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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Successful event for SEND families

Climbing, tunnelling and den building were just a few of the many activities on offer at the family fun day and information event organised by North Northamptonshire Parent Carer Voices (NPCV).

287 people attended and enjoyed the sensory room, messy play, archery, bouldering and pedal go-carting at the Sir John Lowther Centre, Rushton Rd, Glendon on 29th June.

The Craft tent was also very popular and there were a whole range of inclusive activities for SEND families that were all completely free.

Inside the main hall, NPCV hosted a SEND information event for families to access at their leisure throughout the day. It showcased many services and charities that cater for families whose children and young people have additional needs.

Sam Baker, Director of North Northamptonshire Parent Carer Voices (NPCV), said: "It was amazing to see so many families coming together, enjoying the day, doing new activities and growing in confidence and self-esteem with what they had achieved!"

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# SCHOOLCHILDREN LEAVE A LOVELY LEGACY

*The Friends of St Mary's, Higham Ferrers have a long-term management plan for wildlife in the churchyard which involves developing appropriate habitats for the flora and fauna, and involving members of the community.*

Recently four very enthusiastic pupils from Higham Ferrers Junior School, accompanied by teachers Lara Maple and Neil Smith, swapped their

maths lesson for a fascinating tour of the grounds and some expert advice about insects, flowers and small mammals.

The Friends, whose

management plan is now in its fifth year, invited the pupils along "to encourage them to start to care about the environment," explained

Brenda Lofthouse, the new chair of The Friends, volunteers dedicated to supporting the maintenance of the exterior of the Grade I listed buildings in Higham Ferrers.

"If the children have access to flora and fauna, they may well go on to look after things in their own garden as every little bit helps," Brenda noted.

The pupils (Alfie, Olivia, Lucy and Miley) may also help The Friends in their ambition to achieve a gold award from the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire Wildlife Trust – responsible for conservation in churchyards for work that has been undertaken.

The pupils left a legacy of their visit, planting sunflower seedlings – and other plants – in the Bedes Woman's Garden,

an important source of seeds for birds.

Carol explained how The Friends would continue to develop opportunities for wildlife, including improving butterfly and moth habitats. "We even have a dead hedge where lots of things are rotting in there and that's good for wildlife too," she said, telling the pupils that The Friends would also continue carrying out surveys on the various types of insects, mammals and flower populations.

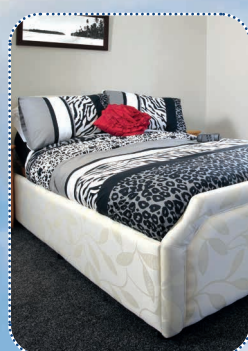
"Did you know, we also have a white flower in the churchyard, which has never been here before?" she asked, explaining that it was a Common Cornsalad. "However, it is very small, so it is easy to miss."



Meeting in the meadow: Carol Fitzgerald, secretary of The Friends of St Mary's and Brian Behagg, the treasurer, welcome Higham Ferrers Junior School pupils, Olivia, Lucy, Miley and Alfie

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## GRANTS OF UP TO £50,000 FOR RURAL BUSINESSES AVAILABLE - APPLY BY 26TH JULY

Grants of £5,000 and £50,000 are now available for rural businesses across North Northamptonshire.

Using monies received from the Rural England Prosperity Fund, North Northamptonshire Council has re-launched a grant scheme to support existing rural businesses, with applications now open.

Following on from earlier rounds of the grant schemes, applications are now being accepted for projects that can be delivered in full by 28th February 2025. A particular target for this round is rural diversification, including business diversification and projects which support the visitor economy.

Examples of projects supported in earlier rounds include:

- New Lodge Farm in Bulwick, who extended their café and farm shop
- Austin Davis Biologics, who have been able to move into a larger, refurbished facility in Islip

- Measures Farm in Hemington, who developed a new dog field
- We Don't Do Ordinary who invested in tourist accommodation at Wallis Mill, Brigstock.

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "The previous three rounds of this grant scheme have made such a difference to a variety of rural business, including farms being able to diversify their offering to appeal to a wider range of customers. With this fourth round, more and more businesses should benefit."

