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Free Under the Sea journal for youngsters

This Summer's Movement and Explorer Journal, produced by North Northants Leisure, is now available, for free, from North Northamptonshire's leisure centres and libraries.

Aimed at getting young North Northants residents moving this summer, the 28-page booklet has an Under the Sea theme and five sections to complete: How Many Sports, Movement Journal, Be Creative, Adventure Time, and brand new for 2024, Design a New Disability Aquatic Sport.

Youngsters who complete the booklet and return it to their local library can collect a certificate and be entered into a prize draw.

Councillor Helen Howell, Deputy Leader for North Northamptonshire Council and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism said: "Getting kids to be active can be difficult, which is one of the reasons the Under the Sea journal was created.

"It's packed full of ideas that are easy to follow and will get our young North Northants residents moving during their summer break."

South Midlands Authorities launched to unite region and drive economic growth

Local leaders from across the South Midlands have joined forces, establishing a new group to champion economic growth by supporting businesses, improving skills, and enhancing career opportunities.

The newly established South Midlands Authorities group represents the entire region, covering Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes City, North Northamptonshire, and West Northamptonshire councils. South Midlands Authorities will also oversee the work previously managed by the Central Area Growth Board, the Growth Hub and Careers Hub.

The region is considered as a national leader in driving business growth and delivering job opportunities. It's home to over 77,000 businesses which are already supported by local authority economic development teams and partners.

The new partnership will

ensure a more joined up approach so the whole region benefits from economic growth, with stronger opportunities available to unlock funding and attract investment into the region.

The South Midlands Authorities will soon be launching their collaborative branding and simplified new web platform, enabling users to access business advice, skills knowledge and careers support all in one place.

Business support is available to all businesses in Bedford, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes, North and West Northamptonshire including:

- The South Midlands Growth Hub – who provide free business support and

advice, access to grant funding, and an extensive resource library to every business across the area.

- The South Midlands Careers Hub – who work with employers and careers leaders in schools and colleges, to provide career insights and guidance to young people and help prepare them for their transition from education to the workplace to improve careers outcomes for young people.

South Midlands Authorities will also be recruiting for a Business Board to support the economic work across the local authority areas and ensure a strong business voice for the area. For more information see: <https://www.semlepgrowthhub.com/business-board-recruitment/>

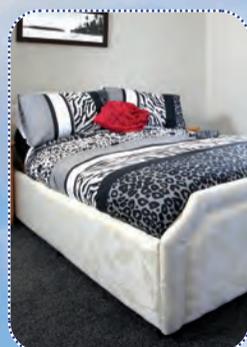


Along with our neighbours,

we're proud to be leading the way and delivering for our businesses. However, we cannot be complacent, and this partnership shows our collective motivation to boost the region's economic prospects, improve skills and support young people into work.

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"The South Midlands Growth Hub, and the South Midlands Careers Hub have worked tirelessly to support businesses and schools, while actively collaborating with business partners. With the Careers Hub and the Growth Hub united under the South Midlands Authorities, it will enable this work to continue, strengthening relationships between the six local authorities to boost growth regionally."

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, stated: "North Northamptonshire is pleased to be joining our regional partners in exploring opportunities for collaborative economic development across the South Midlands."

"This partnership presents a valuable platform for sharing insights, coordinating efforts, and leveraging our collective strengths to achieve greater prosperity for the entire region."

"However as we engage in these discussions, I will rigorously evaluate the potential local impact of regional initiatives, ensuring they align with our vision for a thriving local economy,"

enhanced employment opportunities, and an improved quality of life for all North Northamptonshire residents."

Ruth Roan, South Midlands Growth Hub Manager, said: "This development showcases the important role the South Midlands Growth Hub has in supporting businesses to overcome their challenges, realise their potential, and generate growth. In the past year alone, we have awarded over £1.9 million to businesses across the region."

"The launch of the South Midlands Authority enables us to continue acting on the strong relationships we already have with each local authority. It is a natural continuation of the collaboration the South Midlands Careers Hub and ourselves have demonstrated over the past 12 months to unite skills and business support to achieve economic success."

"We're excited to continue to act as the intelligence resource for businesses and represent the wonderful variety of businesses and industries we have across the South Midlands."

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

As well as for my own tree, I love researching family history for other people. Some of the trees are absolutely fascinating and full of tales that I would not have thought possible. Such was the family of Ralph Alford, former schoolmaster at Oundle School, who died recently.

