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Those aged 65 and over urged to get their flu vaccination

Flu is a highly contagious infection that anyone can catch, with many experiencing unpleasant symptoms such as a high temperature, headache, and sore throat. However, for vulnerable people, which includes those aged 65 and over, flu can lead to serious complications such as pneumonia, and can even be fatal.

In Northamptonshire there is a slight increase in respiratory infections across all age groups, therefore residents who are eligible are being urged to get their free flu and COVID-19 vaccinations to stay protected this winter. Almost 38% of our population aged 65 and above have not yet received their flu vaccination, putting them at risk.

Cllr Helen Harrison, Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing at North Northamptonshire Council says: "I'm urging over 65s to please get your vaccinations, to help reduce the need for GP appointments and hospitalisations this Winter."

Speak to your GP or a participating local pharmacy to book an appointment.

HIGHAM FERRERS HAS A NEW AND MUCH GREENER LOOK THIS COMING FESTIVE SEASON

"We have exchanged the previous artificial trees that grace the buildings in the town for real trees," explained Liz Barnatt, Chair of Higham Ferrers Tourism, which is responsible for the annual tree project.

Artificial trees have decorated the town for some 16 years, but now Higham Ferrers Tourism has opted for real trees in the interests of going green.

Committee members turned out at Chichele College recently to attach the fairy lights to the 79 trees that have now been positioned at various homes and businesses in the town.

Liz went on to say: "This year we had very generous sponsorship from Lee Lackford of CVL Systems Ltd, a local security company whose directors live in the town. This is the first time we have had sponsorship – but not only that, a team at CVL

Systems brought in two cherry pickers and arranged for their staff to put the trees up on the buildings.

"There were a lot of safety issues to consider, so we are very grateful for CVL's help."

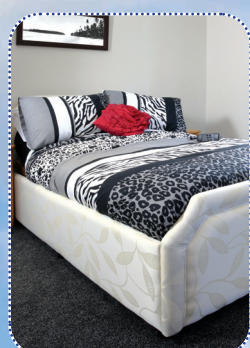
The lights were switched on during the town's Christmas Sparkle event on Saturday 18th November, which also saw the return of Santa's Grotto at Chichele College.

The tourism committee's next event will be the Christmas Celebration Coffee Morning on Saturday 23rd December in the Bede House (adjacent to St Mary's Church) between 10am and 12 noon.



The tree team from CVL Systems

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North Northamptonshire Council Community Managed Libraries Programme completed

A long-term project to transfer Libraries to become community managed in North Northamptonshire has now been completed.

Raunds Library is the final library to be transferred – with the Creating Tomorrow Academy Trust and the Raunds Community Library Trust selected to run the library in partnership.

Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "It

has been quite a journey to get to where we are today but I am thankful that we have managed to complete the transition to Community Management while preserving what libraries have to offer.

"With the support offered by the Council, which includes the provision of books and e-lending items, computer and self-service access and

professional support and training for volunteers, our community managed libraries are able to continue to offer valuable services in their communities.

"We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers who have stepped up to work with us to find ways to keep their libraries open even throughout the

pandemic, and who continue to work tirelessly for their customers.

"Together we have developed a sustainable model of library delivery that goes from strength to strength."

The transformation of the Library Service in Northamptonshire began in 2019 under the predecessor authority, Northamptonshire County Council. The programme sought to keep some libraries directly under the local authority management with the remainder managed by community groups.

Since the creation of North Northamptonshire Council in April 2021, the Council has been continuing the programme of transferring some libraries into community management, with the transfer of Irchester Library in October 2022 and Rothwell in May 2023.



In North Northamptonshire, the community managed libraries are:

- Burton Latimer
- Danesholme
- Desborough
- Earls Barton
- Finedon
- Irchester
- Raunds
- Rothwell
- Thrapston
- Wollaston

Cllr Jason Smithers,

Leader of the Council, said:

"I'm delighted to see the completion of this programme of work which has seen an innovative model introduced to ensure libraries continue to be at the heart of our communities.

