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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Birthday celebration

Margaret Tirebuck celebrated her 103rd birthday recently at Cando Care Co-operative CIC Day Care Centre for Adults based at Irthlingborough Library. Margaret has attended the Day Centre once a week since May 2014.

In the picture with Margaret is one of her sons, Bill Tirebuck, who is a volunteer driver for Cando Care and Claire Steptoe, who entertained everyone with her beautiful singing in the afternoon.

Kathleen Meredith runs Cando Care for the benefit of the elderly and vulnerable people, with the aim to organise a variety of activities or simply create a relaxing atmosphere to have a chat with friends.  
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## NEW CHAIR ELECTED AT ANNUAL FULL COUNCIL

*At the meeting of North Northamptonshire Council's Annual Full Council, Councillors welcomed a new Chair of the Council for the next civic year.*

During the meeting, Cllr Barbara Jenney was elected as the Council's chair with Cllr Lora Lawman as Deputy Chair.

Cllr Barbara Jenney said: "I am privileged to represent North Northamptonshire for the next 12 months.

"It is an honour, I cannot wait to get out and about to meet people across North Northamptonshire and explore various places locally and further afield. There are some fantastic communities and exciting projects in the area, and it will be a privilege to visit them."

The role of the Chair is

a largely ceremonial one, including chairing Full Council meetings and representing the area at civic functions and events.

Councillors also thanked Cllr Larry Henson for carrying out the role for the past year.

During the meeting, the Executive and their portfolios for 2023-24 were confirmed, with Cllr Jason Smithers continuing as Leader and Cllr Helen Howell as Deputy Leader alongside her role as Executive Member for Sport,

Leisure, Culture and Tourism.

At the meeting Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "As a council we remain focussed on our mission to improve public services. This, as we know, is not an easy process. But we have again not shied away from taking difficult decisions and tackling tough issues head-on.

"And I believe we have done this thoughtfully. We have listened carefully to our residents when shaping what we do, and we have made conscious decisions when faced with difficult choices."

The meeting also saw George Candler approved as Interim Chief Executive for North Northamptonshire Council.

Details of all upcoming council meetings are available online via the council's website  
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Cllr Barbara Jenney

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# Dog control orders to be discussed

Approval will be sought at a meeting of North Northamptonshire Council's Executive to launch a public consultation on a proposed Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) around dog control.

Legacy orders in Kettering, Wellingborough and East Northants are all due to expire in November 2023, with no order currently in place in Corby.

It is proposed that a new PSPO for dog control is introduced across the whole of North Northamptonshire,

to ensure consistency across the area and to harmonise the existing orders, with a consultation on the draft order anticipated to be launched on 22nd June.

A PSPO allows NNC to enforce key restrictions including dog exclusion in all fenced children's play areas,

council wide controls on dog fouling, dogs on lead orders in places such as cemeteries and the ability to request dogs to be placed on leads when required.

Cllr Matt Binley, the council's Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling Up, said:

"PSPOs are designed to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in an area that has an impact to the local community's quality of life, by imposing conditions on the use of that area which apply to everyone. This particular draft order looks at dog controls for North Northamptonshire and I look forward to receiving an update on the process and the planned consultation."

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "With the legacy PSPOs due to expire in November, it is necessary that we look to harmonise the existing orders and ensure consistency across the area. A key part of this process will be seeking views from as many people and groups as possible to ensure we have the right PSPO in place."



Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, added: "I know this can be a divisive issue, which is why I am pleased that this report recommends a full public consultation on the draft plan, followed by another consultation later in the year."

If approved, a consultation will be launched and promoted through NNC's channels.

The final proposed order will then go back to Executive later in the year, with a further consultation due to take place.

The full report can be viewed online at: <https://northnorthants.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=142&Mld=1517>

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

Did you know... May was Local and Community History Month! How much do you know about the history of where you live – or have lived?

My previous house was a cottage on a village common. Built in the year 1851 (the builder had scratched the date on the front), it was originally two cottages but was knocked into one dwelling in the 1960s. I was able to follow the censuses back to discover who lived there – most of them were agricultural labourers – and see how the land developed around them through the years by looking at old maps.

I was both born and raised in St Albans, Hertfordshire, which grew from the Roman city of Verulamium. Therefore, there was always a lot of history that seeped into my upbringing. I wonder if that has had an influence on my interest in family history – the social history being of more interest to me than kings, queens, battles and revolutions! Hmm. Mind you, having said that, the first Battle of St Albans, which took place on 22nd May 1455, traditionally marks the start of the Wars of the Roses.

The Oundle Library has a fair amount of information about the history of this area – not just the town but surrounding villages as well. The trade directories can give a fascinating

insight as to which businesses were around and surnames will crop up for people that you may know today who are still working in that line. I have mentioned before that I can become totally absorbed in old newspapers and one set of books that I have is 'Oundle in the News' by David Parker. Not only are there snippets from local newspapers but photographs and maps where available are also used to illustrate what was happening.

Don't forget: the Oundle Museum is also now open at weekends on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. It is so worthwhile taking the time out to step into the past and see what was happening then.



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# WATCH OUT FOR ROGUE TRADERS WARNS TRADING STANDARDS

*North Northamptonshire Council's Trading Standards team are reminding residents to be aware and to follow steps to protect themselves from rogue traders.*

The reminder follows Operation Rogue Trader week, which is a regional week of action and took place in May. Alongside the Trading Standards team's day-to-day work, they worked alongside partners including Northants Police, DVSA, HMRC and colleagues from NNC's Waste team providing advice to local businesses.

Rogue traders will often cold call properties uninvited and offer to carry out work in the hope of pressuring the resident into making a quick decision, and often charge excessive amounts for poor quality work or goods that were not needed in the first place. Some burglars also use cold calling at properties to distract the

resident, allowing time for their partner to sneak in and steal.

You can spot the signs of rogue trading by looking out for:

- Unrecognised vans parked nearby, particularly ones that don't include a company name or contact details.
  - Building or maintenance work on your neighbour's garden or house starting unexpectedly.
  - Poor quality work visible on the roof, driveway, or property.
  - Your neighbour appearing anxious or distressed.
  - Your neighbour visiting the bank, building society, or post office more frequently, particularly if they are accompanied by a trader.
- By following these steps,

you can protect yourself, neighbours and family:

- Cold calling itself is not illegal. However, if you have a no cold calling sticker displayed, a trader may be breaking the law by ignoring this.
- Always have your front and back doors locked and use a spyhole, door chain or doorbell camera to see who is at the door.
- You do not have to let anyone into your home. If you decide to let someone in, always ask for ID and confirm it with the organisation they claim to be working for by getting the number from your local directory or the internet. Do not use the number on the caller's ID or business card. A genuine

caller will be happy to wait while you do this.