Applications must be received by 26th July 2024 and rural businesses who wish to apply for funding in Round 4 should email [ukspf@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:ukspf@northnorthants.gov.uk) to request an application form.

**This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.**

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON

**You find the census with your ancestor's wife and children, but the husband is nowhere to be seen. Why? What has happened to them? Are they still alive? Of course they are as they show up 10 years later back with the wife!**

There are many reasons for not being at home on the night of the census as the person in question might be in the workhouse hospital, prison, lunatic asylum or working away. I have seen censuses where a policeman was on duty that night and so has been enumerated at the Police Station rather than at home. Mind you, I have also seen people counted twice – once at home and again with the person who they are visiting!

People sometimes also give false information on census forms, either for personal or political reasons. There are some very interesting entries on the 1911 census. "If women don't count, neither shall they be counted," was the rallying call for suffragettes on the night of the 1911 census in the UK. Therefore, if you cannot find your

ancestor in that census, maybe they were one of the suffragettes who went out for the night. The form stated that it should contain the names etc of those who spent the night at that address. If they were not there, then they should not have been counted... It was not until 1928 that women in England, Wales and Scotland received the vote on the same terms as men – that is, over the age of 21 and without property requirements.

Mind you, names also changed – they could become anglicised if the person came from abroad and they felt that they could be "discovered" if they gave their true name. People have gone into hiding for many reasons. Emmerich could become Eric, Petrus could become Peter, not to mention Scottish names dropping the Mc or Mac. Quite a minefield, eh?

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## Carbon reduction measures for three council owned facilities on Executive agenda

**North Northamptonshire Council's Executive received a report on a decarbonisation project that will help contribute towards the council's green targets.**

Three facilities – Corby Cube, Corby Swimming Pool and Desborough Leisure Centre – are all set to have works completed to help the sites reduce carbon levels and be more energy-efficient.

Following the completion of energy surveys of council buildings, the authority made a grant bid under the Public Services Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) for energy improvement works at the three properties.

The council has been awarded a grant of £3,858,419 against a total project cost of £4,384,568.08 under the Government-run scheme.

Now, Executive has been asked to approve the project and allocate £601,000, alongside the grant funds, to the project budget.

If approved, the project will be another step towards the delivery of the council's Carbon Management Plan. It is estimated that, once the decarbonisation project is complete across the three sites, 690 tonnes of carbon would be removed annually, a 3% reduction of the council's carbon footprint for its operations of 20,084 tonnes.

The project will see fossil fuel boilers replaced with air source heat pumps and the installation of photovoltaic panels at the facilities, alongside other energy efficiency

measures. This project is a key part of the council's commitment to becoming a carbon neutral council by 2030. It developed its carbon management plan, which was published in December 2022 and set out intentions to tackle climate change and reduce CO2 emissions.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and the Green Environment, said: "Since we declared a climate and environment emergency in 2021, we have been working hard on various projects to help reduce our carbon emission levels in North Northants."

"This includes looking at our facilities and the changes we can make to them – this project is a great example of this and will make a considerable contribution to reducing our annual carbon emissions."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Buildings like the ones included in this project are massive assets to our communities, but they also produce a huge amount of carbon and it is vital that we look at ways to mitigate this – not just for residents now, but for future generations."

If the report is approved, the project team will go out to procurement for a contractor for the whole project, with works needing to be completed by March 2026. The project team will be working with operators and users of these buildings to minimise the impact wherever possible.



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# Strategy for improved North Northamptonshire bus services discussed by Executive

A vision for a green, reliable, integrated bus network in the North Northamptonshire Council area was discussed at the authority's Executive recently.

The Bus Service Improvement Plan 2024 sets out how services can be improved to keep communities connected and bring environmental benefits. The strategy proposes new service routes with an increase in frequency on some existing routes. It builds on an improvement plan which was developed in 2021 and recent funding allocations for bus services, which saw the council receive £2.045m of funding in 2024/25 (in addition to previous allocations of £569,412 for both 2023/24 and 2024/25).

This money will be targeted towards actions which will deliver the best overall outcomes for bus services across North Northamptonshire.

