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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### How accessible are your local health services?

Residents living in rural communities across North Northamptonshire are invited to take part in a Rural Health Needs Assessment survey to share their experiences of accessing local health and wellbeing services.

The online survey aims to gather feedback from residents in villages, hamlets, market towns, or less built-up areas, as well as those who feel their community faces challenges often associated with rural living.

North Northamptonshire Council is particularly keen to hear from residents who may face additional challenges in accessing services, including older adults, people with disabilities, carers, and those without access to reliable transport or digital services.

Insights from the survey will help the council build a clearer picture of what is working well, the challenges faced by rural residents, and how public health services can better meet these needs in the future.

The online survey is open until 25th March 2025, and support is available for anyone needing help to complete it. Please contact North Northamptonshire Council customer services on 0300 126 3000 and select Public Health.

## Fascinating find or fabulous fake? The flint axe mystery mounts

When Higham Ferrers Tourism and its sub-committee Chichele College Management were offered a Stone Age flint axe that had been unearthed in a local field, they jumped at the offer.

Always keen to tell stories about historic Higham Ferrers, they knew that the donation would prove an interesting talking point at various exhibitions.

The Town Council was approached by a former resident, Ivan Driver, at last September's Farmers' Market. He told how his boyhood had been spent in Higham Ferrers and that he had several artefacts – including the flint axe – and felt the collection should be returned to the town.

Councillor Chris O'Rourke – a member of the Tourism

Committee – told Ivan that the committee would be interested in the offer and Carol Fitzgerald, chair of the Chichele College Management Committee, a Tourism sub-committee, agreed and began to consider ways that the artefacts could be shared with the town and kept safe for posterity.

"The flint axe was particularly fascinating. It was found by Jack Thorpe sometime between the world wars. Jack – the father of a close friend of Ivan Driver – lived and farmed at Chichele College in the days when



Carol Fitzgerald (left) watches Dr Christina Tsoraki studying the Higham Ferrers flint axe

the college was a farm and a farmhouse," Carol explained.

"He uncovered the axe while ploughing a field in the lower end of what is now Vine Hill Drive."

Believing that the town's latest treasure should be shared with as many people as possible, the Chichele College Management team contacted West

Northamptonshire Council, suggesting that it be considered for A History of Northamptonshire in 100 Objects, an exhibition to

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The precious axe

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be staged at Northampton Museum in September.

"Our application was successful and we are very proud that the axe will be part of the exhibition," Carol said.

The Higham Ferrers Archaeological Research Society (HiFARS), who meet at Chichele College, were interested in the flint axe, and a member, Professor Sarah Scott, who works at the University of Leicester, suggested it be taken to the university for further research.

Not long afterwards, a busload of interested

members of the Tourism Committee, the Chichele College Management Committee and HiFARS, headed off to the university, where the School of Archaeology and Ancient History has an Advanced Microanalysis Laboratory, boasting specialised state-of-the-art equipment.

The equipment – including light microscopes, providing magnifications of up to 500 times an object's size – enables its international team of scholars to study the production and use of ancient artefacts and carry out

cutting-edge research.

Asked by Carol Fitzgerald if the flint axe was genuine or a fake, Dr Christina Tsoraki, a ground stone and gold expert, said that a lot of things had to be considered and far more investigation was necessary before that could be decided.

Comparative data from different flint stones would have to be gathered. And even if it was not real, it still had a very interesting history, she said.

The axe was made of good quality material and was made by someone who was skilled and had knowledge of different materials.

"It is beautifully made: there has been no use of modern tools in its making," she said.

Carol Fitzgerald added that research was at an interesting stage.

"It is all quite exciting, and even if it is a fake, it remains fascinating and will still go into the History of Northamptonshire in 100 Objects exhibition."

"It will be held for safekeeping at the Archaeological Resource Centre at nearby Chester House until then."

As the guest curator of Higham's axe display, Carol

now awaits the results of the further detailed research before writing the content information for the 100 Objects exhibition.

