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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Sywell reservoir improvements

A report detailing improvements to be undertaken to ensure water levels can be lowered in case of an emergency at Sywell Country Park was discussed by North Northamptonshire Council's Executive at a meeting on 13th March.

Although there is no suggestion that the dam is failing and no risk to the public, the improvement works are essential to ensure the Council are managing the dam in accordance with the Environment Agency's latest guidance and demonstrates the Council's commitment to maintaining and improving their assets.

In the event of an issue or emergency, the dam can be drained. Currently, the dam is drawing down at 30% of the required speed. Executive approved the delivery of a project which will increase the drawdown speed.

As landowner, North Northamptonshire Council has a duty to ensure the reservoir is compliant with the Reservoir Act 1975 which requires yearly inspections of the site and undertaking any maintenance and repairs recommended following inspections.

# Raunds Town Council pushes for Churchyard Conservation Award with community support

*Raunds Town Council has launched a bid to secure accreditation through the prestigious Northamptonshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme 2025, and the community is at the heart of the effort.*

The 1st Raunds Scout Group Beavers recently transformed five neglected graves at London Road Cemetery into beautiful herb gardens, contributing towards the council's award entry.

Laura Dawson, Beaver Section Team Leader, said: "Thank you for trusting us with such a special idea. It was so nice to do something that will give back to not just the community but nature too. I'm especially proud of the Beavers who helped during one of their evening sessions when it was cold and wet. They definitely earned their gardener badge."

Town Clerk, Steve Tucker, added: "The Town Council is fully committed to achieving this award and is going all out to ensure we meet the criteria by working closely with

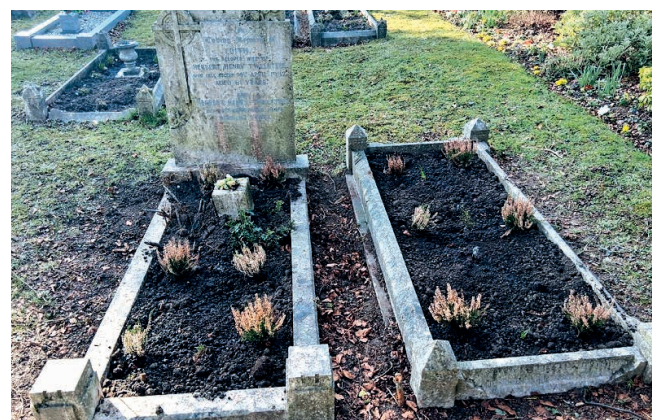
a range of local community groups. This collaborative effort not only enhances our local environment

but also strengthens our community bonds."

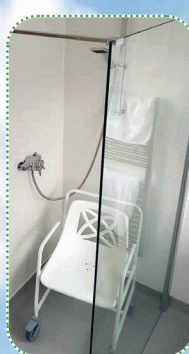
Raunds Town Council is encouraging residents to get

involved by adopting a grave, further supporting the initiative to make Raunds a greener, more sustainable place for all.

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## North Northamptonshire Council allocates £120,000 in grant funding between 46 local charities and non-profit organisations

North Northamptonshire Council has allocated £120,000 towards local charities and non-profit organisations whose community work is improving the quality of life of residents.

A wide variety of grants were allocated including those that will benefit children and young people, projects for physical and mental health, projects that benefit green spaces and to improve community connection.

The Stronger Communities team at the Council received 100 applications before Christmas and were delighted to be able to fund 46 of those organisations up to £5,000.

Applicants were required to demonstrate that funding will be used to support one or more of the council's six key commitments, as outlined in the council's Corporate Plan.

Charities and non-profit organisations were urged to bid for grants of up to £5,000 each and had to demonstrate that their applications

benefitted the wider community and supported the strategic aims and objectives of the Council.

The council's Grants Funding Panel were responsible for assessing and awarding the grants of up to £2,500 and for those over that figure, the Oversight Board made the final decision.

Kerry Purnell, Assistant Director of Communities and Leisure at North Northamptonshire Council, said: "There will be a further round of community funding for grants up to £5,000 in the next financial year and we urge all the eligible project leads to apply once again if they were not successful in this round."

"Our grants team are also happy to talk on the phone with those who may require advice on completing the online application."

