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NEWS IN BRIEF

Project to help Corby be smarter and greener

A project which is seeking to establish Corby as a smart and green town through connected and clean technologies has begun.

As part of the Corby Towns Fund, North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) will install 15 Air Quality sensors to detect and report on pollution levels, alongside 25 traffic monitoring sensors.

The air quality sensors will collect data which will be stored on a publicly accessible digital dashboard. Residents will be able to see live air quality levels and it is hoped that the results will encourage more residents to use low carbon modes of transport.

The data collected from the traffic monitoring sensors will help NNC to look at and design future infrastructure across the town. The sensors will identify popular routes, areas of congestion and opportunities to improve movement around Corby - particularly important as the town grows and diversifies.

This project is funded by the UK Government through the Towns Fund.

OVER 10,000 TREES PLANTED IN NORTH NORTHANTS

As the tree planting season comes to an end, North Northamptonshire Council has planted 10,392 trees in parks, gardens, woodlands and other public sites since October 2023.

The planting season in North Northants concluded with two final plantings which helped contribute to the overall total for the area.

NNC's Ground Maintenance team, alongside volunteers from the Natural Ise Group and children from Hayfield Cross school, undertook a planting of more than 750 native trees within its second Tiny Forest, located within the Ise Valley Parkland, Kettering. Officers were on hand to offer expert advice and demonstrate tree planting techniques.

A Tiny Forest is a dense, fast-growing native woodland, about the size of a tennis court. These forests are not only great homes for butterflies, birds,

bees and other wildlife but also a place for people to connect with, and learn about, nature.

The planting was made possible using funding awarded as part of the Coronation Living Heritage Fund with materials, resources and parts of the aftercare all funded to help the Tiny Forest establish and thrive for future generations.

Separately, 420 whips were planted at Croyland Park, Wellingborough by Officers and Cllr Matt Binley in conjunction with the UP2U Youth Group and Wellingborough Eco Group.

Each tree planted was specifically chosen and supplied by the Woodland Trust as part of their Free Trees for Schools and Communities programme.

Cllr Matt Binley, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "Residents within North Northants benefit from some truly magnificent parks and open spaces and our teams are always looking for ways to improve them whilst enhancing the opportunities for nature to flourish within urban spaces. It is hoped that the trees planted today will provide the foundation for urban woodlands of the future.

"As we reach the end of the tree planting season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the council officers who have worked hard across the season as well as the dedicated volunteer groups



Planting at Croyland Park

who helped make this all possible."

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and the Environment, said: "10,000 trees will have a really positive impact on the environment in North Northamptonshire.

"Each of these trees will bring benefits for future generations and help to reduce our carbon footprint, improve air quality and

provide important habitats, as well as providing a legacy from the community planting events that have been instrumental in achieving this scale of planting."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "This level of planting is a true testament to the power of working together, not just internally but also reaching out and involving local communities to, hopefully, secure a legacy for the future."

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GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

Last time, I mentioned the last executions that had taken place in the UK and it made me wonder what exactly was on their death certificates. Yes, I do tend to have these morbid – but curious – thoughts! Although I do have a “murderer” in my family’s history, he was found guilty of manslaughter and released from prison after 8 years...

**WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON**

Remember – death certificates are more than just a record of where and how a person died. Sometimes, addresses can throw up information that you might not have thought about; hence the curiosity about finding that you have an ancestor who died in prison. How did it happen? Were they executed? Was it natural causes? Certainly more research would be required and more rabbit holes to

disappear down!

Another scenario is that you may have a family that lived at a house in The Drive, Erdington but the place of death was 18 Highcroft Road. You then scour your records to find out who else was living there that they might have been staying with. Don’t – it was the address of the Aston Infirmary. You may find that a child in your family was born at 1 Glaphorn Road, Oundle. Whose house was that? No-one’s – it was the address of the Oundle Workhouse. In 1904, the Registrar General

decided that there was no longer a need for a child’s birth to be registered as having been in the workhouse. A proper address was far more respectable! This also became the practice for death certificates from 1920.

Also, don’t rely on ages on death certificates to be accurate! Remember – the information was only as correct as the knowledge of the person registering the event. Age was not as important back in the day – there was no old age pension to be claimed so accuracy was not needed.



