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Crematorium team receives 'Excellence Award'

The North Northamptonshire Council's Bereavement Service Care Team at Nene Valley Crematorium have received a top award from the Wellingborough and East Northants Chamber of Commerce for services of 'Excellence'.

Nene Valley Crematorium is recognised as an inspiring business – 'To recognise and celebrate a business that has gone above and beyond for its employees, customers and/or community'. Richard Porter, Operations Manager for the crematorium was presented with the award, sponsored by Weatherbys Limited, at an award ceremony in early December at the town's Golf Club in Great Harrowden.

The team are delighted to receive such a prestigious award and convey heartfelt thanks to the Chamber of Commerce judges for this recognition.

The Council's company operated crematorium serves the community of Wellingborough, and beyond. For more information visit the Nene Valley Crematorium website.

Rounding off the year with a children's workshop

The air buzzed with excitement as children arrived to participate in the sixth workshop of the year at Rushden Hall provided by Rushden Town Council. Under the guidance of the facilitator, they explored the art of creating a festive mosaic tile.

The process of making mosaic tiles can be a captivating and hands-on experience, allowing the children to express their creativity in a unique way.

The joy and excitement that comes from seeing their creations take shape add a special sense of accomplishment to the learning process.

The atmosphere at Rushden Hall during the workshop was one of excitement and anticipation as children eagerly immersed themselves in the creative process.

A diverse array of superb tiles

emerged, each one unique and absolutely fabulous!

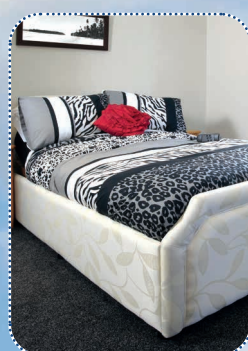
The event managed to strike a balance between fostering creativity and providing a structured learning environment with a festive edge.

The Christmas Mosaic Workshop at Rushden Hall was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on the children who participated.

Each child proudly showcased their festive creations and to commemorate the event, each one received a certificate and a chocolate treat.



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Warning issued after 'non-compliant' Christmas toys seized by North Northamptonshire Council's Trading Standards Officers

North Northamptonshire Council's Trading Standards team are urging parents and carers to make sure toys bought for Christmas meet safety standards, following the discovery of a 'non-compliant' haul.

Officers from the Council's Trading Standards Service seized a large quantity of 'non-compliant' toys from a seller in Kettering on Wednesday 20th December, just five days before Christmas. The toys were not labelled in accordance with the requirements of the Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011, and it is suspected that some may even be unsafe for small children.

They want to remind residents to be vigilant when buying toys and urge everybody buying toys to check the labels. There are a number of labelling requirements which should be adhered to, including the name and address of the manufacturer/importer, the type, batch, model or serial number, the UKCA/CE mark, and warnings and instructions.

The team at the council has issued the

following advice to parents and carers who are buying toys:

- Always read the warnings and instructions. Toys must be clearly marked with age restrictions, which are based on risks such as choking hazards.
- Always follow the age recommendations
- Avoid toys with small parts. They can be a choking hazard.
- Look out for strangulation hazards. Loose ribbons on toys and costumes can pose risks to young children.
- Check the toys are for kids. Magnets can look like toys. Keep them away from children.
- Compare the sellers. Bargains may be too good to be true. Compare the price with other sellers. If it's a fraction of the cost, it's likely to be counterfeit.
- Check for button batteries. Ensure that any button batteries in a toy are safely behind a screwed down flap.
- Check for product recalls. See if the toy you're buying has been recalled at the product recall pages of the Gov.UK website.
- Check before you wrap. Toys must be clearly marked with age restrictions.

Cllr David Brackenbury, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "I know our Trading Standards team will continue to work hard tackling the sale of dangerous and illicit products, but there are still steps we can all take to ensure the gifts we buy are safe. Please take them."

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "I would like to thank the Trading Standards team for their continued efforts in putting the safety of the people of North Northamptonshire first in everything they do."

There are also risks when buying from online platforms, you often can't see the label online so you should take extra care.

Remember that not everything advertised on a platform will be sold by that platform, some items will be sold by overseas sellers and won't meet strict safety laws.

