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The Best of Queen at The Castle Theatre

Join Freddie, Brian, Roger and John as they take you on a magical journey performing The Best of Queen, celebrating the music and showmanship of the UK's favourite rock band.

From the band's early beginnings to their sell out concerts at Wembley Stadium, relive the spellbinding atmosphere that Queen delivered over their illustrious career.

For nearly 50 years, Queen have wowed audiences with their legendary live concerts, heart-thumping anthems, and jaw-dropping, epic scale productions. With 18 number one albums, 18 number one singles and nearly 300 million records sold, it's no wonder they are recognised as the world's greatest rock band.

The Best of Queen show will transport you to a Queen concert at the height of their powers. With iconic sound and lights and featuring a selection of greatest hits, this magical, live stage show is "Guaranteed to Blow your Mind!"

The Best of Queen will be at Castle Theatre, Wellingborough on Saturday 8th February. Standard tickets are £35. Call the Box Office on 01933 270 007 or visit www.castletheatre.co.uk

Charity running urgent appeal to support 38,000 residents at risk of fuel poverty

Now in its 14th year, Northamptonshire Community Foundation's Warm this Winter appeal has so far raised more than £267,000 to tackle fuel poverty and to support residents across the county who are not turning on their heating, or cutting back on food, to save money.

The foundation is reaching out to anyone who feels able to give to this

year's appeal. Rachel McGrath, Chief Executive of Northamptonshire

Community Foundation, said: "Too many members of our community are struggling in

these freezing temperatures.

"We are committed to supporting our county's most vulnerable residents; every penny donated to our Warm this Winter appeal goes straight into our Warm this Winter Fund, through which we award grants to Northamptonshire-based charities that are doing vital work to help residents experiencing financial hardship and fuel poverty.

"Any donation, big or small, will have a meaningful impact. Our team works hard to distribute these urgent funds as they come in to us, to help

ensure that our vulnerable older neighbours are kept fed, warm and well."

Last year, grant awards made from Northamptonshire Community Foundation's Warm this Winter Fund supported 144 local residents. Moulton Community CIO hosted a Winter Warm Hub which provided a warm and welcoming space, refreshments, lunches and activities for residents seven days a week; Friends of East Hunsbury Primary School set up a pop-up café that offered older people space to socialise and get involved with activities like chair yoga, and Stanwick Bowls Club replaced their old electric heaters so that older residents could stay warm and active throughout the winter months.



To donate to Northamptonshire Community Foundation's Warm this Winter appeal, visit their JustGiving page: [justgiving.com/campaign/warmthiswinter2024](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/warmthiswinter2024). To find out more about the foundation's work supporting our county's most in-need residents, visit: www.ncf.uk.com/

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New Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets appointed at North Northamptonshire Council



Cllr Macaulay Andrew Nichol

A new Member for Highways, Travel and Assets has been appointed to North Northamptonshire Council's Executive.

Cllr Macaulay Andrew Nichol, who represents the Corby Rural ward on the authority, will take on the post with immediate effect.

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council said: "I'm delighted to appoint Macaulay to our Executive in this prestigious position, which covers a vast amount of the Place services that the council provides.

"Macaulay has shown great determination and dedication since our authority came into being in April 2021 and very much deserves his place at the table to help the team make key decisions on making the council and the whole area the best it can be."

The portfolio covers a range of services, including Highways and Transport; on-street and off-street

parking; refuse, recycling and waste; and property and estates management.

Cllr Nichol said: "It's a tremendous honour to be appointed to the Council's Executive and I'm

thrilled to be working with everyone on creating policies that take North Northamptonshire forward.

"This is an exciting time to be part of the authority and I very much look forward to getting started."

Cllr Harriet Pentland set to depart North Northamptonshire Council's Executive

It has been announced that Cllr Harriet Pentland will step down from North Northamptonshire Council's Executive due to a change in work commitments.

