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Nominate your
leading councillors

Your local councillors could be in line for a national award at the 2025 Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) and CCLA Cllr Awards – the only national ceremony that celebrates the outstanding contributions of councillors across England, Wales, and Scotland.

For the 16th year, the Cllr Awards will once again shine a light on the achievements of local elected representatives. Nominations can be made by anyone who wishes to acknowledge a councillor's exceptional commitment to improving their community and achieving remarkable results over the past year.

The 2025 Cllr Awards has five categories: Community Champion; Leader of the Year; Young Councillor of the Year; Innovator of the Year and Lifetime Legend. Nominations close on Wednesday 11th June.

Submitting a nomination is free. Applicants must provide details about the nominees, outlining how they have positively impacted the community.

Winners will be revealed at ceremonies taking place at Glasgow City Chambers and the Guildhall, London in November.

OFFICIAL OPENING CELEBRATION AT PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL FOLLOWING £10M INVESTMENT

Staff and students at Prince William School in Oundle have celebrated the official opening of the school's new visitor entrance, sports hall and teaching block.

The new building is a £10 million investment in the school, boasting a new visitor entrance, a Sport England compliant sports hall, dance studio, classrooms and meeting rooms.

Joining the celebration was former Prince William School pupil and MP for Rotherham Sarah Champion, who shared her memories of attending the school, former headteacher Chris Lowe and the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire Anne Burnett.

Headteacher Anna Hewes said: "It was such a pleasure to bring together so many students, staff members and special guests to mark this important milestone in the Prince William School journey. "Our students deserve the very best learning



environment we can provide, and these fantastic facilities will make a real difference to their learning outcomes."

In recent years, the school, which is part of East Midlands Academy Trust (EMAT), has also benefited from a brand new science

block and a refurbished school hall.

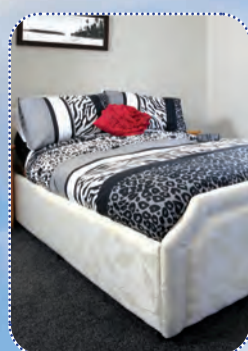
EMAT chief executive Joshua Coleman said: "As a trust, we are committed to a rolling programme of investment in our schools to ensure our learners have fit-for-purpose, modern facilities as well as the

very best staff to support them to be the best they can be.

"It was fantastic to see so many of the people who support Prince William School join us for our official opening celebration and I thank them all for their support."



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Political group leaders announced for North Northamptonshire Council

North Northamptonshire Council has received formal notification from its political groups of who will lead each group following the recent local elections held on 1st May.

The Leader of the Council will be approved at Annual Council on 22nd May. Details of the new leaders will form part of a wider report on the new political make-up of the council which will be considered and approved at Annual Council.

Following the election the new political structure will be: 39 Reform UK; 13 Conservative; 8 Green; 4 Labour; 1 Liberal Democrat; 1 Independent; 2 Vacant seats (Higham Ferrers Ward). The proposed leaders for the political groups are as follows:

Reform UK – Cllr Martin Griffiths; Conservative – Cllr Helen Harrison; Green – Cllr Emily Fedorowycz; Labour – Cllr Mark Pengelly; Communities Alliance – Cllr Jim Hakewill

The report will also include electing a new Council Chair and Vice-Chair, appointing a new Council Leader and confirming the new Executive Members. Council will also need to agree the membership of the various committees that councillors sit on, along with representatives for a number of boards and forums.

The election for the Higham Ferrers ward has been rearranged to 12th June due to the death of one of the candidates.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

I was previously referring to civil registration in England and Wales. However, in Scotland, it only started on 1st January 1855, so you will not be able to find such certificates prior to this date and will have to rely upon Parish Registers. However, the information held in them is extremely helpful! They are also downloadable from Scotland's People (www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) at a cost of 6 credits bought in advance, which works out at £1.50. Excellent value for money!

Those early birth certificates in 1855 contained the following information:

- Date, place and time of birth
- Full name
- Sex
- The parents' names (including maiden surname of mother)
- Father's occupation
- Name of informant and relationship to child
- Information on siblings
- The ages and birthplaces of

both parents

- The parents' usual place of residence
- The date and place of the parents' marriage.

