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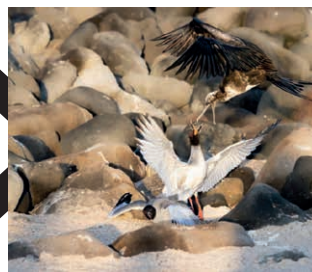
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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Proposal for being in care to become a protected characteristic

A report before North Northamptonshire Council's Executive will propose the authority treats being in care as a protected characteristic.

Recommendations outline how the authority would take the needs of those who have had a care experience into account in all future policy and decision making.

If the Executive agrees to the recommendations the proposals would be taken to Full Council for ratification.

National data suggests:

- 41% of care experienced young people aged 19 to 21 are not in education, employment or training, compared with the national average of 12%
- 13% of care experienced young people are in higher education by their 19th birthday, compared to 45% in the wider population
- 25% of all homeless people are thought to be care experienced
- Almost 25% of adult prison population have previously been in care
- Nearly 50% of under 21-year-olds in contact with the criminal justice system have spent time in care

## NEW TOILET FACILITY OPENED AT EAST CARLTON COUNTRYSIDE PARK

*Making public spaces inclusive for people with disabilities and their carers is the aim of the national Changing Places initiative which has seen North Northamptonshire Council open a brand-new, fully accessible toilet facility at East Carlton Countryside Park.*

Powered by £330,000 of the Government's Levelling Up fund and further investment from the Council's capital programme, the new toilet facility helps people who are limited in their mobility and need equipment to assist with this.

It has modern features including a powered height-adjustable changing table, rising and lowering sink, movable ceiling hoist, grab rails, non-slip flooring, privacy screens, an alarm and a large clear space to accommodate wheelchair users and their carers.

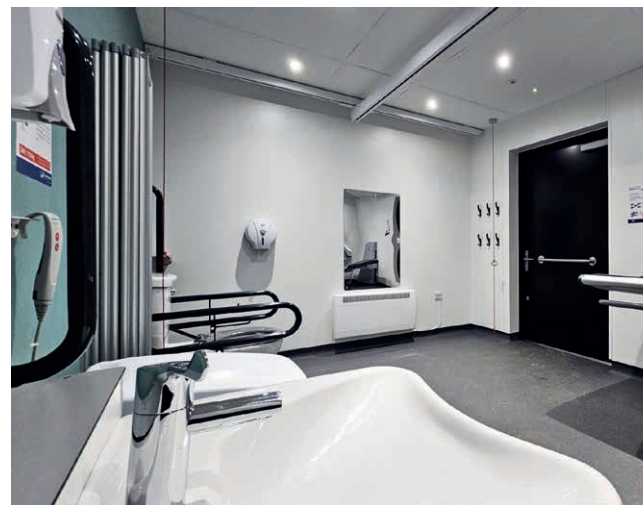
Along with the new Changing Places toilet at East Carlton Countryside Park,

and the recently opened facility at Corby Cube, further construction works to add more to the network will follow in other areas across North Northamptonshire.

Councillor Matthew Binley, Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets said: "I am delighted this crucial facility is now open at East Carlton Countryside Park. Changing Places toilets are potentially life-changing large spaces and are accessible for people with limited mobility or specific disabilities and care needs. They make it possible for everyone to enjoy day-to-day activities that we can sometimes take for granted.

"Accessible toilets in public spaces means everyone can plan visits and enjoy days out without having to worry about toilet breaks and medical needs. Building these new Changing Places facilities at busy attractions across the area ensures people can enjoy their visits to this popular park without hindrance."

Councillor Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council said: "Thanks to our successful bid to secure funding, it is fantastic to see the completion of this project. With a diverse range of visitors to East Carlton Countryside Park travelling from a wide range of locations, it will make a huge



difference for many people.

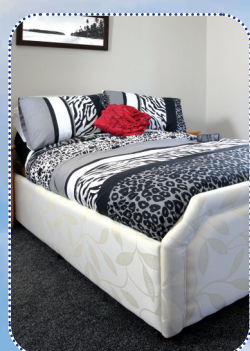
"More Changing Places facilities are being planned and will be installed at popular locations across the area in the coming months. This growing network of inclusive spaces ensures people can plan visits confidently, using toilets safely and with dignity."

Other locations in North Northamptonshire with

Changing Places facilities already in use are Corby Cube, Rushden Lakes, Wicksteed Park, Waendel Leisure Centre and Corby Swimming Pool.

