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NEWS IN BRIEF

Family Hub and Start for Life Programme

A multi-million-pound project to improve life chances for young people and their families in North Northamptonshire is moving forward at pace.

A report before the Council's Executive will hear how the initiative is now being rolled out across the area. The project – which will see networks established to boost the provision of services aimed at families – has received £4million from government between 2022 and 2025 to help families build resilience and thrive.

Key areas where support will be provided are for:

- Mental health – during pregnancy and beyond
- Parenting
- Infant feeding
- Home learning – to promote early language and literacy development

The council is working with partners who deliver services to children and young people, including Northamptonshire Children's Trust. The first two networks are set to be established in Wellingborough and Corby, while further work will take place to create networks in Kettering and East Northamptonshire over the life of the programme.

NAMING COMPETITION FOR HIGHAM'S PEREGRINE FALCONS

The practitioners at The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers were so impressed by the names put forward for the North Northants gritting machines that they have set up a competition to name the famous peregrine falcons nesting in St Mary's Church in Higham Ferrers. Rather appropriately they've asked their specialists in pregnancy pains and grumpy babies to be the judges!



On 30th April over 1,000 people watched the livestream on Ashgrove's website as all four eggs hatched in the nesting box. The chicks are still quite fluffy, but should get their feathers soon, at which point viewers will get to watch them learning to fly – live!

Osteopath Steven Bruce from Ashgrove said: "Peregrine falcons are the fastest animal on the planet. They can reach 200mph in a dive, and need names to reflect their pizzazz – so before you ask, we're definitely not calling them Birdy McBirdFace!"

The chicks were named in a separate competition for children over the Coronation weekend.

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More than 20 community projects to benefit from share of £100,000

A variety of projects across North Northamptonshire are set to benefit from grant funding totalling £100,000.

Projects that will benefit the community, which include improvements to facilities and new sports equipment, will now receive grants of up to £5,000 from North Northamptonshire Council's (NNC) Shared Prosperity Fund allocation.

In February, NNC encouraged community groups and projects to apply for funding via the council's Community Grants Programme, following agreement to extend the existing scheme and utilise £100,000 of Shared Prosperity Funding.

More than 20 organisations were successful with their bids and will now be able to deliver projects to improve lives for local residents.

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "There was strong demand for funding with a lot of great ideas and I am pleased that more than 20 projects across a variety of themes will benefit. There will be further opportunities for grants in the future, so I would encourage communities to think about any projects or groups that might benefit in preparation for applying for grants."

Details of future schemes will be promoted through NNC channels.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

One of the most interesting books that I own is *The Encyclopaedia of Executions in the 20th Century*. Okay, I know that it is not everybody's cup of tea, but for me it has proved to be invaluable at times.

One chap with whom I was in contact a number of years ago had heard that a member of his family had been murdered but did not know by whom or any further details – just her name. This book gave me not only the details of her murderer, but also the details of the crime, the location, the trial and the outcome. This gave us enough information to rootle out newspaper

reports of the day. I am not sure that my chap was really ready for the amount of information that we discovered, but it was certainly enlightening as to the living conditions and attitudes of the day – the 1920s.

Another useful book that I have is *British Pubs and Inns*, which contains photographs from the Francis Frith Collection. Francis Frith was born in 1822 in Derbyshire and by 1856 had developed a keen eye for photography. In 1860, he decided to photograph every town and village in the UK and his work can be found online as well as in books. Although Francis died in 1898, he had established a company, F. Frith & Co., which continued with his work. So, rather than just being words on a page, you can actually see where your ancestors lived and what the conditions were like. Oh yes, why *British Pubs and Inns*? One branch of my family were publicans and old pictures of their establishments are amongst the collection.

So, not everything is online and books should never be forgotten for the gems that they can hold to help the family historian.

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Proposed Interim Chief Executive announced at North Northamptonshire Council

The proposed Interim Chief Executive at North Northamptonshire Council has been announced as George Candler.

George is currently Executive Director for Place and Economy as well as Deputy Chief Executive. He was also previously Chief Executive of Northampton Borough Council.

The move comes following the recent announcement that the current Chief Executive Rob Bridge was to move to a position in the top role at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

An internal process then followed for the interim role, culminating in interviews. The appointment is subject to Full Council approval on 25th May – the date of the Annual Council meeting.

Cllr Jason Smithers,

Leader of the Council, said: "I'm thrilled with this proposal – George has a wealth of experience in local government and is currently the Deputy Chief Executive at the authority.

"George has already been key in driving through new policies since vesting day in April 2021 and been pivotal in transforming services to make sure they deliver for the people of our area. As such, he's a great fit.

"Subject to approval, I look forward to working with him and our corporate leadership team as we continue our

journey and progress as a Council."

George Candler said: "I'm absolutely delighted and proud to have been proposed for the position of Interim Chief Executive and can't wait to get started in the new role.

"So much has been achieved in the past two years, and I am keen to continue this positive trajectory of delivery, working with Members, staff, and partners for the residents of North Northamptonshire."

If approved, George would assume the role of Chief Executive when Rob leaves the authority early in June.



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Avian Flu restrictions introduced in Ringstead area

Following a case of avian flu amongst captive birds, a 3km Captive Bird (monitoring) Controlled Zone has been introduced in the Ringstead area.

