

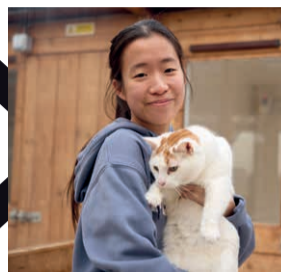
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NEWS IN BRIEF

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."

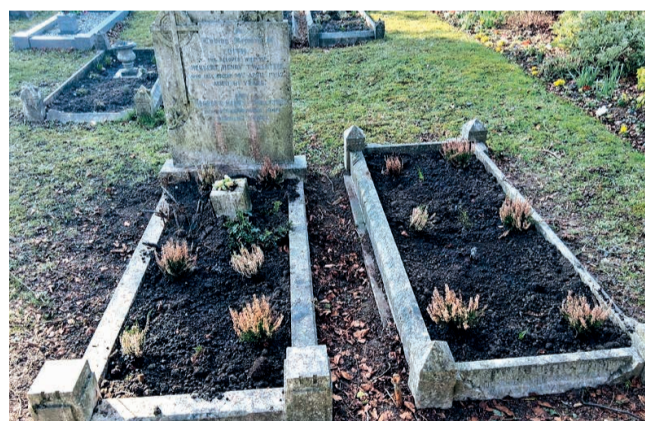
Town Clerk, Steve Tucker, added: "The Town Council is fully committed to achieving this award and is going all out to ensure we meet the criteria by working closely with

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

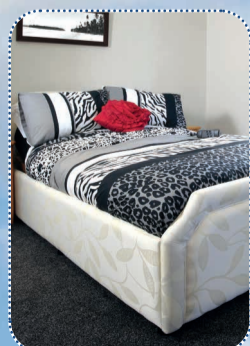
involved by adopting a grave, further supporting the initiative to make Raunds a greener, more sustainable place for all.

For more information or to adopt a grave, please contact info@raunds-tc.gov.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 60sqm 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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Nene Valley News - EVENTS

> SATURDAY 29TH MARCH, 10AM

Volunteering Event at Midshires Covert

Kelmarsh Road, Harrington NN6 9ND – including food cooked on the campfire. Details on 07943 307873.

> SUNDAY 30TH MARCH, 9.30AM

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group

5-mile walk Kettering to Weekly. Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact: Angela 07981 049389.

> 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. Our ever-popular Quiz Night is back! New venue with lots of space for more quizzers.

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

Cowslip and Fritillary

Place - St Peter's Church, Newton Bromswold. Contact: Helen Lines 01933 315864. Come and visit this award-winning churchyard. Plants for sale. Afternoon teas being served.

> 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. Leave your inhibitions at the door and get ready for an inspirational musical experience!

> SATURDAY 26TH APRIL, 10AM TO 3PM

3rd Artisan Market

Rushden Town Council is pleased to announce our 3rd Artisan Market, which will take place on Saturday 26th April, from 10am to 3pm, on Rushden High Street.

We have a variety of stalls including handcrafted goods, unusual gifts and of course delicious artisan food. St George will be making an appearance after his busy day of dragon slaying on the 23rd April!

Please join us to support our fantastic local High Street traders and the Artisan stall holders.

For more information, please contact Rushden Town Council at info@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01933 316216.

> SUNDAY 27TH APRIL, 2PM

Gardeners' Question Time

Bede House, Higham Ferrers. Admission fee: £12.50 see website for details. Contact information: www.artswweekendhigham.com. Get expert advice from three nationally renowned gardeners Bunny Guinness, Susie Pasley-Tyler and Joe Whitehead.

> FRIDAY 10TH MAY, 10AM TO 2PM

Sale of Plants, Books and Cakes!

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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.

For the first time, a golden egg hunt will take place with one golden egg hidden around the estate each day, gifting one family a pass to all of the major events for the year.

Exclusive late-night sessions, SEND and home education learning opportunities are also available for The Great Spring Adventure, bookable through The Chester House Estate's website.

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



Chester House Lamb Feeding Experience

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9:00am – 2.30pm to reserve your seat.



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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 18th April, 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

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

Notice is hereby given that **Mr Gheorge Basoc** has applied to NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL for the grant of a Premises Licence in respect of The King's Head Pub, Kings Cliffe Road, Apethorpe, PE8 5DG and intends to carry out the following licensable activities; Opening times, from Monday to Sunday, from 08.00 to 00.30. Late night refreshments, from Monday to Sunday, from 23.00 to 00.00. Supply of alcohol, from Monday to Sunday, from 11.00 to 00.00. Films from Monday to Sunday, from 18.00 to 21.00. Live Music, from Monday to Sunday, from 11.00 to 00.00. Recorded music, from Monday to Sunday, from 08.00 to 00.00. Similar regulated entertainment from 11.00 to 00.00.

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 by 23rd April, 2025.

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

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NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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 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 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 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.
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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 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 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 PKG/T25/180

Dated this 29th day of March 2025
SANJIT SULL,
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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 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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