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MOULTON COLLEGE APPOINTS NEW PRINCIPAL AND CEO

Oliver Symons will join the Northamptonshire-based college this July, succeeding Corrie Harris, who is joining Loughborough College.

Oliver, who is currently Deputy Principal at Wiltshire College & University Centre, has a wealth of experience in the FE sector and is well known to Moulton College through his previous work with Landex, the national body for land-based colleges and universities. He was selected from a strong list of candidates following an extensive selection process involving students, staff, employers and the governing body.

Oliver says: “It is a privilege to be joining Moulton College as the new Principal and Chief Executive. Captaining ‘Team Moulton’ will be an honour and I look forward to working alongside all the talented

and dedicated staff to foster a culture of excellence, innovation and inclusivity, where every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed.

“We will build upon the college’s rich legacy, leading towards a future of continued success through meaningful collaboration with our students, staff and governors as well as the many employers and stakeholders within the communities we serve. I believe in the potential of Moulton College to be recognised as Outstanding, providing high-quality education and training that transforms lives and meets local, regional and national skills priorities. The opportunity to lead what

I consider to be one of the leading specialist colleges in the country, in what is such a pivotal time for the sector, is one that I am thrilled about and relishing the challenge.”

David McVean, Chair of Governors at Moulton College adds: “Oliver is the perfect appointment to build on the transformational progress that has happened at the College since Corrie Harris took over five years ago. The College is now financially stable and focused on ensuring that every student has the best possible experience and opportunity to achieve their full potential.

“I look forward to welcoming Oliver to Moulton College and wish him every success in his new role.”

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The national awards are organised by Certas Energy's Roadside Services division, which supports more than 400 service station sites across the UK, many of which are small, independent businesses.

Zarfeen (40) and Ali (38), who have run the business for 17 years, won the award for the impressive range of services available at their truck stop, which includes 220 truck parking spaces, a restaurant and bar with international cuisine, 24/7 shop, truck wash, and even gaming facilities.

Mum-of-three, Zarfeen said: "We're ecstatic! This has been 17 years in the making. In the early days, it was really challenging when we were running everything as a duo, but

now we have a fantastic team in place. We couldn't have done this without their hard work. Every push to keep improving has been worth it."

Their plans for the future include installing EV charging for both cars and HGVs.

The award was presented at a special ceremony held at Carden Park in Chester on Thursday 21st March, which gave independent service station owners like Zarfeen and Ali the opportunity to meet their contemporaries. It was also an opportunity to learn about future renewable energy solutions, such as the launch of EvoUltra, renewable diesel for retail sites, and Evolo, Certas's new EV charging solution.

Richard Billington,

Managing Director, Certas Roadside Services, said: "These awards are our way of celebrating the small businesses which show great business acumen and innovation in a tough industry."

"Being a small business owner can be very challenging and you can often feel quite isolated, so this is our way of thanking the teams that make up a network of service stations that keep our country moving."

The award was sponsored by SNAP. The SNAP payment system enables HGV operators, managers and drivers to use cashless transactions across Certas Energy's bunker network to pay for secure parking and truck wash facilities.



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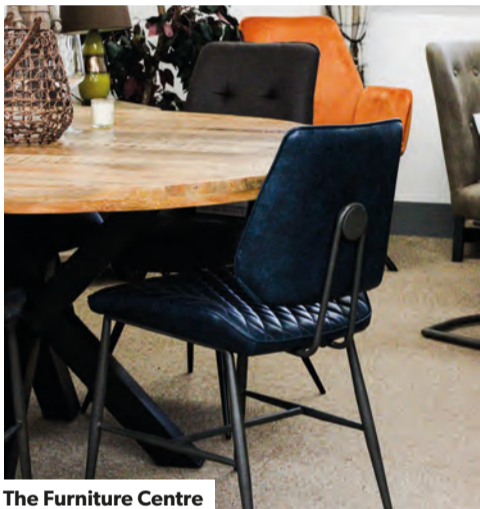
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£5 MILLION FUNDING BOOST FOR CULTURAL PROJECTS ACROSS NORTH NORTHANTS

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) has been provisionally allocated £5m of capital Levelling Up funding from Government for investment in cultural projects in the area.

To secure the allocation, NNC must complete an investment plan detailing the project(s) the funds would be used for and submit this to Government by 10th May 2024. It is now seeking projects to include in an investment plan.

