was held at The Cube in Corby, Northamptonshire. Fifteen bands took part, with all bands playing the same "test piece" – Hungerford Town, by Darrol Barry.

The contest is judged "blind" by two independent adjudicators who sit in a "tent" in the auditorium – purely judging each band on their sound and musicianship.

The standard was high, with some great performances. But Thrapston's interpretation of the piece shone through, and they were

placed 1st by the judges in the Fourth Section competition.

Although it's an old band (considered to be the oldest brass band in Northamptonshire), they haven't entered competitions for many years. In fact, they only re-joined contesting in 2020, placing 13th. There was no contest in 2021 (due to Covid), then in 2022 they came a highly credible 3rd place, and obviously topped it all this year by being crowned Fourth Section Champion Band.

In fact, the success doesn't stop there! Thrapston's steady improvement across the three contests has meant that in January 2024, they will be promoted to the next tier of brass banding – known as the Third Section.

Band Chairman, Rob Johnson said: "To win this year's competition, qualify for the National

Finals, and gain promotion is an incredible achievement for the band. It's testament to the skill, hard work and dedication of every single one of our players that we have achieved this.

"Three years ago, when we decided to start contesting again our objective was to improve both as players, and as a band – and do our very best to represent ourselves and the town of Thrapston as well as we could. And it's fair to say that we've exceeded all our expectations.

"So, it's really important to recognise the incredible impact our Musical Director, Nathan Waterman, has had on our success. The band simply wouldn't have achieved this without his skills, knowledge and leadership, for which we're all very grateful."

The band's Musical Director, Nathan Waterman added: "I'm so pleased for the band to be crowned Midland Area Champions 2023 and to gain promotion to the Third Section. It's an amazing achievement. We

have worked very hard to improve over the last few years, and it is extremely satisfying to have this recognition. I can't wait for us to represent the Midlands at the National Finals in September."

At its heart, Thrapston Town Band is a community band. They provide lessons to children (and adults), which also includes free use of an instrument. In fact, several of the current band members started as "learners" at Thrapston, including Nathan, who went on to achieve success playing at the highest level in brass banding, the Championship Section.

Before all the excitement of the National Finals in September, Thrapston Town Band has a busy schedule of concerts and events to perform in the coming months, throughout Northamptonshire and beyond.

But it's fair to say that everyone in the band is already getting excited at the prospect of representing the Midlands in Cheltenham later this year.

North Northamptonshire Council Local Land Charges team shortlisted for national award

The Local Land Charges (LLC) team at North Northamptonshire Council has made the shortlist for the Best Performing Local Land Charges Department, at the 2023 Land Data Awards for Excellence - the only awards to recognise excellence and achievement in the profession.

The Council's LLC team manages thousands of land and property searches each year and is an essential part of the home buying and selling process for residents.

The winners of the Best Performing Local Land Charges Department award, sponsored by the National Land Information Service (NLIS), will be announced at the Land Data Local Land Charges Awards for Excellence on 28th March, at The Bristol Hotel, Bristol.

For this award, the judging panel assesses NLIS Hub data collected between 1st October 2021 and 30th September 2022 on electronic turnaround times, the level of overdue searches, search accuracy and volumes, which are weighted against transactional volumes for the authority's area. The results are combined and ranked to create the shortlist.

Cllr David Brackenbury, Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration at North Northamptonshire Council said: "It is great news that the Local Land Charges team have been shortlisted for this prestigious award. Their professionalism and expertise have been appreciated by home buyers and sellers across our area and they are a vital factor in smoothing the stressful process of buying or selling your home. Well done to them and they reflect great credit on the Regulatory Services team at NNCI!"

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "We strive to provide a customer-focussed service and to maintain a quick turnaround time for customers. This is the second time the team have been nominated for this award and it's great for our LLC team to receive national recognition for their hard work. Well done to all."