The funding will allow for a significant programme of bus service improvements across North Northamptonshire including:

- To continue to fund existing bus services where they represent value for money or maintain essential connectivity for local communities
- To increase service frequency or restore services withdrawn since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic where there is a reasonable prospect of the service becoming commercially viable
- To forward fund improvements where S106

developer funding is due before the end of the funding period to increase the time for the service to achieve commercial viability.

Cllr Matt Binley, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "An effective local bus network can have massive benefits for residents and local communities – particularly the vulnerable and in areas seeing more deprivation – and this strategy helps pave the way for some significant improvements.

"Well-connected communities help develop social cohesion and are a vital component in assisting economic growth and workforce mobility.

"While this public funding is a great catalyst to enhance bus travel, ultimately services are run by private companies who rely on patronage to make them sustainable in the long-term."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I welcome this strategy as a blueprint to develop improved bus services in our area.

"Buses play a major role in reducing congestion on our roads, reducing pollution and helping us meet our ambitious carbon reduction targets.

"I'm delighted that we are setting the bar high with our ambitions and working hard to make sure they become a reality."

The Executive met on Thursday 11th July at 10am in the Corby Cube and the papers are now available online.

## New taxi zone proposals under consideration

*North Northamptonshire Council's Executive discussed the results of a consultation on changes to taxi zones across the area before deciding how taxi zones should operate going forward.*

In late 2023/early 2024, the council consulted on whether the four current zones should be retained or replaced with one zone covering the whole of North Northamptonshire.

Executive were asked to consider the consultation responses received, alongside the recommendations of the Licensing and Appeals Committee and the Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

It is proposed that the four zones are replaced with one zone from 1st April 2025.

It also recommended that NNC will consult on a revised geographical/knowledge test for drivers before the single zone is introduced. Consideration will also be given to the trade's representation regarding the age of vehicles.

Currently, for the purposes of taxi licensing, the previous former authority area zones have been retained: Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough.

Each zone continues to license its own taxis and drivers as well as operate to the byelaws currently in existence for that former area. It also means that a driver and vehicle wishing to operate across the whole of North Northamptonshire currently would need to

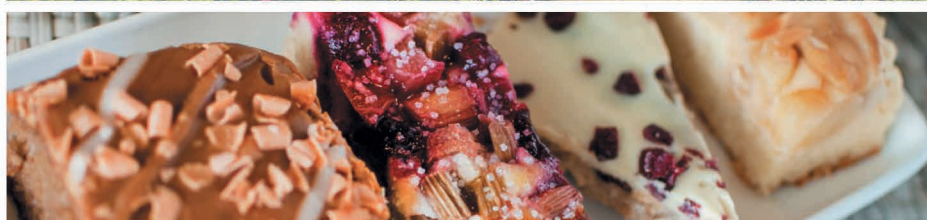
obtain four separate licenses.

Cllr David Brackenbury, the council's Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, said: "To get to this point, we have gone through a rigorous consultation process and engaged directly with taxi drivers across North Northamptonshire, followed by discussions at all of the necessary committees.

"I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to have their say. Following the consultation and discussions, we are now at the point where a final decision can be made and should the report's recommendations be agreed, we would look to implement the new zone from 1st April 2025."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "We have been one council for three years now and work has been ongoing to align services and ensure consistency across the local area. With this in mind, I am pleased we are now in the position to discuss the potential move to one zone and make a decision on how taxi zones will operate going forward."

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive met on Thursday 11th July at the Corby Cube. The papers are now available online.



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Thu 1 Dudley Zoo  
Fri 2 Chester  
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Sat 3 Buckingham Palace & Afternoon Tea  
Sun 4 Sheringham  
Mon 5 Chesterfield Market Day  
Tue 6 Cromer  
Wed 7 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde  
Wed 7 Haworth & KWVR  
Thu 8 Southwold  
Thu 8 Liverpool  
Thu 8 Liverpool's Open Top Bus  
Thu 8 Liverpool Afternoon Tea Cruise  
Fri 9 Butterfly Farm & Stratford Upon Avon  
Sat 10 Broadstairs  
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  
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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  
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Fri 30 Cirencester Market Day  
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# MOULTON COLLEGE STUDENTS SHINE AT PRESTIGIOUS SKILLBUILD COMPETITION

Two hardworking students from Moulton College have been praised for their talents after successfully competing in this year's SkillBuild competition. Furniture Studies student Matt Denton came first in the regional Furniture and Cabinet Making heat while Kaius Hoskins-Mason placed third in Stonemasonry. Matt, who is in his first year of studies at the College, is now set to take part in the National Final later this year.