Projects need to be of a significant scale, meaning at least £500k and/or have a strategic impact on the area and able to be completed by March 2026.

Cllr Helen Howell, the council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "Following the recent launch of the tourism strategy for Northamptonshire, it is fantastic that we have an opportunity to apply for this government funding. We are very fortunate to live in a rich tapestry with many cultural highlights and attractions. This funding, if approved, will help further influence and grow the cultural offering.

"There are many fantastic cultural organisations with truly passionate and knowledgeable volunteers here in North Northants and we want to

hear of their project plans. This funding could help to further develop this tapestry and shape North Northants into a must-visit cultural destination. We have not got long to make the bid, so I urge those interested to get in touch without delay."

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "This provisional funding allocation is great news and as with any funding we are allocated from Government, we like to ensure it gets to the projects that can make a positive impact on the area. This includes helping our economy to grow and creating jobs. So I would encourage anyone with a project in the pipeline to get in touch and submit a form before 22nd April 2024."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "We welcome this funding announcement which recognises the positive influence that cultural interventions can have on the prosperity of our communities and that North Northants is a priority area for Government."

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YOUR HEALTH – TONGUE TIE

WORDS BY
CLAIRE SHORT

I've had a number of questions about babies recently, so forgive me if I write a few pieces that focus on them. Don't worry, I'll manage to moan about the lawnmower at the same time – I'd hate to deprive you of my regular rant!

Tongue-tie (ankyloglossia) is a condition which affects up to 1 in 10 babies and also many adults. It involves the membrane that lies at the base of the tongue. When it is too short and tight it can stop the tongue moving properly and can cause difficulties in babies, and in adults.

In babies it can be particularly problematic because it can disrupt feeding.

Higham's tongue-tie and breast feeding consultant, Kate Walton, says that before tongue tie is treated in babies it's important to have a breast feeding assessment to ensure that tongue tie is the cause of the problems. It's no good having it snipped if it's not problematic.

So what are the signs of having tongue tie (I know, some of the things in the list below don't apply to adults, but I bet you check the shape of your tongue after reading the list!)

Your baby may have difficulties with:

- Extending or lifting the tongue
- Moving the tongue sideways
- Latching on
- Holding a dummy
- Reflux

- Wind
- Prolonged feeding sessions
- A heart-shaped tip of the tongue

Kate says she's seen a lot of babies for whom just changing the feeding position makes all the difference. And some of the positions you wouldn't think of doing yourself. She tells me that none of these positions involves a lawnmower, which I think is a good thing – I'd hate the lawnmower to suddenly be seen in a good light.

Now you've checked your own tongue, I'll tell you that an adult with tongue tie might get shoulder or neck pain, headaches, snoring, speech problems and difficulty swallowing pills.

Have you checked your tongue shape yet?!

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

FLORAL ARTISTRY ON SHOW AT RUSHDEN HALL

Rushden Town Council hosted an Easter Floral Workshop led by Jan's Floral Boutique of Rushden in Rushden Hall. It was a popular evening with many learning some new-found skills in the art of floristry and some wonderful floral masterpieces were created. A scent-ful and enjoyable evening was appreciated by all.



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> SUNDAY 14TH APRIL, 10.30AM

Countryside Walk: A 'Saltburn Saunter'

A 4-mile walk between Slipton and Lowick. Meet at the mini-layby on the sharp bend near the start of the road to Slipton that turns right off the Thrapston to Twywell. Nearest postcode is NN14 3JL (Islip Lodge). Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden – Details from Andrew Presland, 01933 316927.

> SUNDAY 21ST APRIL, 9.30AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact Josephine 01933 228486. 5-mile walk in the Maidwell area via Dale Farm and Blueberry Hill and Lodge.

> SUNDAY 21ST APRIL, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Morning Worship

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. All are welcome. Details from Andrew Presland, 01933 316927.

> SUNDAY 28TH APRIL, 10.15AM

Whitefriars Church Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive.

> SUNDAY 5TH MAY, 9.25AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact Mark 07462 422097. Join Mark for a 7-mile walk in the Hartwell – Salcey Forest area.