Measures were introduced at the end of April and will remain until further notice.

Details of the area covered and full details of what the measures mean for anyone who keeps poultry, captive

birds or who transports eggs in/from the control zone are available on central Government's website.

Anyone who lives in the controlled zone is being asked to fill in an online form to let North Northamptonshire Council know whether or not birds are kept on the premises and guide action to try and prevent the further spread of disease.

This case follows 4 wild birds (3 black-

headed gulls near Stanwick and 1 black-headed gull near Rushden) which were found to have been infected with avian flu and North Northamptonshire Council are warning residents and anyone who keeps birds to be aware.

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration (which covers Trading Standards), said: "Although mandatory

housing measures for poultry and captive birds were lifted in April, these cases show that avian flu is still circulating in the area.

"I would ask anyone who keeps birds in the Ringstead area to read the Government advice and make sure they are following the current measures, including keeping records of visitors and accurate records of poultry movement."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I appreciate that the last few months have been extremely difficult for bird keepers in North Northamptonshire and across the whole of the UK and this case will be a further disappointment for bird keepers in the Ringstead area. I hope these measures will help prevent more cases in the local area."

Full line-up revealed for Peterborough Celebrates Festival

The festival kicks off on Friday 19th May with an uplifting Singing Schools workshop in the afternoon, followed by a performance for friends and family of participating schoolchildren. The public launch of the festival will be at 5.30pm with drumming from Punjabi Roots, community performances and fairground rides, with food and drink available on the festival site.

The Big Top will open its sides to lucky cinema ticket-holders at 6pm with the sing-a-long screening of The Greatest Showman starting at 6.30pm, complete with ringmaster and BSL signer. This event is sold out but keep an eye out for news of any last-minute ticket availability.

Saturday 20th May offers a packed schedule of performances, sights, sounds and activities to excite all festival-

goers. Starting at 11am and running until 8pm, highlights include the spectacular dance-circus group Motionhouse, performing their breathtaking show WILD on a purpose-built stage; Autin Dance Theatre with their show Out of the Deep Blue, complete with giant sea puppet; Ensonglopedia, a family show with songs; Eastern Angles performing their Medieval Miracles; Q Productions taking over the Big Top with their Family Vox cabaret show and Xidius Pain, the rap performance artist, on the main festival stage. Alongside these professional groups, enjoy performances from community groups such as Bharat Hindu Samaj, East Timorese Association, local young pianist Susnato Mallick and students from Peterborough College.

The Sunday festival programme runs

from 10am until 4pm, beginning with Rise and Shine yoga on the main stage and followed by music from local groups such as Abbey Ukes, Peterborough Flute Choir and soprano Gabriella Pineda-Rodrigues, bringing her ever-popular repertoire of Disney songs. Motionhouse will be performing WILD again and dance group Vanhulle bring their show Dovetail to delight the festival crowd.

Alongside the wide range of performances there is so much more to discover across the festival site throughout the weekend. Take part in have-a-go sporting activities in the 'Be Active' zone, explore the community Colour Cubes, admire the thousands of flowers that have been created by schools and community groups across the city in the 'Field of Colour', meet

some of the sheep that graze the Nene Park Rural Estate and soak up the festival atmosphere with food and drink from a diverse range of vendors.

Parking for the festival will be available onsite at Ferry Meadows this year (parking charges apply) with FREE parking offered at Railworld Wildlife Haven in the city centre. Festival-goers parking at Railworld will be able to catch a shuttle train with the Nene Valley Railway for £2 per person, with trains running throughout Sat and Sun.

For the full line-up for the festival as well as FAQs and a festival map, please visit www.peterboroughcelebratesfestival.co.uk. The festival is being staged by Nene Park Trust, with the support of key organisations across Peterborough and an enthusiastic team of volunteers

bringing it to life. The festival is FREE to attend thanks to generous funding from Arts Council England as well as sponsorship from Cross Keys Homes, Perkins, Greenwoods, Savills, Hegarty Solicitors, We Love Peterborough, Term Times family magazine, The Peterborough School and Bellway Homes.

Stephanie Peachey, Head of Visitor Engagement for Nene Park Trust says: "We are looking forward to welcoming everyone to the festival site and can promise you a feel-good weekend which celebrates our great city and diverse communities. We're keeping our fingers crossed for sunshine over the weekend – but whatever the weather there will be a fabulous programme of performances and activities for all to enjoy."

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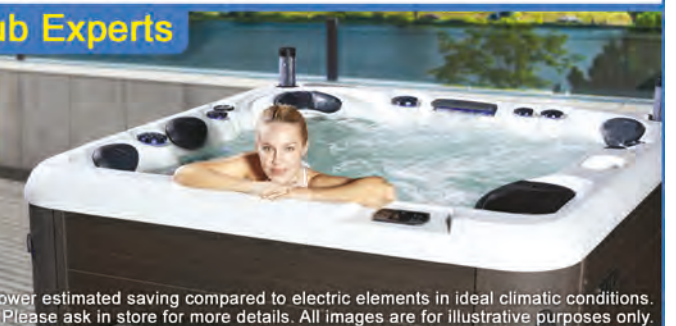
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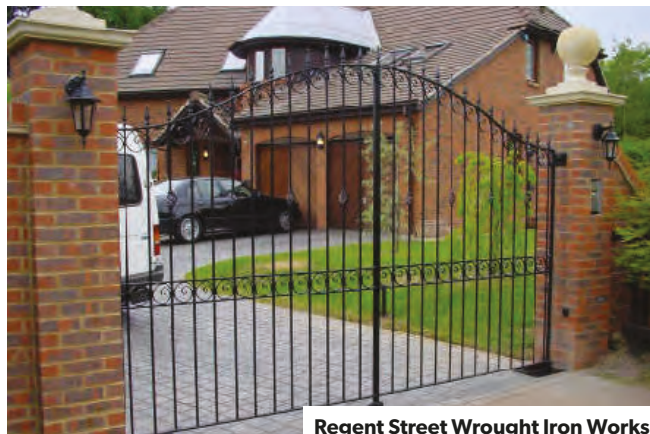
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Your Health – Peregrine neck

