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Fines for fly-tipping,
littering and graffiti

North Northamptonshire Council is reminding residents across the area that those caught littering could face a fine of up to £500, whilst anyone caught fly-tipping could face a fine of up to £1000.

Fines for a variety of environmental crimes were increased at the end of 2024 as follows:

- Graffiti – from £150 to £500
- Flyposting – from £150 to £500
- Littering – from £150 to £500
- Household Waste Duty of Care – £300 to £600
- Fly-tipping – £400 to £1000

All are subject to a discount if the fine is paid within a stated time period.

Cllr Ken Harrington, the council's Executive Member for Assets, Waste and Environmental Services, said: "Higher fines like these, hopefully, act as deterrents and are part of a wider package of measures that our team can use to help keep North Northamptonshire clean and tidy."

North Northamptonshire Council are also reminding residents to use registered waste carriers or risk a fine. More details can be found on the Council website.

LOCAL HERO MAUREEN WESTON HONoured

Volunteer Action, the local East Northamptonshire based charity, has announced that one of its long serving and dedicated volunteers, Maureen Weston, has been recognised with the Rose of Northamptonshire Award for her outstanding contributions to volunteering.

The award ceremony took place on 4th June at The Corby Cube, where Maureen proudly accepted this well-deserved honour.

Maureen has been a cornerstone of Volunteer Action for more than 18 years, selflessly giving her time and energy across a wide range of roles. Her contributions include serving as a trustee of the charity, a volunteer driver, befriender to vulnerable individuals, and a weekly office volunteer. She is also known

for her delicious home baking, regularly bringing in cakes to lift spirits.

Each year, Maureen takes on the role of head chef for the annual Christmas meal, providing a festive celebration for more than 45 isolated older people in rural East Northants North – a number that continues to grow annually thanks to her dedication.

Beyond her invaluable work with Volunteer Action, Maureen's commitment to the community extends even

further. She volunteers at Oxfam in Oundle, runs PHAB Club, a local charity supporting adults with learning disabilities, and leads the Oundle Yarn Bombers, who bring colour and joy to the town with their creative displays during special occasions. She even participated in The Longest Yarn exhibition, which toured across Europe.

"Maureen is a true gem of our community," said Rachel Dixon, Chief Executive of Volunteer Action. "She embodies the very spirit of volunteering – generous, tireless, and compassionate. This award is a fitting recognition of her incredible efforts, and we couldn't be prouder."

The Rose of Northamptonshire Award celebrates individuals who have gone above and beyond



in their voluntary service to improve lives and strengthen communities across the

county. Maureen Weston is a shining example of this spirit in action.

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North Northamptonshire Council secures over £55 million in Government funding for local transport infrastructure

North Northamptonshire Council has welcomed a major investment from the Department for Transport (DfT), securing £55.3 million in additional capital funding to enhance transport infrastructure, improve road safety, and expand walking, cycling, and bus networks.

This funding is in addition to the £15 million per year already allocated through the Council's General Fund Capital Programme.

The funding will be the subject of a report to the council's Executive.

The new funding includes:

- Active Travel Fund 5 – £0.191 million
- Consolidated Active Travel Fund – £0.508 million
- Local Transport Grant – £54.588 million

Cllr Chris McGiffen, Executive Member for Highways and Travel, said: "The scale of this funding allows us to deliver projects that will make our transport network safer and more accessible for everyone.

"This funding gives us the flexibility to address both immediate needs and long-term goals. We're

working to identify the most impactful projects and will phase approvals as we gain certainty on costs and deliverability.

"The Council remains committed to engaging with residents and stakeholders throughout the process to ensure the improvements reflect local needs and deliver lasting benefits."

> ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENTS

The Council plans to use the Active Travel Fund 5 to deliver a contra-flow cycle lane on Montagu Street in Kettering, identified as the highest priority scheme in the Kettering Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).

The Consolidated Active Travel Fund will support the development of further priority schemes in Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough, with public consultation planned later this year to help select the next project for delivery.