*Pictures: Robert Barnatt*



Olwen Mayes (right), chair of Higham Ferrers Archaeology Research Society, who was on the trip to Leicester University, took along pieces of Roman Samian-ware that had been found in the town as well as the replica bowl that she had commissioned. Using state-of-the-art equipment, Dr Rachel Armitage, the technical services manager at the School of Archaeology and Ancient History was able to provide her with 3D images

**A copy of the axe will go on display for the first time at Chichele College in June, featuring at an exhibition about The Life of Chichele College being held during Great Big Green Week. It will also form a major part of the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum History Day on 18th October.**

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

**WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON**

How's the research going? Have you started yet? Living with my Gran from the day that I was born and having her spark my interest, I cannot remember a time when I was not following it. However, what has – or will – pique your curiosity? The nice thing about researching your family history is that you don't have to know a great deal to get started. A certain amount of nosiness... erm... curiosity does help, though!

If you are new to research, you might wish to consider taking a local college course to develop your skills – there are also online courses available. One of the most useful that I have discovered is provided by The National Archives on palaeography (the study of old handwriting) and is available as an online tutorial. This is excellent for helping you to understand documents from the 1500s to the 1800s. Years ago, I was randomly checking an online auction website and stumbled across an indenture dated 1st February 1825 that had my 4 x great grandfather's name on it! Yes, I bought it (cost me £28) but you can imagine the handwriting of 200 years ago! Very flowery but, once I had got into the swing of things, I

was able to read it okay. As a bonus, not only was it on parchment, but it had the seals of both my 4 x great grandfather and his brother which showed their likenesses. The indenture was for the release of equity of a property in Tenterden – full of theretofors and untos!

Family History magazines are also very useful for helping you to discover what other resources are available to you. They don't just offer advice as to how to go about your research but also have interesting articles covering social history. It all helps to 'put flesh on the bones' of your research!



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## MAYOR'S AWARDS 2024 - 2025

Rushden Town Council is seeking nominations for the Mayor's Awards for Services to the Community for the year 2024 / 2025. The Mayor's Award is given to an individual for their work and commitment within the community of Rushden over a number of years. (Group nominations will not be eligible for an award.)

Please submit the name and address of nominees, together with details of the reason for their nomination, to the Town Clerk at Rushden Town Council, Rushden Hall, Hall Park, Rushden, Northants, NN10 9NG, or e-mail the Town Clerk at [info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk). All nominations should be received by **Friday 21st March 2025**.

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## Raunds Town Council participates in community orchard initiative



Raunds Town Council is participating in the Coronation Living Heritage Fund tree-planting initiative, thanks to which 15 new fruit and nut trees have recently been planted in Amos Lawrence Park Community Orchard.

The project, funded through a grant awarded to North Northamptonshire Council, supports the development of community orchards, providing green spaces that benefit both people and wildlife for generations to come.

The trees, which include a mix of traditional and local

apple, pear, cherry, plum, quince, and medlar varieties, were sourced from certified fruit-growing nurseries. These will not only further enhance biodiversity in the area but also offer an educational and recreational resource for the Raunds community.

Councillor Ollie Curtis, Chairman of the Council's Environment, Leisure and Recreation Committee, said: "This is a truly fruitful opportunity for Raunds. The Town Council is delighted to be part of this fantastic initiative, which will help our local environment thrive.

The addition of these trees

to Amos Lawrence Park will provide shade, fresh air, and – eventually – delicious produce for our residents to enjoy. We are very grateful to North Northamptonshire Council and the Coronation Living Heritage Fund for making this possible."

The Council encourages residents to visit the orchard and witness first-hand the positive impact that these new trees have on the local environment.

For further information about this initiative or to get involved in future community planting projects, please contact Raunds Town Council.

## Grow your potential in one of Northamptonshire's libraries

The LibraryPlus service has 33 libraries across the county including six operated by North Northamptonshire Council, nine operated by West Northamptonshire Council, as well as 18 community libraries managed by charities and community groups.

These days Libraries provide so much more than traditional book-lending and offer a comprehensive resource of services and activities for all ages. All of the libraries are fully accessible, being inclusive spaces that are dementia and autism friendly.

Families and children will feel right at home with access to educational resources, activities including Rhyme-Times and the flagship Summer Reading Challenge. Students can take advantage of free wi-fi and online reference resources, as well as printing, photocopying and scanning for a small fee. Meanwhile businesses and professionals can access support at the Business and IP Centre Northamptonshire – offering one-to-one advice, workshops and webinars.

Cllr Helen Howell, Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "From the very young to the very old, Libraries provide a hub for the whole community, expanding each year to offer more and more.

"We have many regular visitors, whom we appreciate enormously, we may also have those who have not been in for many years, or not at all, so we are keen to welcome them back

and encourage everyone to pay their local library a visit to see just what is on offer."