"I'd like to thank all of the staff involved for all of their hard work and dedication and of course the community groups themselves, without whom this would have been impossible."

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

When were you born? Did you marry? If so, what was the date? Where did these events happen? Is that the summary of your life? Nope! Family history is not just a list of names and dates but events that happened, experiences encountered, memories held – both good and bad.

What was it like to actually work in a particular job? I can cast my mind back to when I was a student and, to earn some extra money, worked for Marconi Instruments in St Albans. They taught me how to solder! I majored in Textiles at college and so, give me a fleece and I can take it through the stages of carding, dyeing, weaving and creating a garment. What were the skills of your ancestors?

Did they have a particular trade? One of mine was a clog-maker. I took some time out to research exactly what this involved and it really was quite an intricate trade! Investigating occupations will certainly add interest to what might otherwise be just an outline of the past. If you have miners in your family, what were the conditions like? There is a wonderful website named the Durham Mining Museum (<http://www.dmm.org.uk/>). Fret not – it isn't just mines in Durham but includes coal mines from across the whole country. Go to the

website, click on the main page heading and it will take you through to the nitty-gritty. As well as mining disasters, it also provides information about each mine, where the miners lived and enough information for you to build a social history picture.

There will be other specialist websites on the internet that will enable you to imagine what life was like for your ancestors, so have a rootle around. However, I appreciate that not everyone is on the internet. If you visit your local library, you will find a wealth of books that can help you. Not only that, you could always use their computers to research further!



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Celebrate the magic of Christmas on your High Street with the Hi Santa Stops festive trail

Christmas is coming and festive spirit is in the air as North Northamptonshire Council launches a magical interactive experience designed to spread cheer and encourage people to support their local businesses this festive season.

Made possible through funding from the Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), 'Hi Santa Stops' is part of the Council's Hi Street campaign and is set to be a fun and charming trail adventure for children, families and adults alike.

A total of 56 local businesses have joined in to become a 'Hi Santa Stop', as the trail invites people to explore local town centres, high streets, and shopping areas to hunt for 8 enchanting clues across 7 trail areas.

Discovering these clues unlocks a heart-warming message from Santa, who will give participants a letter to help unveil a festive-themed word once all 8 clues are found. People can then go on to enter a prize draw if they wish, where they could win £500 worth of gift vouchers to use at local businesses, and as an added bonus, everyone taking part can collect a bag of sweet festive treats as a reward for completing the challenge.

Councillor David Brackenbury, the Council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration said: "Christmas is a wonderful time to bring people together, and our 'Hi Santa Stops' trail is a fantastic way to do this. It is a creative and fun experience for all, as well as a talking point, especially with the chance for people to win a brilliant prize with a 'support local' theme."

Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, Councillor Jason Smithers said: "This year we are

sprinkling Christmas magic on our local high streets with the launch of 'Hi Santa Stops' to celebrate the huge variety of small businesses we have across the area, which are run by passionate and talented people."

Local business owner of The Shop in Kettering, Claire Scott said: "We love Christmas, it's our favourite and busiest time of the year, and we are delighted to be a 'Hi Santa Stop' for the Kettering trail. We are ready to welcome new and existing customers through our doors to show them all we have to offer, and we hope once people discover us, and other local businesses around us, that they will come back for more."

"It is a challenging time on the High Street for all types of businesses, and creative initiatives like this, mean the world to us. They get people out and about to take part in meaningful experiences where they can connect with their local town and discover so much more than what they can when shopping online."

'Hi Santa Stops' will run until Saturday 23rd December giving people plenty of time to enjoy the activity during the lead-up to Christmas, and unlock the clues at their leisure.

It will be supported by a campaign to encourage participation in the trail including a promotional video, social media activity on the Hi Street Facebook and Instagram page, and activity on Small Business Saturday which takes place on 2nd December.

More information can be found on the Hi Street section of the North Northamptonshire Council website including the trail areas.