Fiona Barron, Chief Executive of Land Data, said: "Local Land Charge teams are the unsung heroes of the home buying and selling process – often going out of their way to supply essential information that could affect the future use or development of a property. During these difficult economic times acknowledging achievement and recognising excellence in the profession is more important than ever."

The awards for Best Performing Local Land Charges Department, Levels 2 and 3, will be presented as part of the Local Land Charges Training & Development event on 28th and 29th March. Other award categories include Customer Satisfaction, Local Authority Searches Team of the Year, Best Newcomer, Best Performing Migrated Local Authority and the Unsung Hero Award.

Since their launch in 2008, the annual Local Land Charges Awards for Excellence remain the only national awards celebrating the achievements and successes of local authority local land charges departments across England and Wales.

Adverse Possession – What is it and how can you claim?

Adverse possession, or more colloquially known as "squatters' rights" is the process by which someone who is not the registered owner of a piece of land can have the land transferred to them following a period of 10 or 12 years of exclusive possession.



The period of time for occupation required is dependent upon whether the land is registered, unregistered, or is dependent upon the date when the land was first registered. Other time periods may apply for more obscure situations, where the land may be held within a Trust, or 'Bona Vacantia'.

When does adverse possession begin?

Adverse possession will begin as soon as an individual takes over the full and exclusive occupation and control of the land in question without permission or consent. It is important to remember however that the land must have been occupied for 12 years if unregistered, and 10 years for registered land prior to the application being made. If the land was occupied by somebody prior to your occupation, a predecessor can be used to make up the necessary time period.

What are the requirements?

Unfortunately, it is not sufficient to show that the land has been occupied for a certain period of time. You need to exhibit exclusive occupation with an intention to exclude anyone else other than your invited visitors for the required period of time.

The land registry case workers have discretion when looking at applications, and therefore it is vital to show a use of the land as if it were already owned. For example, merely taking care of the land by mowing or tidying may not be sufficient. For that reason, the evidence in support of individual applications needs to be very carefully drafted to comply with the requirements of the Land Registry.

If you are thinking about making an adverse possession type claim, Wilson Browne Solicitors can assist. However, there are deadlines that apply and it is important to ensure that you receive expert advice at an early stage. Call us on 0800 088 6004 or visit wilsonbrowne.co.uk for more information.



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE TOWN HALL UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 28th March, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th April, 6.45pm

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th April, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 25th April, 7.30pm

Farmers Market - Saturday 25th March, 9am-1pm - Market Square

Farmers Market - Saturday 29th April 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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Get involved and be a part of the Peterborough Celebrates Festival: **Field of Colour**

Peterborough Celebrates Festival is back at Ferry Meadows for 2023 (19th-21st May) and you are invited to get involved in the run-up to the event by making flowers that will create a vibrant celebratory 'Field of Colour'.

Nene Park Trust is inviting schools, local groups and individuals to get involved in creating and decorating flowers using recycled plastic bottles. These are easy to make but will look amazing as a huge colourful installation on Coney Meadow next to the main festival site at Ferry Meadows.

To make a big impact, each school or group will create flowers of one colour linked to a wellbeing theme, or their school colours. Each coloured section of the display will be labelled with the school's name and logo so that children can bring their families along to see the display, take some colourful photos and join in the Festival fun.

To find a step-by-step guide to making your own plastic bottle flower, please go to www.peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk. Interested schools and groups are invited to contact the events team to find out which colour flowers they should make. Other individuals are welcome to go ahead and get creating straight away. Finished flowers can be brought into the Ferry Meadows Visitor Centre and these will be assembled by the events team in the lead-up to the festival.

The events team are also holding two free public workshops at Ferry Meadows during the Easter

holidays so keen participants can come along and make a flower. The workshops are on Saturday 15th April (in the Lynch Lake Community Hub) and Sunday 16th April (in the Discovery Den) 9am-3.30pm. No need to book, everyone is welcome - just come along.