The pair were competing in the regional heats of the annual UK-wide Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) event, which tests trainees and apprentices across ten different trades such as bricklaying, plastering, furniture and cabinet making, stonemasonry and joinery. The largest and longest-running construction skills competition



Moulton College student Matt Denton

sees over 1,000 students taking part in 19 Regional Qualifiers across the UK. Entrants are assessed on their technical abilities, time management, problem solving and skills working under pressure in their chosen trade, with eight of the highest-scoring competitors for each trade category going on to compete in the SkillBuild UK National Final later this year.

Adam Palmer, Lecturer in Furniture Studies at Moulton College, says: "We are incredibly proud of both Matt and Kaius, who faced some tough competition in their heats.

"Both showed off first-class skills on the day that will also stand them in good stead in their future careers. As a first year student, Matt showed the confidence and resilience needed to compete in such a pressured environment and will now head to the National Final in Milton Keynes.

"SkillBuild is a great competition, which enables our students to compete against peers across the UK. As a

College, we were also delighted to have been chosen to host one of the heats and have received some fantastic feedback from CITB for our facilities as well as the hard work of our students and staff."

Tim Balcon, CITB CEO, said: "It's brilliant to see a record number of competitors showcasing their skills in the SkillBuild 2024 Regional Qualifiers. Every single one deserves to be celebrated for their part in the future of the construction industry. Among them are the two successful students from Moulton College, who demonstrated their great talents in Furniture and Cabinet Making and in Stonemasonry.

"SkillBuild is a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop their technical skills and showcase their craft, grow their confidence and advance their career options for future employability. It's exciting for all of us to witness the magic that happens when passion meets talent, and we can't wait to see the winners crowned at the SkillBuild National Final later this year."



SkillBuild regional heat

Debbie Scotton, Head of Growth, Innovation and Partnerships at Moulton College concludes: "SkillBuild is a really important part of the construction calendar and as a college we are delighted not only to host it but also [to]

see our students compete. Our team here works hard to equip our learners with the skills and confidence needed to thrive. Both Matt and Kaius did brilliantly, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them."

**Moulton College runs courses in plumbing, carpentry & joinery, bricklaying, furniture studies, and stonemasonry. For more information, visit [www.moulton.ac.uk](http://www.moulton.ac.uk)**

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## CELEBRATIONS MARK 50 GLORIOUS YEARS OF WELLINGBOROUGH LIBRARY

Wellingborough Library marked its 50th birthday on Thursday 11th July with a day of activities, craft stalls, community information stands and refreshments available to all.

Former staff, volunteers, friends, customers and supporters were invited to come together to share their memories of the library and a visitors book was available. Displays also highlighted the past 50 years of Wellingborough Library.

- At 11am there was a performance by Park Junior School Choir
- At 1pm a celebratory birthday cake was cut by Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism.
- At 2pm there was a performance by All Saints' Choir.

Choir.

Cllr Helen Howell said: "I'm delighted and honoured to be part of these celebrations which mark 50 glorious years of Wellingborough Library.

"Libraries are very much a hub of the local community and have evolved into much more than their primary purpose which is to share books and embed the love of reading to all.

"Here's to the next 50 years!"

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said:

"We can be very proud of our Library Service and the love and commitment of the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly day in and day out to deliver this wonderful community asset.

"They really make a difference to local people and have been doing over the past few decades."

## FINAL STEPS BEING TAKEN FOR NEW PROVIDER TO RUN W8 BUS ROUTE IN NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Moves are being made to guarantee that a bus service connecting the towns of Wellingborough and Bozeat will continue to operate uninterrupted.