She will be replaced by Cllr Helen Harrison, who has a wealth of knowledge and experience and has previously had an Executive position at the Council.

Cllr Pentland has sat on the Executive since the creation of the Council with responsibility for the Climate and Green Environment. During her time in this role, she has led on several major projects including the NN Climate conferences, the introduction of green strategies and policies that positively impact on the whole of North Northamptonshire, including the Council's Carbon Management Plan.

Whilst Cllr Harriet Pentland will leave her role on the Executive, she will remain committed to her duties as ward Councillor for the Higham Ferrers ward.

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Harriet has been a vital member of the Executive, bringing forward a massive amount of change. Her work on the Council's Carbon Management Plan has been tremendous and is a real stepping stone that we can now build on and grow as we move forward as Harriet passes the baton onto Helen.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank Harriet, wish her all the best in her future endeavours and her new role. Harriet is an asset to anyone who works alongside her and I am very grateful for her hard work and commitment she has given the Council and North Northamptonshire.

"It is great to welcome Helen back onto the Executive and I know that the Climate and Green Environment portfolio is in a capable, experienced pair of hands."

"I think it is really important to have women in senior positions at the Council and on the Executive and I am keen to attract more women into senior roles."

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Okay, so you have a computer and you have found some software that seems to fit the bill for your family tree. But are you making the best use of it? It's a good idea to familiarise yourself with the tools that come with your software. What background are you using? Is it a standard one or one more pertinent to your family – cornfields for all of those Ag Labs, shovels and pickaxes for miners etc?

Scan those photographs that you have – also save them to a 'cloud' just in case – and pop them against those ancestors. Explore the print-off options. Years ago, I had software that could only print off one A4 page at a time. This I duly did, took the pages into work and laid them out on the office floor – the only space big enough to do so. I then went through more sellotape than I care to admit to, sticking it all together. Since then, I discovered a fantastic company based in Coventry who will print off any size family tree if you send them a GEDCOM.

Diversion time. GEDCOM stands for GENEALOGICAL Data COMMUNICATIONS system that can be

downloaded from your software so that you can export a copy of your tree. It formats your family tree data into a text file which can be easily read and converted by any genealogy software programme. Instructions on how to do so may be found on the interwebby.

But, whatever time you spend researching, do please be kind to yourself. Before now, I have had a dog throwing his food bowl around as I had become so engrossed in the goings on at a pub in Tenterden, Kent, that I had quite forgotten the time...

Sitting hunched over your desk or computer for long periods of time is no good for either your posture or your eyesight. Make sure that you have a decent chair and that the lighting is giving you the best possible illumination. Oh yes – a magnifying glass is also handy for that difficult to read handwriting.

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INSPIRATIONAL "FIT COBBLERS" PROGRAMME RETURNS FOR THOSE MAKING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES IN NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Help is at hand for men in North Northamptonshire who want to make healthier lifestyle choices for 2025 and beyond.

North Northamptonshire Council has teamed up with Northampton Town Football Club Community Trust to bring back a 12-week programme which is aimed at men aged between 30 and 65 with a body mass index (BMI) over 28kg/m2.

Free of charge for those taking part, the Fit Cobblers programme is offering 25 places for the weekly sessions which take place between 6pm and 8pm at the Hemmingwell Community and Skills Centre in Wellingborough.

In the first hour of the sessions, participants will take part in classroom-based activities looking at topics such as nutrition, exercise, alcohol and food, using strategies such as SMART goal setting to help build long-term healthy habits.

In the second hour the participants will take part in a physical activity session such as walking football, circuit training, yoga and long walks.

Cllr Gill Mercer, Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing at North Northamptonshire Council, which has funded the scheme, said: "We're delighted to be able to once again fund this excellent programme which has been inspirational for so many men who want to make healthier lifestyle choices."

"Introducing positive changes towards healthier lifestyles has so many benefits and I'd encourage anyone who's interested to get in contact."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "It's great to be working with the Northampton Town FC Community Trust

once again on providing this hugely popular programme.