Louise Thirlwall, Project Officer (Arts) at Nene Park Trust says about the project: "We want to create a positive splash of colour in the Park, filling the meadow with a display of flowers that represents how colour and nature can support our wellbeing."

"We have had a great response from schools and groups so far, and there is opportunity for more people to join in and contribute their own flowers through our workshops and over the Festival weekend."

"Using recycled plastic means everyone can get involved, but it also gets us thinking about how many products come in plastic, how much plastic we use every day - and how important it is to care for the nature and the environment."

To get involved in this project, please contact visitor.services@neneparktrust.org.uk. To find out more about Peterborough Celebrates Festival please visit www.peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk



Raunds Coffee Afternoon

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Network Arts @ Rooftops

A Network Arts exhibition brings contemporary and traditional art from emerging and established artists in Northamptonshire

At The Rooftops Arts Centre, 27 New Post Office Square, Corby, Northants, NN17 1PB

Wednesday 29th March - Saturday 22nd April, 2023.

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Nene Valley News - Events

> SATURDAY 18 MARCH, 9AM - 12 NOON

Spring Flower Coffee Morning, Bede House, Higham Ferrers. Free entry. Coffee, cakes, many stalls and a raffle. Riot of daffodils and crocuses in churchyard.

> SATURDAY 18TH MARCH, 10AM - 12 NOON

Higham Deanery (Church of England) litterpick: meet at the entrance to the former railway line (Greenway) in Midland Road, Higham Ferrers. All welcome, from any church or none. Details from Andrew Presland on 01933 316927.

> SUNDAY 19TH MARCH, 9.35AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Admission: Free. Contact: Jo 07758 845098. 6 mile walk in the Woodford/ Denford area.

> SUNDAY 2ND APRIL, 9AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Admission: Free. Contact: David 07752 596733. A 6 mile easy walk around Manor Park, Milton Keynes.

> MONDAY 10TH APRIL, 10K AT 10AM, 2K AT 10.10AM

Stanwick Races 10K and 2K junior run. Admission: £17 for 10K - £15 for affiliated

runners. £5 for 2K. These races are an annual event to raise funds for local causes.

> MONDAY 10TH APRIL FROM 1PM - 4PM

Cowslip and Fritillary Day - will be held on Easter Monday at St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold. Afternoon Teas and Plants for sale.

> SUNDAY 16TH APRIL, 9.30AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Admission: Free. Contact: Mark 07462 422097. 6 mile walk starting from Little Houghton.

> SATURDAY 29TH APRIL, OPENING AT 2PM

Islip Bowls Club have a Jumble Sale planned at Islip Village Hall. Admission: 20p per person. In addition to the jumble sale, there will be a cake stall, tombola and raffle. Everyone is welcome and all proceeds go towards the maintenance of the green.

> SUNDAY 30TH APRIL, 9.30AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group, Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Admission: Free. Contact: Cindy 07752 993777. 12 miles, 7 Church Challenge Harrold, Carlton, Chellington, Pavenham, Felmersham, Sharnbrook and Odell.

To submit your event please contact us via our website www.nenevalleynews.co.uk or call 01522 692542. Please supply in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.

What's On at the Cowper & Newton Museum in April 2023

> TUESDAY 4TH TO SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

Children's Easter trails: More details of our inspiring trails are available on our website and from the shop on arrival. Price: £1.50 / Usual admission applies.

> TUESDAY 4TH APRIL & THURSDAY 6TH APRIL, 2PM - 3.15PM

Ceramic Tile and Miniature Game Craft Making: Visit the museum gardens for some fun craft making activities this Easter half-term, where you will get the chance to take home some creations! Take inspiration from our beautiful museum gardens as you work outdoors to create your own decorative tile to take away.

Ceramic paint, pens and templates will be provided. In addition, there is a chance to decorate counters for a miniature game, that you can also take away! Supported by the museum's Gardening Team. Places are limited so we would recommend booking in advance by emailing: info@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk. Price: £4 child / Usual adult admission applies.