North Northamptonshire Council is making final arrangements to secure an operator for the W8 service – which also runs through Wollaston – after the previous provider gave notice on running the route. The new provider would pick up operating the council-subsidised service on 29th July – the date the current contract is due to cease.

Cllr Matt Binley, the Council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "This is a vital route for many people. Connecting our communities, especially the rural ones, is essential for keeping people in touch and to help the economy.

"I'm delighted that we've been able to work with another bus company to help find a solution and we're committed to making sure the service will not be interrupted – demonstrating our commitment to bus services in the area."

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## > SUNDAY 21ST JULY, 9AM

**Higham Ferrers Footpath Group** - Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact Barry 07800849393. 6.5 mile Yelden / 3 Shires Way circular walk.

## > SUNDAY 21ST JULY, 10.15AM

**Morning Worship with Holy Communion** - Whitefriars Church, Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX. Debbie, Bishop of Peterborough, will be with us.

## > SUNDAY 28TH JULY, 10.15AM

**All Age Worship** - Whitefriars Church, Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX.

## > 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.

## > 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.

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024

This summer, children aged between 4 and 11 can visit any North Northamptonshire library to join the 'Marvellous Makers' Summer Reading Challenge, firing up their imaginations through the power of reading.

In partnership with Create, a leading arts charity, and the Reading Agency, this year's Challenge celebrates kids' creativity and storytelling abilities.

Children will be encouraged to explore new books and stories while taking part in free activities, from arts and crafts to music, dance, and more: libraries will be offering a vibrant array of arts and crafts themed events for children over the summer from tie-dye and bee bot workshops, to magic shows, fizzing dinosaur eggs and pirate parties.

By reading books and collecting incentives at the local library, young readers can foster their creative thinking skills over the summer break. Children can sign up to the challenge any time at their local library from now onwards.

Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "While children are big fans of the long summer holidays, it is well known that reading habits and ability can take a bit of a dip between now and September.

"The Summer Reading Challenge is an excellent, fun way of ensuring that young readers can keep practising and maintain their love of reading whilst not in school."

# FUN FOR NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

This summer, North Northamptonshire Council wants to get young people moving and help keep them entertained. Many of the activities on its Summer Holiday Programme are either free or low cost, so there should be something to suit all circumstances.

Events and sessions will be running from Wednesday 24th July across the North Northants area at community centres, parks, open spaces and leisure centres.

These include free Turn up and Play sessions for 8-14 year olds, running in Corby, Kettering, Rushden and Wellingborough.

East Northants and Kettering areas have Xplorer sessions. These free, all-ages, family-friendly fun navigation challenges are both educational and gives children a sense of adventure as they explore the park to find the markers.

Four Active Families Fundays, suitable for all ages, will be running again this year. These will be on Wednesday afternoons in August with the fundays running in Corby, Kettering, Rushden and Wellingborough.

Two 'ICanWeCanYouCan' events will be held at

Rushden Lakes and in Corby town centre to link in with the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The council has teamed up with local sports clubs and physical activity providers so that families can try a new sport or activity for free.

Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, Jason Smithers said: "It seems fitting that we focus even more on physical activity this summer, an Olympic and Paralympic year. Our Leisure team has been working especially hard to plan activities and events which will, I know, give our young residents a summer to remember.

"I am also delighted that we continue to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis by running Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions through our provider Northamptonshire Sport for families with youngsters on free school meals. This summer this will also, for the first time, include swimming and Picnic in the Park sessions."

North Northamptonshire Council's Summer Holiday Programme can be found on the website's Holiday Activities page. Residents can also give North Northants Leisure social media channels a follow @NNActive @NNLeisure

# WEST END COMES TO OUNDLE

A touch of the West End is coming to Oundle thanks to local vocal coach Lindsay Dalton, who has put out the call for enthusiastic singers to join her.

Lindsay, who has enjoyed a career as a professional performer, vocal coach and birth doula, lives in East Northamptonshire.

The choir is open to keen singers who love musical theatre, and want the chance to work with a professional vocal coach whilst enjoying "belting out showtunes together".

"The singers will learn to get the most from their voice. We will cover breathing, resonance, posture and range and we are looking for people who are really enthusiastic about musicals. I'm a big believer in helping people

reclaim their voices and find their inner confidence," Lindsay said.

