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Your Voice Matters...

North Northamptonshire Council is inviting residents, businesses, and stakeholders to share their views on a proposed Empty Homes Strategy for the local area, aimed at bringing vacant properties back into use and helping to meet local housing needs.

Empty homes can have a significant impact on communities, contributing to housing shortages and sometimes leading to issues such as vandalism or neglect. The draft strategy sets out how the council plans to tackle these challenges and make better use of existing stock.

Cllr Kirk Harrison, the Council's Executive Member for Regulatory Services, said: "Our proposed strategy sets out practical steps to reduce the number of long-term empty properties and bring them back into use for local families."

The consultation will run until 1st March 2026. The draft strategy and consultation survey can be accessed online via the council's consultation hub. Alternatively, you can email privatesectorhousing@northnorthants.gov.uk or post to North Northamptonshire Council, Private Sector Housing, Bowling Green Road, Kettering NN15 7QX

Stanwick Lakes grant secured

Stanwick Lakes has announced that it has received a £250,000 grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to launch an ambitious new project exploring the site's rich Roman past for the very first time.

Following on from the huge success of the previous project exploring the Bronze and Iron Ages, this new two-year initiative, *From Iron to Empire*, will bring Roman history to life through hands-on activities, creative learning opportunities and community events.

Volunteers, schools and locals will be invited to take part, with the aim to get more people than ever to connect with the fascinating heritage of the Nene Valley.

Highlights of the project will include building a working replica Roman pottery kiln, where visitors can experience ancient production techniques in action, and creating an experimental heritage garden filled with Roman era crops, herbs and plants.

Communities will also have the opportunity to work alongside experts to reconstruct Romano-British textiles using authentic methods, in partnership with the Northants Guild

of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers.

Another exciting feature of the project will be the creation of a villa viewpoint, overlooking the remains of one of the area's most significant Roman villas. This new vantage point will allow visitors to imagine the scale and reality of Roman life and to connect with the history beneath their feet.

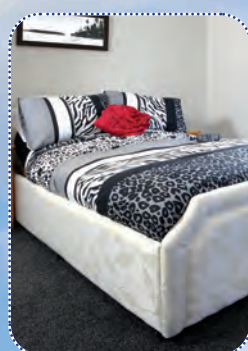
Nadia Norman, Heritage Coordinator at Stanwick Lakes, said: "We are thrilled to have received this support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund, and with thanks to National Lottery players this heritage project will showcase the site's hidden past through creative and engaging experiences.

Together, we aim to reconnect people with history so that our communities and visitors can experience it in a way that is both meaningful and memorable."

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Stanwick Lakes is already home to important prehistoric features, including a Bronze Age barrow and Iron Age settlement, and is recognised as a nationally significant archaeological landscape. This new project will add to its reputation as one of the UK's most engaging outdoor heritage centres, thanks to large-scale excavations that took place in 1980s and revealed over 5,000 years of continuous settlement. This,

and much more, cements the site as a rare and important window into Britain's past.

Stanwick Lakes' heritage programme is built on the passion and commitment of its volunteers and heritage partners, an approach that ensures the projects are not only authentic but also meaningful to the communities who help bring them to life.

Follow Stanwick Lakes on this heritage journey through 2026 and beyond, and explore lives in the Nene Valley from Iron to Empire.



GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

Sometimes, when you are tracing back through your ancestors, they very helpfully stayed in the same place, making the journey back through time much easier than it might otherwise have been. However, it is so easy to get carried away until you hit that brick wall with a bang!

One example of this is that of Rose Milton. Her baptism was on 7th April 1837 at St Luke Old Street, Finsbury, London. There is a note against her name that says that she was abandoned in a lodging house in Milton Street (hence the surname of Milton) and was about two weeks old. Another child was found abandoned on the steps of the Church of St Gregory & St Paul and so was given the name of Paul Gregory.

There was no legislation covering adoption until 1927. Prior to that date, all adoptions were either done privately or through an agency.

Where informal adoptions took place, the child was often recorded with the surname of the adopting parents. However, if you are lucky enough to see a record such as a census that took place just after the adoption, that early record

might show the original surname.

Some orphaned or abandoned children were looked after in a workhouse, founding hospital or Dr Barnardo's. If this is the case for your ancestor, then there may be records available of their admission. But these records are often incomplete and do not provide details of their beginnings.

In the early 18th century, the numbers of abandoned or orphaned children were so high, particularly in London. The gin craze plus typhus, dysentery, measles and influenza answered the question of why some parents might have died young, leaving their offspring needing help. Such children were the responsibility of the parish and so they were placed in the parish poorhouse or the Workhouse.

But other help was on the horizon, which I will tell you about next time.