> THURSDAY 13TH APRIL & FRIDAY 14TH APRIL, 2PM - 3.15PM

Garden Collage Creations: Take inspiration from our beautiful museum gardens as you work outdoors to create your own

collage to take away with you. Supported by the museum's Gardening Team, who will be able to support you with the craft and garden materials you need for the afternoon. Places are limited so we would recommend booking in advance by emailing: info@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk. Price: £4 child / Usual adult admission applies.

> SATURDAY 15TH APRIL, 11.15AM - 12.30PM

A Tour of the Museum: Find out about William Cowper and John Newton, the story of Amazing Grace and much more! Price: £3 per adult for the tour, plus usual adult admission applies.

> WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL, 7.30PM - 9PM

Professor John Coffey: "Reluctant Abolitionist? Reopening the Case of John Newton and the Liverpool Slave Trade". Join Professor John Coffey from the University of Leicester for this special lecture, as he explores whether John Newton might be the 'Anonymous' speaking against the slave trade in 1762. See website for more information about how to book your place www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk. Price: Free.

The GUS Band crowned regional champions

Northampton-based brass band, The GUS Band were recently crowned Midlands Regional Champions and will go on to represent the region at the National Finals at the Royal Albert Hall in October.

The 'Nationals', as it is often referred to, has been in existence in its current format since 1945 and is brass banding's equivalent of the football league - split into five sections: Championship Section, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and

4th sections, with eight regional qualifying heats staged up and down the UK involving some 600 bands.

The band's professional conductor, Dr David Thornton commented: "I'm thrilled to have started my work with the band with such a fantastic performance. The soloists all played with great authority, the control from the ensemble was never overcooked or forced, and they did exactly what I asked of them." David also paid tribute

to resident conductor Chris Bond, whose preparation work had been "invaluable".

The band's victory is particularly poignant as 2023 marks the band's 90th anniversary; the band was originally formed in 1933 at the Munn and Felton Works Factory in Kettering.

To learn more about The GUS Band and how you can get involved or hear the band perform, visit www.thegusband.com.

FAIRY TRAIL

The village of Thurning (near Oundle PE8 5RE) will be hosting its second Fairy Trail on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May from 12 noon-5pm.

The trail itself will be held in the area known as Thurning Spinney which is situated next to the main 'Feast' field. There are over 40 beautiful and imaginative Fairy houses to see, sculpted mushrooms, giant flowers and 'lots more' to discover inside the trail. On the main field will be Mini fair rides, face-painting, food and refreshments with free children's activities in the tents as well as a children's magician! Picnics are welcome but there will be food and

refreshments available on the day. The event will still take place if it is raining, as the village hall will be used for serving refreshments.

Admission is £5 per person with under 3yrs free. Simply pay at the field booth upon arrival. All proceeds will be shared between St James' Church with a donation being given to Alzheimer's Society.

Please do not bring dogs to this event. Unfortunately, the Fairy Trail is unsuitable for wheelchairs because of uneven ground and narrow walkways. For further information please email: Alison.Pilkington@aol.com or tel Sandy Capp on 01832 293330.

Network Arts @ Rooftops Art Exhibition

Network Arts are pleased to be exhibiting again at The Rooftops Arts Centre at their new location in Corby. The exhibition brings together a range of

quality contemporary and traditional art from emerging and established artists in the region. It features a diverse range of work by members in a variety of media; paintings in oil, watercolour, acrylics; drawings and sketches.

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

At The Rooftops Arts Centre, 27 New Post Office Square, Corby, Northants NN17 1PB

Wednesday 29th March - Saturday 22nd April.

Wednesday - Saturday 11am - 4pm (Closed Sun-Tue). Free entry to gallery.

> ABOUT NETWORK ARTS

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

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

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



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

Easter Holiday Events and Activities at Nene Park

From the ever-popular Easter egg hunt and holiday trail to the archery and climbing sessions there is something on every day at Nene Park from 1st to 16th April. Or why not just come and enjoy exploring the meadows, woodlands and lakes on foot or by bike, visit one of the play areas and Gift and Farm Shop or stop off at one of the cafés. Please go to www.nenepark.org.uk/events to find out more and to book in advance.