WORDS BY
CLAIRE SHORT

It's all about the peregrines this week. The chicks have hatched, the competition to name them is on, and the flying lessons are due to start any day now.

But how much damage are they causing you?

If you're watching the livestream on a laptop or phone, the chances are you've got one arm at a funny angle – holding the phone or mouse – and your neck stuck to one side. At some point it's going to hurt.

As always, I'd like to give you some easy tips to help you avoid pain. Whether you're

working, watching falcons or engrossed in a movie, these tips should help:

- Don't sit still for long periods of time.
 - If possible, get a dock for your laptop so you can use a normal mouse and keyboard when you're at home.
 - Lying on the sofa with your laptop half over your head is silly. You know it's going to cause problems, so don't do it!
 - If you're having a chat with someone or talking on the phone, get up and walk around. It's not written in stone that you have to stay sitting.
- And most importantly of all: Roll your shoulders around.

Do this in a free-flowing movement, don't force your shoulders far back. Rolling your shoulders is like giving them a cup of tea; you get the fluids moving in the joints, the muscles get a chance to move, and the area feels revitalised. It's a simple exercise, but extremely effective.

If you happen to take a break outside, remember that it's No Mow May. A massive relief to anyone who hates the lawnmower as much as I do. Leave the thing in the shed and enjoy the bees for a few weeks. You'll have plenty of time to injure yourself mowing in June.

Have a shoulder rolling week!

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

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> WOODFORD

Detached two bedroom one and a half storey dwelling using existing access at 1 The Moorings Woodford NN14 4HN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00429/FUL (6 June 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Two storey side and rear extensions and garage conversion at Cherry House 53A Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00430/FUL (6 June 2023)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Two bedroom bungalow with integral garage and associated parking at Land Adjacent 33 Wood Road Kings Cliffe (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00376/FUL (6 June 2023)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Conversion of outbuilding to studio and study at Hall Farm 1 Hall Yard Kings Cliffe PE8 6XQ (Info) (LB/CA)(LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00278/FUL and NE/23/00280/LBC (6 June 2023)

> IRTHLINGBOROUGH

2nd floor roof extension to form 4 new apartments at 36 - 40 High Street Irthlingborough NN9 5TN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00350/FUL (6 June 2023)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Re-submission of 20/01520/LBC to

incorporate minor changes, which include the windows in the garden room no longer to be replaced by large sliding doors, instead simply re-glazed within the existing frames and the low supporting wall retained. This change is necessary because the structure of the garden room will not allow removal of the existing frames without very significant structural works to support the roof. At 2 The Dovecote Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6YL (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00355/LBC (6 June 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Construction of a steel framed balcony/ porch with clear glazed front and sides; removal of existing window and replacement with sliding glass doors at 40 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00383/FUL (6 June 2023)

> OUNDLE

Demolition of the existing sports hall, a new sports hall (4 court) to Sport England design standards, refurbishment of the existing sports hall to provide changing facilities, dance studio, teaching and group rooms and other support facilities for school and community use including school exams, alterations to the existing car park for school buses and cars, including a new traffic island, pupil drop-off and collection area, and safe crossing points. At Prince William School Herne Road Oundle PE8 4BS (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00364/FUL (6 June 2023)

> LOWER BENEFIELD

Change of use from Agricultural 1 bedroom apartment, workshop and store

to a 3 bedroom residential property; Erection of new domestic shed and oil tank; installation of new boundary fence and vehicular access gate; and demolition of existing section of stone wall to form two new parking spaces with associated hardstanding area to serve Rectory Farmhouse and erection of new matching 1.2 metres high stone wall on new alignment using reclaimed materials. At Rectory Farm Flat Main Street Lower Benefield PE8 5AF (Info) (LB/CA) (LBRegs) NE/23/00374/FUL and NE/23/00375/LBC (6 June 2023)

> RUSHDEN

Conversion of building to 10 residential flats, proposed roof lights, and landscaping work to the front to include new retaining wall, steps and bin store (Re-submission of NE/22/00301/FUL) at Independant Wesleyan Church High Street Rushden NN10 0PJ (LB/CA) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00295/FUL (6 June 2023)

> THRAPSTON

To alter staircase from first floor to attic space so it meets current regulations and to create a staff welfare area in the attic space at The Surgery 3 - 5 Chancery Lane Thrapston NN14 4PJ (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) NE/23/00217/FUL and NE/23/00218/LBC (6 June 2023)