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Update on seventh round of Household Support Fund

Ahead of the ending of the Household Support Fund by central government, applications for the scheme in North Northamptonshire will be closing.

The final round of the UK Government's Household Support Fund (HSF), worth £4,345,356 is being administered by North Northamptonshire Council.

Following a large volume of interest, applications for Wider Essential Support and Winter Energy Support will both close before the end of January. This is due to the number of outstanding applications which need to be assessed before the national deadline.

Applications for Wider Essential Support closed on Friday 23rd January 2026 with over 3,900 applications.

Applications for Winter Energy Support will be closing Friday 30th January 2026 with over 490 applications so far.

Cllr Greg Wilcox, the council's Executive Member for Communities, said: "The Household Support Fund has been a much needed helping hand for families across North Northamptonshire and we will be continuing to process any outstanding applications until the end of March.



"Although the scheme may be closing, we remain committed to supporting those most in need with details of other cost of living support available on our website."

The UK's Government's Household Support Fund will be ending on 31st March. It will be replaced by a new fund, announced in last year's budget, called the Crisis and Resilience Fund. This will replace HSF and there are more details on the central government website.

More information about support available in North Northamptonshire, including a map of Warm Spaces, is available on the council's website.

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COUNCIL PRAISED FOR STRONG PROGRESS IN LGA REVIEW

North Northamptonshire Council has welcomed a progress report which says it is improving services for residents as well as how services are run.

The review, carried out by the Local Government Association (LGA) in October 2025, follows an earlier assessment of the council in September 2024, known as a Corporate Peer Challenge.

The LGA team found that the council has made real and meaningful change across all seven recommendations made at that time, with 100% of the 31 agreed actions either completed or being taken forward.

The review highlighted:

- Clearer Direction - A new strong overall plan of action, known as the Corporate Plan as well as an annual delivery plan. The One Council initiative has improved technology, given better access to office buildings, a boost to productivity and better services.
- Looking After Finances Better - Looking after budgets has been made simpler, and a new Budget, Performance and Risk Board now meets monthly.
- Stronger Member-Officer Relationships - An induction for the new 47 new councillors has helped

make roles clearer and officers and Members work together more in Council meetings. Members have backed key projects such as BIG50 and the Corporate Plan.

- Leadership in Children and Young People's Services - The council is working more closely with the Children's Trust to improve support for young people and a new committee now oversees this work. Training is planned to help staff better support children with special educational needs and disabilities. The Care Leavers Hub was seen as a great example of how innovative ideas are making a real difference.
- Better Scrutiny and Oversight - Councillors have received extra training, and dedicated officers now support scrutiny work, making it more effective. A Scrutiny Management Board helps keep things organised and avoids duplication.
- A Council That Looks Outward - Projects like the BIG50 board, the economic strategy, and a residents' survey show the council is listening and working with the community. Over 1,000 volunteers have signed up to help in the future. The council also aims to share its vision more widely

to attract investment and build strong partnerships.

- Supporting Our Workforce - A new team is focused on staff development, and initiatives like staff awards, quick feedback surveys, and IT upgrades have boosted morale and reduced staff turnover. Work is underway on a new workforce strategy to make sure the council has the right skills and enough people for the future.

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, said: "We are proud that the LGA has recognised the progress we've made since the Corporate Peer Challenge. This reflects the hard work of our Members and officers and our shared determination to deliver for our communities. We know there is more to do, and we remain committed to working collaboratively to achieve our ambitions for North Northamptonshire."

Adele Wylie, Chief Executive, said: "This review shows the great progress we've made as a council. We've focused on building strong foundations – from managing finances and supporting staff to working with partners.

"We're ambitious for North Northamptonshire, and our new Corporate Plan sets out a clear path to deliver even better services for residents."

More than 1,500 new EV chargepoints to future-proof infrastructure

North Northamptonshire Council has announced a major new partnership with charge-point operator Connected Kerb to deliver more than 1,500 new electric vehicle (EV) charging sockets across the region. The project is co-funded by Connected Kerb and supported by £2.9 million from the Government's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund.

Over the next three to five years, the rollout will deliver a threefold expansion of the current network of publicly available chargepoints (around 525 charging sockets), with installations planned across 320 new sites including all 12 towns, more than 20 villages, and at least 20 Council-owned car parks across North Northamptonshire. Fully accessible bays will be provided in Council car parks.

By 2030, the number of sockets will rise to at least 2,000, making EV charging more accessible and reliable for residents, businesses, and visitors, particularly the 30% of households

without a private driveway. This major investment will provide confidence in the availability of EV infrastructure to support a shift to EV driving over the coming years.

Councillor Chris McGiffen, Executive Member for Highways and Travel, said: "With Government funding and the support of our delivery partner Connected Kerb, we're making a practical investment in our local infrastructure that will benefit residents, businesses and visitors across North Northamptonshire for years to come.