However, by the following year, the information on siblings was removed, as were ages and birthplaces of parents and date and place of parents' marriage. But by 1861, the date and place of the parents' marriage was being recorded again.

Scottish death certificates – such a wonderful resource! As mentioned before, English and Welsh certificates have the name of the person, their occupation, ages, the cause of death, where they died and who registered the death.

Well, Scottish death certificates have all of that – and more!

The columns are:

- Name and Surname; Rank or Profession and whether married, single or widowed. (If married, they also record the name of the spouse!)
- When and where died – plus

the time of death!

- Sex
- Age
- Name, Surname & Rank or Profession of Father; Name & Maiden Surname of Mother – how fantastic is that!
- Cause of Death
- Name of informant
- When and where registered.

This extra information is invaluable if you are uncertain which James Stewart is yours, for example, and will enable you to track the family further either in census returns, newspapers or other such resources.

However, a word of caution: remember – as with anyone registering an event, the information is only as good as the knowledge of the person registering it.

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Fostering relationships

Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) are highlighting the power of relationships that are formed through fostering and the impact that it can make to a child's life this Foster Care Fortnight.

Throughout the two weeks, NCT will be joining in with the campaign to thank foster carers for all they do and raise awareness of the life-changing impact fostering can have.

This year's theme 'The Power of Relationships' highlights the vital connections at the heart of fostering. The bonds that children and young people have with their foster carers help them to grow and thrive with many resulting in lasting relationships into adulthood. Foster carers play a crucial role in providing safe, stable, and nurturing homes for children and young people.

Fran, a foster carer for NCT, still has a great relationship with the young person that she fostered previously. She said: "He stops by the house and we have a good catch-up."

NCT are also highlighting the incredible relationships that are formed between fellow foster

carers who support each other in this vitally important role. One of the foster carers said: "Fellow foster carers have become like extended family."

Colin Foster, Chief Executive of NCT said: "It is wonderful to see so many amazing relationships formed through fostering, with the child or young person and the whole team around them. This gives our children and young people a sense of community and belonging, teaching them how to form positive relationships."

"It's heart-warming to see the incredible bond that our foster carers have with children and young people, each other and our practitioners."

Nationally there is a shortage of 6,000 fostering households and in the East Midlands Region, we need 360 additional fostering households. In Northamptonshire, we have

over 1,100 children in care who need loving, secure, stable homes.

Olivia Ives, Assistant Director of Corporate Parenting said: "We need more foster carers in Northamptonshire and welcome people from all walks of life to come forward and find out about fostering. There is no such thing as an ideal foster carer, you can foster regardless of your age, identity, sexuality or religion."

"You could make a real difference to the lives of children and young people by becoming part of our fostering team where lasting relationships are made."

If you're keen to learn more about fostering or ready to take the next step, contact NCT on 0300 126 1009 or visit www.fosterme.co.uk

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Rural North Northamptonshire voluntary and community sector organisations invited to bid for grant opportunity

Voluntary and community organisations across the rural areas of North Northamptonshire are being urged to come forward and apply for capital grants of up to £10,000.

Organisations including parish councils, charities, community and voluntary groups, clubs, not-for-profit organisations and school Parent Teacher Associations are all encouraged to check their eligibility and apply for the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) Rural Community Capital Funding online at North Northamptonshire Council's website.

'Friends of' groups, health charities and religious bodies can also apply if their projects benefit the wider community and support the SPF Rural Community Capital Funding aims.

Organisations will be eligible to apply if they can demonstrate that the funding will be used

to support the creation of or improvements to local rural green spaces, existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions or active travel enhancements e.g. community transport.

North Northamptonshire Council's SPF Rural Community Capital Funding has been allocated from the Rural England Prosperity Fund; a government grant which supports activities that address the challenges faced by rural areas.

The council has a total allocation of £80,000 from which to make capital grants.

George Candler, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Director of Place

and Economy said: "The Rural England Prosperity Fund is designed to support local communities living in rural areas. It is great that North Northamptonshire Council can offer SPF Rural Community Capital Funding capital grants of up to £10,000 this year, as part of our ongoing commitment to support communities across rural North Northamptonshire."