- Be aware of high-pressure sales tactics such as special offers that are only on for one day. Take your time to decide and don't be afraid to ask for time to think about the offer.
- If someone claims they are part of a Trade Association or an approved body, ensure they have evidence and don't be frightened to confirm if they are.
- Do not accept an offer from the caller to drive you to the bank or cash point.
- Always get at least 3 quotes for work to allow you to make an informed decision

and never pay for work before it is completed. For larger jobs, ask if a payment plan can be arranged so payments can be made in stages.

- Always agree a final price in writing and get an invoice and receipt as proof of payment – anyone carrying out work or selling you goods or services at your home that cost more than £42 must provide you with written information relating to the contract and your cancellation rights.
- If you are looking to have work done in your home or garden and don't know who to get to do it, consider using a

member of an approved trader scheme, such as Buy with Confidence.

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration (which covers Trading Standards), said: "Buy with Confidence is an excellent resource that we advise residents to use, especially at a time when household budgets are tight. It is essential that residents don't part with money for poor quality or unnecessary goods or services. By taking some simple steps and acting with caution when answering their door, residents can protect themselves."



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Sat 17 Cromer  
Sun 18 Gardeners World with Good Food Show  
Fri 23 National Arboretum & Lichfield  
Sat 24 National Arboretum  
Sun 25 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde  
Tue 27 Swanage Windsor Luxury Afternoon Tea Cruise

### JULY

Sat 1 Llangollen Motorised Boat Trip  
Sat 1 Llangollen Railway/Classic Transport Show  
Sun 2 Great Yarmouth  
Sat 8 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  
Sat 28 Postal Museum  
Sat 29 Southend on Sea  
Sun 30 Weymouth

### AUGUST

Tue 1 Black Country Museum OR Dudley Zoo  
Wed 2 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde  
Thu 3 Southwold  
Fri 4 Colchester OR Colchester Zoo  
Sat 5 Buckingham Palace & Afternoon Tea  
Sun 6 Sheringham  
Mon 7 Chesterfield Market Day  
Tue 8 Cromer  
Wed 9 Haworth & The KWVR  
Thu 10 Liverpool Open Top Bus  
Thu 10 Liverpool Afternoon Tea Cruise  
Thu 10 Liverpool Free Time  
Fri 11 Butterfly Farm & Stratford Upon Avon  
Sat 12 Broadstairs OR Margate  
Sun 13 Skegness Carnival Day  
Mon 14 Norfolk Broads River Trip  
Tue 15 Kennet Vale Horse Drawn Boat Trip  
Wed 16 Rutland Bell River Cruise & Oakham  
Thu 17 Windsor OR Windsor Castle  
Fri 18 Canterbury OR Whitstable  
Sat 19 Eastbourne Airshow  
Sat 19 Hunstanton  
Sun 20 Great Yarmouth  
Mon 21 Lake District - Windermere & Keswick

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### JUNE

#### 25th – 30th JUNE – DISCOVER THE ORKNEYS

Main hotel, Pentland Hotel, Thurso. Half Board including Excursions £679pp. Thurso is mainland Scotland's most northerly town, located on the north coast of Caithness. Its seaward views are dominated by the distant cliffs of Dunnet Head and those of the Island of Hoy, one of the Orkney Islands, to the north. The Orkney Islands are an archipelago of over 70 islands that offer unspoilt sea and landscapes, bountiful wildlife, outstanding archaeology and an opportunity to discover over 5000 years of history.

### JULY

#### 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.

### OCTOBER

#### 9th – 14th OCTOBER – CORNISH DELIGHTS

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# Spotlight on > HEALTH & WELLBEING

## > SILVER STRENGTH

"The last few years have been tough not just on our physical health but also our mental health. It is hard to get ourselves back out there and can often be a little bit scary.

"I run Silver Strength – two groups of exercise classes aimed at those who for whatever reason cannot attend the usual exercise classes, whether that be age or ability. Here with us, everyone is included. I have classes in Rushden, Raunds and Northampton. I am also happy to run classes at

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"Move to The Beat is a chair based exercise class to music. It is a safe, effective, fun class that really gets you moving but in a safe and purposeful way, suitable for absolutely anyone as you work to your own pace and ability.

"Silver Strength is an Otago based exercise class suitable for anyone who struggles with strength, balance and co-ordination. It is a set number of exercises that helps you build up your strength and confidence and helps prevent falls.

"Both classes are fun – you will meet friends, you will laugh, smile, even sing whilst getting fit and gaining confidence. Please contact me for more details."

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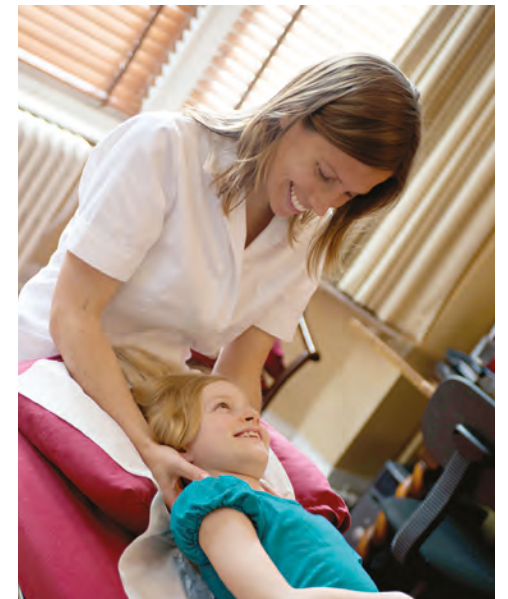
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Most women would agree that first pregnancies involve a rather steep learning curve, and that subsequent ones have a learning curve only slightly less steep.

Every mum wants to prepare for the best birth, best pregnancy and the best post-natal events. But it's hard to know where to get information. Of course, there are courses to help you breathe and to show you how the baby comes out, but where do you go for more?

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- Exercises specifically to help prepare for childbirth
- Exercises to help prepare you for after the birth, so you are the best you can be afterwards
- How the baby is developing at each stage, how it is lying and why
- Clarity about your options and choices about the birth, and what may happen
- How to take care of your own emotional wellbeing
- How stress affects your body and your baby
- Possibilities for a swift post-birth recovery...

And so much more.