If you feel you have purchased a non-compliant or unsafe toy you can report it to Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133. Contact the consumer helpline - Citizens Advice

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

I was recently looking through one of my folders to bring some of my Gran's brothers and sisters up to date. I realised that, although I had a note of their birthdays that had been lifted from an old Birthday Book (do people still use these?) I did not have the exact locations of where they were born – just the town names.

Onto the laptop I went to visit the GRO Certificates website. Once upon a time, the only way to get a copy of a certificate, including marriage and death, was to order one and wait for it to arrive through the post at a cost of £11. No-one ever said that this hobby... erm... obsession of ours was cheap! However, although this is still the case for marriage certificates, PDFs for birth entries from 1837 to up to 100 years ago and death entries from 1837 to 1957 are now available at a much more palatable cost of £7.50 and arrive over the airwaves usually within a couple of days. But! A great addition arrived this summer in the form of a downloadable digital image. The dates covered are birth entries from 1837 up to 100

years ago and death entries from 1837 to 1887 but more are gradually being added. As these just cost £2.50 each and are available to download immediately, that is a great saving in both time and money.

However, I digress.

Looking for the birth of my great aunt Millicent in 1890 in Eastbourne, the only one that popped up was one that had a mother's maiden name of Thomas when it should have been Pickett. Now, if that certificate was still costing £11, I would certainly have thought twice before buying it. But at £2.50 – about the price of a cup of coffee – I went for it. Everything else is correct – father's name etc – but her mother's maiden name is incorrect. As this is just a copy of the transcription from the register, it is quite possible that a mistake was made in the transcribing.

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MARINAS JOIN FORCES TO LAUNCH NEW VISITOR MOORING SCHEME

Five independent family run marinas are joining forces in 2024 to offer inland waterway boaters the opportunity to enjoy a new discounted visitor mooring scheme.



The Cruise Moor scheme, which will be launched in February at Boatlife in Brimingham, sees Aqueduct Marina, Droitwich Spa Marina, Dunchurch Pools Marina, Overwater Marina and White Mills Marina collaborating to provide moorers with the unique opportunity of staying on each of the marinas on a visitor mooring for up to two weeks with a fabulous 20% discount.



It is hoped the new initiative will not only encourage more boaters to explore the UK's waterways network but enable them to enjoy the facilities and personal service offered by the 'fabulous five' independent marinas.

Boaters can find out how to qualify for a Cruise Moor card from one of the participating marinas and then plan their cruising season in the knowledge that they can

enjoy the facilities of another independent marina with a 20% reduction in visitor mooring fees.

Debbie Skinner of White Mills Marina said: "All of the five marinas involved in Cruise Moor share the same aspirations of encouraging boaters to get out and about and explore the miles and miles of the beautiful waterways network.

"As family run marinas, we work incredibly hard to be the best in the business and go the extra mile to provide excellent customer service. It is a terrific scheme and a wonderful opportunity for us all to showcase our marinas to each other's moorers, we are all looking forward to watching it develop over the coming months."

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BUFFET AT HIGHAM FERRERS

On 7th December at the Town Hall Chamber, Chairman of United Charities Higham Ferrers, Bert Jackson, welcomed Pressland Pensioners, Almshouse residents, The Mayor and fellow trustees to their Annual Christmas Buffet.

Mr Jackson went on to say it is great to be back at this lovely venue after so many years and thanked the fellow trustees for the preparation of the food and for their support.



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Christmas Fair at Hermitage House Care Home

Hermitage House Care Home in Thrapston was transformed into a festive wonderland for their Christmas Fair.

The home saw around 150 local people attend from the town and surrounding villages. On the day there were local business stall holders, live entertainment, Santa's grotto, and festive food and drink throughout.

"It was a truly magical family day out for our local community and our residents. I have to say, a great moment for our residents was getting everyone together to sing their favourite Christmas carols. It gave me goosebumps seeing everyone get together and having such a lovely time with their loved ones," said Home Manager, Clare Hedge.