**Please email [communityfunding@northnorthants.co.uk](mailto:communityfunding@northnorthants.co.uk) if you have any questions.**

## GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

**WORDS BY  
JAN PEARSON**

How are you getting on with your research? A friend of mine had been researching the tree of a friend of hers and had loads of information but it was just a mass of facts and documents – no order to it all. She asked me if I could write a narrative of the tree(s) that incorporated all of the facts and documents. Yikes! There was information going back to the end of the 1700s and some of it had no clues as to whom it belonged.

This is a salutary lesson about being organised! Well, I did manage to sort it all out and it ended up as two booklets – one for the paternal line and one for the maternal line – plus two booklets of source documents. However, there were gaps and the nosy...um... researcher side of me wanted to know more. Sadly, I discovered in the newspapers a report of the death of one of the men – he had

drowned in a ditch following an epileptic fit. Although a poignant discovery, it was better than just 'he died in October 1880', and means that he was not just a name and date but there was also a bit about him.

It is always worth putting names, locations and dates into newspaper collections to see what pops up! Oh yes – well-known online auction sites can also be helpful as you never know when there might be a publication mentioning either your ancestors' names or that tells you a bit about the area in which they lived – especially if it is too far away to visit.

Contact the local museum as well, if you can. I found a wonderful chap by the name of Glen Miller at one museum, who gave me lots of information about my Smith family, who luckily had stayed in the village for over 200 years.

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## NORTH NORTHANTS ELECTIONS - REMINDER OF THE KEY DATES

Residents are being asked to get ready for elections taking place in North Northants, following the publishing of the Notice of Election on Friday 7th March.

On Thursday 1st May 2025, two sets of elections will take place:

- North Northamptonshire Council elections
- Town and Parish elections

These elections will be the first under changes to local government boundaries and wards, which will see a reduction in the number of Councillors from 78 to 68 and some residents voting in a new or different ward. A list of the new boundaries is available on the NNC website.

Due to the changes in boundaries, your polling station might differ from the last time you voted, and the council are asking residents to double check their poll card when it arrives.

Alongside these changes, residents are being reminded of some key deadlines:

- If you're not already registered to vote, the deadline to do so is Friday 11th April. If you've recently moved home or changed your name, you may need to update your details to ensure you can take part.
- New postal vote applications need to be submitted by 5pm on Monday 14th April.
- New proxy vote applications need to be submitted by 5pm on Wednesday 23rd April.
- Anyone wishing to vote in person now needs to bring acceptable photographic ID, an

Anonymous Electors Document or a Voter Authority Certificate. If you don't have an accepted form of ID, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline for this is also 5pm on 23rd April.

A list of accepted ID is available on the council website and applicants for Voter Authority Certificates must be registered to vote beforehand.

Adele Wylie, Returning Officer for North Northamptonshire Council, said: "These local elections are extremely important, and the votes cast will decide who represents communities across North Northamptonshire for the next four years."

"From our smallest parish councils right through to the unitary council, the decisions made by Councillors have a huge impact on communities and residents."

"With this in mind, we want to make sure as many people as possible have the chance to have their say which is why we are taking this opportunity to remind all residents of the key dates and deadlines to vote in this election."

More information about the elections will be made available on the council website. A list of candidates will be available nearer to Thursday 1st May.

Results for North Northamptonshire Council elections will be announced on Friday 2nd May and for town and parish elections on Saturday 3rd May.

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# EXECUTIVE MEMBERS CONSIDER NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2024 - 2029

*Executive Members at North Northamptonshire Council considered the council's five-year Health and Wellbeing Strategy at its meeting on Thursday 13th March.*

The strategy outlines the approach for improving the health and wellbeing of people who live, work, and visit the area in the coming five years with a focus on prevention (2024 - 2029).

The five specific areas of focus are:

- **Smoking and Vaping** To reduce the prevalence of smoking and reduce inequalities in smoking in the North Northamptonshire population.
- **Keeping Active** To deliver opportunities that enable active lifestyles for people who live and work in North Northamptonshire.
- **Mental Health and Wellbeing** To seek to reduce inequalities in access, outcome, and experience.
- **Children and Young People** To promote the health and wellbeing of children and young people and reduce health inequalities.
- **Financial Resilience** To build the financial resilience of households within targeted communities.

The strategy, governed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, reflects the ambitions of all partners who sit on the board which include North Northamptonshire Council, Integrated Care Board (ICB), NHS, Northamptonshire

Healthcare Foundation Trust (NHFT), Community Stakeholders, Emergency Services, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprises (VCSE) and the University Hospitals of Northamptonshire (UHN).