Once opened, Changing Places facilities are registered on the national website to help people locate them and plan visits where every individual can enjoy time out and about without limitations.

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# Nene Valley Crematorium donates £12,000 to Mind charity

*The team at Nene Valley Crematorium have raised £12,000 for a local charity Mind. North Northamptonshire Council's company operated crematorium serves the community of Wellingborough, and beyond.*

Mind provides frontline mental health and wellbeing services. The raised funds will be utilised to allow hundreds of people to access crucial support services that can be lifesaving, including, counselling, crisis support, one-to-one support, encompassing support groups and peer support.

On behalf of the Company's Chair for the Board of Directors, Councillor Paul Bell, responsible for Wellingborough Bereavement Services, a cheque was presented on Tuesday 20th June 2023 by the Operations Director (and NNC's Assistant Director for Regulatory Services), Iain Smith to Mind's Business Development Director, Dion Hunt.

These funds are a result of the crematorium's membership with the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management, who have adopted a recycling of metals policy via a European company, OrthoMetals. The scheme continues to grow because of the Institute's partnership with OrthoMetals, raising significant monetary contributions for a variety of charities, 648 in total. The partnership has donated £17,040,000 to date.

Metals recovered after cremation are recycled with the express consent of bereaved people, being the persons entitled and empowered to make this decision. For further information, please visit the Orthometals website and view the film of their process.

Since the opening of the crematorium on 19th September 2016, the team have nominated six local charities that have collectively benefitted from £77,000 because of this recycling scheme.

Councillor Paul Bell said: "It's an honour and pleasure to support Mind in their work with presentation of this cheque."

Mind's Dion Hunt commented: "On behalf of Mind in Wellingborough and Northamptonshire Mind, we would like to

extend our heartfelt gratitude to Nene Valley Crematorium for their generous donation of £12,000. This remarkable contribution will go a long way in supporting individuals facing mental health challenges within our community. With their support, we will be able to provide essential services such as counselling sessions, 1-to-1 emotional support, peer support, education and training. Their kindness and commitment to mental health advocacy are truly commendable, and we are incredibly grateful. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of those who need it most."

This year follows a former recent donation from the crematorium scheme to the former 'We Mind & Kelly Matters' (now 'Kelly's Heroes') charity for £12,000.

Operations Director for the crematorium and Assistant Director for Regulatory Services at NNC, Iain Smith, said: "On behalf of the Nene Valley Crematorium staff and Board Members, I am proud to make this donation to MIND, as a local charity chosen by Crematorium staff, to further their valuable work in supporting and advising local people struggling with their mental health'.

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

Last time I was talking about discovering that folk had not died – even though their former spouse had married again as a widow or widower. One thing to remember is that, as I have mentioned before, the vicar would only go by what the couple told him – no evidence was needed. This does not help the family historian!

One of the members of my forum had been hunting for the death of an ancestor over in Canada as his 'widow' had remarried. After a lot of digging around, he was found to have moved to America (the border crossing records were found) and appears on the various American censuses in San Francisco. Meanwhile, his 'widow' had married for the third time and so further research is now taking place on both sides of the Canadian/American border!

Divorce in England was rather expensive – to say the least! It was really only available to men and, because of the high cost and the rules surrounding it, bigamy was more common than

one might think. Trying to obtain a divorce was not always easy and was still very expensive but remained the status quo until 1923. A Private Members' Bill, which became part of the Matrimonial Causes Act, made adultery by either husband or wife the sole grounds for divorce, which meant that the wife no longer had to prove additional reasons against her husband, but both spouses still had to prove the adultery. A further amendment to the Matrimonial Causes Act came along in 1937 when, in addition to adultery, grounds could also be cruelty, desertion and incurable insanity. In the 19th century, even if a divorce was granted, chances are that if there were any young children, they would be sent to live with the father. The mother didn't count, thus reinforcing the lowly status that women had back in the day.

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# ENGAGEMENT ON ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS LAUNCHED

A survey has been launched on potential locations for on-street electric vehicle charging points in six towns across North Northamptonshire.

Nine sites are being considered in Corby, Earls Barton, Kettering, Oundle, Raunds and Wellingborough and residents living nearby will receive a letter inviting them to have their say on the proposed sites. The letter will be from Believ (previously named Liberty Charge), who are running the project working with North Northamptonshire Council (NNC). All the sites are in locations with little or no off-road parking to support those residents who do not currently have the option of charging at home.

