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More food for thought!

This summer term the pupils and teachers from Alfred Lord Tennyson School have been involved in The Rotary Club of Rushden's Young Horticulturist Project – and what a summer term they have had!

Their vegetable gardens were not ready to plant up until the end of March due to the inclement weather and so they began mid-April and have had amazing success.

On 2nd July, several Rotarians, with Linnet Smith from Encompass Foodbank, were invited to the school's first harvest and potatoes were on the agenda!

What the Rotarians found on their arrival was a thoroughly enthusiastic team of pupils and teachers (lead teacher Alison Pearson and school governor Carol Kirby) who have immersed themselves in their school garden project to produce a variety of vegetables such as carrots, cucumbers and onions.

In the next few weeks the pupils will harvest the rest and sell them at their summer fair to raise funds for the Encompass Foodbank in Rushden. This project will continue next year and has been supported with funding from NCC and ASDA.

PRECIOUS PEREGRINE PRINT UNVEILED – AND A SMALLER VERSION IS ON THE CARDS

When members of Higham Ferrers Tourism Committee saw a painting featuring the town's famous peregrine falcons, they knew they had to have a copy.

The painting had been created by acclaimed artist Ophelia Redpath, who used to live in the town, and who had been invited back to give a talk at the recent Arts Weekend, which was organised by The Friends of St Mary's and Higham Ferrers Tourism.

Ophelia is the Sky Landscape Artist of the Year 2021 and she painted the peregrine falcons which had made a home in St Mary's Church spire as a tribute to the time she lived in the town.

"We loved that painting from the moment it was unveiled at the Arts Weekend and we recently voted to get a print. I am thrilled to say that we got the first of 100 prints," said Liz Barnatt, Higham Tourism's chairperson.

The print was framed and displayed on an easel and unveiled at a special 'Thank You' evening for local gardeners who took part in the recent Secret Gardens of Higham Ferrers. Noted auctioneer Richard Barnwell, the guest speaker for the

evening, lent a hand unveiling the precious peregrine print.

The print has found a home in the town's historic Chichele College and it will be displayed at many future events in the venue.

"We are also planning to get small cards printed of the peregrine painting, the idea being to offer them as gifts or thank-you cards. Ophelia has given us permission to do this, and I am sure there are a lot of people who might want to buy a smaller version of this fabulous painting," Liz added.



The peregrines have landed: Unveiling a copy of Ophelia Redpath's peregrine painting are, from left, guest speaker Richard Barnwell, Pam Webbley of The Friends of St Mary's and Liz Barnatt, chair of Higham Ferrers Tourism. Photograph courtesy of Steve Garratt

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Council re-signs **Armed Forces Covenant**

To coincide with Armed Forces Week, at the end of June, representatives from North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) alongside the Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire re-signed a nationally recognised document, the Armed Forces Covenant (AFC). This reaffirms the council's pledge to continue to support members of the Armed Forces across North Northamptonshire.

The AFC is a commitment that the council acknowledges and understands that those who serve, or have served, in the Armed Forces and their families should be treated with fairness and respect in all aspects of their life.

Recognising the unique obligations of, and sacrifices made by, the Armed Forces, its two principles are that:

- Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served

in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.

- Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most, such as the injured and the bereaved.

Councillor Helen Howell, Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, re-signed the Covenant on behalf of the council.

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Re-signing the Covenant is more than just a piece of paper. Our actions speak for themselves and 365 days a year, teams across the council are supporting ex and current service personnel in any way we can."

"One example of this is the new housing development at Cheltenham Road, in Corby. It has 18 new homes that have been designed with members of the Armed Forces in mind and will be a great asset to the area, when complete."

More information about Cheltenham Road is available on the NNC website (northnorthants.gov.uk/communities/armed-forces-covenant/cheltenham-road-development-site) and further updates will be published in the coming months. You can find out more about how NNC supports the Armed Forces across the area on the council's dedicated Armed Forces Covenant web pages (northnorthants.gov.uk/communities/armed-forces-covenant).

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

It is a good idea to remember this when trying to find some of our elusive ancestors. Whilst today's children often have their own rooms, back in the day – and even when I was a child – families were so large that many shared their room... if not the bed! In Lulworth in Dorset, the Dolls' House has 'timber-framed walls covered with plaster and a tiled roof. It consists of a front living room with two bedrooms above and a lean-to scullery behind.' It was home to a fisherman, his wife – and their 12 children! Little wonder that, in many cases, children left home as soon as they could! However, if you have been using the siblings in order to nail down an ancestor, this can be difficult if they have also decided to move on.

Your ancestor might be aged 8 in the 1851 census, living with their family and then you find them in 1871 aged 28, married, with a couple of children of their own. But where were they in 1861?

Recently, I was looking for an ancestor on behalf of someone. His parents knew where he had been born and so it was recorded in 1851 as the name of the village. However, in that census, the family had moved to a large nearby town. In subsequent censuses, the name of that town was given as the place of birth.

I have also seen an instance where someone was born in Castor but living in Durham and their place of birth recorded as Peterborough. In this case, there were several Peterborough possibilities that could have been our chap. But then came the elimination part. If you can find them in subsequent censuses and they turn out not to be the one that you are looking for, then the one that is left probably is – even as far away as Durham! People did move away sometimes, so it is always possible.