> SATURDAY 11TH MAY, 11AM TILL 3PM

RAFA Rushden & District Branch Craft Fair

At the Rushden Athletic Club Newton Rd NN10 0HF. There will be a variety of stalls including cakes, handmade crafts from fabric, wool, resin, hand painted glassware and more.

> 11TH & 12TH MAY, 12-5PM BOTH DAYS

Thurning Fairy Trail

Family Day Out. Fairy Trail, mini rides, face-painting, refreshments, BBQ, bar. No dogs please. Thurning Feast Field, PE28 5RE. £5 person. Children under 3 years free! Pay on entry, cash or card. Contact email: alisonajp@aol.com

> 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 1PM-3PM

RAFA Rushden & District Craft and Social Community Group

We meet at the Rushden Athletic Club Newton Road. Open to all. Members are free, Non-members £3. You can either craft, chat or bring something that you like to do.

The Yarwell and Nassington Britannia Band will be putting on a concert in Nassington Church on Friday 26th April and tickets are now on sale.

It is 40 years since the miner's strike. It is 30 years since the Grimethorpe Colliery closed, the same year that they went on to win the National Brass Band Championships in the Albert Hall. And it is over 10 years since the Kingscliffe Players performed the stage production of Brassed Off which featured our band. So we thought it would be a good opportunity to bring all that together with a Brassed Off themed concert. There are

plenty of great tunes that you will know, including 'Danny Boy' and 'Land of Hope and Glory'. And we have a real treat for you with the Grand Final performance of William Tell. And if that is not enough, then Tony Cooper, as compere, will share some of his really bad jokes!

Tickets are now available from all the usual places: The Nassington Stores, Moulds Butchers, Instep Foot Clinic in Wansford. You can also buy them online from Eventbrite. Invite your friends, bring all your family. It is going to be a really entertaining evening.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Rushden Town Council are pleased to provide a series of free workshops that will be running over the school summer holidays for local children.

The workshops are all curriculum based and hosted by a professional company that deliver similar sessions into schools. These workshops are designed to offer action-packed, fun-filled interactive sessions suitable for Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 & 2 (4-11yrs).

Activities include Olympic Dance, African Drumming, Circus Skills and Birds of Prey and run over a four-week period with Olympic Dance commencing 24th July. These workshops are completely free.

Each session is 45 minutes and available to children aged 4 years and upwards. Parents/carers must be present at all times. Early booking is recommended to secure a place.

Please note that a £5 deposit is required to secure each place and will be fully refunded, in cash on the day. This has been introduced to avoid places being booked and not attended. Payment information will be forwarded once a place has been booked through the website. Children can apply for more than one place. Apply now! To book, visit: <https://bit.ly/4acghjZ>

FREE! children's Olympic Dance

Get your children up and moving with our exciting dance workshop!

Rushden Town Council has arranged a series of workshops that will introduce your child to the world of dance through interactive games and routines inspired by the Olympics.

When: Wed 24th July

Where: The Walled Garden Hall Park. NN10 9ES

Times: 10am-3.30pm

45 minute sessions running throughout the day

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Raunds Coffee Afternoon

at Saxon Hall, Raunds
Wednesday 1st May 2024
Refreshments served From 1pm
1:30pm – 3pm

Crafts

Come along and decorate a plant pot

£1 entry
(includes tea/coffee and cake)

Email info@raunds-tc.gov.uk or Ring 01933 622087 between 9:00 am – 2.30pm to reserve your seat

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RAUNDS FILM AFTERNOON

Come & meet new friends

Showing at Saxon Hall, Raunds on **Wednesday 17th April 2024**

Refreshments served from **12:45pm**
Film starts at **1:30pm**

No under 18's permitted without an adult
£1 entry (includes tea/coffee & cake)

Email info@raunds-tc.gov.uk or Ring 01933 622087 between 9:00am – 2.30pm to reserve your seat.

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RAUNDS MUSIC FESTIVAL LINE-UP

Raunds Music Festival will return from 30th April to 6th May 2024. The four-day indoor festival concentrates mostly on folk, roots and acoustic music, but the festival includes local performers, song 'n' tune free sessions, grassroots and established artists.

The Saturday night concert kicks off with the Jigantics. The Jigantics display tremendous musicianship and breadth of material of different styles, from blues, to modern folk to cajun. Duncan McFarlane Band headline, an energetic folk-rock band with fiddle, guitars, melodeon, bass and drums. Their heady blend of traditional folk, with driving rhythms and vibrant energy, has gone down a storm with festival audiences across the UK – don't miss them at Raunds!