Cllr Gill Mercer, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member of Adults Health and Wellbeing and Chair of the North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board, said: "The aim of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to reduce health inequalities by actively collaborating with communities and providing a framework for projects to improve health outcomes across key priority areas. We want to actively engage residents to address local needs and concerns and focus on tackling disparities and health inequalities in North Northamptonshire through partnership working.

"By working together, I am confident that we can make a positive impact on lives locally. By taking an innovative approach to delivery we can reduce the impact of ill health and poor wellbeing, enabling all our residents to thrive and lead healthier, more active, fulfilled lives."

Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "One of



our six key commitments to the residents of North Northamptonshire since we formed as a council has been to help people live healthier, more active, independent and fulfilled lives. This strategy prioritizes addressing health inequalities, particularly among specific groups like ethnic minorities, people with learning disabilities, and those living in deprived areas. These priorities were explored by the Board when they met on 23rd June 2023 and agreed at the meeting of 5th December 2023.

"If approved, ongoing engagement with stakeholders, service users and providers will continue and the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy Oversight Group will ensure each

priority of the strategy is tracked, monitored, and implemented."

The five priority areas were chosen after considering findings from needs assessments focusing on areas where North Northamptonshire is an outlier as compared to similar Local Authorities; the Northamptonshire Integrated Care System (ICS) Live Your Best Life strategy; BIG50 vision for 2050, North Northamptonshire Place development (Sense of Place), and listening to the views of stakeholders. These stakeholders include local politicians, local health system representatives, the local VCSE, the Police, Ambulance and Fire services and university partners.



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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  
Wed 30 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 Springfield  
Sat 10 Spalding Flower Parade  
Sun 11 Hunstanton  
Mon 12 Derbyshire & Peak District  
Wed 14 Wye Valley River Cruise & Lunch  
Sat 17 Clacton on Sea  
Sun 18 Melton Mowbray Cheese Fair  
Sun 18 Camden Markets  
Wed 21 Mystery Full Day & Lunch  
Sat 24 Warwick Market Day  
Sat 24 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde  
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Mon 26 Twycross Zoo - Bank Holiday  
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# MOULTON COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKE THE 'PURR-FECT' ADDITION TO NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CATTERY

*Animal Welfare students from Moulton College have been given the opportunity to build valuable workplace skills, thanks to the generosity of a local cattery owner.*



**Christine Mackintosh – owner of Cloverlea Cattery**

Christine Mackintosh runs Northamptonshire-based Cloverlea Cattery and Cat Grooming Salon, which she opened in 2009. Over the years she has welcomed hundreds of the college's students on work experience placements, some of whom have since joined the cattery as full-time employees.

Based in Flore, Cloverlea offers year-round facilities for up to 50 cats and other small animals. Such is its popularity, customers travel from across the Midlands and as far afield

as London and Yorkshire to board their pets, which Christine puts down to the efforts of her hardworking staff and students.

Christine explains: "I have a longstanding relationship with Moulton College, dating back to when I set up the cattery more than 15 years ago. I wanted to be able to find potential future employees who were as passionate about animals as I am, so when I got a letter from a student studying an Animal Welfare course at nearby Moulton, I jumped at the chance to welcome her on work experience."

"She impressed me so much with her knowledge and skills that once she had completed her course, she joined the cattery full-time and stayed with us for nearly a decade."

Since then, Cloverlea's team has expanded to take on more former Moulton College work experience students, including Hayley Walsh, Jodie Allen, Lauren Hillyard and Shannon Richards, who joined the business after completing their studies.

Christine adds: "Hayley, Jodie, Lauren and Shannon have been real assets to Cloverlea and help to keep the cattery and the grooming salon running smoothly."

Cloverlea is currently hosting 23 Moulton College students on placement, with each student averaging up to eight hours of work experience per week. The cohort includes Lewis and Anna, who have both impressed Christine and her team so far. While Anna has been working alongside Hayley and Lauren to care for the cats, Lewis has shown a flair for IT and has been assisting Christine with administration. Both are currently studying for Animal Welfare qualifications, with the college offering Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing Diplomas and a T Level in Animal Science at its specialist Animal Welfare Centre, which is home to over 150 different exotic and domestic animal species.