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Your Health – **Scans and X-rays**

WORDS BY
CLAIRE SHORT

MRI images! They're like the superhero X-ray vision we all dreamt of as kids. But, before you start imagining yourself as the next Doctor Strange, let's talk about why these high-tech pictures can sometimes be as misleading as a magician's trick.

We often get patients at the clinic who arrive holding their MRI scans like frightening treasure maps, hoping they've found the "X marks the spot" of their discomfort. But, here's a little secret: MRI images don't always tell the full story.

Imagine looking at a photo of a cake. You might see layers of chocolate, creamy frosting, and sprinkles on top. Delicious, right? But, just from the photo, you can't tell if it's a mouth-watering masterpiece or if someone added salt instead of sugar! MRIs are a bit like that cake photo. They show us the structures inside your body in



incredible detail, but they can't always explain the taste – or in medical terms, the symptoms, as obviously we don't eat our patients.

That's where our expert osteopaths and ace cake-makers, Brooke and Ollie, come in. Brooke and Ollie know their way around a mixing bowl, but they're equally skilled at correlating symptoms with scan results, to find out what's really going on for you.

A therapist's job is to correlate the images with your symptoms, medical history, and physical

examination to get the full picture. That minor disc bulge on your MRI? It might look scary, but it could be harmless. Meanwhile, the real culprit of your back pain could be tight muscles, poor movement, or even stress.

So, the next time you're puzzled by an MRI scan, don't panic: it's not the whole cake.

And remember not to put the lawnmower near an MRI scanner as the strong magnets will pull it to pieces. It's probably best not to feed it cake either.

Have a cake-filled week!

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

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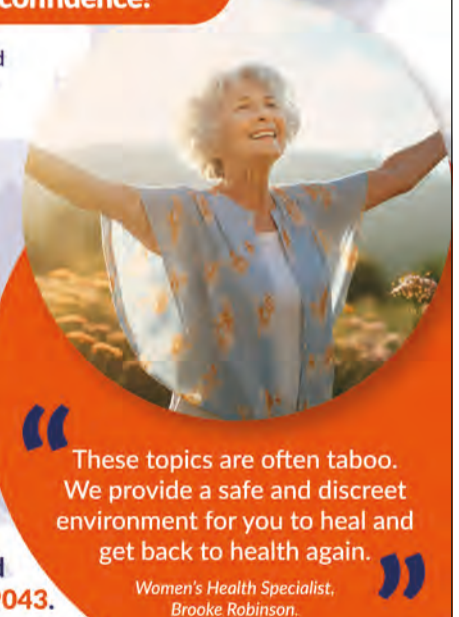
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FOUR PARKS ACROSS NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RECEIVE COVETED GREEN FLAG AWARDS

North Northamptonshire Council is celebrating after receiving Green Flag Awards for Coronation Park, East Carlton Countryside Park, Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods and Rockingham Road Pleasure Park.

There is in fact cause for a double-celebration as Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods has been awarded the Green Flag for the 10th consecutive year.

The accreditation, an international quality mark for parks and green spaces, is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the teams across North Northamptonshire that care for these spaces so that everyone can enjoy them.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and the Green Environment, said: "Green spaces are so important and vital for communities across North Northamptonshire and the news that four sites have retained their Green Flags for 2024/25 is excellent."

"I would like to take this opportunity to highlight that Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods has now held a Green Flag for 10 consecutive years – this is a huge accolade and something the team should be extremely proud of."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Teams across North Northamptonshire work extremely hard, alongside dedicated community groups, to keep all our open spaces clean and tidy and I would like to thank them for

their work and congratulate everyone involved."

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd MBE, said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved on achieving a Green Flag Award."

"Coronation Park, East Carlton Countryside Park, Hazel and Thoroughsale Woods and Rockingham Road Pleasure Park are vital green space for communities in North Northants to socialise, enjoy nature, for children to play safely and it provides important opportunities for park users to improve their physical and mental health."

"We know that staff and volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award, everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement."

"It is important that our free-to-use spaces are maintained to the Green Flag Award standard, making them accessible for all members of the community while ensuring the environment is protected."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the UK and around the world.

Expansion of North Northamptonshire SEND primary school agreed

Executive members at North Northamptonshire Council have agreed to expand Rowan Gate Primary School onto the former Wilby School CEVA Primary School site.

Rowan Gate Primary School is a community day special school for pupils from four years of age and accommodates children with:

- Cognition and Learning Needs (Severe Learning Disabilities)
- Communication and Interaction Needs (Autistic Spectrum Disorder)

Children may also have:

- Sensory and/or Physical Needs
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs (SLCN)
- Complex medical needs

The school will initially accommodate up to 30 pupils in Reception to Year 1.

At an Executive Meeting on Thursday 11th July it was agreed that refurbishments of the Wilby School building, once vacated in July 2024, will progress so that the school can move in ready for the start of the school term in September 2024.

Cllr Scott Edwards, Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, said: "In November last year when the Executive approved Wilby School to relocate to the newly built school in Glenvale Park Estate, work was undertaken to

assess the options for the vacated Wilby School building to ensure its continued effective use with consideration.

"With the severe shortage of SEND school places in North Northants at the forefront of our minds, an assessment of the Wilby School building was undertaken to determine its suitability to occupy children with special educational needs."