"While it's easy to have positive intentions at the start of a New Year towards a healthier lifestyle, it's not always so easy to maintain the dedication required. That's where programmes such as this are a tremendous benefit and real-life examples have shown that the course has made a big impact on people's lives.

"We're committed to making North Northamptonshire a healthier place and I'm delighted to see this great work. Well done to those who have taken part previously and all the best to those taking on the challenge this year."

Akshay Mistry, Health and Wellbeing Officer at Northampton Town Football Club Community Trust, said:



"The Fit Cobblers programme is an inclusive programme created to help participants achieve their goals over the longer term. Success isn't

just about losing weight, it is about becoming aware of your conscious decisions, creating a healthy relationship with food and exercise, becoming active,

and prioritising your own needs to help create a better version of yourself. We are looking forward to delivering this programme once again."

People can register for the programme and find out more information online: ntfccommunity.co.uk/fitcobblers. Alternatively they can email: Akshay.mistry@ntfc.co.uk

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MARCH

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Tue 4 Spalding
Thu 6 Cotswold Tour
Sat 8 York OR Jorvik Viking Centre
Sat 8 National Railway Museum
Tue 11 Derbyshire & Peak District
Sat 15 Saffron Walden - a Cosmopolitan Market
Wed 19 Seasonal Mystery
Fri 21 Ideal Home Show
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MAY

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GET MORE ACTIVE, MEET PEOPLE AND EXPLORE NEW PASTIMES WITH ACTIVITY BUDDY SCHEME

Would you like to find ways to become more active, make new friends and try new activities, but are unsure how to make this happen? A new Council scheme could help you

It could also be that it is a while since you have spent time with people or engaged in hobbies or activity of any kind.

Did you know that it is scientifically proven that taking part in activities can:

- Boost your self-confidence and improve communication skills
- Combat feelings of loneliness and isolation
- Improve physical health
- Reduce stress, boost your mood and increase your happiness

North Northamptonshire Council's Leisure Team has looked into this and launched the Activity Buddy Scheme which has been created to help break down barriers for adults who may be experiencing challenges which prevent them from taking part in sport or

wellbeing activities.

Our Activity Buddy scheme, funded by North Northamptonshire Council Public Health for three years, can help if you're an adult experiencing mental wellbeing, motivational or physical challenges that stop you from participating in sport or active wellbeing sessions.

After joining the scheme, you will be matched with a like-minded buddy in an activity of your choice, supporting you to be more active and providing a friendly, safe and fun atmosphere to build your confidence. Activities include walking, golf, swimming, the gym, studio-based exercise class, gardening, community-based activities, arts and crafts.

How it works:

- The Activity Buddy Coordinator will match

like-minded "Buddies" in an activity of their choice

- Buddies can help people develop confidence to access activities they may not have tried before
- The benefits are:
 - Improved mood: Exercise can improve mood, especially for people who are not very active
 - Sense of belonging: Buddies can help people feel part of a community
 - Personal support: Buddies can help people develop skills and overcome challenges
 - Professional development: Buddies can help people explore professional development and work-based issues

It is free to register on the scheme. Activities are paid for as per session admission charges.

Gill Mercer, Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, said: "The Activity Buddy scheme is a fantastic way of connecting with people and at the same time improving mental, physical and general wellbeing. Supportive and inclusive environments help you connect with others who share similar interests and passions and help expand your social network. They will match you with like-minded buddies in an activity of your choice – supporting you to be more active and providing a friendly, safe and fun atmosphere to build your confidence.

"If you're looking to get more active, whether that be by trying something new, or simply enjoying a favourite hobby, and would like the companionship of an activity buddy, then register with the Activity Buddy Scheme which aims to connect like-minded buddies across North Northamptonshire. Whether

it's sports, gardening, arts and crafts, or fitness classes, having an activity buddy can make all the difference."