Sunday night sees the return of Sam Carter, a BBC Folk Award winning guitarist and singer-songwriter, who combines the observational with social comment and personal reflection: love songs, sad songs, angry songs, topical songs (the floods, Grenfell). Hannah Sanders and Ben Savage, a folk duo singing intimate duets with mountain dulcimer, dobro and guitar, will also make an appearance.

There is a full weekend of music – the Sunday afternoon features two great folk acts, James Delarre and Saul Rose, and the traditional singer Damian Barber.

On Friday there will be a Festival Ceilidh with a farewell performance from Ock'N'Dough and friends, music guaranteed to get you on to the dancefloor. The organisers promise a wonderful evening for all ages at the Saxon Hall.

Do not miss Robin Hillman's performance 'Death of a Clown' at the Raunds Library, the Community Choir at the Methodist Church, or Raunds Ukulele Orchestra and the Different Direction Choir at the Saxon Hall. The festivities start off with free Fringe events at the Red Lion and George and Dragon from 30th April.

The Festival is staged in the Saxon Hall, with good seats and the opportunity to choose from real ales, soft drinks, hot drinks and good food from Blue Surf Pod to keep you going.

Tickets are available from Raunds Hardware & Pet Supplies, call the Festival Hotline 07756 015615 or go to the website: www.raundsfestival.com, where you can see a full list of acts.

WOODFORD VINTAGE FESTIVAL

Trade stands, small steam engines, classic cars and motorcycles, kids entertainment, live music and beer festival. Viking and wild west displays.

18th and 19th May 2024 10am-5pm. £5 entrance for all over 16, kids free. Free Parking.

COUNCIL ISSUES WARNING AFTER OAKLEY VALE LAKE CONTAMINATED

North Northamptonshire Council has issued a warning to residents, including pet owners, after Oakley Vale lake was found to be contaminated with oil.

The council is working hard to contain the oil which will then be cleared away by an external contractor, but in the meantime residents are being asked to keep away and make sure pets do not enter the lake.

Having conducted checks, it appears that the oil has been deliberately dumped into the culvert which feeds into the lake.

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration (which covers Environmental Protection), said: "This is a really

disappointing case, especially as it would appear that it was a deliberate act. I would ask that residents follow our advice and stay away from the lake until we have completed the clear-up to protect yourself and pets."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "The Environment Agency have been made aware of the measures we are taking to manage and mitigate the damage to the lake. Residents should be assured that we are working hard to contain and clear the oil as soon as possible."

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NASSINGTON GARDENS ON SHOW 2024

Hundreds of visitors are expected to descend on Nassington on the weekend of 29th-30th June to wander through this lovely Northamptonshire village and take a look into the gardens open to visitors. Between 15 and 20 gardens will be open each day.

Visitors will be able to draw ideas from a wide spectrum of gardens – from courtyard to new build, from modern through to Prebendal Manor.

The Manor's garden is understood to be Europe's largest recreated medieval garden, although in the last few years the gardens have been adapted beyond the medieval structures and planted to provide a longer flowering season with many sweet-smelling repeat-flowering David Austen roses. It has been featured on BBC2, Radio 4 and in top magazines including Country Life.

Tea, cakes and other

refreshments at the church will keep everyone going and the weekend will also feature some craft stalls, so it promises something for all the family. The Village Hall will be open for ice creams and soft drinks

Entry is £5 per person each day, children under 16 free, with the proceeds going to support St Mary's Church, Nassington. The event is expected to attract many visitors over the weekend. The gardens will be open from 1pm to

5pm each day and car-parking provision has been arranged.

Gardeners in the village are already working hard on their gardens and the village will soon be laying out the chairs, putting up its parasols and throwing open its gardens. Organiser Hilary Hardie said: "We last opened our gardens in 2022 when we had an amazing turnout. There will be a garden tour guide and visitors are bound to go home with ideas for their own gardens."