> OUNDLE

Internal and external alteration works to allow for remodelling of the collection of Listed Buildings that form Laxton House, including provision of ventilation and drainage to new and

remodelled toilets, changing rooms and areas with condensation damage. At Laxton Grammar School North Street Oundle PE8 4AR (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00407/FUL (6 June 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Replacement of 2no. existing windows. 1no. to the Kitchen and 1no. to first floor Bedroom (dormer) at 37 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00300/FUL (6 June 2023)

> TITCHMARSH

Replacement of internal staircase and changes to bulk head at 33 Islington Titchmarsh NN14 3DG (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00420/LBC (6 June 2023)

> OUNDLE

Internal and external alteration works to allow for remodelling of the collection of Listed Buildings that form Laxton House, including provision of ventilation and drainage to new and remodelled toilets, changing rooms and areas with condensation damage to meet Building Regulations and Dept. for Education Minimums. At Laxton Grammar School North Street Oundle PE8 4AR (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00408/LBC (6 June 2023)

The reason for applications being advertised is as follows:
Part3 - Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 2015.

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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 13 May 2023

Consultation deadlines will differ for each application.

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MERGED FUTURES 5: THE FIFTH ANNUAL FREE TECH SHOWCASE FROM DIGITAL NORTHANTS

Start-up gaming companies helping archaeology come to life and virtual reality enhancing healthcare are amongst an array of digital stories on offer at Merged Futures 5, the fifth annual tech innovation showcase event organised by Digital Northants.

Merged Futures returns to the Learning Hub at the University of Northampton's Waterside Campus on Friday 30th June and, as with all Digital Northants events, it's free to attend.

A celebration of Northamptonshire's innovators, educators and entrepreneurs, the event brings together people from different sectors interested in digital, tech and innovation to share and spark ideas.

It's also an opportunity for the business community to discover some of the University of Northampton's innovative teaching methods, the skills developed by students and the potential to partner and collaborate

with the university in different fields.

Cllr David Howes, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member with responsibility for digital technology, said: "Merged Futures is an excellent celebration of the digital innovation taking place on our doorstep. It's a great opportunity for people from any background or sector to come along, learn new things, make new connections and find out what's happening in the local scene.

"Many new connections have been made at previous events that have led to lots of new collaborations that help to drive our digital economy forward. We want Northamptonshire to be a county of digital start-ups and we want

them to get the support to grow."

Cllr Dan Lister, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Town Centre Regeneration and Growth at WNC, added: "Northamptonshire is a forward-thinking county, home to hundreds of entrepreneurs and innovators. Events like this provide us with the ideal opportunity to make new connections, share best practice and drive forward change together."

Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Science and Technology, John Sinclair, said: "Digital connectivity has become an increasingly important part of work and private lives across the world, with new announcements on the latest gadgets, gizmos and programmes being part of our everyday life.

"Global digital technology is progressing at an accelerated rate, and here at the University of Northampton, we're looking forward to bringing together industry and academia to look at new applications of digital technologies in industry,



teaching, transport, business, culture and more.

"There will be a number of wide-ranging presentations and demonstrations from university and industry colleagues across a range of disciplines, with professionals set to take part from across the country."

The keynote speech will be from local tech entrepreneur Steve Walsh

who will explore how innovation works, and how businesses can create a culture of innovation within teams.

Also at the event will be Royal & Derngate theatre and urban sports venue Adrenaline Alley on how technology powers their business.

The event takes place at the Learning Hub, University of Northampton, on Friday 30th June from 10am to 4pm.

Find out more and book your free ticket at www.digitalnorthampton.com/mf5

Hermitage House hosts community coffee morning

Recently at Hermitage House Care Home in Thrapston the staff team and residents held their very first community coffee morning. Everyone was welcome to join staff and residents for tea, coffee and freshly made cakes at the brand-new care home. The staff team also offered tours of the home to show off the much awaited, newly built home.

Vivian, Sheila and Peter from the Thrapston U3A all commented, "how lovely the coffee morning had been" and how "they can't wait to see how we can involve residents into our community groups".

"The community coffee morning was a great success. We saw people from our local community wanting to get involved with our home more often, especially with gardening for our Country Court in Bloom initiative," said Home Manager, Clare Hedge.

"We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming people from various local community



groups to our coffee morning and look forward to making it a regular event here at Hermitage House. We would also like to thank local businesses who donated a prize for our raffle. Our coffee mornings are open to everyone locally so we hope people will come along to the next one," said Customer Relations Manager, Sharon Guntrip.

The next Community Coffee morning was on Wednesday 26th April and the meetups are being held bi-weekly every Wednesday. If you would

like to attend please RSVP to Sharon Guntrip on 07872 542376 or via email: sharon.guntrip@countrycourtcare.com.

Sharon is here to support your move to a care home and to answer any questions you may have about moving to a care home, paying for care or understanding the difference between a care home and a nursing home. Please contact Sharon to find out more about life at Hermitage House Care Home or to make an appointment to view the care home.

Vision for the future of North Northants to be discussed

The aspirations for the future of the area of North Northamptonshire will be on the agenda for a meeting of the council's Executive.

A report will update Councillors on the rationale, thinking and work undertaken so far with partners to create a North Northamptonshire Vision for the future.

The Council, alongside partners, is looking ahead and imagining the place that North Northamptonshire can be in 2050 – somewhere that residents deserve to live.