### Did you know?

Here are some of the fantastic services and activities offered by Northamptonshire libraries:

- AnswersPlus: Free information and enquiry service for anyone in Northamptonshire.
- Digital Archives: Access exclusive archives like Ancestry and BFI Replay.
- Request Service: For a small fee, request any item in stock across the county for delivery to a library of your choice.
- Events for All Ages: Including walking groups, language cafés, craft groups, coffee mornings, scrabble groups, and history talks.
- Volunteering Opportunities: From delivering children's activities to customer support.

### Additional Community Services:

- Blue Badge Application Assistance.
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Thu 6 Cotswold Tour  
Tue 11 Derbyshire & Peak District  
Sat 15 Saffron Walden a Cosmopolitan Market  
Wed 19 Seasonal Mystery  
Fri 21 Ideal Home Show  
Fri 21 Royal Mews & Free Time  
Sat 22 Thriplow Daffodil & Country Fair  
Thu 27 Canterbury OR Canterbury Cathedral  
Fri 28 Stratford Upon Avon

### APRIL

Sat 5 Norwich  
Tue 8 Black Country Museum  
Tue 8 Dudley Zoo  
Wed 9 London Museums or Free Time  
Wed 9 Tower of London  
Thu 10 Fakenham & Sheringham  
Thu 17 Little Venice to Camden Lock  
Fri 18 Birdland Park, Gardens & Model Village  
Sat 19 Banbury Market Day  
Sun 20 Skegness  
Mon 21 Great Yarmouth - Bank Holiday  
Wed 23 Hereford Market Day  
Wed 23 Hereford Cathedral  
Sat 26 Oxford  
Sat 26 Oxford Castle  
Wed 30 Bury St Edmunds Market Day

### MAY

Sat 3 Carriages of Cambridge with St Ives  
Sun 4 Lincoln  
Thu 8 Tina Turner  
Thu 8 Les Misérables  
Thu 8 Living Crafts Hatfield House  
Fri 9 Stamford Market & Boundary Mills  
Sat 10 Malvern Spring Show  
Sat 10 Springfields  
Sat 10 Spalding Flower Parade  
Sun 11 Hunstanton  
Mon 12 Derbyshire & Peak District  
Wed 14 Wye Valley River Cruise & Lunch  
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Wed 21 Mystery Full Day & Lunch  
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**18-22 MAY**  
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# Discover Northamptonshire gains Local Visitor Economy Partnership accreditation

*A joint bid for a Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) for Northamptonshire has been approved by VisitEngland, paving the way for a far more co-ordinated and strategic approach to promoting the tourism sector.*

Local Visitor Economy Partnerships have been introduced as part of the Government's response to an independent review of how the nation's visitor economy is co-ordinated and promoted and will have the potential to draw in additional support and funding from Westminster. This new national portfolio of LVEPs will work in collaboration locally, regionally and nationally on shared priorities and targets to support and grow the visitor economy.

As well as achieving a nationally recognised official status, LVEPs will provide strong leadership and management of their destinations. Working collaboratively with the public and private sector, they will help to shape and deliver national strategy and activities to promote sustainable growth.

The new partnership for Northamptonshire, which has been approved by a panel involving VisitEngland and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, will ensure

that the greatest benefits are achieved for Northamptonshire's visitor economy.

As an LVEP, the Discover Northamptonshire partnership will have access to resources and guidance from VisitEngland on product distribution, business support and the opportunity to bid for funding and marketing. As part of the LVEP's marketing, local activity is already being aligned with Visit Britain's national 'Starring GREAT Britain' campaign alongside the opportunity to tap into wider campaigns across the country in the future.

An important strand of support will be highlighting available Government funding streams as well as developing and providing a 'toolkit' to help the LVEP with bids to those streams.

Cllr Helen Howell, North Northamptonshire Council's Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism said: "We are so excited to have achieved our LVEP accreditation – this is a massive milestone and opens

up so many doors to boosting tourism in Northamptonshire.

"The co-ordinated approach over the past three years, involving both councils and partners from across the tourism sector in Northamptonshire, will help us to realise the full potential of the visitor economy.

"Our amazing range of independent and small businesses within the tourism and hospitality sector provide unique experiences for visitors, along with a huge range of flexible and interesting careers for people working in the industry.