This marks the first time councils have received Active Travel funding on a formula basis, allowing for more strategic planning. The funding must

be committed by March 2026 and construction completed by March 2027.

> LOCAL TRANSPORT GRANT

The £7.728 million Local Transport Grant for 2025/26 – rising to over £54 million by 2029/30 – can be used for a wide range of transport schemes, including road maintenance, safety upgrades, and traffic signal improvements. However, it cannot be used for major new road or rail projects.

This grant replaces the previous Integrated Transport Block funding and enables the Council to

deliver schemes that were previously unaffordable. It also allows for a significant increase in highway maintenance investment.

> NEXT STEPS

- Public consultation on active travel schemes will begin later this year.
- A phased programme of Local Transport Grant projects will be developed and approved.
- A further report will be brought to the Executive in early 2026 to confirm the next priority scheme for delivery.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

It is very tempting to think that our ancestors did everything in the correct order – marriage first and then had the babies. But oh no.... nothing as simple as that!

My great grandmother was born six months before her parents wed. A good clue that it was her father that her mother married is the name with which she was baptised – her middle name was the surname of her father. A handy hint to remember if you discover ancestors with unusual middle names.

When searching for a marriage, we usually start with the birth of the eldest child and then have a rummage a couple of years either way of that date. Folk were usually married just before – or just after – that child's birth. However, how many times have you not been able to find a marriage at all around that time? This could be for a variety of reasons – a very real possibility being that one of the parties was still married to someone else! I have examples in my tree of where a couple were living together as married

but then a wedding suddenly happened many years later than they were first found together. Yes, one of them had been married before and the spouse had finally died! Bigamy – the 'Poor Man's Divorce'! This was fine as long as you didn't get caught – if you did, the penalties could be severe. Prison sentences were usually given for proven cases of bigamy – most often for the man, but sometimes for the woman.

Another reason for not marrying might be consanguinity – how close the couple were already related. It was illegal to marry your dead wife's sister – it took the Deceased Wife's Sister Act of 1907 to overturn this – but I still have a couple of those in my tree who managed to escape punishment! Also, you could not marry your dead brother's widow until 1921.

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SINGLE PEOPLE AND FAMILIES ON A LOW INCOME URGED TO APPLY FOR SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS

Eligible individuals and families on a low income are being urged to apply for a one-off supermarket voucher via North Northamptonshire Council's website. The fund is open to a wide range of residents, including low-income families, pensioners and people with disabilities.

The vouchers are funded by the Department of Work and Pensions and are available due to the seventh tranche of the Household Support Fund (HSF) which totalled £4,345,356.

The amount of the voucher will depend on the size of the household. A single person can apply for a £150 voucher, a two-person household £260 and a three-person household or more £320.

To access HSF funding, applicants will need to fill in a simple online form and upload payslips and proof of identity, bank statements, ideally using a computer. Those who do not have access to a computer can visit a North Northamptonshire library where they are available for free public use.

Applications are expected to take two months to process and will be dealt with in the date order by which they are received. To help the council process applications efficiently and avoid delays,

the form will occasionally be closed for short periods.

Cllr Brian Benneyworth, Executive member for Health and Leisure, said: "We are once again able to support households who are having difficulty managing due to the cost-of-living crisis through funding from UK Government's Household Support Fund (HSF).

"Funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), the scheme is designed to provide financial support to households most in need, helping them afford essentials such as food, energy, and essential household items, offering vital assistance to residents who are struggling with the rising cost of living."

James Bellamy, Trustee at Daylight Centre Fellowship, added: "The funding that North Northamptonshire Council has provided through HSF has had a significant impact over the last year in supporting those households or individuals who are directly affected by the cost-of-living crisis and the food poverty which results from it. We have noted the positive responses from the many organisations receiving this funding and the significant impact it is having in meeting the needs across town and rural communities in North Northamptonshire."