Bosworth's Garden Company named Group Garden Centre Caterer of the Year

Bosworth's Garden Company, which has sites both in Burton Latimer, Northamptonshire and Elton, Peterborough, is proud to announce that it has been named Group Garden Centre Caterer of the Year at the prestigious Garden Centre Catering Awards. The judging panel considered various factors such as cohesiveness, ambience, quality of food, menu options, service and promotional efforts.

"We are delighted to have been recognised as the Group Garden Centre Caterer of the Year," said Sam Bosworth, Director of Bosworth's Garden Company. "This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, who strive to create a unique and memorable dining experience for our customers."

Bosworth's Garden Company has cafés at both of their premises, with Mulberry Café located at their Elton site and Aspen Café located at their Burton Latimer site.



It was noted that both sites were cohesive with delivering exceptional service, enjoyable dining experiences and delicious food.

The food and menu options were a key factor in the judging process with extra points awarded for more adventurous menu options, together with the provision of plant-based and gluten-free dishes. Both cafés have a variety of vegan and gluten-free dishes on offer including a Vegan Platter and Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Spinach

Masala. Mulberry Café, located at Elton, also regularly uses produce sourced from the on-site Kitchen Garden within their dishes.

"We are proud to have won this award, and it is a testament to our commitment to providing our customers with the best possible dining experience," said Sam.

"We will continue to innovate and improve, and we look forward to welcoming even more customers to Bosworth's Garden Company in the future."

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Sat 26 Skegness Christmas Market
Mon 27 Thursford Christmas Spectacular

DECEMBER

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Fri 1 Worcester Christmas Market
Sat 2 Melton Mowbray Christmas Market
Sun 3 Rochester Christmas Market
Thu 7 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Thu 7 Christmas Lunch River Cruise
Fri 8 Stratford Upon Avon Victorian Christmas
Sat 9 Oxford Christmas Market
Sat 9 Nottingham Christmas Market
Sun 10 Stratford Upon Avon Victorian Christmas
Mon 11 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Thu 14 Windsor OR Windsor Castle
Fri 15 Ambassador Cruise Liner, Lunch & Show
Sat 16 Hyde Park Winter Wonderland
Sat 16 Cheltenham Christmas Market
Sun 17 Thursford Christmas Spectacular
Sun 17 Legoland at Christmas

JANUARY 2024

Sat 6 Boundary Mills Grantham
Wed 17 Seasonal Mystery Trip

FEBRUARY 2024

Wed 7 St Albans Market Day
Sat 10 Warwick & Leamington Spa
Sun 11 Birmingham International Tattoo
Wed 14 Boston Market & Baytree Garden Centre
Tue 20 Melton Mowbray
Wed 21 Seasonal Mystery Trip
Thu 22 Ely
Fri 23 London Free Time OR Museums
Fri 23 Tower Bridge Tour & London Free Time
Sun 25 Orchids at Kew Gardens
Tue 27 Chippenham Park Snowdrops

MARCH 2024

Tue 5 Springfields OR Spalding
Thu 7 Cotswold Tour
Sat 9 National Railway Museum OR York
Sat 9 Jorvik Viking Centre
Tue 12 Derbyshire & Peak District
Tue 19 Saffron Walden
Wed 20 Seasonal Mystery Trip
Fri 22 Ideal Home Show
Fri 22 Stratford Upon Avon
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Next step for adoption of East Northants Local Plan

The final, to be adopted, Local Plan Part 2 for North Northamptonshire aims to help with future developments.

If the East Northants Local Plan Part 2 is adopted, there will be a full, up-to-date picture in terms of strategic and local planning policies for the whole of North Northants.

All councils are required to have a plan for development in their area, which is known as the Local Plan. The plans are expected to set out a range of development proposals, as well as planning policies and support the delivery of the vision for the area.

Local Plans have to be submitted for examination to the Secretary of State and the Local Plan for the East Northants area is the final one from the legacy councils to go through this process.