The course is unique and aims to find the best ways for each individual to be as strong, as positive and as well prepared for both the birth and afterwards as they can be. It's not just about breathing!

Osteopath Brooke Robinson runs the course and specialises in women's health. She has many years' experience treating through pregnancy and treating babies.

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## Soap Box Derby 2023



Sunday 4th June saw the run of Rushden's Soap Box Derby in the picturesque grounds of Hall Park. Volunteers, councillors and members of the council assembled to set up Hall Park's legendary race track and facilities.

Barriers were lined up, straw bales were placed and safety checks were made to ensure public safety before the arrival of the competitors and their soapbox carts.

In the warm sunshine there were plenty of spectators enjoying ice creams and food stalls which were inundated whilst competitors lined up to take on the downhill challenge.

An impressive array of hand-built soapboxes took their marks and descended the legendary track to the delight of the crowd. Lots of cheering and plenty of smiles pushed the carts along. The day culminated with a prize giving ceremony with trophies awarded for each category.

Thank you for the support of volunteers, councillors and the sponsorship of King Tools, without whom this event would not be possible.



## PEOPLE URGED TO GET COVID-19 JAB BEFORE OFFER ENDS

Those who have not yet come forward for their spring booster, if eligible, or first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, are being encouraged to get their jabs before the offer ends on Friday 30th June.

Anyone aged five or over can still come forward for a first or second dose of the vaccine.

Those eligible for a spring COVID-19 booster jab include older adult care home residents, people aged 75 and over and those aged 5 and over with a weakened immune system.

Since its launch in December 2020, the COVID-19 vaccination programme has vaccinated over 1.8 million people in Northamptonshire and the offer ends for most people on 30th June.

Anyone who is eligible is able to get vaccinated by booking an appointment online via National Booking Service, the NHS App, by calling 119 or visiting a local drop-in clinic where no prior booking is necessary. For the latest list of local drop-in locations, please visit [www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/covid](http://www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/covid)

Roving teams of NHS vaccinators have delivered spring jabs to the majority of adult care homes in Northamptonshire, with the remainder being visited this month.

During the spring season over 50,000 COVID-19 jabs have been delivered in the county and more than 25 sites across Northamptonshire are still offering COVID-19 vaccinations this month. This is part of a

push to vaccinate as many as possible before the 30th June deadline. Sites include GP practices, community pharmacies and Northamptonshire's mobile vaccination service, which continues to visit areas of low uptake so that everyone eligible has a chance to get their jab at a location close to where they live.

Russell Dabb, Northamptonshire's COVID-19 Vaccination Programme Manager said: "We are getting on with our lives and learning to live with COVID-19, but let's not forget that for many it can still cause serious illness and hospitalisation. We must protect our most vulnerable in Northamptonshire.

"The number of eligible people in the county that have come forward so far and had their vaccinations has been fantastic. Whether you've been invited or not – if you know you are eligible for a spring booster due to your age (75+) or because you have a weakened immune system – it is vital you get your jab and maintain a higher level of protection against COVID-19.

"Please don't forget the offer ends on 30th June for the spring booster and first and second doses. We have enough jabs for everyone so come and get yours while you can. COVID-19 is still here, don't miss your chance and let it ruin your summer plans."

After 30th June, the NHS offer of the vaccine will become more targeted to those at higher risk and will be offered seasonally.

Creative Oundle

## Party at the Wharf

Saturday 15th July | 5pm – 10.45pm  
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The party event of the summer – headlined by **Crocodile Mock** – an eight piece band delivering the ultimate tribute to Sir Elton John!

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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:**

## > EASTON ON THE HILL

Installation of free-standing single-glazed greenhouse to rear at 12 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00560/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > BRIGSTOCK

Variation of condition 2 to allow for revised drawings and window glazing specification, pursuant to planning permission NE/22/00071/LBC Conversion of Mill building to 7 unit B&B accommodation; removal of existing rear extension and canopy to be replaced by two storey rear extension; changes to fenestration and erection of detached bin and bike store at Wallis Mill Old Dry Lane Brigstock NN14 3HY (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00555/VAR (4 July 2023)

## > RUSHDEN

Conversion of existing five bedroom dwelling to create 4 x flats; partial roof extension; addition of terrace and demolition of existing garage at 2 Harborough Road Rushden NN10 0LT (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00523/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > ISLIP

Proposed Change of Use from former public house to private dwelling including demolition of existing rear additions, construction of 2 storey extension, external works,

landscaping and detached double garage. At The Rose And Crown 1 High Street Islip NN14 3JS (LBRegs) (Info) (Part 3) NE/23/00579/LBC and NE/23/00578/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > FINESHADE

Works to mitigate water damage to the building fabric including a small-scale strip-out program only removing modern building materials at Fineshade Abbey Stamford Road Fineshade NN17 3BA (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00317/LBC (4 July 2023)

## > BRIGSTOCK

Loft conversion with dormer window and installation of WC under stairs at 3 Stable Hill Brigstock NN14 3HN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00354/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > BRIGSTOCK

Retrospective application for the construction of new garden walls and the reinstatement and repair of existing garden walls at Brigstock Manor Mill Lane Brigstock NN14 3HG (LB/CA)(LBregs) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00532/FUL and E/23/00533/LBC (4 July 2023)

## > RUSHDEN

Loft Conversion to include pitched roof dormer and Conservation Style Rooflights – resubmission of NE/23/00122/FUL at 16 Co-operative Row Rushden NN10 0RJ (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00526/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > TITCHMARSH

Proposed (revised) single storey rear extension, raised patio area,

changes to fenestration to front to grey casements, solar panels to front elevation roof, change of roof materials from concrete tiles to slate, front porch and render of building with external insulation underneath (Re-submission of NE/22/01291/FUL) at 22 Church Street Titchmarsh NN14 3DB (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00527/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > RUSHDEN

Change of Use/conversion of the former public house to office use, and part conversion to 3 no. one bedroom residential units; and erection of 3 no. one bedroom two storey dwellings with associated parking and amenity space. (Resubmission of NE/21/01555/FUL) at 1 High Street South Rushden NN10 0QU (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00561/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > BRIGSTOCK

The works will consist of repairing the damaged section of parapet as existing. This will involve cleaning the stone for re-use and reinstating as original. New stone is to be used ONLY where the original stone is unsuitable for re-use. Specified lime mortar mix to be used and all works to adhere to specification and in accordance with Grade II listed consent. At Bridge Over Harpers Brook Bridge Street Brigstock (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00525/LBC (4 July 2023)