The latest phase of the scheme will run until the 31st of March 2026 or until all funds have been allocated.

To determine whether or not you meet the requirements to apply for the vouchers you will need to work out your household's income and

savings. Residents can find out if their financial situation means they are eligible.

Next steps

Information you provide, alongside the council and central government systems, will be used to assess your household's

income and savings.

If any more information is needed, you must provide this within seven days, otherwise your application will be declined. If approved, vouchers will only be issued directly to the email address of the main applicant.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR THE ROLE OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

North Northamptonshire Council actively promotes and maintains high standards of conduct for 68 unitary councillors and all town and parish councillors across North Northamptonshire.

The council is now looking to appoint up to three Independent Persons to help it continue this work.

The role of the Independent Person is interesting and varied and involves being consulted on action to be taken following receipt of new allegations of misconduct and before the council makes a decision following an investigation. Independent Persons

will also have a role if the council needs to consider dismissing one of its three statutory officers.

The Independent Person will:

- be a person in whose impartiality and integrity the public can have confidence
- understand and comply with confidentiality requirements
- be able to make reasoned judgements based on evidence
- have a demonstrable interest in local issues
- have an awareness of the importance of ethical behaviour
- be a good communicator

Applications are unable to be accepted from anyone who is currently, or has within the last five years been:

- A council member, a co-opted council member, or employee of North Northamptonshire Council (or a parish/town council in the area)
 - A relative or close friend of such a person; or
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AUGUST

Fri 1 Chester
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Sun 3 Sheringham
Tue 5 Cromer
Wed 6 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
Wed 6 Haworth & KWVR
Thu 7 Southwold
Thu 7 Liverpool
Thu 7 Liverpool's Open Top Bus
Thu 7 Beatles Story Tour, Liverpool
Fri 8 Butterfly Farm & Stratford Upon Avon
Fri 8 Stamford Market Day
Sat 9 Broadstairs
Sat 9 Margate
Sun 10 Great Yarmouth
Mon 11 Norfolk Broads River Trip
Tue 12 Cadbury World
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Thu 14 Windsor OR Windsor Castle
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Thu 21 London Free Time OR Museums
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Sat 23 Epping & Ongar Railway with Fish n Chips
Sat 23 Weston Super Mare
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Sun 24 Ramsgate Seaside
Mon 25 Skegness - Bank Holiday
Tue 26 Bournemouth
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15-17 AUGUST SUPER SOAP WEEKEND - £339pp

Cedar Court Hotel, Elland, Huddersfield. Half Board including excursions. Yorkshire is England's largest historical county. It comprises of four broad belts each stretching from north to south: the high Pennine moorlands in the west, dissected by the Yorkshire Dales; the central lowlands - including the Vale of York - draining into the Humber estuary in the southeast; the North Yorkshire Moors and Yorkshire Wolds in the east; and, in the far southeast, the Holderness plain along the North Sea. Excursions including Coronation St tour and trip to Harrogate.

SEPTEMBER

5-8 SEPTEMBER VINTAGE VARIETY SHOW WEEKEND - £350pp

Cedar Court Hotel, Elland, Huddersfield. Half Board including excursions. Yorkshire, is an historic county of England, in the north-central part of the country between the Pennines and the North Sea. Yorkshire is England's largest historical county. It entered the Industrial Revolution as a centre of woollen textile manufacturing in the towns of Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Wakefield, and Huddersfield, where rivers flowing from the Pennines provided both waterpower and a means of transport to the seaport of Kingston upon Hull. Includes all entertainment, pre-dinner drink each evening and a Murder mystery train ride.

NOVEMBER

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Summer packed full of children's and young people's activities to discover on North Northamptonshire council's website

With the summer holidays just around the corner, North Northamptonshire Council has a wide range of exciting activities planned for young people and their families across the area.

From Wednesday 23rd July there will be a vast array of fun activities at leisure centres, community centres, parks and open spaces. From free dinosaur safari walks in West Glebe Park and Pavilion, to the Splat Holiday Club, there is something for everyone.