"If you are a member of an organisation or community group that operates in one of the rural areas of North Northamptonshire, I encourage you to take a look at the information online and apply for a grant before the deadline."

Applications are open from Monday 19th May until 12 noon on Monday 23rd June 2025.

GET CYCLING IN THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTRYSIDE

If you love cycling, get your bike out on Saturday 28th June when there is a morning of cycling through the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside with routes suitable for all – from a family morning out to longer routes for the keen cyclist. There is a choice of routes of 10, 40 and 80 kilometres.

Cycling is a healthy, low-impact exercise that can be enjoyed by people of all ages, from young children to older adults. It is also fun, cheap and good for the environment.

Cycling is an enjoyable form of exercise that improves cardiovascular health, builds strength and endurance, and can contribute to weight management and stress reduction. To be fit and healthy you need to be physically active and regular physical activity can help protect you

from a range of physical serious diseases such as obesity, heart disease, diabetes and arthritis. Cycling is also beneficial for your mental health and wellbeing, helping to reduce stress and anxiety by releasing endorphins, which have mood-boosting effects. Regular physical activity, like cycling, can also improve sleep quality and increase energy levels and reduce fatigue.

The event is in aid of Cycling UK and four Cambridgeshire village churches (Hamerton, Great

Gidding, Little Gidding and Great Stukeley) and starts from the church in Hamerton where there will be refreshments available for riders and friends and family before and after the rides.



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Sun 25	Melton Mowbray Cheese Fair
Sun 25	Brighton
Mon 26	Twycross Zoo - Bank Holiday
Tue 27	Coventry Market Day
Tue 27	Coventry Transport Museum
Thu 29	Family Seaside Mystery
Fri 30	Cannon Hall Farm
Sat 31	Call the Midwife Chatham Dock Yard
Sat 31	Rochester
Sat 31	Skegness
JUNE	
Sun 1	Great Yarmouth
Sun 1	Coronation Street Tour
Tue 3	Melton Mowbray
Wed 4	Sheringham & NNRW
Thu 5	Chesterfield Flea Market
Thu 10	Hunstanton
Tue 12	Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
Thu 14	Nantwich Market Day
Sun 15	Cromer
Sun 15	Gardeners World & Good Food Show
Fri 20	National Arboretum & Lichfield
Fri 20	National Arboretum
Sat 21	Swanage
Sat 22	Great Yarmouth Wheels Festival
Tue 24	Windsor Luxury Afternoon Tea Cruise
Sat 28	Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
Sun 29	Sheringham
JULY	
Sat 5	Llangollen Horse Drawn Boat Trip
Sat 5	Llangollen Railway & The Classic Transport Show
Sun 6	Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival
Tue 8	Bicester Shopping Village
Sat 12	Skegness
Sun 13	Hunstanton
Mon 14	Bakewell Market
Wed 16	Rutland Belle River Cruise & Oakham
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29 JUNE - 6 JULY
THE BLACK FOREST - £1019pp
The Waldeck Spa Resort, Bad Durrheim, Germany. Half Board including excursions. The Schwarzwald (Black Forest) comprises a swathe of deep-green woodland draped across the granite and Sandstone Mountains of Baden-Württemberg in south-west Germany. As the setting of countless Grimm Brothers' fairy tales, the Black Forest happily plays up to its image as a land of cuckoo clocks, cherry gateaux, outlandish traditional garb, hefty half-timbered farmhouses and hill upon hill of dark evergreen forests, celebrated for their unspoilt beauty.

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Families in Northamptonshire are warmly invited to experience the joy and discovery of Early Years education at Kiddi Caru Day Nursery and Preschool Wellingborough this May. Whether you're just starting to consider childcare or ready to find the perfect nursery, the Open Day offers the ideal opportunity to explore what makes this setting truly special.



"Come along on 24th May and step inside our vibrant nursery environment, where every child's potential is nurtured, and every family is welcomed with open arms. At Kiddi Caru Day Nursery and Preschool Wellingborough, part of the Grandir UK family, we have been trusted by families for over 25 years to provide outstanding childcare and education. Our nursery is deeply rooted in the local community and led by a passionate, experienced team, all supported by the expertise of a trusted national network."

> WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY

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- Fun and engaging activities for children to enjoy on the day!
- A guided tour of our warm and welcoming nursery spaces.
- A closer look at our tailored educational programmes that support every stage of development.
- Insights into our healthy, seasonal menus designed to fuel growing minds.
- The chance to explore our inspiring indoor and outdoor learning environments.
- An introduction to how we promote confidence, independence, and emotional well-being.

"Our beautiful nursery has its own unique personality, shaped by the people and community around it. Our purpose is to create a nurturing, stimulating environment where children feel safe, supported, and inspired every day. We offer the best of both worlds – childcare as unique as your child, with the security and backing of a trusted national name in Early Years education."

> OPEN DAY DETAILS

Kiddi Caru Day Nursery and Preschool Wellingborough Open Day: Saturday 24th May, 9am–1pm

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Reduction in children entering care in Northamptonshire

The has been a reduction in the number of children needing care in Northamptonshire following commitment by local leadership and the workforce to support children to remain living with their parents or within their family networks, whenever it is safe to do so.



Northamptonshire Children's Trust supports families to access the right support at the right time, focusing on prevention rather than late intervention, meaning families can access timely, tailored support to build resilience, promote well-being, and overcome challenges.

Ofsted has recently published its latest focussed visit inspection letter regarding the Children in Care service. It cited the reduction in the number of children coming into care and also noted the focus on continual improvement. Inspectors found a number of key improvements, including increased workforce stability, enhanced quality of assessments for children in care, and significant progress in reducing the number of children living in unregistered children's homes through a comprehensive sufficiency strategy.

Ofsted also noted the strong political and corporate support from the council's contributing to addressing sufficiency needs by providing more homes for children in the county, as well as investing in transformation such as 'Circle to Success', which has had impact on improving outcomes for children and young people.

In their report, inspectors said: 'When children do enter care, social workers are increasingly prioritising the importance of achieving permanence without delay.'

'Most children in care enjoy positive relationships with consistent social workers who know them well. Social workers speak about the children they support with pride and warmth.'

When children are unable to continue to live with their family, the Ofsted inspectors found that they are living in homes that meet their needs, where they have positive experiences and make progress in various aspects of their lives.

Julian Wooster, Chair of Northamptonshire Children's Trust said: "It is pleasing that Ofsted have seen the decrease of the number of children coming into care, something that has been a key focus for us. Wherever possible we want children and young people to remain with their family or family network when it is safe to do so."

"Every child deserves to have a sense of belonging and opportunity to thrive and it is heartening to see that Ofsted recognised the commitment we have to ensuring all children and young people have this."

"We know that there are still improvements to be made as outlined by Ofsted and we are committed to progressing these."

Cllr Kathryn Shaw, Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education at West Northamptonshire Council, added: "Ofsted has acknowledged the strong and steady focus on making things better — especially the progress we've made in creating more stability across the workforce. We're committed to keeping that momentum going. The council will continue working side-by-side with Northamptonshire Children's Trust to keep raising the bar, so that every child gets the support, safety, and opportunities they truly deserve."

During the recent visit, Ofsted found that 'Social workers expressed unanimous positivity about working for NCT, feeling valued and well-supported by managers and leaders at every level of the organisation. Staff cited this level of support, comprehensive training and development opportunities, and manageable caseloads as key reasons for their continued commitment to NCT, with some agency workers even converting to permanent positions as a result.'

**You can read the full report here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50277483>
Find out about NCT: Jobs and careers with Northamptonshire Children's Trust**

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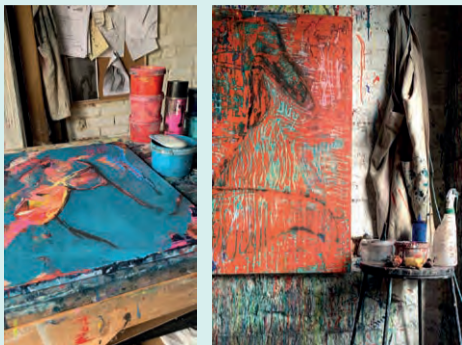


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AN EVENING WITH SOPHIE HANNAH

Wednesday 18th June at 7.45pm-8.45pm.