"Singing is so good for mental health, we all benefit from singing and from the social aspect of singing together. People have told me singing is the best part of their week, and that it relieves stress."

Launch day will be 24th September at Oundle C of E Primary School, and the choir will meet weekly for 90 minutes, with the opportunity for all members to register for the chance to sing with Gareth Malone, OBE.

At the end of each 90-minute session, there will be some free time to take 'showtune' requests that people can sing together.

For more details about how to sign up for the choirs, visit <https://www.singspacechoir.com/Oundle>



"Each session will also be live-streamed, so anyone who can't make a session in person can still join in."

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Walking is a low-impact activity that is easy on your joints and can be done at any age or fitness level. Walking has many health and wellbeing benefits including:

- maintaining a healthy weight
- reducing symptoms of anxiety and depression
- improving your mood
- boosting self-esteem
- connecting you to nature, which is proven to reduce stress, lower your blood pressure and boost immune function.

A significant benefit of joining a walking group is the social aspect. Our Wellbeing Walks can help you meet new people, build friendships, and provide a sense of community.



Whether you are looking to improve your physical health and mental wellbeing, or simply looking to meet new people, a walking club can provide a supportive and enjoyable environment to achieve your goals.

**We are now looking for volunteer walk leaders!**

Do you enjoy walking? Why not share your passion and become a walk leader?

Walk leaders provide a safe, supportive, and welcoming space for participants of all abilities to enjoy low-level activity, to meet new people and enjoy paths and greenspaces within their local area.

If you are interested in finding out more, visit: [www.northnorthants.gov.uk/wellbeingwalks](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/wellbeingwalks) or scan QR code



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# SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY 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) TL0457 8759. It extends in a generally south easterly direction for approximately 414 metres to point B on the map at NGR TL0489 8732.

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 excavations.

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The Order will come into effect on 26th July 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 397213. PKG/ROW/107-N**

Dated this 20th day of July 2024

**SANJIT SULL**

Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim)

#### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
(EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DISTRICT)  
(WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2009 (AMENDMENT NO. 21)  
ORDER 2024**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act") to amend "The Northamptonshire County Council (East Northamptonshire District) (Waiting and Loading Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009" as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 529700. A copy of the Order can also be obtained on request by emailing [NNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk](mailto:NNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk)

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Order will become effective on 22nd July 2024.

Dated this 20th day of July 2024

**SANJIT SULL**

Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim)

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#### SCHEDULE NO WAITING AT ANYTIME RESTRICTIONS (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES)