Activities include:

- Active Family Funday: Free, action-packed afternoons with rides, sports, arts and crafts, every Wednesday in August.
- Explorer Events: Activities focused on exploration and discovery
- Swimming: Family swim sessions and intensive

lessons are available

- Splat Holiday Club: A holiday club offering activities like dodgeball, filmmaking, drama, food technology, and more
- Sports: Football is available on 3G AstroTurf either by booking in advance or pay and play options available.
- Racket Sports: Tennis, table tennis, badminton, squash, and pickleball, book in advance or pay and play
- Active Play and Bounce: Drop-in sessions with bouncy castles and soft play
- Libraries: Activities available at local libraries
- Wellbeing Walks: Guided walks for families
- Holiday and Sports Clubs: Various sports club focused on different activities
- FREE Movement & Explorer Journal: A themed journal for children to complete during the holidays. Pick up from your local library
- Activities at your local Country Park.

Visit North Northamptonshire Council website for a full list of activities.

North Northamptonshire Council is also working in partnership with Northants Holidays, Activities and Food Programme (HAF). The programme, delivered by Northamptonshire Sport, offers funded school holiday clubs with healthy meals for young people aged 5-16 years in Northamptonshire.

If your family receives benefits-related free school meals, you might be eligible for HAF Northants. Find more information and activities near you.



STEAMING AHEAD AT WISTOW MAZE

To mark the 200th Anniversary of the modern railway, Leicestershire's famous Wistow Maze has been designed in the shape of a steam train.

"The maze is offering visitors an opportunity to celebrate this historic milestone, whilst exercising both mind and body along the way," says Diana Brooks, owner of Wistow Maze.

Visitors have to find 12 quiz boards hidden amongst the 3

miles of pathways, which will highlight how transport has evolved over the years.

A great family day out, visitors can pit their wits against the giant 8-acre maize maze with its high-level bridges and towers and also take part in a variety of mini mazes and games in the Activity Funyard, which includes a space-hopper track, hoopla and a football shooting game.

With the Wistow Rural Centre opposite, consisting of a café, garden centre, model village and numerous shops, there is something to satisfy all ages.

At the end of the season, the maze is harvested for cattle fodder and then redesigned the following Spring using GPS satellite technology.

Wistow Maze is a winner of Leicestershire's 'Best Visitor Attraction' and attracts over 20,000 visitors each year.



Opens: Mon 21st July – Sun 31st Aug (daily), then weekends only until Sun 14th Sept. 10am–6pm. Free Parking. Admission charges: Child £8.95, Adult £10.95, Family Ticket (2+2) £37. More information on: www.wistow.com or call 07884 403889



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SIX WEEKS OF SUMMER AT FERRY MEADOWS

From Thursday 24th July, dive into a summer full of fun with daily activities and events for all ages. With outdoor adventures, family-friendly activities, wildlife workshops and holiday clubs, there's something for everyone to enjoy this summer.

> SUMMER-LONG ACTIVITIES

Pay & Play Watersports at Nene Outdoors:

Open daily between 11am and 6.30pm, choose from dragon and swan pedalos, row boats, stand up paddle boards, kayaks and canoes.

Hire a bike at Nene

Outdoors: The perfect way to explore the Park! Available daily from 10.30am to 5pm.

Daily Boat Trips: Enjoy a lake and river cruise on an electrically-powered passenger boat and see what wildlife you can spot! Don't miss our specially extended Wildlife Boat Trips running on selected days during the summer!

Summer Nights at

Ferry Meadows: Bringing summer evenings alive with an unmissable season of outdoor cinema, delicious local food and drink and live music in the great outdoors.

Complete the Holiday

Trail: You'll find a new trail up around Ferry Meadows every two weeks in the holidays. Pick up a trail sheet from the Visitor Centre for just £1, answer the questions as you walk around the Park and return to the Visitor Centre to claim your prize to grow at home.