## > BRIGSTOCK

Variation of condition 2 to allow for revised drawings and

window glazing specification, pursuant to planning permission NE/22/00070/FUL Conversion of Mill building to 7 unit B&B accommodation; removal of existing rear extension and canopy to be replaced by two storey rear extension; changes to fenestration and erection of detached bin and bike store at Wallis Mill Old Dry Lane Brigstock NN14 3HY (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00522/VAR (4 July 2023)

## > LOWICK

Installation of temporary felt roof covering to the nave, south aisle and south transept roofs at St Peters Parish Church Main Street Lowick NN14 3BH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00501/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > RUSHDEN

Change of use from commercial premises (stock room) to a studio flat above existing shop (Ground floor to remain as shop) at First Floor 24 High Street Rushden NN10 0PW (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00484/FUL (4 July 2023)

## > RUSHDEN

Erection of a single storey rear extension to create a new office unit at 33 High Street Rushden NN10 0QE (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00371/FUL (4 July 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. 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 10 June 2023**

**Consultation deadlines will differ for each application. You can see details of these applications at [www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications](http://www.east-northamptonshire.gov.uk/planningapplications).**

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## Avian Flu restrictions **lifted** in Ringstead area

*A 3km captive bird (monitoring) controlled zone has been lifted in the Ringstead area, after being introduced earlier in May following a case of bird flu in a captive flock.*

Although the control zone has been lifted and national mandatory housing measures were lifted in April 2023, an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone remains in place across England, requiring bird keepers to follow rules on biosecurity.

Cllr David Brackenbury, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration (which covers Trading Standards), said: "It is great

news that the control zone has been lifted, but we are asking bird keepers to still be cautious and follow the current national rules.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank residents within the 3km zone who spoke to and helped our staff – I am sure the fantastic response from local people has led to the zone being lifted so quickly."

The Avian Influenza Prevention Zone Declaration places requirements on all bird

keepers (whether they have commercial flocks or just a few birds in the back garden). Keepers must take appropriate and accurate steps to avoid the transfer of the virus. This includes keeping feed, bedding and water enclosed, regular cleaning and disinfecting and deterring wild birds. There are also enhanced measures for those who keep 500 or more birds.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "The lifting of [the] control zone in the Ringstead area shows that the situation with bird flu is constantly changing and bird keepers should be aware, keeping an eye out for changes in rules and guidelines to help prevent further cases in the area."





# NEW PARKING TEAMS TAKE TO THE STREETS OF NORTH NORTHANTS

*North Northamptonshire Council's new in-house Parking Enforcement and Traffic Processing teams are now up and running across the entirety of North Northants, based from one location.*

The Enforcement team plans to work further and closely with local stakeholders, including residents and businesses to address local parking concerns. With the team set to grow further, they will be prioritising key locations across North Northants such as town centres, public car parks (including country parks) and school requests.

Meanwhile the Processing team will monitor all penalty charge notices and manage any cases that go for adjudication (previously this was run by West Northamptonshire Council). This also includes responsibility for all permit applications and requests for parking bay suspensions across North Northants.

Cllr Graham Lawman, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "As the team grows, residents should notice an increased presence, as well as a change in uniform, and an improved and dedicated service. By bringing the team together in one place, we'll be able to work more efficiently, including with communities to address local parking concerns and respond to calls for enforcement.

"In particular, we will be working to educate drivers, as well as, enforce and ensure that the pavements are kept clear to allow the visually impaired and mobility scooter riders to pass safely and make the shopping experience in our centres more enjoyable.

"Drivers should remember that any yellow lines extend back across the pavement to the boundary of the property behind and that loading bays and disabled bays are there for a purpose and should not be abused.

"I went out with the team recently and was very impressed with their professionalism and common-sense approach and understanding as well ability to enforce where necessary. Pleasingly, a number of members of the public came and thanked them for their work, as do I."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, added: "Since 1st April 2021, teams across the council have been looking at ways to transform and improve. This is just one



example of the changes we are making to future-proof our services.

"As well as future-

proofing, having an in-house enforcement team helps keep traffic moving more freely across towns and villages and

ensures residents are safe when out and about, not just in their vehicle but also on foot."

**The new Enforcement team has been based at Sheerness House in Kettering since the beginning of April and can be contacted via email on [trafficeenforcement@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:trafficeenforcement@northnorthants.gov.uk) or 0300 373 1022 (Options 3 or 4)**

  
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## The sun shone on another successful Peterborough Celebrates weekend

For the second year running, Peterborough Celebrates Festival held at Ferry Meadows over the weekend of 19th-21st May has been declared a resounding success!

The festival kicked off on Friday 19th May with a Singing Schools workshop and performance in the Big Top led by Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Music Hubs and involving around 60 children from Woodston, William Law and Orton Wistow Primary Schools. A public launch event for the festival followed with opening speeches and music, before the Big Top welcomed 300 lucky ticket holders to watch and participate in a singalong screening of The Greatest Showman.

Saturday and Sunday saw beautiful sunshine and festival visitors flocking to enjoy free performances and a wide range of activities for all the family. Nene Park Trust estimates that around 23,000 people attended the festival across the weekend. In addition, Nene Valley Railway reported that 515 tickets were sold for the festival shuttle train service.

Throughout the weekend, visitors were treated to a wide range of performances, such as music, theatre, dance, and activities including art and community workshops and have-a-go sports and games. In total there were 47 different acts, of which 42 were from Peterborough and the surrounding area, providing 36 hours of free live entertainment!

Performers ranged from local music and dance groups such as Peterborough Flute Choir, singer Gabriella Pineda Rodrigues and Indian dance group Ritu Ranga, to renowned professional acts such drumming group Punjabi Roots Academy, walkabout performers Autin Dance Theatre and the amazing festival highlight, Motionhouse with their gravity defying dance-circus performance of WILD on a purpose-built stage.

Community groups from across Peterborough were at the heart of the festival. Twelve different groups decorated 2m x 2m 'Colour Cubes' which were dotted around the festival site for visitors to discover and explore. The Field of Colour installation had an amazing impact with 4,490 flowers made from recycled bottles by 56 different groups. Following the festival, the



installation was carefully dismantled and all the flowers have been returned to the groups or redistributed to other community projects.

The Festival couldn't have gone ahead without the generous National Lottery funding from The Arts Council and Nene Park Trust and corporate sponsorship from Cross Keys Homes, Perkins, Greenwoods, Savills, Hegarty Solicitors, We Love Peterborough, Term Times family magazine, The Peterborough School and Bellway Homes.