Ralph's father was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II for his work as Governor and Commander in Chief of St Helena and was married twice – once to Ralph's mother and, following her death, to her sister. This would not have been allowed prior to 1907 when the "Dead Wife's Sister Marriage Act" came into being!

Ralph enjoyed researching his family tree and through his mother's line, was able to trace his forbears back to King Edward I and beyond! But, Ralph had no direct family to leave his research to – he did it for his own enjoyment. Rather than have all of his work go to waste, we agreed that he could leave it to the Society of Genealogists. However, we have since discovered a cousin who is also

interested in the family history, so that is where it will be going. But, should you have a lot of family history and nowhere for it to go, then the Society of Genealogists would be the place to contact. If you visit their website at <https://www.sog.org.uk/> home you will find further information.

Oh yes – Ralph's great, great grandfather was Augustus Welby Pugin – he who designed the interiors of the Palace of Westminster. This is proving to be another line of research for the family!

Don't forget – as you discover more about your family's history, it will open up more places to research as well. You could even build in a few visits to see what the area is like now where your ancestors once lived. A wander round a graveyard or cemetery on a sunny day is not everyone's cup of tea, I do admit, but my Gran used to take me and it can be one way of getting your children or grandchildren interested.

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'Green Flag' award for Rushden Town Council

Rushden Town Council is pleased to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious 'Green Flag' award for the eleventh consecutive year.

The news that Hall Park has achieved the accreditation - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces - is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that care for the green space so that everyone can enjoy it.

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

"Hall Park is a vital green space for the community of Rushden, bringing people together and providing opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles. The staff do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards of the Green Flag Award and

everyone involved should feel extremely proud of their achievement."

The Green Flag Award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Department for

Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of green spaces across the United Kingdom and around the world.



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WORK PROGRESSES ON NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE WIDE GREENWAY

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive will receive an update on the proposed strategy for the Greenway. The North Northamptonshire Greenway will be a strategic rural network of safer, largely traffic-free routes suitable for walkers, wheelers, cyclists and equestrian users where appropriate, connecting settlements, employment, leisure and tourism destinations across North Northamptonshire and beyond.

In September 2023, the council consulted on the strategy for the Greenway, covering the whole of North Northamptonshire and following responses and suggestions from that consultation some changes have been made.

Executive members will be asked to approve the North Northamptonshire Greenway strategy which looks at 33 possible routes and grows on the work started in a former council area. It complements the works being completed in the more urban areas of North Northants to improve and expand the Greenway.

The strategy will provide:

- A clear vision and definition for the Greenway.
- A masterplan to help investment and development over the next 10-20 years.
- Further guidance on rights of way and how they can help develop

greenways.

- A clear link to the LCWIP process to bring these to rural areas.
- A masterplan which will link to policies such as the Local Transport Plan and will also help future decision making.

The strategy explains how the Greenway will be delivered across North Northamptonshire and the design recommendation booklets will provide clear summaries of each route; length, surface, land ownership, costs, key stakeholders and route constraints.

Cllr Helen Howell, the council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "The Greenway is already a great asset which is used by residents and visitors alike. Naturally it makes sense to think bigger and how we can expand it out across the whole of North Northants. With this in mind, the proposed strategy for the North

Northants Greenway sets us on the right path for the next 10-20 years and looks at over 350km of routes connecting communities across the local area and into neighbouring authorities.

"The strategy covers 33 possible routes, all of which would help connect our larger towns with the more rural areas, providing routes for leisure as well as commuters – something which is becoming more and more important as we look to a greener future.

"The primary focus of the Strategy is to deliver the Greenway within North Northamptonshire. However, opportunities to connect our residents to communities and services in neighbouring local authority areas will be pursued as appropriate when they rise and funding becomes available.

"The strategy will inform future capital investment in the Greenway through developer contributions, external funding bids and any capital investment

the Council may or may not choose to consider."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Sustainable travel routes are vital as we future-proof North Northants and projects like the Greenway are part of this. As well as looking long-term, we're working with landowners and partners now on various routes which will make a massive difference to communities and have also prioritised four routes as part of our strategy work to move forward with initially.

"I look forward to discussing this exciting project with Executive members and considering the next steps."

As well as seeking approval for the strategy, work is also ongoing, on the ground, on various routes across the local area with NNC currently working with partners and landowners for routes between Great and Little Addington, Wellingborough to Wollaston via

Irchester, Oundle to Warrington and Corby to Gretton.