The Whitwell Room, The Talbot Hotel, New St, Oundle, Peterborough PE8 4EA.

Join Sophie for a high-octane event talking about all her latest projects, including her new book, *No One Would Do What the Lamberts Have Done*.

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Sophie will also explain how she was requested by Agatha Christie's family and estate to write the new series of Hercule Poirot novels.

She will also describe her amazing murder mystery musical, *The Mystery of Mr E*, which was released as a feature film in 2023, directed by Martyn Tott, and is available on Amazon Prime and Apple TV+ and soon to be on several other platforms too!

Sophie Hannah is a Sunday Times, New York Times and Amazon Kindle UK No. 1 bestselling writer of crime fiction, published in forty-nine languages and fifty-one territories. Her books have sold millions of copies worldwide.

In 2023, Sophie won the Crime Writers' Association's Dagger in the Library Award for her body of work, and in 2013 her thriller *The Carrier* won the Crime Thriller of the Year Award at the Specsavers National Book Awards.

Sophie is also a poet and has been shortlisted for the TS Eliot Prize. Her poetry is studied at GCSE, A Level and degree level across the UK.

Sophie is the founder and coach at Dream Author Coaching, a coaching programme for writers and anyone who wants to write.

To learn more, see <https://sophiehannah.com/>

There will be an exciting competition on the night to win some of Sophie's books!

In support of Authors in Oundle, The Talbot Hotel would like to offer guests attending the event an early dinner offer on proof of ticket purchase, 25% off food between 5pm-7pm.



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7th and 8th June - National Garden Scheme Open Gardens Weekend

The Cowper & Newton Museum Gardens are open in support of the National Garden Scheme. Activities in the gardens for additional interest to your visit. Refreshments too! Adults £4 garden entry only with proceeds going to NGS/Children free. Usual admission applies to see inside the museum. www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

12th and 26th June, 10.30am-12noon - Refreshments in the Courtyard

Welcome to 'Refreshments in the Courtyard'! This enjoyable, relaxing event takes place every other Thursday morning during the summertime. Delicious cakes, a choice of tea, coffee, speciality tea or juice and a relaxing stroll around beautiful 18th-century, tranquil gardens - ALL FOR ONLY £6, www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

14 June, 11.15am-12noon - Museum Guided Tour in the home of William Cowper

Find out about how the lives of William Cowper and John Newton came together, through Cowper's poetry and prolific letter-writing, the Olney Hymns including John Newton's famous

hymn 'Amazing Grace', and key artefacts. Spaces limited to 10 people. Book via events@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk /call 01234 711516/or ask in the shop. Free with annual pass or purchase your pass on the day for £10. Children under 16 years FREE (accompanied by an adult).

14th June, 12noon-4pm - Olney Open Gardens

Olney Open Gardens admission ticket to be purchased to see the gardens, with proceeds going to Willen Hospice. Usual admission applies to see inside the museum. More details to follow www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

18th June, 1pm-2pm - Beginners' Gardening Club

Chelsea chop and maintaining the flowering period. Taking cuttings and increasing plant stock. Book in advance per session. Visit the website www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk

28th June, 10.30am-12pm - Guided walk around Olney - South End

Join Tour Guide, Helen, on a guided walk around the south end of the Olney town. Learn how Olney influenced a famous curate and poet. Visit William Cowper's dirtiest and noisiest 18th-century spot and then stroll through the tranquil area around John Newton's church of St Peter and St Paul. Drink in interesting history in secret corners. Places limited to 20 people so please book in advance. Book your place at: events@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk (Adults £12/Children under 16 years FREE). www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk



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

(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 Main Street and Mill Road, Yarwell as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: Those lengths of Main Street and Mill Road, Yarwell – from Nassington Road – for its entire length.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during manhole access for maintenance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 9th June 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 2 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Nassington Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 24/25 – N1046 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T25/374

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(ISLINGTON, TITCHMARSH)

(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 Islington, Titchmarsh as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Islington, Titchmarsh from outside Ranway House.