Book a camping trip! Camp under the stars by Gunwade Lake in a cosy bell tent or at the scenic pitch-only site. Perfect for families, our campsites are nestled in the heart of Ferry Meadows, offering easy access to all the exciting activities at Nene Outdoors.

RYA Sailing Courses: Learn to sail this summer on a two-day youth course in the safe waters of Gunwade Lake at Nene Outdoors. Different levels are available depending on your experience, plus safety equipment, wetsuits and buoyancy aids are provided.

Open Water

Swimming: Come along and swim the 400m course on Gunwade Lake in these friendly sessions for all abilities. Register with NOWCA and get your first swim session free. Running every Thursday evening at Nene Outdoors.

Ride the Miniature

Railway: All aboard the Ferry Meadows railway! Running daily, weather permitting.

Explore the Visitor

Centre: Open daily from 9am to 6pm, the Ferry Meadows Visitor Centre has everything you need for a great day out, from picnic essentials and summer games to snacks, drinks and ice creams.

> HOLIDAY CLUBS

Oak Adventurers Holiday

Club: An exciting multi-activity holiday club at Nene Outdoors, open weekdays from 28th July to 29th August. Perfect for kids aged 8-13.

Acorn Explorers Holiday

Club: A nature-based holiday club at Lynch Farm open weekdays from 4th to 15th August for kids aged 5-8. Non-stop activities and outdoor fun.

> FAMILY FUN EVENTS

Indoor Archery – 24th July, 6th & 20th August Unleash your inner Robin Hood or Maid Marian! Our archery sessions are 45 minutes long and take place at Nene Outdoors. Sessions are £13 per person and suitable for ages 8 and over.

The Big Jump Inflatable

Fun Park – 25th July to 10th August Bounce, jump and climb through a 300-metre obstacle course, huge inflatable play area and space themed toddler zone! 3-hour sessions are £12 for 4+ and £5 for ages 2-4.

Longthorpe Tower Knights & Princesses Living History

Event – 26th July. Travel back to the 1470s to learn the refined manners of the era with the Lady of the House, and witness the fascinating process of a knight suiting up in full armour. Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for children and £5 for English Heritage members.

Climbing Wall – 31st July, 11th & 29th August. The climbing wall will be back at Nene Outdoors. Great fun for both adults and children aged 4 and over. Who will reach the top first? Sessions are £13 per person.

> WILDLIFE WORKSHOPS

Reptile & Amphibian Walk – 25th July. Adventure around Ham Mere hunting for reptiles, amphibians and other fascinating wildlife! £8 each. Ages 5+.



Buzzy Bees – 29th July & 23rd August. Discover amazing facts about bees, play games, learn how to help them and make your very own mini bee home to take away. Suitable for ages 5+ and costs £6 each.

Pond Dipping – Selected dates. FREE wildlife fun! Try pond dipping and discover the fascinating creatures living beneath the surface at our drop-in session at Lynch Lake between 12pm and 3pm.

Bug Hunt at Ferry Meadows – 31st July. Search for the minibeasts that live in Ferry Meadows! Ages 2+. £6 per child.

Pollinator Ponder and Wildlife Wander – 21st & 30th August. Spot butterflies, bees, and wildflowers, and uncover the secrets of pollination. Ages 10+. £8 each.

Family Friendly Bat Walk – 22nd August. Enjoy a bat-themed craft, a twilight walk and use bat detectors and thermal tech to spot these night-time flyers and other nocturnal wildlife. Suitable for age 6+, tickets are £15 each.

Owls and their Pellets – 27th August. Explore the fascinating world of British owls and uncover the mysteries inside their pellets, nature's very own treasure hunt! Ages 5+, it's £6 per child.

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Children's African Drumming Workshop – A cultural experience in Hall Park

Rushden Town Council is pleased to present a series of Children's African Drumming Workshops, taking place on Wednesday 30th July from 10am to 3.30pm at Hall Park, Rushden.