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "The scheme has over 50 Activity Buddies so far, with several Buddies choosing well-being activities such as gardening, walking, swimming as well as art and craft activities.

"Some members have now been empowered and have been happy to contact prospective new members by phone to explain the scheme. Social Prescriber teams across North Northamptonshire have also engaged well with the scheme and are sending across referrals. The scheme is making such a difference to people and I would urge you to join."

Joining the scheme is very easy, just go online at www.northnorthants.gov.uk/activitybuddy to register and find out all the details or text/WhatsApp "BUDDY" to

07483130234.

If you don't have a computer at home then you can visit one of our libraries across North Northamptonshire to use one of their computers.

You will be asked your age group, gender, ethnicity, if you have a disability or health condition and a few questions about your general outlook and feelings about your life at the moment. Just write what you are comfortable with, as much or as little as you prefer.

If you are happy with this information to be shared, a member of the team will match you with a buddy.

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MARK THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE

Rushden Town Council is inviting local residents to take part in a community knitting project to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe.

This year, they are creating a 'Street Party' themed display at Rushden Hall to celebrate VE Day and honour this significant milestone in our history. They are asking participants to knit 4-6-inch boy or girl dolls,

which will form part of this special installation.

To make it easier to get involved, a dedicated knitting pattern is available for download or collection from Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden NN10 9NG.

If you need wool remnants to complete your project, please let them know, and they will do their best to assist.

The project follows the success of last year's D-Day 80 display, which commemorated the D-Day landings. They hope this year's effort will, once again, bring the community together to create a meaningful tribute.

How to Take Part

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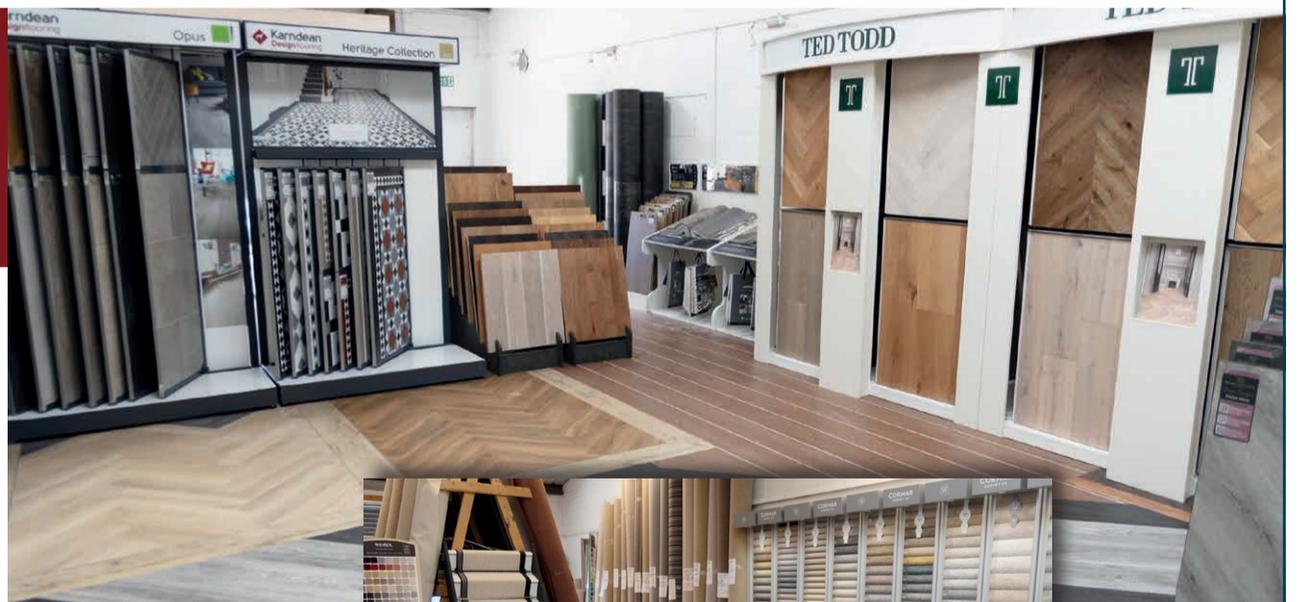
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> SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, 10.15AM

Morning Worship

Whitefriars Church, Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX.