Customer Relations Manager, Sarah-Beth Preston commented: "I would like to thank everyone who supported us at our Christmas Fair. I would also like to share our appreciation to our stallholders who had a pitch on the day: ENK Funky Crafts, Charity Knits, Glutter Luxe, Devika, Love is Sweet Enjoy a Treat, our tombola, our gingerbread decorating table and Santa's grotto. Due to everyone's hard work, we had a successful event."

The festive event attracted positive feedback such as "It's a lovely atmosphere, warm and

lively" and "The Santa's grotto is outstanding and the attention to detail is brilliant."

"Food at the event was also a massive hit.

We had mince pies, sausage rolls and hot chocolate, teas/coffees/cold drinks and Christmas cookies," said Client Services Manager, Gyalbo Tamang.

Home Administrator, Jess Grayson said: "One comment that stood out to me was from the parents of twin girls. They said that we were the first visit to Father Christmas they'd ever done so it was a big moment for them, and they loved their experience. I'm very glad we could make their first experience super special and personal."

Clare added: "We managed to raise nearly £500 which will go towards extra activities and additional day trips. We also had so much praise, and the community of Thrapston thoroughly enjoyed it. We can't wait to see what [2024] brings for events at Hermitage House."

If you want to know more about life at Hermitage House Care Home, please contact Customer Relations Manager, Sarah-Beth Preston on 07754 559 526 or via email at sarah-beth.preston@countrycourtcare.com



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
Sun 24 Tottenham Hotspur Stadium Tour
Tue 26 Barnsdale Gardens & Cream Tea
Thu 28 Canterbury
Thu 28 Canterbury Cathedral & Free Time
Sat 30 Greenwich & The Cutty Sark

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MARCH

11-15 MARCH TORQUAY'S HIDDEN TREASURES – £399.00pp

The TLH Carlton Hotel is a lovely 3 star hotel and Spa (TLH Leisure Resort) close to the sea front and town centre. Torquay is a seaside town located in Devon and is part of the stunning English Riviera. One of the UK's top holiday destinations since the Victorian times, Torquay has always been popular with tourists of all ages. The iconic palm trees, busy harbour and international marina create this beautiful town. There are 22 miles of coastline, cliffs, coves, beaches and walks with a climate that belongs much further south. Half Board and excursions included.

18-22 MARCH HOUSE PARTY & ABBA TRIBUTE – ALL INCLUSIVE

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The expertly crafted Christmas topper designs adorning some of Rushden's Post Boxes made for the perfect Christmas greeting when sending Christmas cards this festive season. Each design showcased a charming mouse theme.




The toppers were created by the crafty ladies of Rushden to add some festive cheer to the streets and raise an unexpected smile. Thanks to the Yarn Bombers of Rushden for their exceptional and creative contributions.

They have dedicated their time to spreading seasonal joy for 2023/24. Credits: Jill Bersey, Carolyn Howell, Margaret Turner, Julie West, Ellen Inwood and Michelle Stewart.





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

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 19th December, 7.30pm

Planning & Development Committee Meeting - Tuesday 9th January, 6.45pm

Environment & Recreation Committee Meeting - Tuesday 9th January, 7.30pm

Town Council Meeting - Tuesday 30th January, 7.30pm

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

Farmers Market - 27th January, 9am - 1pm - Market Square

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2023 THROUGH A LENS – NEW PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY IN FERRY MEADOWS

Over the past year, Nene Park Trust has run monthly photography competitions, receiving hundreds of entries highlighting the beauty of Nene Park. To celebrate their talented visitors, a photography exhibition is now on display in Ferry Meadows for all Park visitors to enjoy.

The exhibition features the 12 monthly competition winners, who were voted by Nene Park's social media followers, alongside a selection of other outstanding entries. It takes visitors on a year-long visual journey through the lens of skilled photographers, capturing the seasons, wildlife and landscapes at Nene Park.

The exhibition can be found in the heart of Ferry Meadows, running alongside the path by Overton Lake, between the Visitor Centre and Badger Play.

The 12 winning photographs also star in Nene Park Trust's

2024 fundraising calendar, available to buy at the Ferry Meadows Visitor Centre now for just £10. Every penny from calendar sales goes straight back into doing what they do best: nurturing and maintaining Nene Park.

The Trust thanks everyone who took the time to enter the competitions.