WATERSPORTS AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Pay & Play Watersports

Available daily 11am-5pm. Activities include swan and pedalos and row boats, stand up paddle boards, kayaks and canoes, and windsurfing.

Book a camping trip!

Nene Park's two campsites, The Glade and Lakeview, are perfect for families and offer visitors the choice of a pitch-only camping and bell tent hire on an individual or group booking basis. Located in the heart of Ferry Meadows, both campsites are ideally situated to take advantage of all the activities on offer at Nene Outdoors.

Passenger Boat Trips

Enjoy a tranquil trip around Overton

Lake and onto the River Nene. The 45-minute pre-bookable trips will depart daily from the Visitor Centre Jetty. £9 per person, free for under 3s.

Climbing Wall: Tuesday 4th April 11am - 3pm

Great fun for both adults and children age 4 and over, who will reach the top first? Sessions are £12 per person.

Archery: Thursday 13th April 11am - 3pm

Unleash your inner Robin Hood! Archery sessions are 45 minutes long and take place on Oak Meadow close to Nene Outdoors. Sessions are £12 per person and suitable for ages 8 and over.

FAMILY FUN & NATURE EVENTS

Holiday Trail: Daily from 10am to 4pm

Collect a trail sheet from the Visitor Centre for just £1 and then hunt for questions as you walk around Ferry Meadows. Return to the Visitor Centre to claim your prize of sunflower seeds.

Social Walking Group: Monday 3rd April 10.30am - 12noon

Join one of Nene Park's Visitor Rangers for a social walk around Ferry Meadows and the wider Nene Park and meet like-minded people. Free to attend and

suitable for ages 14 and over.

History Boat Trip: Tuesday 4th April 9.15am - 10.45am

Join a trip around Overton Lake and along the River Nene with ranger Matt, who will guide you with tales of the history of the River, and the history of the iconic Milton Ferry Bridge, possibly the most photographed landmark within Nene Park. £15 per person and suitable for ages 8 and over.

Charming Worms: Tuesday 4th April 10.30am - 12noon and 1.30pm - 3pm

See who can find the shortest and longest worm and then make a wormery to take home. £5 per person, suitable for ages 2 and over.

Meeting Magical Mammals and Marvellous Minibeasts: Wednesday 5th April 9.30am - 12noon

Join a ranger for a short walk discovering the small mammals that live in the Park. Then you will have a look at the even smaller creatures that make their home at Ferry Meadows on a bug hunt. Suitable for children age 5 and over. £9 per child.

Ferry Meadows Easter Egg Hunt: Friday 7th and Saturday 8th April

10.30am - 2.30pm

Can you help the Easter Bunny to find all the hidden Easter eggs? £10 per booking which includes 2 Easter egg prizes and is suitable for any age.

Pond Dipping Session: Wednesday 12th April 12noon - 3pm

Come along to a drop-in session at Lynch Lake and spend some time pond dipping and identifying the fascinating creatures you find.

Visit Longthorpe Tower: Weekends from Saturday 1st April

Longthorpe Tower is reopening to the public on 1st April. Book your tickets to go and visit this surviving tower of a 14th century, three storey medieval fortified Manor House.

MUSIC, ART & CRAFT

Music in the Park: Sunday 9th April 8.15am and 11am

Join two performances on Easter Sunday by the Salvation Army Band at the Visitor Centre.

Children's Fused Glass Workshop: Friday 14th April 10.30 - 11.15am and 11.45 - 12.30pm

Join June from Semperart at this workshop, especially for children to make their own unique fused glass.

Suitable for children aged 7 to 13 years, £15 per person.

Teens Fused Glass Workshop: Friday 14th April 2 - 3pm

Suitable for teens aged 13 to 17 years, £18 per person.