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 8AM

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> SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 10.15AM

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> SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 9.20AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

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LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE (SECTION 17)

Notice is hereby given that Hamilton Oundle has applied to North Northamptonshire Council for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of Hamilton Oundle, 5 New Street, Oundle, Peterborough, PE8 4EA, and intends to undertake the following licensable activities: sale of alcohol.

The Licensing register may be inspected at the Licensing Authority, at North Northamptonshire Council, Thrapston Offices, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4LZ during normal office hours. Any representation by a Responsible Authority or Interested Party must be made in writing to the Central Licensing Administration Unit, above address by 19th February, 2025.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is not exceeding £5,000.

Mr Bobby Rashedi
Director of Hamilton Oundle

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (BLACKPOT LANE, OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement a one-way traffic flow in the road specified in the Schedule to the draft Order and as detailed in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the proposed Order, together with a plan showing the exact length of road to which it relates and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected on the Council's website at www.northnorthants.gov.uk (search traffic regulation orders) and may also be inspected at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX at a time and date specified by appointment only by calling 01604 529700.

OBJECTIONS to the proposed Order, stating the grounds on which they are made should be sent in writing to the Traffic Orders Section, Kier Highways, Highways Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, NN6 9BX or by email; NNCParkingenquiries@kier.co.uk by 22nd February 2025.

Dated this 1st day of February 2025

SANJIT SULL
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim) P/2070

Col 1	Col 2	Col 3
Road Name/Location	Description	Direction of Travel
Blackpot Lane, Oundle	From its junction with Glaphorn Road/New Street, extending 255 metres in a North-easterly direction to its junction with North Street	One-way – vehicles to travel in a North-easterly direction

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (VARIOUS ROADS) (ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) (BATCH 5) ORDER 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made the above Order under Sections 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers. The effect of the effect of the Order is to designate parking places restricting use at all times for electric vehicles only i.e solely battery powered or hybrid – connected to and using charging equipment located adjacent to the parking place on the highway and as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old 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

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 3rd February 2025.

Dated this 1st day of February 2025

SANJIT SULL,
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim) P/1968

SCHEDULE	
ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY PARKING PLACES '8AM - 6PM 4 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR' AND 'ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY AT ALL OTHER TIMES'	
Portland Road, Rushden – Starting from a point adjacent to the double yellow lines outside property number 1-12 Hampton House facing Portland Road eastwards, for a total distance of 12.5 metres in an easterly direction (opposite numbers 26-30)	

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (BROOKS ROAD, RAUNDS)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Brooks Road, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Brooks Road, Raunds – adjacent to the Water Tower.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th February 2025 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use North Street, Brick Kiln Road, London Road and Denford Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 24/25 – N813 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T25/057

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (BRIDGE STREET, BRIGSTOCK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Bridge Street, Brigstock as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bridge Street, Brigstock – adjacent to Village Hall.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during coring and vegetation clearing.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 26th February 2025 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 2 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use High Street and Park Walk.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 24/25 – N814 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T25/058

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (RED LODGE ROAD, BULWICK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025
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 Red Lodge Road, Bulwick as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Red Lodge Road, Bulwick from Stamford Road to Private Farm entrance.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th February 2025 and will continue in force for a period of eighteen months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for the Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such an extent as is indicated by the display of signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Red Lodge Road, Harringworth Road, Deene, Bulwick Road and Stamford Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 24/25 – N830 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T25/087

Dated this 1st day of February 2025
SANJIT SULL,
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim)

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (VARIOUS ROADS) (ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) (BATCH 6) ORDER 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made the above Order under Sections 32, 35 to 39 and 45 to 55 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers. The effect of the Order is to designate parking places restricting use at all times for electric vehicles only i.e solely battery powered or hybrid – connected to and using charging equipment located adjacent to the parking place on the highway and as specified in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old 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

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 3rd February 2025.