The proposed vision for the best life in North Northamptonshire in 2050 has been based around three initial key priorities:

- Proud place – A place with clear goals and a plan of how to get

there, where people feel inspired and safe.

- Prosperous place – A place full of thriving businesses and a skilled population who can achieve their ambitions.

- Proactive place – A place which understands the issues its people face and how to address them early, so everyone can live the best life.

It is also proposed that a 'Big 50' conference is held in 2023 to further engage with key stakeholders, refine the vision and help with wider ownership.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "As we enter our third

year as a unitary authority, we believe we now have a great opportunity to look to the future and to imagine the place that North Northamptonshire can be in 2050.

"The North Northamptonshire Vision now needs further refinement and wider ownership. To do this, we are proposing that a conference is held to bring together key stakeholders that have an important role to play in this process.

"This is a really exciting time for us and the whole of North Northamptonshire. I am looking forward to discussing the Vision with my fellow Executive members."

The full report and North Northamptonshire Vision document can be viewed online and the Executive will meet at the Cube in Corby. The meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube.

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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
Sun 11	Great Yarmouth
Wed 14	Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
Thu 15	Nantwich Market Day
Sat 17	Cromer
Sun 18	Gardeners World with Good Food Show
Fri 23	National Arboretum & Lichfield
Fri 23	National Arboretum
Sat 24	Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
Sun 25	Swanage
Tue 27	Windsor Luxury Afternoon Tea Cruise

JULY	
Sat 1	Llangollen Motorised Boat Trip
Sat 1	Llangollen Railway/Classic Transport Show
Sun 2	Great Yarmouth
Sun 2	Hampton Court Garden Festival
Sun 9	Hunstanton
Tue 11	Bicester
Sat 15	RAF Fairford Tattoo
Sat 15	Skegness
Sun 16	Sheringham
Mon 17	Bakewell Market
Wed 19	Rutland Belle River Cruise & Oakham
Sun 23	Whitby
Tue 25	Trentham Estate & Monkey Forest
Wed 26	Sandringham Flower Show
Thu 27	Shropshire & Little Switzerland
Fri 28	London Zoo
Fri 28	Postal Museum
Sat 29	Southend on Sea
Sun 30	Weymouth

AUGUST	
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JULY	
2nd – 7th JULY – DAWLISH WARREN	Langstone Cliff Hotel, Dawlish Warren. Half Board including Excursions £639pp. Dawlish Warren is the ultimate family seaside resort - built on a spit of sand with the Exe Estuary on one side and the sea on the other with golden sands and clean bathing waters. It has all the attractions of a traditional holiday getaway, a family orientated seaside resort but in an outstanding natural environment. It is a nature reserve of over 500 acres including over 23,000 wildflower and wading birds, a must for those who enjoy bird watching.
22nd – 30th JULY – THE BEAUTIFUL DOLOMITES	Hotel Paganella, Paganella, Italy. Half Board, includes Excursions £929pp. Holidays to the Dolomites invite you to uncover beautiful secrets in one of the most stunning mountain ranges in the world, an Eden of striking peaks, lush valleys and hidden lakes. Vertical walls, sheer cliffs and sharp plateaux combine to make an unmistakable silhouette. This area is relatively unheard of in Britain, so you can experience natural Italian beauty without the hordes of tourists.
24th – 28th JULY – HISTORICAL HAMPSHIRE	Langstone Quays Resort, Portsmouth. Half Board including Excursions, £449 per person. On the coast between Portsmouth and Chichester and shaped like a hammerhead shark. Hayling isn't a classic-looking island, but it has enough history and stories to fill a dozen islands. The Romans put Hayling on the map when they turned an Iron Age shrine on the island's north area into a temple, the remains of which now lie beneath farmland. Holiday includes excursions to Arundel Castle and the Weald & Downland Museum.

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> SUNDAY 14TH MAY

Whitefriars Church, Rushden, Countryside Walk

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> WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY, 6.30PM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Irthlingborough Church Street car park. Free. Contact Gerry 07468 793181. Three-mile evening walk with post-walk refreshments.

> THURSDAY 18TH MAY, 7.30AM

Ascension Day Service

St Peter's Church, Midland Road, Rushden - organised by the three Church of England churches in Rushden and open to all.

> SUNDAY 21ST MAY, 9AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Free. Contact Marion 07754 810902 by 12 noon on 20th May if you are walking. 7.6-mile Church Brampton to Holcot, Linear Walk.

> SUNDAY 21ST MAY, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Morning Worship

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden, NN10 9HX. All are welcome.

> TUESDAY 23RD MAY, 7PM

Higham Deanery (Church of England) Prayer Evening

St Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, followed by a light supper. Canon Steve Benoy will be in attendance as part of his pilgrimage across Peterborough Diocese to mark the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative to share the Good News. All welcome, from any church or none.

SELL-OUT EVENT EXPLORES THE LIFE AND WORK OF H.E. BATES

Higham Ferrers fans turn out in their droves.

IT might be almost 50 years since prolific writer Herbert Ernest (H.E.) Bates, CBE died but his literary legacy and his love for Higham Ferrers is very much alive.

And just as the best-selling author adored the town which became his paradise, so too local people love hearing all about him and his huge catalogue of novels, short stories, plays and non-fiction books and they turned out in their droves to hear his granddaughter, Victoria Wicks, talk about her famous grandfather.