Braybrooke Parish Council and Braybrooke Beer Co. have been successful in securing grants for a section of Greenway between Market Harborough and Desborough. Once complete, it will connect the village to the Brampton Valley Way and allow the community to access Market Harborough and the new Taproom at Braybrooke Beer Co.

Also, following a consultation on the Rushden to Wellingborough route, funds have been secured for a Habitat Regulation Assessment which is two years' worth of winter and summer surveys, to show that the proposed route will have limited or no negative impact on the bird population, as well as other necessary surveys and assessments.

This funding has meant that planning permission for the route will be sought late 2026/early 2027, once all requirements have been met.

As we went to press, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive was due to meet on Thursday 15th August at the Cube in Corby.



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SEPTEMBER

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£5m of funding for cultural projects set to be discussed

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive is due to discuss the next steps following the allocation of £5m of capital funding from the previous government as part of the Spring Budget.

The funding from Government is for investment in cultural projects in the area and an investment plan has now been submitted to Government.

In April 2024, the council asked for interested projects to come forward and 25 projects were submitted from a range of businesses and organisations, with 10 projects being identified as suitable and, as such, included in the investment plan. These include projects at the Lighthouse Theatre in Kettering, Rothwell Market House, Desborough Heritage Centre, Sywell Country Park, Rushden Transport Heritage Society and Adrenaline Alley in Corby.

A full list of the projects and an overview of each can be found at Appendix A of the Executive report.

A decision on the award of funding is expected soon and NNC is now making the necessary arrangements to ensure that the council is ready to act and ensure the projects identified are delivered by the predicted end date of March 2026.

A report to the council's Executive will now seek approval on various elements to help deliver the projects, including the setting up of panel of Councillors to oversee the programme, with support from the relevant Officers. It is also proposed that a small grant scheme is set up with input from officers, Executive Members alongside representatives from the University of Northampton

and University of Leicester.

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "I want to thank everyone who took the time to submit their projects for consideration. We had such high-quality projects submitted for inclusion in the investment plan and the ones that have been included are of the highest quality and will have such an enormous benefit to the local economy, impacting communities throughout North Northants.

"We are expecting a decision from Government on whether our investment plan has been successful and need to be prepared for this decision. Therefore, it is vital that we start to think about the next steps and this report sets out some of those key tools we need to help deliver the plan - should it be approved."

Cllr Helen Howell, the council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "This is a really exciting time for culture in North Northamptonshire. The £5m of funding we have been allocated will make a real difference to projects across the area, alongside our investment in the new tourism strategy for Northamptonshire. I am also delighted we have included £500,000 as part of the bid, to set up a small grants scheme to allow the smaller, local cultural groups we have here in North Northants to apply for funding, it is great that substantial funds can go to help large organisations but we must not forget the smaller groups who are generally run by dedicated volunteers."

As we went to press, The Executive was due to meet on Thursday 15th August at the Corby Cube.

Enjoy, and stay safe in, country parks this summer

With summer having finally arrived in North Northamptonshire, the council and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue are reminding residents to enjoy the area's country parks, woodlands and open spaces safely and responsibly.

Below are some top tips and reminders:

- The use of BBQs is not permitted due to the fire risks they pose - grass can catch fire and spread very quickly.
- Please take your rubbish home with you
- Swimming is strictly not permitted in the Sywell Country Park reservoir outside of instructor-led open water swimming sessions run by NSport. Whilst open water swimming has health benefits, there are also numerous hazards if not carried out safely and this restriction helps keep everyone safe.
- Parents should warn their children about the dangers in and around open water. It can appear fun to cool off in water, but structures such as bridges, locks and reservoirs should be avoided.

Cllr Harriet Pentland, the council's Executive Member for Climate and the Green Environment, said: "Our country parks, woodlands and open spaces are popular all year around, but they really come into their own in the summer, with families gathering and spending the day at one or more of the excellent parks we have in North Northants. Whilst most visitors are careful and courteous,

we are asking everyone to stay safe and not use BBQs, take your rubbish home, not swim in Sywell Country Park and take care when around open water."

Darren Carson, a Prevention Team Leader at Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service, said: "We want to make sure that people enjoy the warm weather safely.

"We would urge people to think carefully before going swimming in the open water, we would always recommend going to somewhere supervised if that's what you want to do.

"Even if it's hot outside, open water can be very cold. If you get into trouble, try and float on your back in a starfish shape and wait for the cold-water shock to pass. If you see someone in trouble in the water, call 999, tell the person to float on their back and see if there's something you can throw - such as a ball or a throwline - that can help them float.