Field of Colour Workshops: Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th April 9am - 3.30pm

Make flowers out of recycled plastic bottles to be displayed at the Peterborough Celebrates festival.

SAILING COURSES

Youth RYA Sailing – Stage 1: Tuesday 11th April and Wednesday 12th April 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 year olds, £182 pp.

Youth RYA Sailing – Stage 2: Thursday 13th April and Friday 14th April 9am - 5pm

This two-day course covers launching and recovery, steering, parts of the boat and basic sailing.

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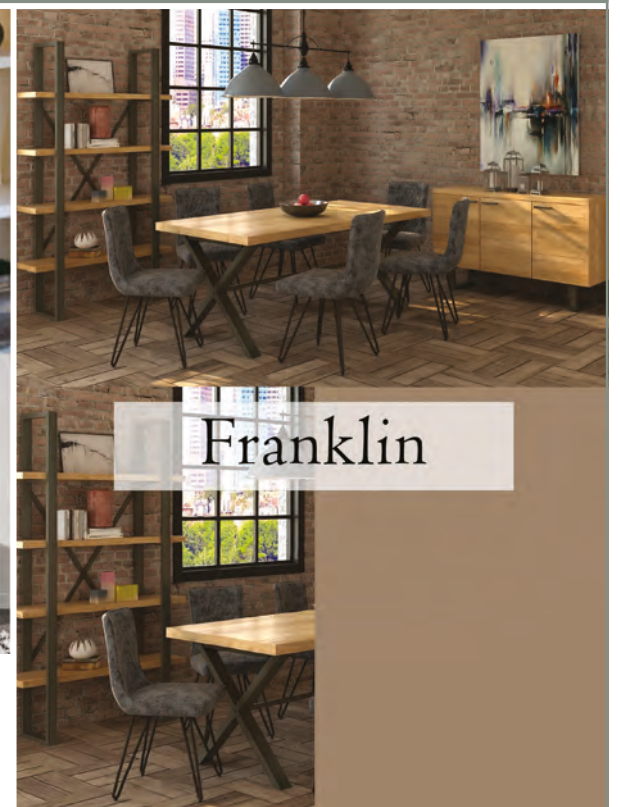
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Growing plants for the NHS

David Woods of Woodford started 'David's Growing Plants for the NHS' in April 2020. He grows all sorts of plants and has a stall on his drive, which is open every day.



He grows summer bedding plants from seed, marigolds, begonias, cosmos, rudbeckias and sweet peas. He grows many vegetables, broad beans, runner beans, courgettes, cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes. In summer he supplies fresh cut bunches of sweet peas on his stall, along with bags of fresh picked tomatoes and beans.

David has multiple sclerosis and gardening has kept him active, after retiring early 11 years ago from the NHS. Gardening was an excellent way for people to get through the pandemic, staying at home in their gardens and keeping active. David's gardening page and stall have encouraged the community to enjoy their gardens, and they also get the satisfaction of helping the NHS.

David's Facebook group now has over 1,200 members and David posts photos every day showing what is on the stall. He does weekend garden photo challenges, tips and advice videos, and sometimes 'live' broadcasts from the stall. Each day

the post tells everyone the running total of how much has been donated. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/158400812212160

Currently on stall he has a wide range of bulbs such as hyacinths, narcissus, crocus, alliums and iris. It has become a real community venture. People have been very generous, for example by supplying apples to the stall in the autumn. A friend in the next village makes and supplies bird nesting boxes and bug hotels, while David's sister makes Christmas wreaths each year, which boosts donations.