Her talk, organised by The Friends of St Mary's and held in the town's historic Bede House, came just four months after a previous presentation. It was back by popular demand and was a sell-out, with Northamptonshire's Vice Lord-Lieutenant, Morcia Walker, MBE in the packed audience.

Victoria traced H.E.'s life and times, with some of his words being read by his eldest son, Richard Bates, a script consultant on the TV series The Darling Buds of May - which was written by his father - as well as Northampton actor, Graham Padden.

Victoria, a director of the company which manages her grandfather's literary estate, told of how many of H.E.'s stories were set close to Higham Ferrers, how he wrote about his roots and that many real names of local people

appear in his work.

Although he was born in nearby Rushden, his favourite place was Higham Ferrers, where, as a young boy, he spent weekends and holidays visiting his maternal grandparents, Pricilla and George Lucas, helping them on their smallholding.

While he had said that Higham Ferrers might physically not be the most beautiful town in England, it was the one that was "closest to my heart," Victoria recounted to applause.

As a result of his visits, H.E. developed a love for the countryside - a feature which influenced much of his work - although he never saw country life through rose-coloured spectacles.

His grandfather also had a big influence on his life. When H.E. was born, he became the son



Herbert Ernest (H.E.) Bates, CBE

that his grandfather had never had.

Victoria said that H.E. was only 27 when his grandfather died and that he would write about him for the next 40 years right up to the end of his own life.

"In death and in life, they could not be separated," she said.

With many members of the audience bringing along their H. E. Bates books to be signed by the VIPs, Victoria, her uncle Richard Bates and Graham Padden whipped out their pens to oblige.



Signing session: Victoria Wicks, Graham Padden (left) and Richard Bates, had their pens at the ready to sign some of the audience's books by H.E. Bates

PRIZE-WINNING ARTIST SHARES INSIGHTS WITH HIGHAM FERRERS PUPILS

Award-winning artist

Ophelia Redpath presented a masterclass for Higham Ferrers schoolchildren recently as they worked on entries for their own prestigious local competition.

The acclaimed artist, who beat thousands of hopefuls to take the title of Sky Landscape Artist of the Year in 2021 was passing on top tips and techniques to pupils of Higham Ferrers Junior School who were preparing to enter the town's children's Coronation art competition.

Organised by Higham Ferrers Tourism, pupils were asked to use their imagination to portray a monarch who reigned down the ages, with the winning entries unveiled in the town's Chichele College on Monday 8th May.

The art will go on display at the Tourism Committee's Chichele Garden Fair on 22nd May and at various venues throughout the summer.

And to give the young artists some expert advice ahead of submitting their entries, the Tourism Committee called in local artist Ophelia Redpath to give them some ideas.

Ophelia, who has exhibited her work at more than 100 shows in Britain and abroad, explained the style of some of the world's most famous painters.

She advised them that they should not get depressed or give up if their art did not look



Pupils at Higham Ferrers Junior School were spellbound when acclaimed artist Ophelia Redpath arrived to pass on ideas for their Coronation competition

good from the outset.

"A lot of people get scared about getting things wrong," she said. "When I paint at home, I go through a very bad phase, but I don't give up and keep going until I am happy with my work,"

The competition was their chance to show how artistic and innovative they could be. She told about the importance of light and dark, daubing, smudging, smoothing out their work and blending. Perhaps they could put in clues that meant something to the monarch they were painting.

"Really think about the monarch you will feature and learn about his or her character and when they lived and what they loved," she said.

The eyes were very important in portraits and they could do things with them, just as Botticelli

did in his "Young Man" painting when the subject's eyes did not make contact with the painter. That made him appear very reserved and slightly mysterious.

The expressions in the eyes and eyebrows could tell what the monarch was thinking and what type of person he or she was.

Robyn Forward, the school's art subject leader said: "It was great to experience a real-life artist's perspective. Ophelia really inspired the children to think about symbolism and the meaning behind portraits."

Year 6 pupil added: "I really liked it. It inspired me and made me feel creative."

The competition was sponsored by Wilson Browne Solicitors and the winning entries will eventually go on display in the company's Higham Ferrers offices.

SPRING FAMILY ADVENTURES WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST

From spring-themed trails to outdoor games and activities to get closer to nature, there's plenty to entertain your little explorers at National Trust places this May half term.

Make the most of the warmer weather and longer late-spring days by planning a family visit at a National Trust place near you. Enjoy the simple pleasures of being outdoors together, whether you're playing on lush green lawns, creating your own family adventure through woodlands and gardens, or settling into a picture-perfect picnic spot for the afternoon.

Discover a whole host of activities, events, and trails to get stuck into - take a walk on the wild side in nature with pond dipping, bug hunting and scavenger hunts, get crafty with creative activities or

enjoy storytelling sessions in picturesque gardens.

Here we've rounded up some of the best and most exciting National Trust events and activities to keep the whole family busy this half term.

Start your adventure here: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>

Canons Ashby

Make the most of the sunnier, longer days and enjoy the simple pleasures of family picnics and springtime walks. The gardens at Canons Ashby are dazzling with colour at this time of year and there is plenty of space to let off steam in the Paddock and Wild Play Corner. Wander over to the medieval Priory Church and browse the book fair, with titles all kindly donated by National

Trust supporters.