"We know people will also want to get the BBQ out on a hot day. We would recommend doing this in your own garden rather than in public spaces. To stay safe we would say to never leave it unattended; keep it a safe distance away from sheds, fences or trees, and never put any hot ashes into the bin afterwards. We would also recommend keeping a bucket of water nearby in case of emergency."

More information about North Northamptonshire Council's Country Parks is available on the council's website.



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PROPERTIES DESIGNED FOR THE ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY NOW AVAILABLE TO RENT

Work is almost complete on a new housing development which has been designed with the Armed Forces community in mind and those eligible are being urged to come forward and apply via Keyways.

Cheltenham Road in Corby is a newly built housing development of 18 purpose-built properties which has been built and designed to help support the Armed Forces community and reinforces North Northamptonshire Council's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant in Northamptonshire. The

development is the first of its kind in the area.

With some properties already allocated to members of the Armed Forces community, the council is urging anyone who may be eligible to apply via the Keyways website before 5pm on 16th August as there remains some properties available for families.

Full details of the qualifying criteria is available on the Keyways website with each application being carefully assessed for suitability. The council has asked that any household who applies and feels

that they meet the qualifying criteria should email the Keyways team at keyways@northnorthants.gov.uk and provide your full details in order that your application is prioritised for assessment.

Cllr Mark Rowley, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Housing and Communities, said: "This is a really exciting development and we're proud of the work that has been done to get the site to this point. But now it's all about who is going to live and benefit from the development - the Armed Forces community has

been thought about at every stage with careful consideration made to the facilities and layouts in each of the properties.

"We are hoping the Cheltenham Road site will become a lovely community where members of the Armed Forces community can come together - whether it be veterans or those currently serving and their families. With this in mind, I would urge anyone who may be eligible and is currently looking for a property to apply before 16th August."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Members of the

Armed Forces play such a vital role in communities, so it's important that we help and support them in any way we can, that includes being innovative and thinking outside the box. The development at Cheltenham Road is the first of its kind in the area and I am sure it will make such a difference. We look forward to meeting the residents once everyone is settled in."

More information about NNC's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant and the Cheltenham Road site is available on the council's website.



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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
28 August 2024	Irchester Country Park	Wild Wood Natural Play
29 August 2024	Sywell Country Park	Pond Dipping

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Group	Where	What
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Natural Minds	Barnwell Country Park Sywell Country Park	Natural Minds is time out for adults of all ages to take some active rest.
Tree Fellas	Irchester Country Park	A group for men who want to give their mental health a boost.

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Gilbert & Sullivan Gala evening

There will be a treat in store for G&S fans on Saturday 7th September when The Wandering Minstrels will present a Gala evening entitled 'The World Of Gilbert And Sullivan' at Hamerton Parish Church, near Sawtry, Cambridgeshire PE28 5QS at 7.30pm (doors open at 6.30pm).

The company will sing, act and dance their way through excerpts from many of the Savoy Operas including 'The Gondoliers', 'Trial by Jury', 'The Mikado', 'Utopia, Limited', 'Princess Ida', 'The Pirates of Penzance', and 'HMS Pinafore'. Artists taking part in this Gala concert are Alexandra Ferrari, Emma Stratton, Charles Mills, David Woods and Tim Hurst-Brown, with Peter Hewitt at the piano.

Tickets - £15 in advance or £20 on the door (to include a free glass of wine) - from <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/allsaintshamertonpcc>; via hamertonchurch@norleigh.org.uk; from Jane on 07732 300128; or on the door. A cash, licensed bar will be available before the concert, during the interval and after the performance, serving Digfield real ales from the barrel, wines and soft drinks. Proceeds from the concert are in aid of church funds.