This interactive and educational sessions invite children to experience the vibrant rhythms of African drumming in a hands-on workshop led by an experienced instructor. Each session is designed to be fun, engaging, and accessible - no

previous musical experience is required.

Event Details:

- Date: Wednesday 30th July
- Time: Sessions begin at 10am and run throughout the day (1hr break at 12.15pm)
- Duration: 6 x 45-minute

- sessions starting at 10am and running throughout the day until 3.30pm
- Location: The Walled Garden, Hall Park, Rushden NN10 9ES
- Cost: Free
Children will have the opportunity to explore traditional

African rhythms and drumming techniques in a safe, supportive environment. This is a wonderful chance for young people to enjoy a cultural experience, develop new skills, and express themselves through music.

Please note:

- Children must be aged 4 years or older to participate
- A parent or carer must always be present
- Bookings can now be made for all sessions and are allocated on a first come, first served basis
- Children are welcome to apply for more than one session, subject to availability
- Early booking is strongly recommended. Spaces are limited, and pre-registration is recommended.

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> **SUNDAY 27TH JULY,**
10.15AM

Morning Worship with Holy Communion

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VJ DAY 80 COMMEMORATION – HONOURING THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Rushden Town Council invites residents to join in with commemorating the 80th anniversary of VJ Day on Saturday 16th August 2025.

This significant day marks the moment in 1945 when Japan announced its surrender, effectively bringing an end to the Second World War.

To honour the courage, sacrifice, and resilience of all those who served and suffered during the war, the Council will be hosting two commemorative events in Rushden.

Morning Commemoration

Rushden War Memorial, 11am

- Memorial Service
- Presentation by David Hawker
- Two Minutes' Silence observed
- The Reveille and Kohima Epitaph
- Laying of wreaths
- Lighting of a Peace Lantern

Evening Commemoration

Hall Park, Rushden, from 8pm

- Live band and wartime music
- Tributes from local representatives and guests
- Service and Prayers
- Two Minutes' Silence observed
- The Reveille and Kohima Epitaph
- Lighting of the Beacon of Hope and Peace Candles
- Refreshments available

throughout the evening

This day of remembrance provides a chance for the community to come together in gratitude and reflection, honouring those who served in

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Residents of all ages are encouraged to attend one or both events to pay tribute to a defining moment in world history.



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15 AUGUST 2025 RUSHDEN

VJ Day 80 Commemoration

VJ Day marks the end of World War II, when Japan announced its surrender, thus bringing the war to a close. Join us as we remember the courage and sacrifice that brought an end to this devastating world war.

We are holding two events to mark this day, one at Rushden War Memorial and one at Hall Park, which will culminate with the lighting of a Beacon of Hope. Refreshments will be available at Hall Park during the evening.

Rushden War Memorial 11:00

Service
Presentation by David Hawker
2 minutes silence observed
Reveille, Kohima
Laying of wreaths and lighting of peace lantern

Hall Park, Rushden 20:00

Band and war time music
Tributes
Service and Prayers
2 minutes silence observed
Reveille, Kohima
Lighting of Beacon of Hope and peace candles




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Vision for culture across the local area discussed

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive has received an update on a cultural masterplan for the area.

The cultural masterplan for North Northamptonshire provides a shared vision and framework for cultural growth over the next five years, looking at the area as a whole and not just the council and its assets. It has been designed to unite cultural stakeholders, optimise the sector's social and economic impact and help with future investment.

The masterplan focusses on five themes: creative places, leadership, communities, skills and impact.

To get to this point, the council has undertaken a review of the area's cultural assets, consultations with over 120 key partners and stakeholders through one-to-one conversations and group workshops, alongside the collection and analysis of existing datasets, policies and reports.

Following on from this review,

the cultural masterplan has been developed and is now due to be discussed by the council's Executive before it is adopted.