There is a Just Giving page for anyone to donate – just search for 'David's Growing Plants for the NHS': www.justgiving.com/fundraising/davidsgrowingplantsforthenhs

Talking about his unique venture David says: "I am getting the best of both worlds – doing what I love doing, gardening, which keeps me active and helps with my own health, knowing at the same time I am improving the health of many others, by helping the NHS." (Correct on 26th February 2023 when donations exceeded £20,000)



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(VARIOUS ROADS) (ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2023
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intends to make the above Order under Sections 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers. The effect of the proposed Order is to designate parking places restricting use at all times for electric vehicles only i.e. solely battery powered or hybrid – connected to and using charging equipment located adjacent to the parking place on the highway and as specified in the Schedule below.
A COPY of the proposed Order, together with the plans showing the exact length of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected on the Council's website at www.northnorthants.gov.uk (search traffic regulation orders) and may also be inspected at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 529700.
OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Highways Depot, Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or via email to NNCparkingquiries@kier.co.uk by 6th April 2023.
Dated this 18th day of March 2023
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES, Executive Director,
Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd P/1939

SCHEDULE PROPOSED ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY PARKING PLACES '8AM - 6PM 4 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR' AND 'ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY AT ALL OTHER TIMES'	
Campbell Road, Corby	Starting from a point 21.5 metres, in a southerly direction, from the junction with Connell Court, for a distance of 11 metres on the eastern side outside property no.24
Cecil Drive, Corby	Starting from a point 3.8 metres from the existing dropped kerb outside property no 23 in an easterly direction for a distance of 11.9 metres
Telfords Lane, Corby	Starting from a point 8m from the existing double yellow lines, in an easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres outside of no 106
Victoria Street, Desborough	Starting from a point adjacent to the existing BT pole in a south westerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Hawthorn Road, Kettering	Starting from a point 23 metres from the crossroads junction with Headlands and The Crescent in a westerly direction for a distance of 11.5 metres
Linden Avenue, Kettering	Starting from a point 8 metres from the bend with Shaftsbury Street adjacent to the existing drain and manhole cover in a north westerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Pythley Road, Kettering	Starting from a point adjacent to the existing h-bar obstruction marking outside property no 115 in southerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Market Hill, Rothwell	Starting from a point 5 metres from the existing double yellow lines restrictions around the bend of property no 22 in a south easterly direction for a distance of 5 metres
Midland Road, Rushden	Starting from a point adjacent to the existing h-bar obstruction marking over the dropped kerb and adjacent to property no 32 in a easterly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Wood Street, Higham Ferrers	Starting from a point adjacent to existing double yellow lines and Town Hall 2.5m in an easterly direction for a distance of 4.8 metres
Midland Road, Higham Ferrers	Starting from a point from the termination point of the existing double yellow lines in a southerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Doddington Road, Wellingborough	Starting from the existing h-bar obstruction marking adjacent to property no 2 in a northerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Hatton Avenue, Wellingborough	Starting from the termination point of the existing double yellow lines at the junction with Broad Green for in a westerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Irthlingborough Road, Wellingborough	Starting from a point in the centre of property no 6 in an easterly direction for a distance of 11 metres

PROPOSED CHANGE FROM EXISTING TIME LIMITED WAITING BAY TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY PARKING PLACES '8AM - 6PM 4 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR' AND 'ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY AT ALL OTHER TIMES'	
Headlands, Kettering	Starting from a point outside no 43 (within existing time limited waiting bay) in a southerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Queensway, Higham Ferrers	Starting from a point adjacent to the existing double yellow lines in an easterly direction for a distance of 11 metres
Station Road, Kettering	Starting from a point from the existing double yellow lines outside property no's 5 and 7 in a northerly direction for a distance of 11 metres
PROPOSED CHANGE FROM EXISTING PERMIT BAY TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY PARKING PLACES '8AM - 6PM 4 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR' AND 'ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY AT ALL OTHER TIMES' (FOR PERMIT HOLDERS ONLY)	
York Road, Kettering	Starting from a point adjacent to the double yellow lines outside property no 42 for a distance of 11 metres

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(WATER LANE, CHELVESTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023
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 Water Lane, Chelveston as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Water Lane, Chelveston from High Street to Higham Road.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repairs to structure.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th April 2023 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 13th April 2023.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Higham Road and High Street.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N601 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/199
Dated this 18th day of March 2023
DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES
Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

HERMITAGE HOUSE CARE HOME IS THE TALK OF THE TOWN IN THRAPSTON

Hermitage House Care Home was officially opened on Friday 10th March, with the ribbon cut by Cllr Craig Wheeler, Mayor of Thrapston at a busy Open Day event. The care home is operated by Country Court and is the 36th home in the award-winning Peterborough-based care home group. Hermitage House will be home to up to 67 people, with a luxurious yet homely feel, and will bring 70 new jobs to the town.