All feedback will be reviewed by NNC and before installation can go ahead, residents will have a further opportunity to comment on the designation and operation of the bays through the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process.

Cllr Matt Binley, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "The number of people driving electric vehicles is continuing to grow and it is great that we are proposing further electric vehicle charging infrastructure in towns across North Northants.



"The sites that are being proposed are in areas with a high proportion of on-street parking or in town centres, which means if approved, more residents will have easier access to electric vehicle charging points.

"The sites being consulted on have been identified following recommendations to us by residents and suggestions by local Councillors."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "It is vital that we consider investment in charging points and if you live near to one of the proposed sites, or are an electric vehicle user, or are considering becoming one, I encourage you to have your say before 25th August."

If you would like to respond to the public consultation for the proposed electric vehicle charging points across North Northamptonshire, you can do so via the online form until 25th August 2023.

The surveys being conducted are separate to the engagement on six proposed sites which ran from 3rd December 2022 – 29th December 2022.

There are currently 12 on-street charging sites across North Northants, with two charging points at each site.

A full list of live and approved charging points is on the Smart Northamptonshire website.

# Homes for Afghan refugees on Council's Executive agenda

A report at the meeting of North Northamptonshire Council's Executive saw members discussing 11 homes for people and families who have settled in the area from Afghanistan and to help alleviate wider homelessness pressures.

North Northamptonshire Council has been allocated funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities to deliver 11 houses during 2023/2024. Nine of the houses will be for Afghan families, with the remaining two homes purchased for temporary accommodation.

During the meeting on 17th August, Councillors were asked to approve, to provide the required match funding against the central government grant.

It is proposed that the Council commits to the programme to alleviate increased demand on homelessness and temporary accommodation services and to assist refugees who have arrived in the area to move on from bridging hotels or sponsor placements.

Cllr Helen Harrison, the council's Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, said: "Since the Afghan Resettlement Programme was launched in 2021, we, like many local authorities, have experienced challenges in supporting people to move into more permanent accommodation. This proposal will help those on the resettlement scheme build new lives in the UK, integrate into



communities and find employment – something which we know is extremely important to them."

Cllr Mark Rowley, the council's Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling-Up, said: "If approved, this will help more Afghan families move from bridging hotels into homes they can call their own, whilst mitigating the expected increase on resources when current arrangements come to an end. Larger properties, which are typically required by Afghan families, are in short supply in the private sector, which is why we are looking to purchase four-bed plus properties – avoiding the need for larger families to move into unsuitable, temporary accommodation."

The Executive met on Thursday 17th August from 10am and the papers for the Local Authority Housing Fund are available online.



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**Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 29th August, 7.30pm**

**Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 12th Sept, 6.45pm**

**Environment and Recreation Committee Meeting - Tuesday 12th Sept, 7.30pm**

**Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 26th September, 7.30pm**

**Farmers Market - Saturday 26th August, 9am - 1pm - Market Square**

**Farmers Market - Saturday 30th September, 9am - 1pm - Market Sq**

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## North Northamptonshire Council

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

### > RUSHDEN

Replacement door, windows and cladding to front elevation, to include new separate door to existing domestic unit on upper floor at 124 High Street Rushden NN10 0PD (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00815/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > SUDBOROUGH

The removal of an internal wall at The Old Rectory Main Street Sudborough NN14 3BX (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00691/LBC (12 September 2023)

### > KINGS CLIFFE

Demolition of single storey rear lean-to, and erection of two storey rear extension, and internal alterations at 12 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00763/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > WOODFORD

Detached car port and detached shed to the side of existing house at 1 Church Green Woodford NN14 4EU (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00756/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > OUNDLE

Erection of summerhouse at Old Station House Station Road Oundle PE8 5LA (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00760/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > RUSHDEN

Retrospective Change of Use from highways depot to a community-based mixed use

facility (Resubmission of NE/23/00261/FUL) at Rushden Goods Shed And Exhibition Hall John Clark Way Rushden NN10 0FW (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00787/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > BULWICK

Replacement and refurbishment of existing windows and doors at Denbigh House Main Street Bulwick NN17 3DY (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00767/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > BRIGSTOCK

Replacement of all wooden sash windows and front and back doors and frames (all in poor condition) with new wooden sliding sash windows with spiral sliding mechanism, with like for like horns and hardware (Painted RAL8019); Install new front and back door with like for like door and frame in the same glazed configuration (Frames painted RAL8019, External doors painted RAL1016) at 4 Park Walk Brigstock NN14 3HH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00714/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > WOODNEWTON