Cllr Greg Wilcox, the council's Executive Member for Communities, said: "This is a plan for the whole area – bringing together communities, organisations and creatives, whilst putting culture at the core."

"It is the culmination of a large piece of work commissioned by the council, and I look forward to discussing the plan in more detail with my fellow members of the Executive."

"If the plan is approved, every town, village and cultural group will have a role to play in working with us to deliver the vision. Residents and visitors will also be encouraged to take part and help drive cultural growth – this really is a very exciting time for culture in North Northamptonshire."

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, said: "North Northamptonshire is a fabulous place to visit and has so much to offer from a cultural perspective

– rich in heritage, creativity and community spirit. This plan sets the stage for an exciting future for residents and visitors alike, and we are proud to champion culture as a key part of our identity and future growth."

Simon Fitch, Senior Relationship Manager at Arts Council England said: "North Northants has a creative sector which is producing work that is relevant to the people who live and work here now, and which reflects their lives and their stories. We are pleased to see in the cultural masterplan a collective commitment to support this sector into the future."

If approved, the masterplan will feed into the newly developed Northamptonshire Local Visitor Economy Partnership, Discover Northamptonshire, who will take the lead on driving forward the strategy.

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive met on Tuesday 15th July at 10am at the Corby Cube.

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The trustees are all volunteers and we are looking to extend the Board's range of skills to carry us forward and build on our successful initiative. The commitment is only limited by an individual's time and enthusiasm but the Board meets monthly to discuss strategic matters whilst an Operations Group manages the day to day procedures.

If you feel you have something to offer and would like to contribute for the benefit of our communities, please contact us on raundscml@gmail.com addressed to the Chairman, and we can go into more detail.

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Thompson	335
Sudborough	404 & 406
Wadsworth	625

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(CHURCH STREET, STANWICK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council intend, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit traffic from proceeding along that length of Church Street, Stanwick as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Church Street, Stanwick – between Raunds Road and Courtwood.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th August 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 The Avenue, East Street and Spencer Parade.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 25/26 – N209 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T25/504

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(ROMAN ROAD, 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 Roman Road, Titchmarsh as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length Roman Road, Titchmarsh from structure 4123.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during post and rail repairs.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th August 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 4 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use B662.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(GRETTON ROAD, HARRINGWORTH)

(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 Gretton Road, Harringworth as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Gretton Road, Harringworth from the railway bridge.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 4th August 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 1 night (11pm – 6am).

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use B672, Mill Road and Harringworth Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
ref:- 25/26 – N324 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T25/540

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH UG10 (PART) – RAUNDS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council have made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit pedestrians from proceeding along that length of Public Footpath UG10 (Part) – Raunds as specified below. Private access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of footpath are unaffected. RIGHT OF WAY TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That Public Footpath UG10 (part) in the Parish of Raunds to be closed starts at point A on the map at National Grid Reference (NGR) TL0032 7300. It extends in a generally south easterly direction for approximately 166 metres to point B on the map at NGR TL1147 7292.

The routes to be closed is shown by solid black lines between points A - B. REASONS FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required in the interest of health and safety due to the surface being unsafe.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The Order will come into effect on 29th July 2025 and will continue in force for a period of six months. An application may be made for the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport for this Order to be extended if this proves necessary. However, the restriction specified will have effect only at such times and to such extent as is indicated by the display of notices.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: The alternative route starts at point A at NGR TL0032 7300. The route travels into Derling Drive, south along Mountbatten Way to point C at NGR TL0023 7273. The route then heads east along Footpath UG12 for approximately 123 metres to point D at NGR TL0034 7268. It then heads north along footpath UG11 for approximately 272 metres to point B at NGR TL0047 7292.