The entries displayed in the exhibition are credited to the following talented photographers:

Andy Jackson, Brett Jenkinson, Carl Radford, Charlie

Kisby, Charlotte Edwards, Charlotte Norris, Chris Storey, Claire Holden, Clare Ratcliffe, Daniel Youngs, David Arthur, Dawn Friend, Hazel Clifton, Heather Van Ness, Ieva Kariniauskiene, James Clapham, James Crumpton, Janet Warren, June Vajda, Karen Aylin, Lucy Braines, Mark Clegg, Mark Parker, Max Mobius, Monika Welch, Natalie Stageman, Pauline Cheung, Richard Mortlock, Rob Paskin, Rob Walker, Robin Gray, Sam Blunt, Steve Dytham and Trevor Henderson.



Nene Valley News – EVENTS

> SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY, 10.30AM

Countryside Walk: 'Strawberry Hill Forever'

A three-to-four mile walk in the countryside near the hamlets of Knotting and Knotting Green, just over the Bedfordshire border, including going through the wilds of Strawberry Hill, a farm acquired last year by the Wildlife Trust. Meet at 10.30am, outside the Church of St Margaret of Antioch, Melchbourne Road, Knotting MK44

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> SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY, 10.15AM

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Men United in Song supporting Prostate Cancer UK – Launching March 2024!

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Launching in March, this popular pop-up singing project will give 40 or more local men the opportunity to get involved and do something extraordinary... and YOU could be one of them!

Working over nine weeks towards a fantastic live performance in St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers on 11th May 2024, you'll learn to sing, meet new people, challenge yourself, perform live on stage AND raise money for a much-loved and very important charity – what's not to like?

No previous singing experience is necessary – just a willingness to step outside your comfort zone, get stuck in and give it a go. Last year's project was an overwhelmingly

positive experience for the men who took part, with comments including:

- "The hard work paid off! Thanks for finding something in us that most didn't know we had!"
- "Amazing, I never thought in a million years I'd ever sing in front of hundreds of people!"
- "Fantastic experience from the first rehearsal... thanks for getting us all through the journey!"

Men United in Song kicks off with Information & Sign-up Evenings, 7pm-9pm in Northampton Museum, 4-6 Guildhall Road, Northampton NN1 1DP on Wednesday 28th February and Wednesday 6th March. (Parking St John's Car Park NN1 1HA.)

This is NOT an audition and there's no big red buzzer! It's just an opportunity to find out more and get involved.

If you're looking for a fresh challenge and you'd

like to know more, get in touch to book your time slot and start your Men United in Song journey!

- Men United in Song 2024 rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings, 7-9 pm from 13th March at Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill Lane, Moulton NN3 7AX.
- The Men United in Song 2024 charity event supporting Prostate Cancer UK will take place in St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers on Saturday 11th May 2024.

To register your interest in attending an Information & Sign-up Evening, please visit the link below: forms.gle/Mej7a5DAoURG8VTq6 or scan the QR code in the advert:

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(CHAPEL LANE, IRLINGBOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Chapel Lane, Irlingborough as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Chapel Lane, Irlingborough from Spinney Rise to Duck End.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during pipe repair works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 30th January 2024 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 Peg's Lane and Freemans Lane.
If you require any further information please contact **Steve Fowler**
ref:- 23/24 – N425 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/001