This event has been generously sponsored by Hunt & Coombs Solicitors of Huntingdon, Oundle, Peterborough and St Neots; RB Woodworking, Hamerton; and Digfield Ales,



Barnwell. The concert is bound to be extremely popular, so members of the public are urged to buy their tickets early. Don't miss two hours of Savoy favourites, combining the biting wit of W. S. Gilbert and the enchanting music of Sir Arthur Sullivan, beautifully sung and presented in period costume. It promises to be a delightful evening!

www.wanderingminstrels.org.uk

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Land at The Green, Great Houghton



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Who we are

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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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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 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 High Street, Rushden as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of High Street, Rushden from Coffee Tavern Lane to outside no.55.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during installation of an air valve.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st September 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 1 day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Rectory Road, Newton Road, Skinners Hill and Duck Street.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N213 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/452

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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 (CHURCH GREEN, WOODFORD)
 (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 Church Green, Woodford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Green, Woodford from the junction of Church Street to outside no.19.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 2nd September 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 up to 5 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Church Street and Rectory Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N214 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/454

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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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 (HILL STREET, RAUNDS)
 (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Hill Street, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Hill Street, Raunds from the junction with Hollington Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th September 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 up to 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Lawson Street, Clare Street, Primrose Hill, Thorpe Street and Brook Street.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N215 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/456

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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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: 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 (CLUB LANE, WOODFORD)
 (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 Club Lane, Woodford from outside no.15.

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

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th September 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 up to 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Church Green and The Green.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N227 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T24/463

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 have made an Order the effect of which is 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: n/a.

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

Dated this 17th day of August 2024

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

MOULTON COLLEGE EMBARKS ON A NEW ERA AFTER FINANCIAL TURNAROUND

Major changes at Moulton College have paved the way for the Department of Education to withdraw the College's financial notice to improve (FTNI).

The notice, which was issued in 2017, was formally removed last month following significant efforts from staff at the Northamptonshire-based further education college to expand and improve its offering for students. The College is now set to enter a period of Post Intervention Management Support (PIMS).

Alicia Bruce, Chief Operating Officer, Moulton College, has welcomed the move and says: "Moulton College has made great strides over the past few years to address the issues identified by the FE Commissioner (FEC) and Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA).

"In spite of the challenges we were facing, our staff pulled together to address the issues and put in place recommendations made by

FEC and ESFA while working hard to improve our offering for students. We're delighted that these efforts have been recognised with the withdrawal of the notice."

Moulton College has undergone a remarkable turnaround in recent years. In December 2021, the College was awarded 'Good' status by Ofsted and welcomed the reintroduction of apprenticeships to its curriculum last year. 2024 marks the launch of a range of T Levels alongside Moulton College's broad offering of qualifications in areas including agriculture, equine, sport, animal welfare, construction and food. Now the College, which has recently welcomed its new Principal and CEO, Oliver Symons, is looking ahead to a positive future for its staff and students.

Chair of Governors, David McVean, commended the efforts of staff and adds: "By focusing on the quality of our education and the student

experience, as well as prudent sales of non-essential assets, we have created a turnaround that very few thought possible.

"We are incredibly thankful to our former Principal and CEO, Corrie Harris, and her senior team, who led the College out

of intervention and has built a secure foundation for her successor as CEO, Oliver Symons. Moulton College has an

extremely bright future, and we are looking forward to the new opportunities that lie ahead for our students."

MAJOR MILESTONES REACHED FOR £116.8 MILLION ISHAM BYPASS SCHEME

Building a £116.8million dual carriageway bypass for the North Northamptonshire village of Isham has taken a step closer with the submission of a planning application for the scheme.

The plans will now go through the regular planning application process and consultation before being heard before a North Northamptonshire Council planning committee at a later date.

The move will be followed by the submission of an outline business case to the Department for Transport with the information they require to agree continued funding of the scheme.

Late last year the previous Government announced that it would fully fund the build costs of the 3.75km road, which will not only alleviate congestion in Isham but also help unlock economic growth in the area.

Cllr Matt Binley, the Council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets said: "We're fully committed to getting this very important project built. Submitting the planning application and the outline business case are two very important steps forward and I'm delighted that things are progressing.

"I appreciate that the scheme has been on the wish-list of local residents for a very long time and we're determined to make this a reality for them.

"The project has so many benefits, not just for the local residents but more widely in unlocking the potential for growth and the associated economic spin-offs from that."

The A509 Isham Bypass forms the first part of a strategy to dual the whole A509 between the A14 south of Kettering and the A45 at Wellingborough.

If planning permission is granted and

the outline business case is approved, a full business case would then have to be submitted to the Department for Transport.

The current timeline is for construction to start in Spring 2027 with an opening date of September 2028.

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council said: "We're doing everything we can to progress this essential scheme as quickly as we can and I'm thrilled that we're now reaching two major milestones.

"So many people have worked so hard over the years to move this project on and I'm grateful for their support. In my previous role as lead Member for Highways at the former county council, this was a key project for me and one I was determined to move forward.

"This project is one of our major priorities as a council and I'm determined that we see it through to completion."



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