The event is part of the National Open Gardens initiative. For more information contact Paul Tate: ptate6199@gmail.com or Hilary Hardie: hilary.hardie@btinternet.com

St Lawrence School, Wymington visits The Friends of Rushden Hall

Rushden Town Council welcomed children from St Lawrence Church of England Primary School, Wymington, to join the Friends of Rushden Hall for a game of bingo following a request from the school.

The children were keen to come along and meet community group members after learning of the Warm Welcome Spaces initiative

scheme endorsed by Rushden Town Council.

Councillor Janet Pinnock delivered a brief presentation about the scheme to the

children, whilst Councillors David Coleman and Barbara Jenney helped host and Adrian Winkle became Bingo caller for the afternoon.

Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon with a few excited winners.

The Friends of Rushden Hall is a group that meets on Friday afternoons at Rushden Hall, providing a welcoming space for visitors to socialise whilst enjoying activities and complimentary refreshments.

The Warm Welcome Spaces scheme was formed to combat isolation and provide warmth and welcome through the power of Local Spaces made by and for the community.



Northants YFC County Rally



Saturday 25th May 2024

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SOLICITORS

North Northamptonshire Council works with local businesses on tree plantings

Teams from the council recently joined forces with 70 volunteers from local businesses and community groups to plant more than 650 trees at sites across Corby and Kettering.

Companies and groups including Axil Integrated Services Ltd, BakeAway, Ricoh UK Ltd, RS Components and Natural-Ise all took part in plantings at sites to help boost canopy cover and ensure future growth on existing shelterbelts and parklands.

All trees planted by the 70 volunteers were a mixture of 14 different native species including: Rowan, Wild Cherry, English Oak, Hawthorn and Silver Birch. It is hoped that the trees will succeed and eventually replace those which may be lost to diseases such as Ash Dieback.

The scheme, led by the council, offered residents the chance to be involved with tree planting in local communities and opportunities for outdoor learning, as well as creating a lasting legacy.

Mia Dely, category manager for RS, said: "In the name of all the RS PRO team, we would like to thank the NNC team for organising such an amazing day. We felt it was well organised with clear instructions and amazing people who explained our job role very well and helped when needed. We truly feel you are doing an amazing job and we tried our best today."

Cllr Harriet Pentland, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Climate and the Green Environment, said: "Activities and sessions like this have such an impact with every single tree planted making a positive difference to our natural environment."

"We are committed to providing quality green spaces and community engagement is key to ensuring that green spaces are cared for in

generations to come. I would encourage other businesses and volunteers to get involved and make contact with our teams."

These recent plantings coincide with wider work being completed by NNC across the area to increase the canopy cover and replace trees lost through disease and climate change.

So far this season, the council's Grounds Services and Parks and Woodlands teams have planted a further 7,175 whips working with a number of partners including Friends of Groups, Tree Wardens, school groups and businesses across the five NNC country parks and Corby woodlands. In addition to the whips, the team were also responsible for the planting of the King's Tree, marking the King's Coronation, in Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods, Corby.

All volunteers were supported by NNC Officers who provided expert knowledge on tree planting techniques, aftercare and the use of urban greenspaces. Anyone who wishes to be involved with volunteering and supporting community initiatives can contact the council.



SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN KETTERING

North Northamptonshire Council has reviewed the timings and operation of 36 pedestrian crossings in Kettering in an effort to improve road safety levels.

As part of the council's active travel plans, a review of signal timings and operation within the Kettering area has taken place to increase the use of crossings i.e. pedestrians using the crossing and then waiting for the green man before crossing.

On average, the 36 crossings will now operate on average 20% quicker, reducing the time pedestrians have to wait before being able to cross. Drivers should see minimal difference to their journey times.

NNC is trialling the changes in the Kettering area and will be reviewing the impact of changes, before considering whether to look at pedestrian crossings across the wider area.

Cllr Matt Binley, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "By making changes, reducing the amount of time pedestrians have to wait before the lights change and they can cross the road, we are looking to encourage everyone to use the formal, designated crossing points more, which will in turn hopefully improve road safety levels."

"A lot of work has been completed by officers to look at the previous timings of the crossings and a review will continue to take place to analyse the impact of the changes."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "As a Council, we are always looking at ways we can encourage active travel and this project is part of a wider focus on cycling and walking infrastructure across North Northamptonshire, all designed to help people get out and about, living healthier lifestyles."