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(SCHOOL LANE, DENFORD)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 School Lane, Denford as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of School Lane, Denford from midpoint of School Lane.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during stop tap replacement.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th January 2024 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 Ringstead Road and Church Lane.
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(NEWTON ROAD, RUSHDEN)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Newton Road, Rushden as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Newton Road, Rushden from the junction with Park Road to the junction with Church Street.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during new connection works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th January 2024 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 Newton Road, Liberty Way and Bedford Road.
If you require any further information please contact **Steve Fowler**
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(BROOKS ROAD, RAUNDS)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Brooks Road, Raunds as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Brooks Road, Raunds from the junction with Midland Road.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of new pipes.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd January 2024 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 six weeks.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use the opposite entrance.
If you require any further information please contact **Steve Fowler**
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(ROAD TO MERE FARM, RAUNDS)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 the road to Mere Farm in Raunds as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of the road to Mere Farm, Raunds from outside Mere Farm.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during logger to monitor changes in water pressure.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th January 2024 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 two days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Raunds Road, Church Road, Kimbolton Road and Shelton Road.
If you require any further information please contact **Steve Fowler**
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(OUNDE ROAD, BARNWELL)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Oundle Road, Barnwell as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Oundle Road, Barnwell from exit of A605 Thrapston Road.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety as underground access is required.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 31st January 2024 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 A605 Oundle bypass.
If you require any further information please contact **Steve Fowler**
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(MAIN STREET, THURNING)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Main Street, Thurning as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Thurning from the junction with Barnwell Road to outside dwelling (The Wheatshed).
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of logging meter.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th January 2024 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 two days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Thurning Road, Winwick Road and Loddington Road.
If you require any further information please contact **Steve Fowler**
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ADELE WYLIE
Executive Director of Customer & Governance (Monitoring Officer)



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MOULTON COLLEGE STUDENT TO STAR IN BBC TV SERIES

Moulton College Stonemasonry student Louise Regan is gracing TV screens on the new series of Make It at Market.

The show is presented by Dom Chinae alongside a team of business and craft experts who work together to help budding entrepreneurs make a living from their hobby. Student and artist Louise stars alongside a host of other artists and crafters in the series.

Louise, who is studying for her Level 3 Stonemasonry qualification, was encouraged to take part in the show by a fellow Moulton College student. After meeting with the show's makers, Flabbergast TV, Louise impressed producers with her talent and was invited to take part.

Filming took place over the summer at Waterperry

Gardens in Oxfordshire, with Louise showcasing her abilities by creating pieces crafted from Ancaster stone. She also had the chance to meet with Dom Chinae and a team of business and craft experts, receiving

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mentoring support and advice on how to transform her hobby into a full-time career.

Following the show, she has big plans for the future. She is also sharing her knowledge offering stone carving starter courses, introducing beginners to

this vital heritage craft.

"I learned so much on the show and am excited to put this knowledge into practice and kickstart my career," says Louise. "Stonemasonry is an important skill that should be retained and supported to help preserve the UK's history and culture and I love being able to shine a spotlight on it."

Corrie Harris, Principal and CEO of Moulton College says: "We are delighted that Louise's immense talent is being recognised and all that she has achieved so far."

Make it at Market is available on BBC iPlayer.
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HAVE YOUR SAY ON NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S SPENDING PLANS

The draft revenue budget for North Northamptonshire Council was approved for consultation by the Executive on 21st December and the council is now seeking views on its proposals for the next financial year.

People can take part in the consultation in a number of ways including:

- Completing the online survey.
 - Writing to: Budget Consultation Response, North Northamptonshire Council, Sheerness House, Meadow Road, Kettering NN16 8TL
- Please see the Your Voice Matters web page for more ways on how to have your say.

The Council's draft budget proposals set out a detailed spending strategy for the authority for the financial year 2024/2025 as well as outlining the medium-term financial forecast for the following three years.

Protecting and investing in local frontline services against a backdrop of continued national financial uncertainty is the focus of the proposals.

A commitment to maintain vital service provision has seen the Council invest an additional £53.4million into services, including adult social care and children's services, to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and address a growing need for services.

These pressures are, in part, offset by savings,

efficiencies and further income of £18.5m.

Taken together with an improvement in funding expected from business rates, Council Tax and government grants, the Council has been able to set a balanced budget for 2024/2025.

The proposed net revenue budget for 2024/2025 is £371.5 million. This money provides a range of services to residents and businesses across the area.

Cllr Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Our draft revenue budget is just that – a draft – and the consultation phase is a very important one in the budget setting process as it's essential that we get the views of all of the people the proposals affect before we can shape the final plans in February."

Government has permitted local authorities to increase the Council Tax rate by 4.99% in recognition of the increasing demand and cost pressures faced by Councils. As such the Council is proposing an increase in council tax of 4.99%, which includes the 2% adult social care precept. There is no change to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme which will continue at 25%.

The consultation on the proposals will run until midnight on Friday 26th January. The Executive will then meet on 8th February to consider final budget proposals for recommendation to Full Council on 22nd February.

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