Following the receipt of the Inspector’s report it has been identified “as sound” and with modifications agreed can now proceed to the adoption stage, which requires approval at Executive and Full Council.

If adopted, the East Northants Local Plan Part 2 will sit alongside the other Local Plans across North Northants, whilst acknowledging the distinctiveness of the local geographical area.

It also provides more guidance on the delivery of a garden village to the east of Rushden, support for the network of green infrastructure across the area, proposals to encourage tourism and cultural

developments as well as policies designed to assist town centre improvements and setting out specialist housing needs.

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council’s Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: “The East Northants Local Plan Part 2 is the final piece of the jigsaw for strategic planning across North Northants.

“As well as helping the Council make decisions when assessing future developments, Local Plans also take into consideration the needs of local communities, addressing housing, employment and infrastructure needs which have enormous benefits to residents.

“Alongside this work, we are reviewing all our strategic policies through the North Northamptonshire Local Plan and will also be moving forward with a Gypsy and Traveller Local Plan, both of which will be consulted on next year.”

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: “Since North Northamptonshire

Council came into existence, teams have been working together to ensure policies and plans cover the whole area, whilst reflecting the geographical differences of the legacy areas.

“Local Plans take time to be examined and adopted and the work on this one for East Northants predates this Council, but I am

pleased we are now in a position to discuss adopting the East Northants plan which will mean we have a complete, up to date set of plans for the whole North Northamptonshire area.”

As we went to press the Executive were due to discuss the report. If approved, the plan will be taken to Full Council.

Council Tax Support proposals in North Northamptonshire to be discussed at Executive

Assistance available to people paying their Council Tax in the North Northamptonshire Council area is set to remain unchanged from previous years.

A report due before the authority’s Executive will recommend that – under the Local Council Tax Support Scheme – help for the 2024-2025 financial year would stay at the same proportion as for 2023-2024.

This would mean all working age claimants would only have to pay a minimum of 25% towards their Council Tax liability.

Cllr Lloyd Bunday, the Council’s Executive Member for Finance and Transformation, said: “Due to the cost of living crisis the Council is aware that residents may be struggling to pay their bills, therefore I’m delighted that we’re able to maintain the scheme at the same rate as for the previous few years.

“I would encourage Council Tax payers to apply for Council Tax Support, more information can be found on how to apply and the qualifying criteria on the Council’s website.”

In addition to the Council Tax Support scheme, the Council has a scheme in place where people can apply for a Council Tax Discretionary Discount, which is used to mitigate any unforeseen or exceptional

hardship circumstances that threaten taxpayers’ ability to pay the Council Tax.

The Council’s revenues and benefits social inclusion team is on hand to help customers apply for Council Tax support, Council Tax discretionary discounts and also other areas such as discretionary housing payment applications, personal independence payment applications, utilities and general money and debt advice.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: “I’m pleased to see this recommendation going before Executive for approval prior to going to Council as it demonstrates our continuing support for our residents.


“It’s important that people pay their Council Tax as it delivers a much-needed income stream to support our vital services – but it’s also essential we provide the right level of assistance to payment, which we’re doing here.”

Draft budget proposals for the financial year 2024-2025 are due to appear before the Executive next month.



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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

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

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 28th November, 7.30pm

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

Policy and Resources Committee Meeting - Tuesday 12th December, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 19th December, 7.30pm

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

Farmers Market - Saturday 23rd December, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

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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:

> HARRINGWORTH

New part first floor with front single storey extension along with internal alterations, external upgrades and new cart lodge, amended landscaping. At The Paddocks Grettton Road Harringworth NN17 3AD (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/01074/FUL (19 December 2023)

> OUNDLE

Remodelling of the collection of Listed Buildings that form Laxton House to include internal demolition and minor adjustments to the external appearance of the building, providing ventilation and drainage as required to new and remodelled toilets, changing rooms and areas with condensation damage to meet Building Regulations and Dept. for Education Minimums. At Laxton Grammar School North Street Oundle PE8 4AR (LB/CA) (Info) (LBRegs) NE/23/01111/FUL and NE/23/01112/LBC (19 December 2023)