Carley Daniels, Head of School – Animal Welfare and Management at Moulton College says: "Christine has played a critical role in developing



**Moulton College students Anna and Lewis are on work experience at Cloverlea Cattery**



the skills and confidence of hundreds of Animal Welfare students over the last 16 years.

"The opportunities she gives our students help develop both their practical and customer service skills and softer skills such as communication and self-confidence, which in turn helps them to realise their full potential. We're grateful to Christine and the Cloverlea team for everything they do. Work experience

placements like these give our students a strong foundation to rewarding future careers."

Christine added: "Work experience is the ideal springboard into the world of work, as it enables students to put their learning into practice. It is a privilege to work with Moulton College's students and give them an insight into the opportunities available in the animal sector."

**Moulton College works closely with employers from a range of industries. If you are interested in working with Moulton College on work experience, apprenticeship programmes, T Level industry placements or even to help shape its curriculum visit, [www.moulton.ac.uk](http://www.moulton.ac.uk)**

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# Work continues to improve highways network across North Northamptonshire

*With spring just around the corner, North Northamptonshire Council and its highways maintenance provider, Kier, are starting to ramp up the area wide maintenance of the road network.*

In his new role as Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, Cllr Macaulay Nichol has been out with the team to see the work that has been done recently.

He joined the team for a new trial of the Roadmender along Boundary Road, Wellingborough, close to where a repair had been completed on a section along



Cllr Macaulay Nichol

Rockingham Road in Corby using the same technique. This method of pothole repair is designed to create strong, longer-lasting repairs, which aims to reduce the need for repeat work while minimising disruption for road users.

The Roadmender works by using a boiler to melt bags of Elastomac, which is used to repair poor road surface areas and potholes, to produce a permanent, heat-sealed and seamless repair. A 2x1m patch takes around 8-12 minutes to complete and requires only a minimum amount of preparation, resulting in almost zero waste. Patches can also be joined together to repair larger areas of failed surfacing.

The new technology aims to reduce carbon emissions, minimise disruption to the public and traffic, and facilitate a faster repair. It repairs up to 60 sqm of road defects a day compared to 16sqm using traditional road repair methods.

The Highways team have also identified several areas in the Corby area which would be suitable for the Roadmender, including Rockingham Hill, the roundabout near RS

Components and Phoenix Parkway, with other areas in Corby and Desborough being considered for the Roadmender.

In the short term, Rockingham Hill and the roundabout near RS Components are both receiving urgent repairs, following feedback from residents on the condition of the roads in both areas.

Cllr Macaulay Nichol, the council's Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, said: "I know the state of our roads has been a long-standing frustration for residents. Too often, potholes are only repaired once they become a serious hazard, rather than tackling them early to prevent bigger problems. Since taking on this role, I've made it a top priority to change that approach – getting ahead of the issue and ensuring we take action before roads deteriorate further. The introduction of new pothole repair methods, like the Roadmender, is a key part of this strategy.

"That's why I'm pleased to confirm that Rockingham Hill, the roundabout near RS Components, and Phoenix Parkway will receive much-needed repairs, with other areas in Corby and Desborough also being reviewed.

"Seeing the Roadmender in action with the Highways team was eye-opening – it speeds up repairs, reduces disruption, and ensures a longer-lasting fix. We're taking a proactive



Highways team at work

approach, not just filling the worst potholes but tackling areas before they become a bigger issue.

"There's still a lot to do, but I want residents to know I'm listening, acting, and committed to improving our roads."

Edith Shah, General Manager at Kier Transportation, added: "With the weather improving, we look forward to rolling out a planned programme of works with a range of treatment methods to improve the region's roads. This will run alongside the reactive maintenance to address issues highlighted by routine inspections and reports through the council website. We are working closely with North Northamptonshire Council to ensure a high quality, efficient service as we work to improve road conditions across the region."



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## > FRIDAY 4TH APRIL, 2PM

### Steve Dimmer's Cat Tales

A history/poetry of our feline overlords! Tickets available from Raunds Library and Post Office. Raunds Community Library. Details on 01933 623747.

## > SUNDAY 6TH APRIL, 9.25AM

### Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact: Marion 07754 810902. 7.5-mile walk in the Barnwell area.

## > THURSDAY 10TH APRIL, 7.30PM

### Fun Quiz Night

Higham Sports and Social Club, Linnets Lane, Higham Ferrers. Admission fee: £16 for a table of 4 from website. Contact information: [www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk](http://www.highamferrerstourism.org.uk). Our ever-popular Quiz Night is back! New venue with lots of space for more quizzers.

## > SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12TH-13TH APRIL, 2PM TO 4PM

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## > SUNDAY 20TH APRIL, 9.30AM

### Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact:

Jan 07816 552200. 6.5-mile walk around the woods and fields of Brigstock.

## > SATURDAY 26TH APRIL, 7.30PM

### Wellingborough Community Gospel Choir

St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers. Admission fee: £15 see website for details. Contact information: [www.artswweekendhigham.com](http://www.artswweekendhigham.com). Leave your inhibitions at the door and get ready for an inspirational musical experience!

## > SATURDAY 26TH APRIL, 10AM TO 3PM

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For more information, please contact Rushden Town Council at [info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk) or call 01933 316216.

## > SUNDAY 27TH APRIL, 2PM

### Gardeners' Question Time

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# Families expected to 'flock' to estate's popular lamb feeding experience this spring

The Chester House Estate's largest event of the year returns - newly branded 'The Great Spring Adventure' - expecting to welcome thousands of families during the Easter holidays.

The popular annual event offering has been redesigned and expanded for 2025 - with cade lamb feeding returning, this year delivered by an external expert welfare team at Watermeadow Park. Other activities include:

- Cade lamb feeding with the expert welfare team in The Lamb Barn
  - A giant Easter egg hunt around the 85-acre landscape
  - Easter crafts in The Bunny Barn including bunny ear making and wool-themed arts
- Jane Bethea, Director of Public Health, Communities and Leisure at North Northamptonshire

Council, said: "By taking part in this experience, families can get hands-on with feeding and also learn about the incredible dedication it takes from our farming community to raise and care for lambs. We can't wait to welcome thousands of visitors to be part of this heartwarming tradition, guided by our expert lamb welfare team from Watermeadow Park. As well as the lambs, there is so much for visitors to enjoy this Easter at the Chester House Estate.

"The team have been working closely with colleagues in the Public Health team to ensure that everyone is safe whilst enjoying the experience. All we ask is that visitors follow the information and signage on site and listen to the staff."

The estate have been working closely with the North Northamptonshire Council's Public Health team to implement hot water taps, clear signage and an information film to make it clear to visitors how to protect themselves from germs when visiting The Lamb Barn.

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Find out more about The Great Spring Adventure on the Estate's website: [chesterhouseestate.org/whats-on/the-great-spring-adventure/](http://chesterhouseestate.org/whats-on/the-great-spring-adventure/)



Chester House Lamb Feeding Experience

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A  
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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 18th April, 2025.

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Mr Bobby Rashedi  
Director of Hamilton Oundle

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

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Any representation must be made by writing to: North Northamptonshire Council, Regulatory Services Licensing Administration, Thrapston Offices, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4LZ or by email to: [LicensingunitENC@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:LicensingunitENC@northnorthants.gov.uk) by 23rd April, 2025.

The application may be viewed on the council's licensing register at [www.northnorthants.gov.uk](http://www.northnorthants.gov.uk) or by appointment at the above offices. To attend the offices please email: [licensingunitENC@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:licensingunitENC@northnorthants.gov.uk)

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(WEST STREET & BRIDGE STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)

(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 West Street and Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of West Street and Bridge Street, Kings Cliffe – entire lengths of roads.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th April 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 roads will be restricted for up to 12 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Blatherwyck Road, Deene Road, Southwick Road, Bulwick Road, Woodnewton Road, Oundle Road, Main Street and Apethorpe Road. If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N868 [Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk) PKG/T25/194

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(ADDINGTON ROAD, WOODFORD)

(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 Addington Road, Woodford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Addington Road, Woodford from the junction of The Green to outside no.21.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 15th April 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 Thrapston Road, Kettering Road, Denford Road and Ringstead Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N1031 [Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk) PKG/T25/282

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(CHURCH GREEN & DE CAPEL CLOSE, WOODFORD)

(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 Church Green and De Capel Close, Woodford as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Church Green – Addington Road to Church Street. De Capel Close – its entire length.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 17th April 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 roads will be restricted for up to 9 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use for Church Green use Club Lane. De Capel Close – n/a cul-de-sac.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N1032 [Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk) PKG/T25/283

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(VARIOUS ROADS, WOODFORD)

(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 the various roads in Woodford as specified in the Schedule below.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th April 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 roads will be restricted for up to 13 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: follow signage.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N1033 [Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk) PKG/T25/284

SCHEDULE

(Lengths of roads to be closed)

Club Lane – from no.1 to no.10. Bakers Lane – from Whittlesea Terrace to no.15. Whittlesea Terrace – from The Leys to Club Green.