Dated this 1st day of February 2025

SANJIT SULL,
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer) (Interim) P/2007

SCHEDULE	
ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY PARKING PLACES '8AM - 6PM 4 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR' AND 'ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY AT ALL OTHER TIMES'	
Bridge Street, Thrapston – North side of Bridge Street, starting from a point 9 metres from existing double yellow lines in an easterly direction for a distance of 14.5 metres to adjoin the existing double yellow lines for the access to the former 'The Bridge Hotel'.	

SCHEDULE	
CHANGES TO EXISTING RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY PARKING PLACES '8AM - 6PM 4 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 1 HOUR' AND 'ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING ONLY AT ALL OTHER TIMES'	
Brook Street, Raunds – Starting from a point 16.5 metres from the 'h bar obstruction marking' opposite Ashfield Avenue for a distance of 14.5 metres in a southerly direction.	

Deadlines for all classifications: 5pm Monday prior to issue date. A complete version of our Terms and Conditions can be found online at www.nenevalleynews.co.uk. Pay by credit/debit card or cheque. All major credit/debit cards accepted. For help and information please call 01522 692542 or visit www.nenevalleynews.co.uk

Essential infrastructure improvements to Lakeside area of Ferry Meadows

Nene Park Trust is excited to be starting the new year with further improvements to the Lakeside area of Ferry Meadows – another step closer to the construction of the new Lakeside Activity Centre.

Essential infrastructure maintenance and improvements are being carried out which include upgrades on the pumping station, sewerage and some much-needed refurbishment of the public toilet block. There will also be further accessible parking spaces created in this area as part of this work, which has been funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

These essential works take the Trust another step further towards the creation of the new Lakeside Activity Centre. There is still further fundraising needed for this exciting project but the plan is to be in a position to start construction later this year.

Cambridge and Peterborough's Chair of the Business Board, Al Kingsley MBE, said: "Great to hear that UKSPF funding will improve the accessibility and surfacing of Ferry Meadows. It's a fantastic part of Peterborough, and this support ensures that everyone in our community can enjoy this beautiful green space. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made this possible."

Andrew MacDermott, Director of Operations and Growth at Nene Park Trust said: "These improvements reflect the Trust's commitment to enhancing facilities across our entire estate,

ensuring high-quality, accessible spaces for everyone to enjoy. We're excited to see these upgrades take shape and look forward to their completion, welcoming visitors to an even better Lakeside area in the near future. Our thanks go to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for making this possible."

These essential infrastructure works started on Thursday 16th January, which means that the Lakeside area toilet block has been temporarily closed from this date. Visitors will need to use the toilet facilities at Lakeside Kitchen & Bar or the public toilet block at the Welcome Area near the Visitor Centre end of Ferry Meadows. The Lakeside

toilet block will be reopened as soon as the refurbishment work is complete, which is expected to be by the end of March at the latest.

Over the next few months Nene Park Trust will also be starting work on improving Lakeside Road, widening it in some places, improving drainage and surfacing.

NENE VALLEY CREMATORIUM DONATES £11,600 TO KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL ICU

The Bereavement Services Care Team at Nene Valley Crematorium have raised £11,600 for the Intensive Care Unit at Kettering General Hospital. North Northamptonshire Council's company operated crematorium serves the community of Wellingborough, and beyond.

The Intensive Care Unit at Kettering General Hospital provides patients with much needed critical care and visitors a safe space where they can be sure their loved ones are receiving the highest level of treatment.