"Now it has been given the go-ahead, the Council will acquire the freehold of the Wilby School site from the Archdeacon of Northampton who represents the Church of England Diocese and effectively swap the Glenvale and Wilby school sites."

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "Our vision for North Northamptonshire is to create a place where everyone has the best opportunities and quality of life and we are committed to delivering better and brighter futures for all of our children and young people. This means providing them with a high-quality education and opportunities to help them flourish."

"The expansion will provide an opportunity to support our children to access the special needs education and facilities that enable the achievement of the best outcomes, meaning that they can flourish."

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- Sat 10 Margate
- Sun 11 Skegness Carnival Day
- Mon 12 Norfolk Broads River Trip
- Tue 13 Kennet Vale Horse Drawn Boat Trip
- Wed 14 Rutland Belle River Cruise & Oakham
- Thu 15 Windsor OR Windsor Castle
- Fri 16 Canterbury OR Whitstable
- Sat 17 Eastbourne Airshow
- Sat 17 Hunstanton
- Sun 18 Great Yarmouth
- Tue 20 Cleethorpes
- Wed 21 Wye Valley Cruise & Lunch
- Thu 22 London Free Time OR Museums
- Thu 22 Kensington Palace
- Fri 23 Clacton Airshow
- Sat 24 Weston Super Mare
- Sun 25 Shakespeare Express Train
- Sun 25 Mablethorpe
- Mon 26 Skegness - Bank Holiday
- Wed 28 Leamington Spa & Guide Dogs
- Wed 28 Dolly - Hello Dolly West End Show
- Thu 29 Kew Palace & Gardens
- Fri 30 Cirencester Market Day
- Sat 31 Chessington World of Adventure, Zoo & Aquarium

SEPTEMBER

- Sun 1 Skegness
- Tue 3 Springfields
- Tue 3 Spalding
- Sat 7 Buckingham Palace & Free Time
- Mon 9 Bakewell Market & Haddon Hall
- Wed 11 Sheringham & NNRW
- Thu 12 Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
- Fri 13 Southwold
- Sat 14 Scarborough
- Tue 17 Moreton & Bourton
- Wed 18 Stratford Upon Avon OR Gin/Rum Cruise
- Thu 19 Starlight Express London Show
- Fri 20 Derbyshire Lunch & River Cruise
- Sat 21 Bressingham Steam & Gardens
- Sun 22 Hunstanton, Soap Box Derby
- Tue 24 Constable Country
- Wed 25 Skipton OR Skipton Cruise & Cream Tea
- Thu 26 Cotswold Tour
- Sat 28 Bletchley Park Code Breakers
- Sat 28 Milton Keynes Shopping
- Sun 29 Malvern Autumn Show

OCTOBER

- Wed 2 Shrewsbury Cruise & British Iron Works
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- Fri 4 Gloucester Cathedral
- Sun 6 Skegness
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> NEW ART STUDIO BRINGING LIFE BACK TO RUSHDEN TOWN CENTRE

Occupying what was once a teddy bear factory that had fallen into disrepair in Rushden town centre, the brand-new Scribble Studio boasts a lofty, airy space specifically designed for creative classes, groups and courses.

Light pours in through large windows, where you can catch a scenic glimpse of St Mary's church spire and clock, Scribble Studio is an inspiring space for all creative endeavours. The studio has everything you might need, including a large Belfast art sink and easels. It is the brainchild of local artist Sally Hunt, who until its opening, was running her drawing and painting classes in a hired room at The Salvation Army, Rushden. Sally says: "I wanted to make a creative



Scribble Studio

space for Rushden to help bring back some heart and soul to the town centre. And now with this dedicated studio, it's not just me offering art classes. Other local artists are hiring the space for their classes too. The dream of bringing creativity to Rushden is well underway!"

In a fast-paced world, it is important to slow down now and again. Getting involved in a creative pastime not only gains you new skills and a greater appreciation of the world around you, but it can also induce feelings of relaxation, lessening stress and anxieties. It is also an opportunity to form strong friendships with like-minded people who share your love for art and imagination.

You will find Scribble Studio hiding down the alleyway between the shoe shop and tattoo parlour on Church Street, Rushden NN10 9YT. However the studio is only open when classes are on, so to find out more visit <http://Scribble-Studio.co.uk> or email contact@scribble-studio.co.uk. You can also follow what's

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> NORTH NORTHANTS COUNTRY PARKS

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Valve tower and dam, Sywell



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WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER IN YOUR COUNTRY PARKS

Date	Where	What
1 August 2024	Sywell Country Park	Wild Wood Natural Play
5 August 2024	Fermyn Woods Country Park	Wild Wood Natural Play
6 August 2024	Fermyn Woods Country Park	Survival Skills
7 August 2024	Barnwell Country Park Irchester Country Park	Pond Dipping Paint a Pot
8 August 2024	Sywell Country Park	Pond Dipping
9 August 2024	Irchester Country Park	Ranger Rex
13 August 2024	Irchester Country Park	Ranger Rex
16 August 2024	East Carlton Country Park	Paint a Pot
20 August 2024	East Carlton Country Park Fermyn Woods Country Park	Paint a Pebble Family Forest School
21 August 2024	Barnwell Country Park Irchester Country Park	Pond Dipping Paint a Pebble
27 August 2024	Fermyn Woods Country Park	Family Forest School
28 August 2024	Barnwell Country Park	Pond Dipping

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The rangers are passionate about increasing biodiversity and work hard to create a wide range of habitats, resulting in a variety of native British insects, birds, animals and plants calling the parks their home. Keep your eyes peeled, you never know what you might see.