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14  
(MAIN STREET, YARWELL)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025

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 Main Street, Yarwell as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Main Street, Yarwell from outside no.39 (The Old Post Office).

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th April 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 Mill Road and Nassington Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N782 [Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk) PKG/T25/172

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

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025

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 Chelveston Road, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Chelveston Road, Raunds from outside no.51 to no.63.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th April 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 Raunds Road, A6 Liberty Way, A45 and London Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N917 [Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk) PKG/T25/179

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

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025

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 Hill Street, Raunds as set out below.

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

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 7th April 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 Hill Street, Park Road, Manor Street and Brook Street.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 24/25 – N904 [Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk) PKG/T25/180

Dated this 29th day of March 2025

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

Cowper & Newton Museum What's On –  
April 2025

> 5 – 19TH APRIL, USUAL HOURS

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> 27 APR, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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# Exciting new project will build healthier green futures with young people in Peterborough

*Nene Park Trust is proud to announce the launch of a new two-year project to improve the lives of young people in Peterborough, thanks to £160,000 funding from The National Lottery Community Fund.*

The Building Healthier Green Futures (BHGF) project will support young people aged 11-25 in Peterborough, to develop new skills and create connections with nature and local greenspaces. This ambitious new partnership project is led by Nene Park Trust and involves Peterborough Presents, Froglife and Westraven Cross Keys Homes Community Café and Garden (supported by Cross Keys Homes).

BHGF will support young people to reach their potential, providing a programme of training and skills development and opportunities co-designed by young people, as well as supporting improved health and wellbeing in both the young people and their communities. Through longer term engagement, the project will provide young people with opportunities to develop their skills as 'Green Mentors', as well as signposting them on to further opportunities.

Building on activities already happening in partnership with these organisations (such as the Nene Park Trust Young Ranger programme for 11-17 year olds and the 10-week work experience programme for 18-24 year olds not currently in Education, employment or training), BHGF will test and learn from different models of community

engagement and develop and share good practice. The project aims to deliver 25 group sessions to up to 500 young people across Peterborough.

The first session took place recently at Lime SEND Academy, led by Pia Larsson, Nene Park Trust's Project Officer (Access and Participation). Further six-week programmes are being planned at YMCA and Queen Katharine Academy for later this year.

Nicola Craven, Head of Development for Nene Park Trust says: "We are honoured and excited to receive this funding from the National Lottery Community Fund. We, and our partners, are passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of young people in Peterborough and beyond. The 2-year project will allow us to deliver a variety of inclusive workshops and programmes with the aim of empowering young people with 'Green Skills' – including gardening, conservation, wildlife surveying, garden design and much more.

"The collaborative and co-creation nature of the project will equip them with vital experience and increased social connections, whilst spending time in green spaces with its evidenced health benefits. The multi-partnership working will allow us to test, learn and share successful approaches to improved ways of working and enhanced outcomes."



Keely Mills, Community Producer at Peterborough Presents said: "The Peterborough Presents element of the project will offer young people in Eye the chance to try out different creative activities, whether that is street art, conservation skills or photography. Then we will use these ways of working to help young people connect with and/or improve some of the many local green spaces in the village. It's going to be exciting to see what the young people do, which parts of Eye mean a lot to them and in what ways they protect and enhance those spaces too."

Darren Starkey, Operations Manager at Froglife says: "Froglife is delighted to be involved in the Building Healthier Green Futures Project. We have a long history of engagement in the Peterborough area and are looking forward, once again, to working with young people to increase their knowledge and appreciation of the natural

environment. Through the project we are hoping to create several new habitats that will help amphibians and other wildlife to thrive."

Luke Payn, Manager of Westraven Cross Keys Homes Community Garden, says: "We're delighted to be working in partnership with such fabulous organisations, and we are very excited to broaden the range of opportunities available to young people at Westraven. This is important because it helps the young people to experience a wide range of new creative and nature-based activities, enhancing their skills and knowledge as well as their personal development, using creative expression and connection with nature to improve their health and wellbeing.

"This programme will help them build relationships with their peers, who may be facing similar challenges, and to create their own supportive circles of friends."



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