"Now it's time to harness the unique nature of Northamptonshire and as the accountable body, we'll be working closely with West Northamptonshire Council and the LVEP Board to develop a Growth Plan for the area to help deliver our ambitious plans.

"We are in a really strong position given the recent adoption of the Northamptonshire Tourism Strategy, we have a team in place and are already hitting the ground running with our partners. We are also excited to be showcasing Northamptonshire as a must-see destination for group travel, just one of the target markets, at the British Tourism and Travel Show on 19th and 20th March. We are also developing a business support package, with events and activities planned for English

Tourism Week again in March.

"I am delighted that the collaboration between North and West Northamptonshire Councils along with our sector partners has achieved this accreditation, huge thanks to both sets of officers for their support and hard work, we have a long way to go but with everyone pushing in the same direction we can put Northamptonshire firmly on the map."

Cllr Daniel Lister, Cabinet Member for Local Economy, Culture, and Leisure at West Northamptonshire Council, said: "Securing the LVEP accreditation is a game-changer for Northamptonshire's tourism sector. This recognition will not only enhance our strategic approach to promoting the area but also unlock new opportunities for funding and support from the Government.

"With tourism contributing over £1 billion annually and supporting more than 30,000 jobs, this partnership allows us to harness the full potential of our vibrant visitor economy and put Northamptonshire on the map as a must-visit destination. We look forward to collaborating with local businesses and stakeholders to showcase Northamptonshire's unique attractions and drive sustainable growth in the sector."

Richard Clinton, Chair of Discover



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Northamptonshire Local Visitor Economy Partnership said: “Northamptonshire has a unique opportunity to elevate its visitor economy, attracting new investment, creating jobs, and showcasing the rich experiences our county has to offer. There is no better year to achieve this status than the year in which Northamptonshire hosts the Women’s Rugby World Cup and celebrates 75 years of Formula 1, all alongside a cultural programme remembering the anniversary of the Great Fire of Northampton.”

“Securing LVEP accreditation is a significant achievement, made possible by the dedication and collaboration of North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council and all our partners across the public and private sectors. While challenges remain, this partnership brings a coordinated, strategic approach that will unlock new funding and support, allowing us to compete on a national stage. By working together, we can ensure Northamptonshire is firmly on the map as a must-visit destination.”

VisitEngland Director Andrew Stokes said: “The Local Visitor Economy Partnerships programme is transforming the visitor economy landscape in England, supporting its growth in a more inclusive, accessible and sustainable way and I am delighted to

welcome Discover Northamptonshire.

“Working together, the LVEPs are simplifying our tourism landscape, ensuring England continues to be a compelling destination for both domestic and international visitors. As Discover Northamptonshire is established as an LVEP, VisitEngland will provide ongoing support including a dedicated regional lead.”

Local Visitor Economy Partnerships involve both the private and public sectors and will need to follow a new national process to be eligible for support and potential funding from the Government.

The development of a new Strategy for Northamptonshire has formed the foundations for the bid, with the first new LVEP Board having recently convened on 30th January to start shaping the key priorities for the county.

Businesses keen to get involved can email the Discover Northamptonshire team at [info@discover-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:info@discover-northamptonshire.gov.uk) to express interest.

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## > SUNDAY 9TH MARCH, 10.30AM

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## > SUNDAY 9TH MARCH, 7PM

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# Raunds Town App

Raunds Town Council is celebrating a feel-good milestone as the Raunds Town app hits 1,000 downloads. Since its launch in June 2024, the app has become a go-to tool for residents, making it easier than ever to stay connected with local news, events, and Town Council updates.

Residents are embracing the app not only for its convenience but also for the exciting initiatives it offers. A monthly photo competition, sponsored by local businesses, invites users to showcase their creativity for a chance to win a £50 cash prize. Each month features a unique theme, and the winning photograph takes pride of place on the app's home page for everyone to enjoy.

The app also offers practical benefits, like free digital access to digital maps for Raunds' popular Garage Sale events, saving residents the need to purchase a printed version.