"This important facility for Thrapston [is] setting a new standard for care homes in the area and providing people with the quality of life they deserve," said Co-CEO Alykhan Kachra. "It's been a true team effort to get the home open on schedule, so I would like to thank all those involved."

Mayor of Thrapston, Cllr Wheeler, added: "I am delighted to be invited to cut the ribbon today. We look forward to Hermitage House becoming an integral part of the community in Thrapston. A facility such as this is

long overdue in the town."

At the public open day on Saturday 11th March over 350 people from Thrapston and the surrounding area came to visit the care home.

"It was wonderful to see so many people at our Open Day," said Home Manager Clare Hedge. "There was a wonderful atmosphere and much excitement from local people. We are very keen to become part of the community here in Thrapston, and we were certainly made to feel very welcome. I would personally like to thank everyone who came to see us, and we hope that people will continue to visit our residents in future."

The care home will offer long-term residential care, short-term respite care and specialist dementia care. Facilities at Hermitage House have been designed with residents' needs in mind, with themed communal spaces, large open spaces and various spacious lounge and dining areas, all complete



Ribbon cutting from left: Al-karim Kachra, Co-CEO Country Court; Abdul Kachra, Chairman Country Court; Alykhan Kachra, Co-CEO Country Court; Cllr Craig Wheeler, Mayor of Thrapston and Clare Hedge, Home Manager Hermitage House Care Home

with comfortable seating, modern facilities and specialist equipment. All bedrooms feature en-suite walk-in shower rooms and are bright and spacious, with some opening onto the landscaped gardens. Each floor has a luxurious assisted bathroom.

On the ground floor, the Café provides a wonderful meeting area for residents and visitors. The Private Dining room is available to book for special family occasions and the Chef Manager will provide a bespoke three-course

meal or afternoon tea for families to enjoy in the comfort of their private space for the day.

On the lower-ground floor, there is an Elegance Salon, Bamboo bar with rainforest-themed décor and Cinema featuring a widescreen TV and seating area to enjoy films in style.

Residents living with dementia will be cared for on the first floor. The marketplace creates a

community space within the home where people can meet their friends or visit the ice cream parlour. Daily meaningful activities will be provided throughout the home, particularly in the dedicated activity room. Hermitage House even boasts its own pub, The Coach House Inn, a fantastic location for activities such as pub quizzes and games.

Hermitage House Care Home

is part of the Country Court Group, a family-owned and run business founded in 1983, with the company philosophy "Our family caring for yours". Country Court has won numerous Great British Care Awards. In 2015 it was awarded Health Investor Residential Care Provider of the Year and is in the carehome.co.uk Top 25 Large Care Home Groups 2022.



Mayor of Thrapston Cllr Craig Wheeler (right) and Deputy Mayor Cllr Craig Wilcox

To find out more about life at Hermitage House Care Home or to make an appointment to view the home, please contact Customer Relations Manager Hannah Mills at hannah.mills@countrycourtcare.com or 07745 541057.

Hermitage House Care Home

As a brand new care home, Hermitage House will provide the highest standards of family-led residential and dementia care. Our home is luxurious and beautifully furnished, whilst retaining a warm family atmosphere that will make Hermitage House feel extra special.

To find out more about life at Hermitage House contact our Senior Customer Relations Manager Hannah Mills on 07745 541 057 or email hannah.mills@countrycourtcare.com



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