Manager and Registrar, Tracy Lawrence, presented a cheque along with the Bereavement Services Care Team on Tuesday 21st January to Northamptonshire Health Charity's Corporate and Community Fundraiser, Nick Hayton.

These funds are a result of the crematorium's membership with the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management, who have adopted a recycling of metals policy via a European company, OrthoMetals. The scheme continues to grow because of the Institute's partnership with OrthoMetals, raising significant monetary contributions to hundreds of charities that has reached more than 20 million.

Metals recovered after cremation are recycled with the express consent of bereaved people, being the persons entitled and empowered to make this decision. For further information, please visit the Orthometals website and view the film of their process.

Since the opening of the crematorium in

September 2016, the team have nominated eight local charities that have collectively benefitted from £101,000 because of this recycling scheme.

Councillor Paul Bell said: "The team at the Nene Valley Crematorium have a long history of raising money for charity and this significant contribution will directly support Kettering General Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, helping to enhance the care and treatment of patients."

Northamptonshire's Health Charity Nick Hayton commented: "This significant contribution will directly support Kettering General Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, helping to enhance the care and treatment of patients. It is a testament to the spirit of community and compassion that exists in our area."



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An Open Letter to the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board and Northamptonshire Hospitals

Subject: Collaborative action to support Northamptonshire residents during the current Critical Incident

As a charity deeply rooted in Northamptonshire, Serve is committed to delivering a range of outstanding care services to our community. Recent challenges, underscored by the declaration of a critical incident by the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), demand an urgent, collaborative response from all of us in the health and social care sector.

Serve's Role and Achievements

As the East Midlands Regional Winner of the Best Home Care Team accolade at the 2024 Great British Care Awards, Serve has consistently demonstrated excellence in community-based care. Our team of over 40 highly trained carers, supported by experienced team leaders, schedulers, and administrators, is well-equipped to adapt to evolving needs and provide high-quality care to residents across Northamptonshire. Our Befriending and hospital transport services have also been acknowledged for making a difference to local people and reducing the impact on hospital services.

Practical Solutions to Relieve System Pressures

Serve believes that, by working more closely together with ICB and other health and social care services in the county, innovative and rapid solutions can be implemented to address this crisis effectively. With relatively modest investment from the ICB, we propose the following immediate actions:

1. Making a difference to safe and swift hospital discharges:

Serve is ready to expand our support to local hospitals, ensuring patients are discharged safely and receive tailored care at home. With experience in managing complex care needs, our team can ease the transition from hospital to home.

2. Reducing avoidable hospital admissions:

By scaling up our community-based services, including personal care, medication management, and befriending checks, Serve can prevent unnecessary admissions. This ensures acute care is prioritised for those who need it most.

3. Expanding transport services:

With additional funding, Serve can strengthen our transport capabilities to support patient transfers and reduce the strain on hospital transport services.

4. Maximising community connections:

Serve's strong local ties enable us to understand the unique challenges faced by residents. Our person-centred approach ensures dignity, respect, and tailored solutions for each individual.

Call for Collaboration and Timely Action

The declaration of a critical incident highlights the urgent need for creative thinking and joint action. We urge the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board to:

- Notwithstanding existing ICB forums focused on longer term strategies, ICB should urgently convene a task force of health and social care providers - including Serve - to explore practical, community-based solutions.
- ICB need to provide timely funding to expand capacity and implement these solutions.
- There needs to be clear, transparent communication with the public to rebuild confidence during this challenging period.

Serve remains ready to work collaboratively with the ICB and other partners to deliver meaningful, practical solutions for Northamptonshire. As shown during the pandemic, extraordinary challenges can be met with extraordinary responses when we work together.

A Message to Our Community

To the residents of Northamptonshire: during this worrying time, Serve is here for you. Our award-winning care team is dedicated to ensuring every individual receives compassionate, professional support. If you or your loved ones need care, please contact us. Together, we can face these challenges and emerge stronger as a community.

Yours faithfully,

Tony Gibbs

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