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Lyveden

The cheeky animals of Lyveden have been up to mischief! Can you help Squirrel Holmes use nature clues to solve the mystery of who stole the gardener's biscuits? Bring your family to Lyveden and become nature detectives with a trail around the grounds. Discover nature clues and use your ID sheet to eliminate suspects from your enquiries. There will also be family activities on Tuesday and Thursday to help your young detectives explore nature.

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Wishes and Dreams - A fundraising performance for Melanoma UK

Join Standing In The Wings this Saturday 13th May for a special fundraising performance at Sharnbrook Mill Theatre in aid of Melanoma UK.

Featuring performers from across Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire, Buckinghamshire and London, this promises to be an exciting evening of entertainment whilst raising awareness and funds for Melanoma UK.

Melanoma UK became the official charity for Standing In The Wings in September 2022, at their inaugural concert. The charity is close to the hearts of the company due to the personal connection it has for one of the team. It was this connection that made the decision to support the charity a very easy one.

Kathryn Rose, Creative Producer, said: "When we heard of the personal link to this charity from one of our team, it was a clear choice to support them through our events. Having the opportunity to do what we love whilst raising valuable funds for a very worthy charity made complete sense to the whole team. Whilst we can't make miracles happen, we hope that by presenting this fundraising performance, we will help by adding funds to the charity for their research and also raise awareness of the condition. We are excited to be working with new faces for this event as well as our original company members and



can't wait for our audience to join us for this special performance."

Cast includes: Soloists from Standing In The Wings Theatre Company, Weavers Academy Chamber Choir and The CAREL Academy, The CAREL Academy Choir and The CAREL Crew!

The evening will be hosted by Jamie Tyler whose performance credits include roles for The RSC, UK and European Tours and the West End.

There will also be a charity auction with some fantastic lots from local businesses.

Tickets are £14 each and can be booked via www.standinginthewings.co.uk/wishesdreams

Standing In The Wings would like to thank Sharnbrook Mill Theatre for their support and event sponsors: WifiNet Solutions, CAREL Academy, Andrew Reynolds Just Mortgages, Kennel Kuts, Signature Beauty, The Business Community, Recantha Design, Adam Hollingshurst Book-keeping and Penguin Childcare.

Autin Dance Theatre – Out of the Deep Blue at Peterborough Celebrates Festival 2023!

Join Autin Dance Theatre on Saturday 20th May in Nene Park at Peterborough Celebrates Festival 2023!

'Out of the Deep Blue' is a moving tale about our earth's climate emergency told through dance, movement and masterful puppeteering. This outdoor spectacle features 'Eko', a 13-foot-tall Sea Giant Puppet and six world-class performers.

There will be a free walkabout performance of Sea Giant Eko through Nene Park leading audiences to static performances from 11.30am, 2pm and 5pm.

"I am genuinely so excited about welcoming Autin Dance Theatre to the Peterborough Celebrates Festival on 20th May. Out of the Deep Blue is a performance and walkabout that I have seen moments of online many times but have never seen in person. I absolutely know it will be a huge hit at our event and cannot wait to see the reaction on the faces of our festival goers." – Simon Hollingworth, Creative Producer, Peterborough Celebrates Festival.

"We are thrilled to be bringing our sensational outdoor performance Out of the Deep Blue to Peterborough as part of Peterborough Celebrates Festival, and we can't wait for Eko to meet audiences in Nene Park, and for him and little Violet to share their stories with the children and their families in the audience. Thank you to the Festival team and their partners/funders for making this happen and supporting us to deliver what promises to



be an exciting and engaging cultural event for all!" – Johnny Autin, Artistic Director of Autin Dance Theatre.

Out of the Deep Blue is an outdoor physical theatre performance featuring a large-scale Sea Giant Puppet operated by five puppeteers and a contemporary dancer, inspired by the themes of the climate emergency and the biodiversity crisis. This spectacle is designed specifically for family and festival audiences and tells the magical story of Eko, a sea giant who rises from the deep ocean and encounters, on the shore, a little boy called Lone.

The choreography is a larger-than-life 'pas de deux' using dance theatre and movement as storytelling tools and is set to a mesmerising sound.

Out of the Deep Blue is touring in 2023 across the UK and abroad, and exists as a two-part performance; one 25-minute long promenade of the giant puppet interacting with its environment and the audience and one 30-minute dance theatre duet located at a set performance space.

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Independent retailer 'Jollys Toys' of Thrapston celebrates ten years in business

Jollys Toys opened its doors on Thrapston High Street in May 2013 and this year celebrates 10 years in business. The shop is a treasure trove, packed full of toys, gifts and games for all ages, and has earned a loyal following over the years from locals as well as customers much further afield.

Owner Charlotte Croser, who grew up in Northamptonshire, says: "I am so proud as a small, independent retailer to still be here after 10 years – and to be still thriving! Thrapston is a lovely place to run a shop as we benefit from a host of independently run shops here on the High Street. We have built up a loyal customer base with local fans and many from much further afield."

Jollys is celebrating this milestone by offering a special day of treats on Saturday 13th May, with freebies for every customer, and 10 per cent off all purchases of £10 and over.