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (BRICK KILN ROAD & NORTH STREET, 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 those lengths of Brick Kiln Road and North Street, Raunds as set out below.
LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Brick Kiln Road and North Street, Raunds from the junction of Elizabeth Close and Brick Kiln Road to the junction of Rotton Row and North Street.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during full width resurfacing works and pedestrian crossing (Section 278).
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 6th May 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 roads will be restricted for up to 6 days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use London Road, Wellington Street, Grove Street, Brook Street, High Street and North Street.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N491 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/084

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (BRIDGE STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)
(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 Bridge Street, Oundle as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe from Morehay Lane to outside number 17.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during new connection works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 29th April 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 three days.
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Blathewycke Road, A43 Bulwick Bypass, Benefield Road, Glapthorn Road, Cotterstock Road, Woodnewton Road, Oundle Road and Apethorne Road.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N563 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/153

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (STOKE DOYLE ROAD, OUNDLE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Stoke Doyle Road, Oundle as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Stoke Doyle Road, Oundle from the junction with Warren Bridge into Stoke Hill.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during masonry repairs to A&V damaged parapet.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 22nd April 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 West Street, New Street, Black Pot Lane, Station Road, Oundle Bypass and Stoke Doyle Road.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N524 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/099

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (Oundle Road, LUTTON)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Oundle Road, Lutton as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Oundle Road, Lutton from Tansor Road to Warmington Road.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during cabling works.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd April 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 Emington Road, Luddington Road, B660, Main Street and Bullock Road.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N557 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/143

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (LOWICK LANE, ALDWINDLE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024
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 Lowick Lane, Aldwinde as set out below.
LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Lowick Lane, Aldwinde from the junction of Baulks Lane to the junction with Main Street.
REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during tree trimming.
PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 16th April 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 Main Street and Lowick Road.
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 23/24 – N570 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/170

Dated this 13th day of April 2024
ADELE WYLIE
Executive Director of Customer & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

HERMITAGE HOUSE CARE HOME 1ST BIRTHDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

On Tuesday 26th March, staff and residents of Hermitage House Care Home in Thrapston celebrated the first anniversary of the home's opening. There was a 'Great Gatsby' theme with colour-coordinated decorations to set the scene. Staff and residents enjoyed dressing up in costumes and were entertained by a singer, close-up magician and caricaturist.



the local community for your dedicated support since our grand opening in early March 2023."

Looking to the future, Sarah Knight expressed aspirations for Hermitage House Care Home to remain an integral part of the Thrapston community, committed to upholding the highest standards of care for residents and their families. She added: "Thank you for being part of our journey."

After the speech, resident Renee happily assisted in cutting the cake to mark the occasion. This prompted many cheers and proud smiles from all present. Activity Coordinator, Margaret Bird reflected: "It was a lovely atmosphere to be part of."

Guests enjoyed a Gatsby-themed menu created by Chef Manager Leonard

Grigoriu and his team. They also had the opportunity to sample the Country Court Signature Mocktail 'Mr and Mrs Collins' created by Client Services Manager, Gyalbo Tamang. Entertainment was provided by guest singer Jamie, who performed a range of 1920s-inspired classics. Everyone was captivated by the magic of close-up magician Sam and left in stitches by caricature artist Suzie.

"Resident Bob Caswell particularly enjoyed guest singer Jamie's performance and eagerly sang a song himself, reminiscing about his days as a performer. With his family by his side, Bob took centre stage for his performance," said Front of House Team Member, Janet Johnson.

The festivities left guests filled with positivity.

Comments such as "We've thoroughly enjoyed this afternoon. There was so much to do, far beyond our expectations," and "We can't believe it's been a year since Hermitage House opened. It's a wonderful addition to

Thrapston," echoed throughout the care home.

For more information about Hermitage House Care Home, please contact the home at 01832 430 084 or via email at hermitagehouse@countrycourtcare.com

For more information contact: Faith Ranson, Marketing Executive, Tel: 01733 571951/ 07754 559 351, Email: marketing@countrycourtcare.com



To get the afternoon underway, Deputy Manager Sarah Knight delivered a heartfelt speech, expressing gratitude to the community, residents, families and staff. She remarked: "Thank you all for joining us today as we commemorate the one-year milestone of Hermitage House Care Home. I extend my genuine appreciation to our residents, staff, families and



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