"Whether you're driving an electric vehicle for work, mobility, or simply for convenience, this rollout will ensure reliable charging is available close to home. We're focused on delivering value for money, giving people more choice, and ensuring North Northamptonshire is ready for the future.

"This investment will help ensure that more people have the option to make the switch to an EV when the time is right for them."

Find the nearest on-street electric vehicle charging point or register an interest for new sites on the council's website: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/buses-and-transport/electric-vehicle-chargers. You can find out more about Connected Kerb at: connectedkerb.com

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Tue 17 Melton Mowbray
Wed 18 Seasonal Mystery
Thu 19 Ely Market Day
Fri 20 London Museums OR Free Time
Fri 20 Tower Bridge
Sat 21 Tewkesbury Market Day & The Valley
Sun 22 Orchids at Kew Gardens
Tue 24 Barnsdale Gardens Snowdrops

MARCH

Tue 3 Springfields
Tue 3 Spalding
Thu 5 Cotswold Tour
Sat 7 York OR Jorvik Viking Centre
Sat 7 National Railway Museum
Tue 10 Derbyshire & Peak District
Sat 14 Saffron Walden Market Day
Wed 18 Seasonal Mystery
Sat 21 Greenwich
Sat 21 Cutty Sark
Sat 21 National Maritime Museum
Sun 22 Thriplow Daffodil & Country Fair
Thu 26 Canterbury OR Canterbury Cathedral
Fri 27 Stratford Upon Avon
Sat 28 Haver Castle & Gardens - Anne Boleyn

APRIL

Sun 12 Ideal Home Show at the weekend

MAY

Sun 31 Abba Voyage (New date added)

NOVEMBER

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MARCH

8-14 MARCH – WINTER WINE & BEER AND THE ROMANTIC ROAD – £989PP

Hotel Gasthof Zum Storch, Schlusselfeld. Half Board including excursions. In the southern part of the Bamberg district of Germany, surrounded by picturesque hills, the town has a rich history with numerous historical buildings, such as the town parish church of St. Johannes Baptist or Thurnau Castle from the 18th century. The Franconian Open-Air Museum Fladungen with its faithfully reproduced half-timbered houses, and the Banz Monastery from the 11th century. Walking tours, brewery tour and wine tasting included.

APRIL

13-17 APRIL – CAPTIVATING KENT COAST – £599PP

Best Western Plus Burlington Hotel, Folkestone. Half Board including Excursions. Folkestone lies on the southern edge of the North Downs at a valley between two cliffs. Today it is a cosmopolitan port with easy access to the channel, the delights of France and the rest of Europe. There is always something to do here with all-year-round festivals and entertainment with Folkestone's music and theatre attracting stars from far and wide to perform. Excursions include a trip on the Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway and the Battle of Britain Museum.

MAY

14-18 MAY – A SAILING STORY FROM THE SOLENT TO SUSSEX – £699PP

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The 12 Bedesmen and Bedeswoman of Higham Ferrers attended the annual service of St Thomas in the Chantry Chapel in December, with the service taken by Rev Mother Louise, vicar of St Mary's.

This was followed by traditional roast beef dinner in the Bede House. Special guests who joined the Bedesman Bedeslady were Deputy Lord-lieutenant Gary Liburd and his wife, Town Mayor Cllr Gary Salmon with Mayor's Sergeant Ian Pratt,



Town Clerk Alicia Schofield and musician for the service, Keith Green. The lunch was served and organised by Higham Ferrers United Charities.

The Bede House of Higham Ferrers dates back to 1423, founded by Henry Chichele who was born in Higham Ferrers and was an Archbishop of Canterbury.



In the Bede House and service in Chantry Chapel

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL AWARDS GRANT TO RAUNDS TEMPERANCE BAND

The Mayor of Raunds, Cllr Richard Levell was delighted to present a £500 community grant to Raunds Temperance Band.



The funding is being used to help meet venue hire costs following the recent closure of the band's previous rehearsal space.

Cllr Levell said: "I am delighted that the Town Council has been able to assist the Raunds Temperance Band through our grant

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COUNCIL TEAMS UP WITH PARTNERS TO TACKLE FLY-TIPPING AT KNOWN HOTSPOT

North Northamptonshire Council's Waste and Highways teams have joined forces with Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone to prevent fly-tipping at a site near Earls Barton.

The A4500 layby at Earls Barton has been a highly problematic location for many years and had been the subject of fly-tipping, crime and anti-social behaviour. Working with partners, the council has now closed the layby and gated it off to prevent unlawful access. The project was funded by the OPFCC, North Northamptonshire Council and a private landowner.