> KINGS CLIFFE

Proposed replacement of existing garage/cart shed with new garage cart shed. At 24 Park Street Kings Cliffe Peterborough PE8 6XN (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/01127/FUL (19 December 2023)

> TWYWELL

Conversion of an existing garage/store to an annexe with a series of extensions applied to the front and side of the garage. At Gardeners Cottage Lower Street Twywell NN14 3AH (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/01091/FUL (19 December 2023)

> EASTON ON THE HILL

Replacement of existing windows with new double glazed, single frame, timber tilt and turn windows to front side and rear elevations. New bay window and new French doors to front elevation. New roof light to rear elevation. At 57 Church Street Easton On The Hill PE9 3LL (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/01078/FUL (19 December 2023)

> DUDDINGTON

Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations at Dial House High Street Duddington PE9 3QE (Info) (LB/CA)

(LBRegs) NE/23/01119/FUL and NE/23/01120/LBC (19 December 2023)

> WOODFORD

Erection of detached traditional lean-to greenhouse in kitchen garden, located to the northwest of and away from the main house at 8 Church Street Woodford NN14 4EX (Info) (LB/CA) (Info) NE/23/01115/FUL (19 December 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.

Graeme Kane, Interim Director Of Place And Economy

Dated 25 November 2023

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Nene Valley News - **EVENTS**> **SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 9AM****Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing. Free. Contact Pat/Barry 07800 849393. 6.5 miles in the Melchbourne area.

> **SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM****Christmas Carol Concert**

St Barnabas Church, College Street, Wellingborough NN8 3HF. Tickets £5 (includes refreshments) 01604 870318. Wellingborough Orpheus Choir's farewell concert! Come and join in with some of the carols, hear about the choir's 70-year history, and enjoy a glass of wine and a chat at the end of the concert.

> **SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM****Oundle and District Choral Society: 'A Ceremony of Carols and Musicals'**

St Peter's Church, Oundle. The programme includes works by Rodgers, Bernstein, Britten, Gjeilo, L'Estrange, Stopford and Rutter. Tickets are £10, or £5 for under 16s, and are available from choir members or on the door. Cash would be appreciated but there will be provision to pay by card on the evening. Ticket to include a glass of wine and a mince pie. We look forward to seeing you!

> **SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 9.25AM****Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers for car sharing. Free. Contact Cindy 07552 993777. 4.5 mile Christmas Hat Walk in the Keys area.

> **SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER, 10AM****Higham Ferrers Footpath Group**

Saffron Road car park, Higham Ferrers. Free. Contact Daphne 07709 569415. 5.5 miles New Year's Eve Stumble, our last walk of the year.

RUSHDEN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON & FESTIVE FUN!

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There will be live performances from Slyde, a glam rock tribute band, lively tunes by Dr Busker, the talented street performer, along with parading stilt-walkers and Mr Twister, the balloon

modeller. Enjoy the sounds of a street organ played alongside some great music from Beat Route Radio.

Children can meet real reindeer and their Elf companion while exploring the 'Hi Santa Stops' trail and fairground rides. Also, make sure to greet Father Christmas as he arrives by sleigh and makes an appearance in his grotto.

WHEN: Saturday 25th November, Midday onwards

LIGHTS ON: 4.30pm

WHERE: Rushden High Street

ENTRY: FREE + FREE Parking in town car parks.