Cosy Nook, Thrapston – Extension of the existing yellow lines for 15 metres on the south side outside no 1. Rock Road, Oundle – Both sides of junction with New Road outside no 4 for 10 metres and outside no 2 for 15 metres. Birchall Road, Rushden – Both sides of junction with Creswell Road for 10 metres outside no 7 and no 11. Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers – Both sides and for 20 metres covering No. 73 and 73a. Then adjoining existing double yellow lines from junction of Chichele Street for 220 metres towards A6 roundabout. On South side rom existing double yellow lines with Midland Road to both sides of the junction with Bury Close and extending along until A6 roundabout. Cranford Road, Great Addington – Both sides from junction with Main Street continuous until the boundary of the outbuilding 'The Cairns', opposite continuous including both sides of the access for the 'The Manor House', extension of existing lines to cover foot and cycle path at the turning head. Ringstead Road, Great Addington – Both sides of the junction with Main Street for 17 metres outside the 'Hare and Hounds' and 15 metres in front of the grass verge. Nene Road, Higham Ferrers – East side, adjoining existing single yellow lines for 17 metres from junction with High Street breaking around the bay then continuing to join existing outside no. 43. At junction with Westfields Terrace south side for 10m outside no 45 and 47. Opposite for 5 metres around the junction. North side on Westfields Terrace extend the existing for 11 metres outside the Adult School and easterly extend for 18 metres outside the Adult School. Extend the existing double yellow lines 22.5 metres up to the boundary of no. 4 and then at both sides of Cunningham Close at the junction with Nene Road for 8 metres outside no 48 and 12 metres outside 4A. Welford Avenue, Irthlingborough – Both sides of junction with Addington Road for 10 metres. Midland Road, Rushden – From eastern boundary outside no. 7 around the inner bend the eastern boundary with no. 5. Addington Road, Irthlingborough – From Welford Avenue junction for 200 metres southwards over the junction with Alexander Road. On east side of junction with Alexander Road northwards to junction with Chimney Crescent. South Road, Oundle – At junction with South Bridge Close both sides of the junction at 10.5 metres outside no. 1 westerly and for 12 metres in an easterly direction outside no. 11. At the junction with Danford Close both sides of the junction for 10 metres outside no. 9 and no 10. For 20 metres from boundary with no. 64 'Navarac' in a westerly direction and for 21 metres outside Mayfield in an easterly direction. Opposite for a length of 48 metres from middle of the boundary of no. 45 in a westerly direction up to be in line with the furthest point of the 20 metres length. Barrington Road, Rushden – For 7 metres over the pedestrian walkway easterly until the boundary of no. 1 and no. 27 opposite side for 8 metres in an easterly over the pedestrian walkway between no. 3 and no.29 both in between the junctions of Alnwick Close and Raglan Close. At junction with Alnwick Close both sides of junction for 10 metres junction protection marking in a westerly direction and for 23 metres outside no. 60 and just past the boundary no. 62. At junction with Carisbrooke Road for 20 metres to the boundary of 24 and at 10 metres junction protection markings in a westerly direction outside no. 4. At junction with Newton Road junction protection markings for 15.5 metres around no. 160 'Harborough Fields Surgery' and for 17.5 metres in a southerly direction. Peck Way, Higham Ferrers – Both sides of junctions as protection markings for total of 47 metres from junction with Higham Road in a southerly direction, opposite a 21 metres protection around junction stopping before the traffic lights (towards town centre). Shipton Way, Rushden – For a length of 70 metres outside of 'Whistl' from the gates for 'Belkin' in a westerly direction.

**NO WAITING 'MON-FRI 8AM-10AM AND 2PM-4PM'  
RESTRICTIONS (SINGLE YELLOW LINES)**

Market Road, Thrapston – North side, for 140 metres opposite the far boundary with no 5 and up until outside of no 113

#### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

**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 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 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  
(PARK ROAD, RUSHDEN)**

**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of 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**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(FINEDON ROAD, IRLINGBOROUGH)**

**(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 Finedon Road, Irthlingborough as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of Finedon Road, Irthlingborough for its entire length.

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

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 29th July 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 weeks.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use A6 and Addington Road.

**If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N149 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/372**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(HIGH STREET, 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 High Street, Rushden as set out below.

**LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES:** That length of High Street, Rushden from the junction of Church Street to outside Dominos.

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

**PERIOD OF CLOSURE:** The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th July 2024 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

**EXPECTED DURATION:** It is expected that the road will be restricted for up to three days.

**ALTERNATIVE ROUTES:** use Newton Road, A6 and Bedford Road.

**If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N164 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/387**

Dated this 20th day of July 2024

**SANJIT SULL**

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# FIELDS OF GOLD

Leicestershire's famous Wistow Maze has a timely and appropriate Olympic theme for 2024. The maze has been designed in the shape of a javelin thrower and is offering visitors an opportunity to join in the patriotic fervour, exercising both mind and body along the way.

"This year the Wistow Maze really has the winning combination of fun and learning, as well as being a celebration of one of the UK's biggest sporting competitions," says Diana Brooks, owner of Wistow Maze.

Visitors have to find 12 quiz boards, hidden amongst the 3 miles of pathways, which will test their knowledge on other Olympic host nations and their iconic landmarks. A great family day out, visitors

can pit their wits against the giant 8-acre maize maze with its high-level bridges and towers and also take part in a variety of mini mazes and games in the Activity Funyard, which includes a space-hopper track, hoopla and a football shooting game.

With the Wistow Rural Centre opposite, consisting of a café, garden centre, model village and numerous shops, there is something to satisfy all ages.

At the end of the season, the maze is harvested for cattle fodder and then redesigned the following spring using GPS satellite technology.

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