Feedback is still coming in but here is what two festival-goers said: "Amazing stalls, amusements and performances from diverse backgrounds. Loving the strong community spirit!" and "So nice for all of Peterborough to Celebrate!! Wonderful City of Wonderful People."

Stephanie Peachey, Head of Visitor Engagement for Nene Park Trust and Peterborough Celebrates Festival Director said: "We are absolutely delighted that the festival was so successful and that so many people had such a great time. We had perfect weather and thanks to a huge effort by our staff, volunteers and the Peterborough community, we enjoyed a feel-good celebration of the talent, diversity and many different communities of our fantastic city. Thank you to all our festival visitors too for coming along and celebrating the city with us over the weekend."

## Oundle Fringe Festival

Sunday 2nd July – Saturday 15th July

With 14 days of music and entertainment, from blues and rock'n'roll to flamenco guitar, from saxophone and skiffle to the Scottish smallpipes, Oundle Fringe is bigger and better than ever and nearly all events are free.

Highlights include rock'n'roll and vintage blues from award-winning Cambridgeshire singer/songwriter Lexie Green and her band The Indigo Blue; bluegrass and country from Mick Smith; prog-rock from Ice Nine; high-octane rock from Simon Russell of The One-Eyed Cats; contemporary folk from CarterDolby; the UK's longest established bluegrass band The Down County Boys; plus The Kobras kicking up a storm with covers, from the Yardbirds to the Stones. There's also Americana, blues and pop from Lucky Town UK, folk, blues and jazz from Pennyless, songs by Adele, Abba and

Elton John from The Weekenders, and much more.

You can strip the willow at a ceilidh with Five String Thing, learn the dances of the Jane Austen period with dancers from Rutland Renaissance, get up in front of the mic and do some improvised drama with Drama on Tap, enjoy the wit and wisdom of Oscar Wilde, take part in the Fringe's Big Folk Session or test your music and literary knowledge with the lighthearted Fringe Quiz. Or you can make yourself comfortable in the courtyard of the Talbot Hotel for A Bit of Ado about Nothing, as Stamford Shoestring brings to life characters and scenes from Shakespeare's iconic play Much Ado about Nothing.

Oundle Fringe kicks off on 2nd July with a full-length new musical play, The Haunting of Richard the Third, in the magnificent setting of Fotheringhay Church.

For full programme, updates and latest additions to the line-up go to [www.oundlefringe.org](http://www.oundlefringe.org) or the Oundle Fringe Facebook page.

## Nene Valley News - Events

> SATURDAY 1ST JULY, 2PM

**Newton Bromswold Village Fete**

Church Lane, Newton Bromswold

Admission fee: n/a

Contact: Helen Lines 01933 315864

Rushden Mission Band, usual stalls and games, Afternoon Teas.

> SATURDAY 8TH JULY, 7PM

**Newton Bromswold Summer Barn Dance**

Church Lane, Newton Bromswold

Admission fee: Tickets £12.50 adults and £5 children

Contact info: For tickets contact 07703476689

Band is Kelly's Eye. Food provided, plus bar.

**Wellbeing Walks in East Northants**

- Woodford - Wednesdays 9.30am, meeting point at the Buttery Cafe car park.
- Irthlingborough - Thursdays 10.30am, meeting at the Irthlingborough Library.
- Rushden - Fridays 10am, meeting at flag pole in Hall Park.



To submit your event please contact us via our website [www.nenevalleynews.co.uk](http://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.

## Creative Oundle invites you to join us at our Summer Festival Events

**Comedy Night**

Creative Oundle present our first ever comedy night featuring the wonderful Dane Buckley, Caroline McEvoy and Oundle's own Farah Sharp!

Dane has recently supported Tom Allen and Rosie Jones on tour and also won The Comedy Store's King Gong. Caroline's comedy is a mix of storytelling and observation and she is resident MC at award-winning stand-up night Comedy Bandits. Farah has been featured on BBC Radio 4 and performs regularly all across the UK, even gracing the stages of The Royal Albert Hall, Latitude Festival and Leeds Festival.

Friday 14th July at Queen Victoria Hall (West St, Oundle). Doors and bar open at 7pm. Performance starts 7.30pm, sharp!

**Party at the Wharf**

Come and join Oundle's Party of the Year, our annual evening of live music and fun. It is a chance to get together with friends, have a picnic or enjoy food from the Street Food stalls, and grab a drink from our hosts, the Nene Valley Brewery.

The headline act is Crocodile Mock, an 8

### Inaugural Comedy Night!

Friday 14th July | doors open 7pm – starts 7.30pm  
Queen Victoria Hall (West St., Oundle)

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**Tickets:**  
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£10 Adult / £8 u18  
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£12 Adult / £10 u18

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Or via Milestones Florist, West Street, Oundle.

piece band led by Ian Court recreating the authentic sound of Sir Elton John.

The supporting acts are The Houndogs, a hugely energetic '50s style rockabilly trio and the evening kicks off with a set by local band, the B List.

Saturday 15th July – 5pm to 10.45pm at Oundle Wharf, Station Road Oundle.

**Oundle for Organists**

There are organ concerts running during the Festival week – 9th to 15th July – all are free (retiring collection only). Performances in Titchmarsh, Oundle and Fotheringhay, culminating in Bach's iconic Goldberg Variations by Stephen Farr.

Get details and tickets via our website [www.creativeoundle.co.uk](http://www.creativeoundle.co.uk) or [www.ticketsource.com/creative-oundle](http://www.ticketsource.com/creative-oundle) or from Milestones Florist, West Street, Oundle



# TOWN TOUR IDENTIFIES TOP TEN TOURISM HOTSPOTS – HIGHAM FERRERS PUPILS TURN TOUR GUIDES

Higham Ferrers school children have come up with their top 10 favourite places in the historic town – and have now released a slick YouTube video to tell the world about them.

It all started when Carol Fitzgerald – who is on Higham Ferrers Tourism Committee and also the chair of the sub-committee, the Henry Chichele College Committee – visited the Higham Ferrers Junior School to give pupils a talk about the town's landmark buildings and places.

And pupils then followed it up by listing their favourite “must see” hotspots.

“The idea was to explain to the children about their local heritage, to put them in the picture about a range of interesting places and to train them to be tour guides. They now know so much about Higham Ferrers that they will be able to explain all about the town's historic and notable places to their parents and friends,” she said.

And to enable the school's selection to stand the test of time, the Tourism Committee called in professional video maker Gareth Hughes to record their choices.