The alternative route is shown by a broken black line between points A - C - D - B. If you require any further information please contact Sarah Cureton on 07500 579332. PKG/ROW/177-N

Dated this 19th day of July 2025

SANJIT SULL

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

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(BROOK STREET, HARGRAVE)

(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 Brook Street, Hargrave as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Brook Street, Hargrave from the entrance of the sewage pumping station.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during the replacement of a leaking valve.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th July 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.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(STOKE DOYLE 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 Stoke Doyle Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Stoke Doyle Road, Oundle from Wood Lane to Warren Bridge.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during works to locate the source of laying water.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd July 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 A427, Kettering Road, Sudborough Road, A14 and A605.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(BROOK STREET, HARGRAVE)

(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 Brook Street, Hargrave as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Brook Street, Hargrave from entrance to the sewage pumping station.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during works to replace a leaking valve.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 28th July 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.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler
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MOULTON COLLEGE COLLABORATES WITH WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB TO NURTURE NEW TALENT

Moulton College's Football Academy students are set to benefit from an exciting new partnership with Wellingborough Town Football Club. The collaboration underpins the College's aims to create a direct pathway for its Academy students into competitive non-league football.

The Football Academy currently has 115 students who combine vocational studies in subjects like Business, Sport, and Sports Massage with regular training, competitive matches, and opportunities to obtain nationally recognised coaching qualifications.

The partnership with Wellingborough Town FC, who were promoted to the Northern Premier League Midland Division as champions at the end of the 2023-24 season, enables Academy students to experience senior football in a professional environment. Students will have the opportunity to represent the club at U18 level in the Northants Senior Youth League, at U19 level in the National Youth Alliance League, and participate in the FA Youth Cup.

The collaboration will include shared use of facilities, joint training opportunities, and access to coaching staff and development resources across

both the club and the College to help improve player performance. Moulton College students are also set to benefit from work placement opportunities at the club itself, from matchday roles to providing massage, therapy and physiotherapy support.

Initially founded in 1867, Wellingborough Town FC has a long and rich history, having produced a host of footballing talent. Former players include Phil Neal, who later played for Liverpool and England; Frederick 'Fanny' Walden, who went on to play for Spurs and England, and Vic Watson, who joined West Ham United, becoming their all-time leading goal scorer.

Leigh Jones, Moulton College's Head of Sport says of the partnership: "We're delighted to be joining forces with Wellingborough Town FC. It is a well-established and popular club committed to the ongoing development of our students. Working with the club and its dedicated team of staff and coaches will enable our students to develop self-discipline, confidence, attitude, skills, and teamwork, access elite-level training, and experience the atmosphere of playing matches at the club's Dog and

Duck Stadium, with the potential for future progression into its senior squad.

"In conjunction with our own coaching and performance management programmes, our Academy students will benefit from well-rounded experiences that will improve every aspect of their game and career prospects on and off the pitch."

With the UEFA Women's Euro 2025 kicking off this month, the focus will also be firmly on the development of the Academy's female players, with Wellingborough Town FC home to two women's teams. Supporting the growth of and championing the women's game is a key priority for both Wellingborough Town FC and Moulton College.

Joe Pygall, Head of Football at Moulton College adds: "Forming strong partnerships with local football clubs is essential for the development of our players as it enables us to bridge the gap between education and elite sport and offers our students real-world opportunities to apply their skills while gaining qualifications.

"We're proud of the role the College plays as a hub for talent development, both on and off the pitch. By working closely with Wellingborough Town



(Left to right) Joe Pygall and Leigh Jones from Moulton College with Mark Darnell, Martin Potton and Mick Walden of Wellingborough Town Football Club

FC, we can help nurture well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the wider world, whether in sport or beyond."

Mark Darnell, Wellingborough Town FC's Chairman, adds: "Moulton College has an outstanding track record of developing players as well as preparing them for a career beyond their sport.

"This partnership will give our club access to a consistent pipeline of

well-trained and committed players looking to play at a higher level. It is a mutually beneficial partnership, which will enable the Academy footballers to gain valuable match experience and mentoring and hone their abilities while improving our own quality of play. It is also an opportunity for us to back local talent and show our supporters and existing and potential sponsors that we are committed to the ongoing success and future of our club."

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