Programme of Events

12.45pm Welcome from Beat Route Radio
1pm Father Christmas arrives on his sleigh
1.10pm Michelle Gibbs Academy of Dance
1.30pm Dr Busker
1.50pm Beat Route Radio
2pm Slyde – Glam rock tribute
2.45pm Melodies
3.05pm Beat Route Radio
3.10pm Dr Busker
3.30pm Beat Route Radio
3.35pm Slyde
4.20pm Mayor arrives and Father Christmas leaves for Lapland
4.30pm Lights Switch-on by the Mayor followed by Beat Route Radio

Christmas Table Decoration workshop

Rushden Town Council has launched a Christmas Table Decoration workshop to be held at 7pm on Thursday 30th November at Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden. Get ready to spruce up your table for the festive season.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (HAUTBOY LANE, WARMINGTON)
(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 Hautboy Lane, Warmington as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Hautboy Lane, Warmington from outside number 8.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a new water connection.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 13th December 2023 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Chapel Street, Orchard Close and School Lane.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N399 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T23/726

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (NEWMAN STREET, HIGHAM FERRERS)
(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 Newman Street, Higham Ferrers as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Newman Street, Higham Ferrers – adjacent to No. 22.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during a new water connection.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 18th December 2023 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.
EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Simpson Avenue and George Street.
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (LUTTON ROAD, POLEBROOK)
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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 Lutton Road, Polebrook as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lutton Road, Polebrook from Polebrook Lodge to 2 kilometres east of Lutton Road onto Oundle Road.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during fibre works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th November 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 seven days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Bullock Road, Main Street, Luddington Road and Hemington Road.
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Dated this 25th day of November 2023
ADELE WYLIE
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Cash boost for North Northamptonshire swimming pool

A North Northamptonshire Council swimming pool is set to benefit from a cash boost after a successful bid for Government funding.

The Splash Leisure Pool in Rushden, which is run by Freedom Leisure, will be awarded £114,206 from the Swimming Pool Support Fund (SPSF), which is administered by Sport England.

An increase in energy costs meant that without the money the pool would have had to greatly reduce its offer.

Cllr Helen Howell, the Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "We're delighted to have received this funding to help with the running costs of one of our pools – higher energy costs meant that without the money the facility would have really struggled."

"Not only is swimming a great way of keeping fit but it's also a lovely way of meeting up with friends, keeping people socially active too."

The Swimming Pool Support Fund provides a total of £60



million to local authorities in England as a support package for public leisure facilities with swimming pools and is split into two phases.

A revenue fund of £20m is available to support facilities with swimming pools with increased cost pressures, leaving them most vulnerable to closure or significant service reduction.

Meanwhile a capital stream of £40m is available from the government for capital investment to improve the energy efficiency of public facilities with pools in the medium to long term.

The contractual arrangements for the Splash Leisure Pool meant that it was eligible to make an application to the revenue fund.



£545,000 grant funding on offer to organisations offering cost-of-living support

North Northamptonshire Council is offering nine grants to local councils and voluntary organisations currently supporting with the cost of living.

The grants, which are an allocation of the Government's Household Support Fund, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions, can be applied for by organisations, or groups of organisations.

Applications will need to demonstrate that the funding will be used to support low-income and vulnerable households across both town and rural communities in North Northamptonshire.

Town and Parish Councils, charities, community and voluntary groups, clubs and non-profit organisations are invited to apply. They are also encouraged to come together to bid.

Councillor Helen Harrison, Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, said: "If you are an organisation working to help others during the cost-of-living crisis then we are urging you to come forward and apply."

"We are encouraging collaborative working of provider organisations in making applications to help us make best use of the money, and to ensure North Northamptonshire residents in both town and rural communities

benefit as much as possible."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "We are extremely proud of the continuing work of our local councils and the voluntary sector in North Northamptonshire. These groups are invaluable in making sure that people who require it, receive timely financial and compassionate support."

"These grants prioritise those people who are being impacted the most by the cost-of-living crisis and our local councils and voluntary sector organisations have a deep understanding of where that help is needed most."

To apply visit: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/cost-living/household-support-fund/voluntary-sector-grants-hsf>.

Successful applications will be awarded grant funding on receipt of a signed agreement and must be spent by 31st December 2024.

The Grants Funding Panel and Oversight Board will be responsible for assessing and awarding the grants. The Panel will be responsible for the assessing and recommendations which will be put forward to the Oversight Board. The Oversight Board will then make the final awarding decision. A decision will be provided within two months of the closing date.

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