Proposed internal and external alteration works to cottage, including the replacement of windows and doors, replacement staircase, ceilings, timber floors, replacement roof, repairs to roof structures, and general refurbishment at Rear Of 31 Main Street Woodnewton (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00781/LBC (12 September 2023)

### > COTTERSTOCK

Alteration of windows on front elevation and replacement of fencing to front and side (retrospective) at Gate House Cottage Main Street Cotterstock PE8 5HD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00812/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > RUSHDEN

Replacement of all existing windows for flats 1 - 4 with new double glazed white UPVC windows at Flats 1 - 4 129 High Street Rushden NN10 0NZ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00719/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > ASHTON

Change of use from Agricultural land to the site of seven Shepherds Huts to be used for self-catered holiday let accommodation. at Field To North Of The Private Estate Road. Approximately 130 Metres North Of The Stables C Ashton Wold Ashton (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00753/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > KINGS CLIFFE

Refurbishment and remodelling of existing conservatory, construction of single-storey extensions and first-floor extension to the rear, and roof alterations to existing garage. at 1 Church Walk Kings Cliffe PE8 6XD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00755/FUL (12 September 2023)

### > KINGS CLIFFE

Demolition of single storey rear lean-to, and erection of two storey rear extension, and internal alterations at 12 Park Street Kings Cliffe PE8 6XN (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00765/LBC (12 September 2023)

### > COTTERSTOCK

Alteration of windows on front elevation and replacement of fencing to front and side (retrospective). The window replacements were done as dated below. At Gate House Cottage Main Street Cotterstock PE8 5HD (LBRegs) (Info) NE/23/00766/LBC (12 September 2023)

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### > DEENE

Reserved Matters: access, appearance, landscape, layout and scale, in respect of the construction of: Primary Street (including carriageway, verge, foot/cycle paths, junction bellmouths, pedestrian refuges, bus stops, lighting), secondary street, strategic surface and foul water drainage infrastructure, spurs and attenuation ponds; sub-stations; hard and soft landscaping; and all ancillary works, associated infrastructure including alignment of utilities service runs; and engineering works in respect of Key Phase 3 pursuant to 19/01219/OUT - Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved except for means of access in relation to the highway access from the A43 and means of access and landscaping in respect of the causeway crossing from Zone 1, for the development of a mixed use urban extension to include: residential development of up to 3,500 dwellings (C3), up to 1,000m2 of A1-A5, D1 and D2 uses within two local centres, up to 1,000m2 of D1/D2 (community building / changing rooms uses), two primary schools (D1), a 0.5 hectare reserve site in Zone 3 for flexible land use (education or informal open space), green infrastructure including formal and informal open space, wildlife corridors, landscaping, allotments / orchards and play areas, primary street and pedestrian and cycle network including diversions to existing PROWs, connections to the surrounding highway, sustainable urban drainage network, utilities and transport infrastructure and any necessary groundworks and demolition, and extension to Local Wildlife Sites at Priors Hall Site Kirby Lane Deene NN17 3EJ (Info) (Part3) (Info) NE/23/00806/REM (12 September 2023)

### > FOTHERINGHAY

Single storey side extension and associated alterations, replacement of rear doors, windows and first floor rooflight at The Old School House Main Street Fotheringhay PE8 5HZ (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/00685/FUL (12 September 2023)

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

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

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**Graeme Kane, Interim Director Of Place And Economy**

**Dated 19 August 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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## Roads benefit from 2023 micro-asphalt programme

North Northamptonshire Council, in partnership with Kier, kickstarted its micro-asphalting programme recently, improving the condition of 13 roads across the county.

The works will improve the condition of 5.8km of the county's roads, which is the size of nearly six football pitches.

Micro-asphalt schemes are a preventative form of maintenance, used to extend the life of the roads by up to 10 years. They also create fewer carbon emissions and cause less disruption when compared to resurfacing. This programme forms part of North Northamptonshire's £19.5M capital works programme to improve roads across the county this year.

Roads identified for the treatment have undergone a condition assessment and met the criteria for intervention at a critical point, before needing replacement.

Cllr Matt Binley, North Northamptonshire Council's

Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "We're delighted to roll out this micro-asphalt scheme in partnership with Kier. We have balanced proactive and reactive road maintenance as part of our capital works programme, to include cost-effective and long-lasting treatments – to provide a better experience for our residents and road users."