The education team provide a wide range of opportunities to take part in activities all year round, not just the summer holidays. The programme of events start for children as young as two years old and goes up to the young at heart.

Working with North Northants Leisure we have just launched our new Love Exploring App trails which uses a smartphone to find the AR dinosaurs in the parks.

Changing Place toilets have recently been installed at Barnwell, Fermyn, East Carlton and Irchester Country Parks to help even more people enjoy some time outside.

For more information about NNC's country parks and activities to enjoy please visit www.northnorthants.gov.uk/country-parks

> ACTIVE FAMILIES FUNDAY – RUSHDEN

This August, North Northamptonshire is set to come alive with the sound of laughter and joy as it hosts the highly anticipated FREE Active Families Fun Days 2024. Mark your calendars because every Wednesday throughout the month promises a day filled with excitement and entertainment for all ages.

The Rushden event will take place on Wednesday 28th August at Spencer Park, NN10 6UL.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Active Families Fun Days are designed to bring the community together, offering something for everyone. Each



Climbing wall

Wednesday, families can enjoy a variety of attractions and activities:

- Small Rides
- Local Sports Clubs
- Stalls
- Play Activities
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"Extended opening hours and wellbeing sessions are planned. If you have an idea for a session, we will work towards establishing it. Need help getting to us? We have links to the Rushden and Higham Ferrers wellbeing bus service and can assist.

"For current opening times see our advert alongside, call 01933 312075 or email info@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk"



Higham Ferrers Community Library and Wellbeing Hub

ACTIVE FAMILIES
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Spencer Park, Rushden
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Wednesday 28th August 2024
12noon - 4pm

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- Trampolines
- Water Slides
- Crazy Golf
- Arts & Crafts Activities
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Library 14:00-16:00

THURSDAY
Library 10:00-12:00
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FRIDAY
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In the old Library building, now Snowdon Homes, Midland Road, Higham Ferrers.

FUNDRAISING TALK IN AID OF **DIABETES UK**

Tim Stubbs, who was the landlord of the Red Lion in Warmington until recently, will be bringing the second instalment of his one-man show 'Reflections of Life Part 2' to Cotterstock Village Hall PE8 5HD on Friday 27th September at 7.30pm, to raise money for Diabetes UK.

Tim is a great raconteur and will regale you with memories from his childhood, growing up as the son of the baker in Thurlby in Lincolnshire in the 1960/70s, and his observations on the characters in the village at that time. He will also be sharing stories gathered over many years from his time as an auctioneer, antique dealer and latterly as the publican of the Red Lion. Tim's stories are endless and told with his natural charm and exuberance!

Tickets are just £10 (cash only)

which includes a glass of wine or juice in the interval and are readily available from Stu-Pots in the Market Place, Oundle. Tickets are limited due to the size of the hall – Tim's talk in March sold out within days of going on sale.

There will be a quality raffle prize draw on the night with prizes generously donated by local businesses.

A night filled with nostalgia, fun and laughter is promised with this hilarious raconteur and every penny raised will go to Diabetes UK. More

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NEW ELECTRIC BIN LORRY TAKES TO THE STREETS OF NORTH NORTHANTS

A new electric-powered lorry will be used to collect waste in the local area as North Northamptonshire Council continues its work to become carbon neutral.

The all-electric vehicle has been tried and tested on routes and will carry out the same role as the previous diesel vehicle. Residents shouldn't see much difference, apart from a quieter vehicle doing the rounds.

Over the vehicle's lifetime, it will save 60,000 litres of diesel and £75,000 in fuel costs.

Cllr Matt Binley, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "The arrival of this new electric vehicle is a step towards a cleaner and quieter waste fleet and will help us become carbon neutral by 2030.

"Switching away from diesel is a great way to reduce our emissions, not to mention the cost savings across the vehicle's lifetime.

"During the vehicle's trial, I completed a shift with the waste team and can confirm that residents should not notice any difference, except the new vehicle is much quieter."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Waste collection is one of our services that everyone uses and it's important that we look at how we can make it more environmentally-friendly.

"This new electric vehicle is part of our wider plans to be greener and meet our carbon neutral targets."

The new vehicle is part of a wider scheme to make the fleet more environmentally-friendly, with the council also trialling the use of hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) in some bin lorries that would have previously used diesel.

HVO is a fuel that can act as a direct drop-in replacement for diesel, meaning no modifications are required to the vehicles and it can offer up to a 90% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.



North Northamptonshire Council's Carbon Management Plan is available to view online: northnorthants.gov.uk/climate/carbon-management-plan

Work to start on the Town Centre to Train Station Link Road – a Corby Towns Fund project

A project designed to provide an improved and safer route for pedestrians and cyclists between Corby train station and the town centre is due to start in August.