Councillor Ollie Curtis, Chairman of the Environment, Leisure, and Recreation Committee, expressed his delight at the app's success: "The Raunds Town app is a fantastic example of how the Town Council is using technology to communicate with our residents and celebrate

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

(CHURCH LANE, WARMINGTON)

(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 Church Lane, Warmington as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Lane, Warmington for its entire length.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th March 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 3 days.  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use School Lane and Church Street.  
If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler  
ref:- 24/25 – N863 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T25/104

#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

(BARNWELL ROAD & MILL ROAD, OUNDLE)

(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 those lengths of Barnwell Road and Mill Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Barnwell Road and Mill Road, Oundle from the bridge from Barnwell Road to Mill Road, Oundle.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th March 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 11 days.  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A605 and Station Road.  
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#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

(MIDLAND ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(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 Midland Road, Higham Ferrers as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Midland Road, Higham Ferrers – between Castleford Close to Victoria Drive.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 24th March 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 11 days.  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Wood Street, College Street and Kimbolton Road.  
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#### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14

(MARKET PLACE, OUNDLE)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025  
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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Market Place, Oundle from outside no.32-34.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during repair to sluice valve.

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EXPECTED DURATION: It is expected that the road will be restricted for 2 days.  
ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use East Road and North Street.

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# ON A JOURNEY... WORK STARTS TO SHAPE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR NORTH NORTHANTS

**The creation of a Local Transport Plan is a statutory requirement and North Northamptonshire Council is required to set out its plans and policies for transport, as well as how they will be implemented.**

The last plan that included North Northamptonshire was the Northamptonshire Transportation Plan, produced by the former Northamptonshire County Council back in 2012.

Now the council is engaging with residents and stakeholders on what is known as the LTP Baseline Report. This identifies relevant changes that have occurred since 2012, as well as the policies and guidance that will be considered in the development of the new Local Transport Plan for North Northamptonshire.

The council is seeking input and comments on this draft baseline report so that work can progress with developing a North Northamptonshire Local Transport Plan. The production of an LTP baseline report is only the initial stage in the development of the future Local Transport Plan.

Anyone wishing to share their views can complete the online survey before 23rd March.

Cllr Macaulay Nichol, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "As a newly established unitary council, we are committed to developing a Local Transport Plan (LTP) for North Northamptonshire that prioritises local road repairs, addresses the transport issues that matter most to our communities, and ensures our infrastructure is built to support future needs.

"Once fully developed, the LTP will provide a long-term strategy for maintaining and improving our roads, making them more resilient for years to come. That's why I want this to be a community-led plan, shaped by local voices and real experiences. It's crucial we gather as much input as possible, to ensure the plan reflects the needs and priorities of residents across North Northamptonshire."

Jason Smithers, Leader of the Council, said: "Although this plan is a statutory requirement, we are always looking at ways to ensure communities are connected and how we can future-proof and build on the existing network to keep up with demand and changing habits. It will also help us to identify our policies – both transport and wider

across the council, whilst linking in with the North Northamptonshire Big 50 vision and our Corporate Plan.

"But it's not down to just us, the new Local Transport Plan is a work in progress, and we need local views to help us with the next phase."

There will be future public consultation and engagement as work

progresses with developing the Plan over the next 18 months, with the Local Transport Plan programmed for completion and adoption in 2026.

## **Your Voice Matters...**

Consultation and engagement activities can be completed online via North Northamptonshire Council's

Consultation and Engagement Hub and the Local Transport Plan – Baseline Report engagement activity will be open until 23rd March.

Alternatively, you can post your feedback to Transport Planning Team, Highways, Waste and Growth, North Northamptonshire Council, Sheerness House, Kettering NN16 8TL

## Northants Morris Minor Owners Club supports Cando

**Northants Morris Minor Owners Club recently presented a cheque for £1,014.78 to Cando Care Wellbeing Centre, to support the good work they do in the community.**

Pictured with the cheque are members of Northants Morris Minor Owners Club with Cando staff, volunteers and service users. They wished to show appreciation for all the good work that Cando does in the community. The money was raised from hosting raffles, coffee mornings and Garden Fetes during 2024.

Kathleen Meredith MD thanked the club for the work they did to raise money for Cando Care: "Donations like this are a lifeline to us, our service users and their families, as we are not government funded."

Cando, which operates from Irthlingborough Library and covers all surrounding areas, is open from 9.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Thursday. The organisation caters to those who are lonely and vulnerable and those with dementia, with the



support of four trained carers and a team of volunteers, all on hand to provide an enjoyable day in a safe and friendly environment.

If you would like to know more about Cando and how it might be able to help you, or are interested in volunteering in the day centre or as a driver, please contact Kath on 07741 651170. Visit the facebook page: Cando Co-operative CIC to find out more about what they do.



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