Charlotte owes the success of Jollys to a lifetime of skills

drawn from years of experience in children's retail, from a spell as a merchandiser and product manager for Ocado as well as from her degree in Design and Business. She says: "A mix of great service, exciting products at the right price, and being in a good location are three key components to get right in any retail business. I never rest on my laurels and am always striving for Jollys to be the best it can be. Jollys is also extremely lucky to have two very long-standing team members, Lucy and Lisa, both having been with me on this journey – and are almost as passionate about the business as I am."

The shopfront is like

something from a Dickensian novel, perched in the centre of the High Street with a pretty bow window and a bright red door around the side, with parts of the building dating back to the 1700s. Inside is packed from floor to ceiling with shelves full of goodies, from Jellycat soft toys, a wide range of craft and activity kits, to baby clothing, board books, science experiments and wooden toys. Charlotte works hard to source interesting and unusual gifts for children of all ages, but at sensible prices to suit every budget.

Jollys has also made its mark in the town as more than just a toy shop, as owner Charlotte has been an integral part of

helping to revive the town's shopping street over the past decade. In 2014, along with a team of like-minded locals, she launched Thrapston Farmers Market as a way of drawing footfall to the town and helping to put it on the map. She says: "Through the market we have been able to upgrade street furniture, add heritage boards, install flower displays at the entrances to the town and tidy up neglected areas using the market income. We have also donated over £10,000 to good causes in the town."

Charlotte also led a team to build a mosaic on a disused area near the town library and has for many years assisted the Town Council with the annual Christmas Lights Festival event. Charlotte is a passionate advocate for small high streets and independent retail.



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Jollys Toys is at 28a High Street, Thrapston NN14 4JH and is open every day 9am to 5pm except Wednesdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Visit www.jollystoys.co.uk or call 01832 358915 to shop online or over the phone. Contact Charlotte at charlotte@jollystoys.co.uk


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Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 13th June 6.45pm

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 13th June 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 27th June, 7.30pm

Farmers Market - Saturday 27th May, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

Farmers Market - Saturday 24th June 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(VARIOUS ROADS) (ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) (BATCH 5)
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 NNCparkingenquiries@kier.co.uk by 3rd June 2023.

Dated this 13th day of May 2023

DEBBIE CARTER-HUGHES,
Executive Director, Pathfinder Legal Services Ltd

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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'

Portland Road, Rushden – Starting from a point adjacent to the double yellow lines outside property number 1-12 Hampton House facing Portland Road eastwards, for a total distance of 12.5 metres in an easterly direction (opposite numbers 26-30)

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(HARLEY WAY, BRIGSTOCK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023

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 Harley Way, Brigstock as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Harley Way, Brigstock from A6116 Stanion Road to entrance to Cabin View.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during the replacement of a stop tap.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd May 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 for up to three days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Stanion Road, Sudborough Road, Church Street, Hall Hill, High Street, Benefield Road, Causin Way, Main Street, Oundle Road and Benefield Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N650 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(A605 OUNDLE ROAD, TITCHMARSH)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2023

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 A605 Oundle Road, Titchmarsh as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of the A605 Oundle Road, Titchmarsh from Raunds Road to B662 Clopton Road roundabout.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 16th May 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 30th May 2023.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A14, A6116, A43, A47 and A1.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 22/23 – N660 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk

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Dated this 13th day of May 2023

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Moulton College arboriculture student lands international job opportunity

A Moulton College student has been awarded the job of a lifetime after impressing managers from leading Canadian tree care company, British Columbia Plant Health Care.

Kieran Jackson (18) from Kettering has been studying Level 3 Forestry and Arboriculture at Moulton College since September 2021. During a UK scouting mission from the Vancouver based firm, Kieran undertook a successful tree climbing assessment and an interview and was awarded a trainee position. He heads to Canada to take up the role in the summer.

Kieran says: "We were visited at the college by John Marsden from British Columbia Plant Health Care who was over in the UK to recruit new talent to the company. I was impressed with what John shared including the environmental work they do to preserve trees. When he offered interviews to

students, I took up the chance straight away."

Moulton College offers full-time Level 2 and Level 3 courses in Forestry and Arboriculture for those looking to develop the skills and knowledge required to manage, cultivate and care for trees, including ecology, equipment use, aerial climbing and ground-based techniques. The College has more than 440 hectares of estate including woodland as well as fully equipped workshops and a range of machinery essential to tending trees.

Following the UK Government's commitment to creating 30,000 hectares of woodland a year by 2025, woodland creation and tree management is a growing

industry. Hayley Clayton, Arboriculture Lecturer at Moulton College says: "There's a big skills deficit in the industry so students choosing to study arboriculture and forestry are in huge demand. At Moulton, we develop the skills necessary for those looking to pursue careers in the sector in a welcoming environment.

"Our lecturers are highly experienced and offer a balance of practical and theoretical lessons with additional qualifications from leading land-based training provider LANTRA. We're immensely proud of Kieran and all of our students. We wish him the best of luck in his new role."

It's the skills taught at Moulton College that attracted British Columbia Plant Health



Kieran Jackson

Care to visit UK students.

John Marsden explains: "I'm from the UK myself and moved to Canada to work for BC Plant Health Care. Attracting new talent like Kieran means we are

guaranteed a high standard of skills and knowledge. Moving to Canada is a really exciting

opportunity for Kieran and we are looking forward to welcoming him in the summer."

To find out more about Moulton College's Forestry and Arboriculture courses, visit www.moulton.ac.uk

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