The Town Centre to Train Station link road is one of the projects which North Northamptonshire Council was awarded funding from Government to deliver. In September 2022, residents were asked for their views on a concept design. With the comments received, a revised plan was then consulted on in December 2023.

The new link road will look to improve the public realm and provide attractive and safe pedestrian/cycle connections.

Covering a route along Elizabeth Street, Oakley Road and Station Road, it will provide:

- Improved connectivity with new pedestrian crossing and upgrades to some existing crossings.
- Improved public areas
- Provision of segregated cycleway and footway facilities where possible
- Closure of existing underpass
- Resurfacing works to footways and carriageways within the scheme
- Highway drainage and street lighting improvements within the scheme

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said:

"This has been a real listening project – we have undertaken two public engagement or consultation periods, taken on board feedback and tweaked the design to ensure it is the most fit for purpose it can be.

"In the short term, there may be some localised disruption, which we will do all we can to minimise, but I would ask that residents look at the long-term benefits and how much this project will benefit the local area."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "The funding awarded under the Towns Fund must be used on this project and once completed, it will really transform the area. I hope that, once finished, more people will be encouraged to travel on foot and cycle between the town centre and station, which not only improves people's health and wellbeing levels but has a positive impact on the environment."

Work is due to be completed by Spring 2025. During the works, there is likely to be some disruption and residents are asked to check before they travel and follow any signage on site.

More information about all the projects which are part of the Corby Towns Fund can be found on the dedicated website: corbytownsfund.co.uk/



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> **SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST, 8.50AM**

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact Daphne 07709 569415. A 6.5-mile circular walk from Priory Country Park, Bedford to Willington.

> **WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST, 2PM**

STEM workshop – Wonderful Colour

Raunds Community Library. Contact Ann Rooney 01933 623747.

> **WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST, 2PM**

STEM workshop - Things that Fizz

Raunds Community Library. Contact Ann Rooney.

> **THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST, 6.30PM**

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Ringstead Pocket Park. Contact Cindy 07552 993777. A 3-mile evening walk from Ringstead Pocket Park.

> **SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 12 NOON-4PM**

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 10AM-4PM

Art Exhibition featuring local artists

Masonic Hall, Wellingborough Road, Rushden NN10 9YJ. Free entry. Car parking and wheelchair access available.

Have a 'roarsome' summer at North Northamptonshire Country Parks

Families can experience realistic dinosaurs for themselves in North Northamptonshire Country Parks this summer.

Once you have downloaded the FREE Love Exploring app you will be able to see where all the interactive trails and games are located.

Dinosaurs may run, fly or even roar at you. The interactive walks are educational and can be a learning tool too. After finding each dinosaur you will get a trivia question to answer. Can you get them all correct?

Councillor Helen Howell, Deputy Leader for North Northamptonshire Council and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism said: "The free app contains interactive games suitable for all ages. It has been created to encourage families, young and old, to get out and about.

"With various locations to play the games, it's ideal for getting some fresh air in the outdoors, while exploring our amazing North Northamptonshire Country Parks. "I can't wait to see our residents experience the dinosaurs for themselves."

Families should visit a location near them as Dinosaur Safari is now available to experience.

Councillor Gill Mercer, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing said: "Walking is a low-impact activity that is easy on your joints and can be done at any age or fitness level.

"Earlier this year Public Health in North Northamptonshire Council awarded NN Leisure funding to develop an Interactive Walks project, in addition to the Wellbeing Walks.

"This project promotes being active, moving more and healthier

lifestyle choices. There are so many health and wellbeing advantages including raising the heart rate through cardiovascular activity, positive mental health and social interaction."

Currently the Dinosaur Safari is available at East Carlton Countryside Park, Fermyn Woods Country Park, Irchester Country Park, Sywell Country Park, Barnwell Country Park (due to poor network coverage, use the visitor area free wifi to start the game – your results will be recorded when you return to the area) and West Glebe Park and Pavilion, more sites will follow soon.

Once you have downloaded Love Exploring, you go to one of the locations and pull up a map of all the 'stations'. These are where you will find your creatures. As you walk nearer to these you will see prompts telling you how close you are. On finding the station, the

interactive image will pop up and you can take photos and film of your dinosaur.

The Interactive Walks provide the positive experience that being in an outside environment can bring and enjoyment of the beautiful countryside and parks we have in North Northamptonshire.

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council said: "I'd encourage families looking for something fun to do this Summer to download the free Love Explore app and give the interactive walks a go.

"I would also like to make sure our residents know that as well as the interactive walks there are also regular Wellbeing Walks. These are fun, free and friendly local walking groups open to all ages and abilities."

Wellbeing Walks | North Northamptonshire Council (northnorthants.gov.uk)

RAUNDS FILM AFTERNOON



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When residents begin to receive wicked letters full of hilarious profanities, foul-mouthed Rose is charged with the crime. However, as the town's women investigate, they suspect that something is amiss, and that Rose may not be the culprit after all. Running time 103 minutes

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HIGHAM HEROES AND A HEROINE TO BE HONOURED

The search is on to find living relatives of 11 Higham Ferrers-born WW1 servicemen who gave their lives for their country – and for those of a local imprisoned suffragette heroine.

Higham Ferrers Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gary Salmon, and local WW1 historian, Geoff Moore, are turning detectives to track down any family members of the 11 men and one woman.