With the children narrating their various selections, their video, Higham Ferrers Junior School Town Tour, was launched at a recent school assembly by Mayor, Councillor Nigel Brown and the Mayoress, Jackie Brown.

“The Mayor and Mayoress were very impressed and the entire school loved it, heralding the premiere with huge applause,” Carol recalled.

“The timing could not be better as May is local history month,” Carol added.

The YouTube video has been jointly sponsored by All Souls College, Oxford – founded by Higham's most famous son, Archbishop Henry Chichele – and the Higham Ferrers Town Council.



PHOTOGRAPHY: GARETH HUGHES OF HGA STUDIOS

They could not be happier: Higham Ferrers Junior School pupils are thrilled about their special Town Tour video

It is due to go on show at the Discover Northamptonshire Visitor Hub at Rushden Lakes.

The Top Ten Tourist spots are:

1. Their own school which was built in Victorian times.
2. The Market Square with its limestone buildings and a notice board about the town's historic charters.
3. St Mary's Church, which dates back to 1220. The spire burned down in 1631 and had to be rebuilt.
4. The Chancery Chapel next to the church, a one-time grammar school where 100 years ago two naughty boys turned to graffiti to carve their names into some wooden furniture.

5. Bede House, founded by Archbishop Chichele for 12 poor men (Bedesmen) and for a Bedeswoman to care for them. Also of interest is the bug palace in the grounds for bees and tiny creatures, while an impressive granite obelisk next to the church honours assistant surgeon, Dr Richard Hacon – who put his own life at risk by treating patients from cholera before succumbing to the disease himself in 1871.
6. Midland Road, with its special architecture and Blue Plaques.
7. Castle Field which was demolished in 1523 by Henry VIII. The stone went to build Kimbolton Castle. It is now a school.

8. Chichele College founded by Archbishop Henry Chichele.
9. The Cup and Saucer Pond behind the skateboard park, once used for farming fish.
10. The Skateboard Park.



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A Higham High-flier: The local skateboard park made it onto the pupils' top places to visit

## CHILDREN'S ROYAL ARTWORK WOWS THE JUDGES AS ALMOST 500 ENTRIES POURED IN



PHOTOGRAPHY: ROBERT BARNATT

Left: Evie Murphy, who took first prize in the 11+ age group, told Mayor, Councillor Nigel Brown, that her portrait was of Queen Elizabeth II down the decades. Right: Ryan Bourke scooped the top prize in the 9-10 age category with his portrait of Queen Elizabeth I.

The organiser of the recent Children's Coronation Art Competition in Higham Ferrers could not have been more pleased by the response.

“It was so wonderful and quite overwhelming. There were 473 entries from five local schools, so it was quite a big task to organise,” said Carol Fitzgerald, chair of the Chichele College Management Committee, a sub-branch of Higham Ferrers Tourism.

The judges, celebrity artist Ophelia Redpath, winner of the Sky Landscape Artist of the Year 2021, and Nina Wilson from sponsors Wilson Browne Solicitors in Higham Ferrers, both said it had been a “real joy” to judge and told Carol that they wanted to judge another competition next year.

The young artists had been asked to create a portrait of a king or queen who reigned from medieval times to the present day and Ophelia visited Higham Ferrers Junior Primary to pass on tips and techniques for the pupils' entries.

Both judges were at the prizegiving at Chichele College on the final day of the Coronation celebrations when the Mayor, Councillor Nigel Brown, congratulated the winners and presented them with certificates, gifts and cash prizes.

Ophelia said afterwards that “the children have done brilliantly and listened to what they were

asked to do by their teachers. They had a unique way of doing things.”

She was so impressed by their work that she took photographs of their various kings and queens and said that she planned to post them on her Facebook page.

The winning entries went on display in the college during the Tourism Committee's annual Garden Fair on 27th May before being displayed in Wilson Browne's reception.

The winners were:

Age up to 6 years: First – Macelina Kupinska, Henry Chichele School; Second – Isla Cook of the Alpha Playgroup; Third – Freya-Rose Lambert of Higham Ferrers Nursery and Infants.

7-8 age group: First – Jessica Blenkhorn of Chichele Primary School; Second – Anna Maria Konstantinidis and Zion Howell, both of Higham Ferrers Junior School (HFJS). Lara Angelina Cabrera and Harvey Jai Drawbridge of HFJS were highly commended.

9-10 age group: First – Ryan Bourke; Second – Eowyn Nesic; Third – Andrei Mocanu, all of HFJS. Izzy Baker, Sophia Nichols and Daisy Greenaway of HFJS were highly commended for their work.

11+ category: First – Evie Murphy of HFJS; Second – Nina Gironi, The Ferrers School; Third – Aimie Redman, The Ferrers School.

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# Wilson Browne Solicitors explain the responsibility attached to being someone’s Executor

First of all it does not follow that you will also be a beneficiary and so you get all the work and responsibility for no financial gain.

Still interested? Before you agree, it’s important to consider what your duties and responsibilities will be – it’s a decision that should not be taken lightly. It is also an area which can easily become ripe for litigation.

It might be obvious to you what you can and can’t do but you can easily fall short of Beneficiaries’ expectations and face challenges in the way you are dealing with the Estate.

Most people find themselves Executors in relation to close family, e.g. parents or siblings’ estates. This does not mean there is any less chance of running into conflict. Whilst you may already be aware of the usual responsibilities of an Executor including registering the death, arranging the funeral, valuing the estate, paying any IHT, applying for probate, sorting out the deceased’s finances, distributing the monies and keeping estate accounts, there may be other matters for which you will have sole responsibility and need to make decisions which are not agreed by all but in the best interests of the estate.

This could be the sale of the house, which was the former family home and this could lead to disagreements between the Beneficiaries as to whether the property should be sold or rented, and if it is to be sold, what it should be sold for and to whom. One thing to be aware of is that you cannot favour one Beneficiary over another.

Another issue where an Executor may run into difficulties is, for example, if you wanted to purchase the house yourself, or even the car. To be clear this is called ‘self-dealing’ and there is a prohibition on this such that a Beneficiary can retrospectively set aside a purchase by reason of conflict of interest. This territory should therefore only be entered into with the express authority of all the Beneficiaries.

There are many other areas that can result in claims against an Executor – failure to act quickly in respect of volatile assets such as shareholdings is only one of a long list, so there is a lot to think about!

If you are an Executor and think you may have already run into difficulties or want to ensure you don’t, then Nadia Halliday, our contentious probate solicitor, has a wealth of experience in advising Executors such that they can feel confident in the decisions that they make and the responsibilities they hold. Similarly you may be a Beneficiary and need advice.