The process allows road users to be back on the treated roads within 30 minutes – with an improved surface texture.

Micro-asphalt treatments involve a two-phased process used to seal the existing road surface – which involves applying a levelling layer of materials, followed by a surface layer. Kier Highways will be returning to the roads at a later stage to install ironwork and road markings.

John Coombes, General Manager at Kier Transportation, said: "By using this preventative treatment on roads before they pass the

point of repair, we can provide an efficient, cost-effective solution that extends the life of roads for years to come. We are pleased to be kickstarting our micro-asphalting programme, and seeing the benefits this important scheme will bring across North Northamptonshire."

Work started on the identified roads on Monday 31st July and ran until 11th August, across North Northants at:

- Hewlett's Close, Bozeat
- Hillside Close, Bozeat
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- Knights Close, Bozeat
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- Kingsway, Wellingborough
- Drayton Close, Islip
- Nene View, Islip
- Oldenburg Road, Corby
- Brandenburg Road, Corby
- Viking Way, Corby

You can find further updates regarding works in your area via the roadworks current work page on the NNC website.



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# TITCHMARSH LADIES STRIP OFF FOR 2024 FUNDRAISING CALENDAR

As a result of their friend Diane Pinnock's ongoing battle with a rare type of cancer, the ladies of Titchmarsh village in rural Northamptonshire are following in the footsteps of Knapely Women's Institute to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. The feisty females have stripped off to create The Titchmarsh Country Girls Calendar, reflecting all the glorious seasons of our British climate.

Having been diagnosed with sino-nasal mucosal melanoma in 2021, Diane has already gone through extensive surgery, radiotherapy and immunotherapy, and is awaiting various scans before yet another operation for her rare condition. Meanwhile, compiling the calendar has offered a welcome distraction for her and her burlesque/brave buddies from around the village, who range in age from 49 to 75.

As with the film Calendar Girls, released in 2003, the cast for the Titchmarsh version come from various walks of life. The aim is the same: to raise money for a worthy charity, and as with the hit movie's characters, these East Midlands lasses have had some fun in the process.

At 62 years old, Diane used to run a gardening business but now enjoys time with her husband Steve and beloved dog Sidney, and just being in the Great Outdoors. That is where the pictures for the 2024 calendar

have been taken – in the lush, pastoral scenery surrounding the village, featuring the village friends who are supporting the goal of raising at least £5,000.

Pete "Moose" Jousiffe, also a resident of Titchmarsh, was the very patient photographer handed the task of coaxing these plucky poseurs into showing more than just their faces and a well-turned ankle behind greenery, holding a strategically placed lamb or other imaginative props. Finally, all 11 ladies come together for a Christmassy group toast in December to round off an often frivolous, full-colour but beautifully presented A3-sized calendar.

Other locals have generously chipped in with sponsorship, which comes from the butchers, auctioneers, curtain makers, carpenters and more; with everyone involved very much onboard with the idea of supporting both Diane and Cancer Research UK. Come September they will be sharing a barbecue and a few drinks at the local village shop for the launch of Titchmarsh's shared endeavour.

If you'd like to find out how a wheelbarrow containing a naked lady can create an utterly charming scene, or who else but Barbie might drive a pink tractor, it's all in the calendar – available from Titchmarsh Village Shop, friends

and other local outlets for £15 after the launch on 2nd September. Alternatively you can pay a five-pound deposit early on, to ensure you get a copy.

For further information, please contact Jayne Rolfe on tel: 07808 633561 or by email: [jayne.rolfe@hotmail.com](mailto:jayne.rolfe@hotmail.com).

## NENE VALLEY NEWS – EVENTS

### > SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST, 10.15AM: Whitefriars Church – Morning Worship

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

### > SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST, 9.05AM: Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Meet Saffron Road car park. 6.5-mile walk through the villages of Ringstead, Great Addington and Woodford. Free. Contact information: Cindy 07752 993777

### > SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST, 9AM: Town-wide Garage Sale

Higham Ferrers. A chance to sell unwanted items cluttering up your home or to pick up a bargain. £5 to hold a sale – £1 to buy a map, on sale on Market Square. Contact information: [highamferrerstourism3@gmail.com](mailto:highamferrerstourism3@gmail.com)

### > SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST, 12 NOON-4PM AND MONDAY 28TH AUGUST, 10AM-4PM: Art Exhibition

Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden NN10 9YJ. Admission: Entry is free. Car park available.

### > SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM: Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Meet Saffron Road car park. 7.5 mile walk from Bozeat to Forty Acre Wood. Admission: Free. Contact information: Donna 07841048026

### > SATURDAY 9TH, 11AM-4PM AND SUNDAY 10TH, 11AM-3PM SEPTEMBER: Higham Ferrers Horticultural Show

Chichele College, Higham Ferrers. For entry details visit [www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk](http://www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk) or come to admire the exhibits and enjoy WWII-style refreshments. Admission: Free entry to view. Contact information: [highamferrerstourism3@gmail.com](mailto:highamferrerstourism3@gmail.com)

### > SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 10AM: Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Meet Saffron Road car park. 6 mile walk along the Nene Way to Chester Farm and back. Admission: Free. Contact information: Claire 07505 855116

### > THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 8PM: Charity Band Concert

Park Road Baptist Church, Rushden. Band concert with Swing's The Thing in aid of Wings Appeal, RAF Association. Admission: £12.50. Contact tel: 07922 141 589 / 07460 599 284

### > SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 2PM: Brass Band Concert by Thrapston Town Band

St Mary's Church Woodford NN14 4EX. £5 adults (under 16s free) inc light refreshments and nibbles. Contact information: Jenny Mead - [jennybunnmead@hotmail.com](mailto:jennybunnmead@hotmail.com) / 07582 868424. A concert by the Thrapston Town Band in aid of the church repair fund.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(WESTERN AVENUE, EASTON ON THE HILL)

(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 Western Avenue, Easton on the Hill as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Western Avenue, Easton on the Hill from The Nook to Potters Lane.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th September 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 five days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Potters Lane, Westfields and The Crescent.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler  
ref:- 23/24 – N126 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/477

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

(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 New Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of New Road, Oundle from Station Road to Glapthorn Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 29th August 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 22nd January 2024.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Station Road, North Street, Market Place, New Street and Glapthorn Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler  
ref:- 23/24 – N164 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/514

Dated this 19th day of August 2023

ADELE WYLIE

Executive Director of Customer & Governance (Monitoring Officer)



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# GALAPAGOS PHOTO COMPETITION WINNER!

*Claire Waring from Little Addington has been announced as the overall winner of this year's Galapagos Conservation Trust Photography Competition with her photo of a juvenile great frigatebird attacking a swallow-tailed gull which was defending its chick. The photo also won the 'Animals in Action' category.*

Claire explains: "We were on the last day of our wonderful expedition round the Galapagos Islands and had landed on North Seymour for a few hours before catching our plane home. The island is home to great frigatebirds and blue-footed boobies nesting near the path and Galapagos sea lions were basking on the rocks."

"A movement caught my eye and I saw this juvenile great frigatebird attacking a swallow-tailed gull, presumably with a view to

taking the chick for a tasty meal. However, the parent was determined to defend the chick. It all happened too quickly for me to photograph it but, fortunately for me (but not the gull), the frigatebird came round for another go and I was able to capture this shot."

The Galapagos Islands are home to some unique wildlife and landscapes. The work of the Trust is vital in maintaining the environment against threats such as overfishing and plastics pollution. It carries out work

including clearing islands of invasive species to allow the endemic populations to recover. Claire has supported the Trust since her first visit to Galapagos some 20 years ago.

Photography was a childhood interest when Claire and her father developed her black and white films at home. These were taken on a small folding bellows camera. The bellows had pinprick holes, which made for some interesting images! When Claire married, her

husband taught her about macro photography which introduced her to the marvels of the small things in life. She finds the detail revealed in the macro world absolutely fascinating and is always looking for ways to improve her photographs.

In 2005, she won the gold medal for beekeeping photography at Apimondia, the biennial International Beekeeping Congress, followed by the silver medal in 2009. She has been successful in other competitions including the Wanderlust Travel Photo of the Year, the National Geographic Traveller (UK) Photography Competition and the North American Nature Photography Association Showcase.

Over the years, Claire's interests have expanded and her passion for wildlife

photography has grown. She loves visiting wild places to shoot the very special wildlife found there and has been privileged to travel to all seven continents. On her travels she has also become

increasingly conscious of the danger that these special places are in. She hopes her photography will bring this message to a wider group of people who will be inspired to take action.



More of Claire's images can be seen on Instagram – @wildwaring. Information about the Galapagos Conservation Trust can be found at: <https://galapagosconservation.org.uk/>

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