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 10th June 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 Church Street, A605 and Hungtingdon Road.

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

(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 Bulwick Road, Southwick as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Bulwick Road, Southwick from structure 3303.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during masonry repairs to parapet through to arch ring.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th May 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 13 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Glapthorn Road, Benefield Road and Stamford Road.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(ST PETERS ROAD, OUNDLE)

(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 St Peters Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of St Peters Road, Oundle from outside no.10 to St Wilfrids Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during change of faulty substation.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th May 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 9 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use St Wilfrids Road, Bellamy Road and St Peters Road.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(RAUNDS ROAD & BROOK 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 those lengths of Raunds Road and Brook Street, Raunds as set out below.

LENGTHS OF ROADS TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Raunds Road between either entrance for Brook Street and Brook Street from junction with Raunds road to outside no.2.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th May 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 one day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: 1. Brook Street. 2. Kimbolton Road, Chelveston Road, Grove Street, High Street, Midland Road and Hargrave Road.

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Dated this 24th day of May 2025

SANJIT SULL

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

BILLING AQUADROME CELEBRATES LAUNCH OF NEW LAKE CLUB WITH £199 HOLIDAYS

Having established its name in the holiday and residential parks industry last year, Meadow Bay Villages' highly popular resorts are fast becoming a premium staycation of choice.

Billing Aquadrome, one of the four English holiday resorts acquired by Meadow Bay in 2024, has undergone a comprehensive regeneration programme with renewed vision and now offers a reinvigorated holiday experience with premium facilities and enhanced activities.

Celebrating the launch of The Lake Club, Billing Aquadrome's newest offering, for the month of May, Meadow Bay is running a two-night weekend stay at Billing Aquadrome for only £199, be it a Friday and Saturday or a Saturday and Sunday stay. A four-night mid-week

break is also being offered for only £149 throughout May.

Both offers include either a three-bedroom or two-bedroom silver grade caravan subject to availability at time of booking. The accommodation comes with added extras including a smart TV and air fryer, plus super-fast wi-fi as standard. Included in this offer is a 20% voucher off watersports activities taken on Willow Lake throughout the stay. With the introduction of Klarna payments at Meadow Bay Villages, you can now spread the cost of your stay into manageable instalments.

The Lake Club will officially open on 23rd May and is the newest facility introduced at Billing Aquadrome. The Lake Club is nestled on the water's edge of Willow Lake, the resort's new aqua park offering an array of watersports activities – inflatable assault course, paddleboarding, kayaking, pedalos, sauna and ice bath – and is the perfect escape for coffee lovers and foodies alike looking to relax and indulge in locally sourced delights whilst soaking up the atmosphere.

Nikki Rathie, Holidays Director at Billing Aquadrome, said: "We are extremely excited about the summer ahead and are delighted to be offering a May taster deal to help us showcase the fantastic facilities we now have at Billing Aquadrome, having undergone an extensive programme of upgrades over the past year.

"The resort offers a range of accommodation from premium caravans with hot tubs to glamping pods, complemented by a range of high quality facilities and family-friendly activities that the ever-growing market of staycationers expect.

"This weekend and mid-week promotion is a fantastic deal given



most of our on-site activities are free of charge, including the indoor and outdoor splash parks, bike pump track, soft play zone, disc golf and tough mutter for your four-legged friends. It's also worth noting that although check-in is at 4pm on arrival day and check-out is at 10am on departure day, holiday makers can take advantage of the facilities for longer with access to the full resort from 12noon on both arrival and departure days."

Located in the beautiful Nene Valley, in the heart of Northamptonshire, Billing

Aquadrome is set within 235 acres of stunning scenery with lakes, rivers, canal side location, and a marina.

Outstanding accommodation is now on offer at Billing Aquadrome from platinum caravans with hot tubs, to dog friendly lodges and luxury glamping pods, along with brand new facilities to entertain the whole family. The new facilities at Billing Aquadrome include an Amphitheatre and Open-Air Cinema, a new Aqua Park facility, BMX pump track and Himalayan Adventure Golf Course.

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