Contact our enquiries team in the first instance if you would like to arrange a free initial no-obligation call.

# YOUR HEALTH – FLIPPING FLOPS

WORDS BY  
CLAIRE SHORT

I feel I need to write this article every year, so here it is. Summer is on its way and your feet are too hot in shoes. Often your first response is to reach for the flip flops. And it could be a terrible idea.

Don’t get me wrong, I don’t hate flip flops, but for some feet they can cause all manner of problems. It doesn’t matter how pretty the girly ones are, nor how comfortable the 4 wheel drive ones are, if you’ve got flat feet or problematic feet, they could be a disaster for you.

So, how will you know if they’re good or bad?

Pain on the sole or top of your foot, or tightness in your Achilles tendon at the back of the ankle, or pain in the big toe joints. These are a few indications that your footwear



might not be right for you. Blisters are obviously not nice, but if they heal easily they’re more likely to be caused by a tight shoe than an inappropriate shoe.

Fortunately, the solutions aren’t too complicated.

- For the first few days, only wear flip flops for part of the day. Let your body get used to them.
- If you’ve got flat feet, consider wearing something like Fit Flops, or any other brand with a bit of an arch support.

- Look at the inner sole of your most comfortable shoes and see if you can find a similar shape in a flip flop.

Rachel Hill, Higham’s gait scan and rehabilitation specialist, says that if the pain continues you should consider seeing a podiatrist, or have a gait analysis scan to see what’s going on biomechanically.

Whatever you do, do not mow the lawn in flip flops!

Have a lovely week, whether you’re in flip flops or proper shoes!

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

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

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 27th June, 7.30pm
Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th July, 6.45pm
Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting - Tuesday 11th July, 7.30pm
Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 25th July, 7.30pm
Farmers Market - Saturday 24th June, 9am - 1pm - Market Square
Farmers Market - Saturday 29th July, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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# SEND workshops to be held across North Northamptonshire

*A series of workshops for parents and carers of children or young people with SEND will take place across June.*

The workshops will be on the theme of transitions and cover three areas of focus:

- Supporting your child to be 'school ready'
- Making sure that schools are 'ready to receive'
- Supporting children and young people during planned and unplanned transition periods

And will take place on:

- Online Workshop (Zoom) - 19th June, 8pm - 9:30pm
- Higham Ferrers Workshop - 21st June, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Kettering Workshop - 23rd June, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Wellingborough Workshop - 26th June, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Corby Workshop - 29 June, 9:30am - 12:30pm

All workshops are free to attend and can be booked online via Eventbrite.

Cllr Scott Edwards, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "In this series of workshops, we want to know what your experience of transitions has been, what have been the challenges and what has supported you through.

"We are keen to hear from parents and carers and professionals to support us to develop best practice in North Northants."

The Northamptonshire Parent Forum Group said: "It's been great to see more and more parent carers joining those who regularly attend the SEND workshops alongside frontline practitioners and

executive leaders. They welcome the opportunity for open and honest discussions and, from the 'you said we did' style updates, they can see how sharing their views and experiences have influenced positive change. Co-producing in this way means that the necessary changes to improve services used by SEND families are far more likely to be the right ones."

Rachel Akers, Designated Clinical Officer for children and young people with special educational needs and disability (SEND) for Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board, said: "Partnership working informed by the experience of parents, carers and professionals is key in our planning and delivery of services. We are looking forward to this next series of workshops to understand how we can improve transitions for children and young people with SEND and their families."

Julian Wooster, Chair of Northamptonshire Children's Trust said: "We want to hear the voices of children and young people. Workshops allow the opportunity to do just that. Alongside our partners, we want to ensure that the plans to address the improvements required are co-constructed with children, young people and families."

The workshops are run in partnership with North Northamptonshire Council, the Northamptonshire Parent Forum Group, Northamptonshire Children's Trust and Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board.

## Consultation to close soon

The consultation on new policy proposals for the future of home to school transport provided in North Northamptonshire is due to end at midnight on Monday 12th June.

People still have a chance to have their say on the changes which will affect the transport for both pupils of a statutory school age and for those aged over 16, continuing with their education.

Changes would not affect children with special educational needs or disabilities who are currently eligible for free school transport.

Pupils in mainstream education who attend their nearest suitable school and meet the current criteria for free school transport are also not expected to be affected by the proposals. Policy revisions are focused on the discretionary elements of the service.

Results of the consultation will be used to help shape the new policy which would be introduced from September 2024 for the 2024-2025 academic year, to allow parents and carers time to plan ahead.

The review will look at a number of areas:

Linked schools – schools are said to be 'linked' if there is a priority given to applicants to a school from a certain school or location. The current policy states that linked schools will be treated in the same way as the nearest suitable school, even if there is an alternative suitable school with spaces available closer to the child's home. There is no statutory obligation to provide transport to linked schools and the council is reviewing how transport

is provided to these. Any changes would only affect new applications for September 2024 and beyond.

Provision of 'spare' seats – any seats left vacant, once children entitled to travel for free have taken up seats on a bus, are available to other pupils for a fee. The council is reviewing the amount it subsidises the provision of these 'spare seats' to non-entitled pupils.

Children with medical needs – reviewing the policy on the provision of medically qualified passenger assistants and in line with emerging guidance from the Department for Education.

Inaccurate applications – allowing the council to reclaim any costs related to applications that used inaccurate information.

Travel options – expanding the travel options available to pupils.

Collection of children – reviewing guidance on who can collect a child from a vehicle.

Appeals and complaints – clarifying guidance to ensure it is transparent and easy to follow.

The consultation runs until midnight on Monday 12th June. A paper on the proposals is then scheduled to appear before the council's Executive on 13th July.

People can take part in the consultation in the following ways:

- Completing the online survey
- Writing to: North Northamptonshire Council, Sheerness House, Meadow Road, Kettering, NN16 8TL

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
(A6 STATION ROAD, IRLTHLINGBOROUGH)  
(40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council, propose to make an Order under Section 84 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to prohibit any motor vehicle from travelling at a speed exceeding 40 mph along that length of A6 Station Road, Irlthlingborough as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact length of road 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](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk) (search traffic regulation orders) and may also be inspected at Northamptonshire Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 529700.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Northamptonshire Highways, Highways Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or by email: [NNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk](mailto:NNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk) by 1st July 2023.

Dated this 10th day of June 2023

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

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SCHEDULE  
A6 Station Road, Irlthlingborough – from a point 63 metres northwest of its junction with Station Road (service road) to a point 65 metres northwest of the Chowns Mill roundabout.

#### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
(EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT)

(WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES)  
(CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT No. 22) ORDER 2023

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

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the exact lengths of roads to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected on the Council's website at [www.northnorthants.gov.uk](http://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.

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Dated this 10th day of June 2023

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PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANYTIME RESTRICTIONS  
(DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

Warth Park Way, Raunds – From points around the roundabout with exits to Brick Kiln Way and London Road towards the roundabout for Asda at all exits then for the full length of adopted Warth Park Way in a southerly direction. Robinson Road, Rushden – Junction protections from the boundary of no 20 to no 22. Hall Hill, Brigstock – From a point outside properties no 6-8. Victoria Street, Irlthlingborough – Junction protections at junction with Wellingborough Road. Gladstone Street, Ringstead – Junction protection for junction with Denford Road. Main Street, Great Addington – From a point from the boundary of Carlers Farm northwards to the boundary of the 'Hall' and opposite towards the junction to the east with Cranford Road for junction protection. Mill Road, Woodford – Extension of existing double yellow lines to cover the access to Victoria Court in Mill Road and towards the boundary of no 4 High Street before the h-bar. Highfield, Woodford – Extension of existing double yellow lines from the point outside no 25 towards no 1 in a southerly direction. Wellingborough Road, Irlthlingborough – From a point outside the boundary of the house of no 24 to a point outside no 34. Hove Road, Rushden – For a section to protect the bend opposite no 1 (the shop). Mill Lane, Wadenhoe – From the junction with Church Street, both sides until the dead-end Charles Street, Thrapston – Junction protection at junction of Highfield Road. Midland Road, Higham Ferrers – Junction protection at junctions with Victoria Drive and Castlefields Close. High Street, Denford – From a point adjacent to the 30mph signs on both sides and to protect the junction with Freemans Lane.

#### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(MAIN STREET & MILL ROAD, YARWELL)

(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 those lengths of Main Street and Mill Road, Yarwell as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street and Mill Road, Yarwell from the junction of Nassington Road and Mill Road to the junction of Nassington Road and Main Street.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th July 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 roads will be restricted for up to four days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Nassington Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler  
ref:- 23/24 – N033 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/383

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(PEGS LANE, DENFORD)

(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 Pegs Lane, Denford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Pegs Lane, Denford from the junction with High Street to the junction with Chapel Lane.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during tree clearance of power line safety.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th July 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 one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Pegs Lane, Front Street and High Street.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler  
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# RESTORATION OF HISTORIC STAR POND ON BOUGHTON ESTATE GETS UNDERWAY

Boughton Estate has started work on the restoration of a historic pond, bringing it back to its former glory and enhancing the surrounding natural environment.

Star Pond forms part of the illustrious history of the gardens at Boughton stretching back to the 17th century. Dating back to Ralph, 1st Duke of Montagu (1638-1709), the gardens at Boughton are thought to have been inspired by those of Louis XIV and the Palace of Versailles, where Ralph was court ambassador. Star Pond was created by Ralph's son, 2nd Duke of Montagu and is one of many water features at Boughton. Following the death of the 2nd Duke of Montagu, the landscape was subject to 'benign neglect', until the 8th Duke of Buccleuch inherited the Estate in 1935.

David Cullum, Parks and Gardens Manager at Boughton Estate says: "In their heyday, the gardens were considered to be among the largest and finest in the country and in the last 30 years, considerable work has taken place to restore various features. It is an absolute privilege to be involved in this next exciting step of this journey and the restoration of Star Pond."

Alongside other projects across the Northamptonshire estate, this project reflects Buccleuch's environmental values and commitment to good stewardship.

David adds: "Everything we do should have a positive impact on the environment, whether that be designed or natural. We are excited to be able to do both with the restoration of Star Pond."

"It will not only look spectacular, but over time it will become an area of improved water quality and one where interesting new habitats can be established for a variety of species, which we hope will make their home on the estate."

The restoration of Star Pond contributes to the wider partnership between the Estate and Natural England. The project has also received support from organisations including The Environment Agency, Forestry Commission England, Historic England, North Northamptonshire Council, the Local Authority County Archaeologist, Land & Water and the River Ise Partnership.

Andy Sadler, Catchment Co-ordinator at the Environment Agency, says: "The Boughton project has clearly shown the benefit and importance of partnership working. Huge environmental gains in terms of habitat, biodiversity, fish passage, floodplain reconnection and water quality will come as a direct result of partners working together in a positive and collaborative way. It has been a privilege to be part of this project."

Erika Diaz Petersen, Principal National Landscape Adviser at Historic England says: "The Grade I registered park and gardens at Boughton House are an internationally important example of formal gardens of the late 17th and early 18th centuries, many of which were swept away in later periods. Historic England has been pleased to work collaboratively with the Boughton Estate and all the partners to provide advice on projects along the River Ise within the park."

Cllr Michael Tebbutt, Unitary Councillor for Desborough and Member Champion for the River Ise Partnership says: "This is a creative and contemporary project that will contribute to natural flood management, habitat enhancements and water quality improvements, all of which complement the council's ambition for a greener, more sustainable environment that will become more resilient to climate change."

Cllr David Brackenbury, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said of the project: "This is testimony to the power of partnership working and the council have been delighted to have had a supporting role in its development; this is a unique collaboration that has also drawn on expertise from the Environment Agency, Historic England and the River Ise Partnership. We look forward to future opportunities of working in partnership with progressive organisations such as Buccleuch to develop environmental plans and projects that will contribute to the social, environmental and economic well-being of North Northamptonshire."

Dr Corinne Muir, Senior Project Officer at Nene Rivers Trust, says: "As a pioneer and long-term advocate for partnership working, the Nene Rivers Trust are proud to host the River Ise Partnership, which brings together a wide range of partners from the charity, public and private sectors. Together,



this group have developed the Ise Valley Strategic Plan, which sets out a vision of how the valley can be improved for people and wildlife. The work that is taking place at Boughton House is testament to what can be achieved for communities and nature when we work together in this way."

Roger Barnes, Contracts Manager at Land & Water says: "We are delighted to be working in partnership with Buccleuch, Natural England, Historic England, the Environment Agency and River Ise Partnership to deliver works which will safeguard the future of Star Pond and return it back to its original state."

**Keep up to date with the project via the website, [boughtonhouse.co.uk](http://boughtonhouse.co.uk), and via social media, Facebook: @BoughtonHouseandEstate, Instagram: @Boughton\_House\_Official**

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