That is because the hero servicemen and the heroine Alice Maud Shipley, are being immortalised by having new roads named after them.

The roads will cater for the 330 new homes being built by HarperCrewe Developers that are going up between the back of the town's Ferrers School and the nearby A6 by-pass.

The Deputy Mayor is hoping to track down any relatives to invite them to a special exhibition that will pay tribute to the heroes and the heroine which will be launched in the run-up to Remembrance Day weekend.

Earlier this year, after Higham Ferrers Town Council had been asked to come up with names for the new roads and before he became the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gary Salmon successfully suggested that they be selected from the list of servicemen on the market town's war memorial.

Twenty names were selected and submitted to North Northamptonshire Council and the Royal Mail for consideration.

"These are the two bodies that had to decide on the names of the roads. They had to ensure that there were no duplications or similar names in the area," Salmon explained.

Then, at a later council meeting – after Cllr Salmon became Deputy Mayor – the council agreed to fund the plan for the exhibition.

"We want to track down any living relatives to tell them what we are doing and invite them to the exhibition, which will feature each of their stories and any photographs we can track down. We want the families to know that although it is 110 years since the start of WW1, these servicemen have not been forgotten and neither has suffragette Shipley," he said.

"We have some information about them, but we are hoping that any families we can trace

are able to provide us with more details. We are also searching for photographs."

THE ROAD NAMES

The main road in the new estate is Draper Road, which is being named after William Ernest Draper, who lived on Kimbolton Road and served with the Northamptonshire Regiment. He was killed on 27th September 1915, aged 31. His name is on the Loos Memorial in Belgium, which suggests that his remains were never found.

Gadsby Place honours Sidney Gadsby, whose family lived on Commercial Street. He emigrated to Canada but found his way to Brisbane, Australia where he joined the Australian Infantry. He died on 27th September 1917, aged 25. His name is on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, where the Last Post is played every evening and has been since the end of the First World War, apart from when the Germans occupied Belgium in the Second World War.

Litchfield Drive is being named after Reginald Litchfield and his brother Thomas Litchfield. Reginald lived on Lancaster Street and Thomas on Kimbolton Road. Both served with the Canadian Army, Reginald dying on 24th April 1915, aged 19, and Thomas on 27th August 1918, aged 21.

Reginald was laid to rest at Bedford House Cemetery, Belgium. Thomas is remembered on the Vimy Memorial, France, which suggests his body was never found.

Baxter Grove honours William Baxter, who served with the 1st Essex Regiment and was killed on 27th April 1917. William was laid to rest in Dury Crucifix Cemetery, France.

Wagstaff Court will pay tribute to William Wagstaff, who lived on Westfield Street and who served in the Black Watch Regiment. William died on 13th October 1915, aged 26.

Pashler Close honours Dennis Pashler and a likely relative Bertram Pashler. Dennis, who had lived on Thrift Street, was a sergeant in the Kings Royal Rifles. He died on 19th March

1918, aged 25 and was laid to rest in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Belgium.

Bertram, who had lived in North End, died the next month – 13th April 1918 – aged 37, while serving with the Hood Battalion, which means he had been in the Navy.

The two researchers say that it was not unusual for Navy personnel to fight in the trenches. It was simply a matter of there being more personnel than ships to serve on.

Bertram's name appears on the Pozieres Memorial, France, which also suggests his remains were never found.

The Deputy Mayor points out that it is not clear from the information currently available what the relationship was between the two Pashlers, but it is highly likely they were related.

Dawes Gardens is named after two brothers, Henry Dawes and Bert Dawes, who lived in Wellingborough Road. Henry served in the Bedfordshire Regiment and was killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme – 1st July 1916 – and Bert, who served in the Bedfordshire Regiment, was killed a week before the battle ended on 10th November 1916. He was 19.

While the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records say that Henry was 19 when he was killed, a search of the 1911 census revealed that he was only 16. He is laid to rest in Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, France. Bert was laid to rest in Dernancourt Cemetery, France.

Caswell Drive honours Hugh Caswell, who lived on High Street. He served in the Hawke Battalion, which again means he was in the Navy. He died on 25th August 1918, aged 19. His name is on the Vis-Et-Artois Memorial, France, indicating his remains were never found. A local newspaper article dated 20th September 1918, suggested that he was a prisoner of war and had died in captivity.

And Shipley Close is being named after suffragette Alice Maud Shipley, who stood trial in London after a window-smashing campaign along with her sister suffragettes on 19th March 1912. At her trial, she spoke about the



WW1 soldier William Ernest Draper, who volunteered to join the Northamptonshire Regiment and gave his all for his country. Now, the hunt is on for any of his surviving family members

plight of women and girls, which had motivated her to fight for women's rights.

When she refused to be bound over, she received a four-month prison sentence in Holloway prison, where she went on hunger strike and had to be force-fed. She died in 1951.



Higham Ferrers Deputy Mayor Gary Salmon, left, and WW1 historian Geoff Moore at the new road that pays tribute to fallen soldier William Ernest Draper

Any families connected to the 12 people who are to be honoured are asked to contact the Deputy Mayor on garysalmon@highamferrers-tc.gov.uk or historian Geoff Moore on glmhfl@hotmail.co.uk

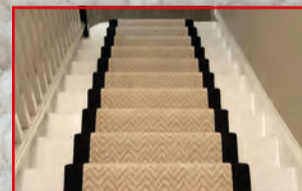


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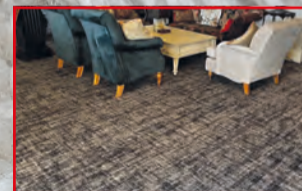
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The NNDecarb business grant scheme is offering grants of up to £5,000 to support businesses and funds are to cover up to 50% of project costs for the installation of low carbon and energy-efficient measures. Applications for this scheme can be made online via the NNC website.

Also available are capital grants of between £5,000 and £50,000 to help businesses become more resilient and support growth, under the NN2NZ Green Transition Grant scheme. A particular target for this scheme is decarbonisation or green research and development initiatives that contribute to reducing carbon emissions or advancing sustainable practices. Anyone wishing to apply for these grants can email ukspf@northnorthants.gov.uk for an application form. Applicants can also get support from Electric Places with their proposal and application.

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "With more and more businesses looking for ways to be greener and reduce their carbon emissions, it is important

that we support their plans in any way we can. Often this helps their bottom-line and business growth. With this in mind, I am delighted that we are able to offer these two grant schemes which will continue to help many more plans become a reality."

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and the Green Environment, said: "Both grants are there to help businesses install a wide range of carbon reducing measures including solar panels, energy-efficient equipment upgrades and heat pumps. Each of these small changes can help make a big difference in the long run to help North Northants become carbon neutral."

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "Grant schemes like these are always extremely popular and the teams receive a lot of high-quality applications. We are looking for projects that can be up and running quickly, so I would encourage businesses to take a look online and apply before the deadlines."

The deadline for applications for the NNDecarb business grant scheme is 5pm on Friday 16th August 2024.

The deadline for applications for the NN2NZ Green Transition Grant is 8am on Monday 2nd September 2024.

Northampton Male Voice Choir celebrates life of long-serving member

WORDS BY
MICK BOWERMAN

It was with great sadness that Northampton Male Voice Choir (NMVC) received news that its Vice President and elder statesman, John Hames, had died peacefully on 21st July 2024 aged 90, having been admitted to hospital with a serious chest infection.

Just a few months earlier – the day after celebrating his 90th birthday – John had been performing at the Derngate Theatre, Northampton with NMVC as part of a mass choir of 200 voices in 'Collide: A Choir Fest Experience' with Gareth Fuller and Northants Sings Out. After the concert, John said it had been his best moment ever with NMVC and having all the performers and audience stand and sing 'Happy Birthday' for him at the end of the show had topped it all.

John was a member of NMVC for 37 years and, commenting on his long and distinguished contribution to the choir, NMVC Chairman, Mark York, said: "John was always a consistent and hard-working chorister. After joining the choir he quickly became a member of its Executive Committee and went on to serve 12 years as Chairman. After retiring from the committee in 2015 he continued to be responsible for procuring and distributing the choir's uniform clothing. John has become a legend at NMVC and will never be forgotten. Our sincere condolences go to his family."

NMVC Musical Director, Stephen Bell said: "John was a terrific supporter of the choir in many ways. He even took the trouble to write to me, steadfastly every year, with a handwritten message of support and encouragement to 'keep doing what I was doing' and to thank me. That's class! RIP John, you're singing with the Angels now."



Land at The Green, Great Houghton



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What's happened & what's next...

Last July you shared your valuable local knowledge, thoughts and ideas for the site with us. We have since shared the Vision and Development Objectives, which will serve as the guiding principles for a scheme on site and will continue to evolve as the project progresses. You can explore these on our online engagement platform.

All of our work with stakeholders, the local community and technical surveys has helped us shape ideas and concepts that respond to your main priorities, Local Plan Policy and the Vision and Development Objectives. Now, we'd like to share these ideas and get your input on how they might come together for the site.

How to get involved!

Join us in person at our drop in sessions, or online.

Community drop-in sessions:

17 th September 2024 9:00am–6:00pm Wootton Community Centre	20 th September 2024 12:00pm–8:00pm Great Houghton Village Hall
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Online:

We will be running an online Q&A with our team, and a virtual exhibition where you'll be able to explore and comment on proposals and plans. Sign-up for notifications on our online engagement platform to be updated about these events, and hear about the latest project news and progress:

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Return the completed form to the Clerk- **Zara Shacklock**

Email- clerk.lathams@outlook.com

Or by post to **Parson Latham's Hospital, 24 North Street, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4AL**

All Applications to be received by **Monday 9th September 2024.**

PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (HAUTBOY LANE, WARMINGTON) (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 Hautboy Lane, Warmington as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Hautboy Lane, Warmington from outside no.29.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th August 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 4 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Chapel Street, Orchard Close and School Lane.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N183 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/417

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (CHAPEL 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 Chapel Lane, Denford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Chapel Lane, Denford from outside no.15.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during stop tap replacement.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th August 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 4 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Peg's Lane, High Street and Freeman's Lane.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (HIGHFIELD ROAD, IRLTHINGBOROUGH) (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 Highfield Road, Irlthingborough as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Highfield Road, Irlthingborough for its entire length.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th August 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 29 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: n/a.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N194 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/458

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (BROOKE CLOSE, 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 Brooke Close, Rushden as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Brooke Close, Rushden for its entire length.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th August 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 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Little Street and Harborough Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N204 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/430

Dated this 3rd day of August 2024
SANJIT SULL
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim)

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 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: n/a.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N225 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/462

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (WOODFORD ROAD, GREAT ADDINGTON) (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 Woodford Road, Great Addington as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length Woodford Road, Great Addington from the junction of Cranford Road to Great Addington Primary School.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th August 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, Denford Road, Midland Road, Bridge Street and Kettering Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N188 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/410

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (WEST STREET, KINGS CLIFFE) (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 West Street, Kings Cliffe as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of West Street, Kings Cliffe from outside no.43 to no.45a.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during fire hydrant and chamber repairs.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 5th August 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 5 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Wood Road and Park Street.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (PARK ROAD, RUSHDEN) (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 Park Road, Rushden as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Park Road, Rushden from outside 106B.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during gas connection works (Cadent).

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 12th August 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 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Little Street and Harborough Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N204 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/430

Dated this 3rd day of August 2024
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Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim)

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (PUBLIC BRIDLWAY UF6 (PART) – OUNDLE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists from proceeding along that length of Public Bridleway UF6 (Part) in Oundle as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of bridleway are unaffected.

RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That Public Bridleway UF6 (part) in the Parish of Oundle to be closed starts at point A on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL0468 8803. It extends in a generally south easterly direction for approximately 223 metres to point B on the map at NGR TL0485 8789.

The routes to be closed is shown by solid black lines between points A - B.

REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required in the interest of health and safety during deep drainage connection and excavation works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 5th August 2024 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: There is no suitable alternative route.

If you require any further information please contact Simon Ireland – 01733 397 213. PKG/ROW/113-N

Dated this 3rd day of August 2024
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YOUNG ARTIST INSPIRES GIANT SCULPTURE AT IRCHESTER COUNTRY PARK

Budding creative Nevaeh Hardingham from Little Stanion School came up with a design during last year's Children's Mental Health Week. Following the theme, 'What good mental health looks like to me', all schools in North Northamptonshire were invited by the Healthy Schools team to put forward an entry which best demonstrated what this meant for them. As the winner of the competition, Nevaeh was invited along to Irchester Country Park to see her design transformed into an enormous willow sculpture.

The artist, her teacher, and a schoolfriend were joined by North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Councillor Gill Mercer, Director of Public Health, Communities and Leisure, Jane Bethea, and staff from the country parks and public health teams, as well as the sculpture's creator, artist Deb Jones.



Councillor Mercer said: "I was delighted to be invited along to the unveiling of the sculpture, to congratulate our winner personally. It is certainly an impressive sight and inspired by an obviously very talented, creative young lady.

"When we experienced periods of social isolation and lockdown during the pandemic, many of us rediscovered how important being outdoors and in nature is to our wellbeing.

"I would encourage people to visit the sculpture and take a moment to stop and think about

their mental health. What better place to do that than surrounded by nature in one of our beautiful country parks."

Artist Deb Jones has used Nevaeh's design to inspire the creation of an incredible willow sculpture. She also taught the young artist, her friend and teacher how to create their own mini willow sculptures.

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council said: "I am looking forward to visiting the sculpture at Irchester Country Park for myself. It's just one of five beautiful country parks we have in North Northamptonshire. Each offers plenty of opportunities to learn about nature as well as connect with other people in the great outdoors."

Find out more about Irchester and North Northamptonshire country parks: northnorthants.gov.uk/country-parks

Save Peterborough Arch! Nene Park Trust launches public appeal

Peterborough Arch sculpture, which has stood at Thorpe Meadows overlooking the Longthorpe Parkway for over 35 years, was taken down last year as it was in urgent need of repair. Nene Park Trust is now launching a campaign to see it restored and returned to its rightful place and is asking for public support in the fundraising appeal.

The sculpture was commissioned by the Peterborough Development Corporation in the 1980s as part of Peterborough's expansion and was designed and created by renowned artist Lee Grandjean. It is an important part of Peterborough's modern history, the linchpin of the wider Sculpture Collection and was voted as Peterborough's favourite sculpture last year in an online poll. A condition inspection in 2022 showed that the sculpture, made of rare iroko



wood, had extensive damage and so it had to be removed for safety reasons.

With repair costs exceeding £50,000, Nene Park Trust is grateful for grant funding already received from The Henry Moore Foundation and The National Lottery Heritage Fund but is now in need of additional public support. The Fundraising team at Nene Park Trust is launching a public appeal, hoping to raise an additional

£3,000 towards repair costs and to go towards the ongoing restoration and the maintenance and development of the entire Sculpture Collection.

Look out for information on the Nene Park Trust website and social media channels about how you can support this appeal.

There are also two public art workshops being held in Ferry Meadows on 8th and 12th August, 10am-2pm, and a creative competition for 4-17 year olds running until 15th August.

Visit nenepark.org.uk/Appeal/save-peterborough-arch

Matthew Bradbury, CEO of Nene Park Trust says: "With the public's help this much-loved and admired sculpture will be given a new lease of life. It will be restored and reinstated. Whilst we will need to find the money to do so, we plan to protect and preserve this important collection for years to come."



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