Historically, the council has deployed covert cameras at the location and several offenders were caught and fined between £500 and £1,000 for fly-littering and fly-tipping offences throughout 2024 and 2025. Since the gates and a soil bund were installed in late 2025, there has been no further fly-tipping at the location.

The project involved the change of use to the layby with a Traffic Regulation Order now in place, additional signage on site and gates to allow access to agricultural land.

Cllr Ken Harrington, the council's Executive Member for Assets, Waste and Environmental Services, said: "Targeting vulnerable locations like this one is a key part of what our Waste team do, particularly when fly-tipping is having a negative impact on the community and the environment.

"This is an excellent example of partnership working in practice. This location was a known fly-tipping spot, and officers have worked closely with partners, including the landowner to find a solution. Closing off this layby has helped prevent unlawful access, protected the land nearby and stopped fly-tipping and associated anti-social behaviour."

Danielle Stone, the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said: "Fly-tipping is an offence which blights our communities and ruins our environment.

"We must work together to tackle it, and I am pleased that alongside our partners we have funded preventative measures which have reduced crime, removed fire hazards and have made the site safer."

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RETIREMENT EVENT SUPPORTS WORK OF CANDO CARE

On Saturday 10th January Cando Care were invited to Islip Working Men's Club for Steward Terry Gunn's retirement party, following 33 years of service to the club.

After he was presented with gifts from friends and club members, Terry invited Kathleen Meredith, Cando Care MD, to receive a cheque for £1,007 which had been raised courtesy of Islip & District Skittles league and a raffle held on the night.

A full house enjoyed the evening with music and dancing.

Cando Care appreciates the support the club has shown the organisation over the years and acknowledges the community spirit this club gives, not only to their organisation but other worthy causes too.

Cando Care wish Paul Clephane all the best in his new role as Steward.



Pictured L-R: Tracey McKenzie, Zoe Ziemelis (carers), Kathleen Meredith (MD), Terry Gunn, Chris O'Rourke (D), Sharon Rock (carer)

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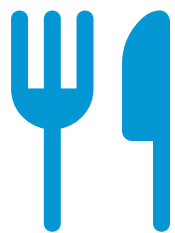
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2026
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 Woodford Road, Great Addington as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Woodford Road, Great Addington from Spinney Cottage to Barnfield.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during vegetation clearance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 23rd February 2026 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 day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Ringstead Road, Station Road, Denford Road, Kettering Road, Thrapston Road and Addington Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler

ref:- 25/26 – N643 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T26/073

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(STOKE DOYLE ROAD, OUNDLE)

(TEMPORARY 30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2026
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 exceeding 30 mph 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 alongside the cemetery.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during S.278 works.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 14th February 2026 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 to a 30 mph limit for up to 7 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: n/a.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(BENEFIELD ROAD, BRIGSTOCK)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2026
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 Benefield Road, Brigstock as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Benefield Road, Brigstock from opposite the Old Water Tower.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th February 2026 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 30 days (weekdays only).

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: follow signage.

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

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2026
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 South Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of South Road, Oundle from outside Hill House to the junction of Herne Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 31st January 2026 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 day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use South Road, Mill Road and A427.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler

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

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2026
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 New Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of New Road, Oundle from Rock Road to Gordon Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 3rd February 2026 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 day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A427, New Street and Glapthorn Road.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler

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Dated this 31st day of January 2026
KAMILA COULSON-PATEL
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

Free tree giveaway launched

Community groups, schools, residents, businesses and landowners across North Northamptonshire are being invited to apply for free young trees from North Northamptonshire Council, with saplings for the scheme being generously supplied by The Woodland Trust.

The Free Tree Giveaway aims to support local planting projects that enhance biodiversity, create greener community spaces and contribute to the area's long-term environmental

resilience. Tree-planting schemes like this also give volunteers a meaningful way to get directly involved in helping to improve and care for our local environment.

The initiative supports the

Council's wider Tree Planting Strategy and Local Nature Recovery Strategy, which set out a long-term vision for protecting and enhancing North Northamptonshire's natural environment.

Eligible organisations can apply for packs of 20 native saplings, which may include species such as common oak, field maple, silver birch, rowan and crab apple. Groups may request up to 10 tree packs.

The scheme is open to:

- businesses
- charities
- community groups
- parish councils
- private landowners
- residents
- schools

Cllr Ken Harrington, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Assets, Waste and Environmental Services, said: "As a council, we recognise just how important trees are to our environment, our wildlife and the character of our communities. We have a responsibility not only to manage the trees in our care, but also to support new

planting that will benefit future generations.

This giveaway is a great opportunity for local groups and residents to get involved in caring for and improving North Northamptonshire's natural environment and I look forward to seeing these saplings take root across the area."

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, said: "We know how much our residents value trees and green spaces, and this scheme gives communities a real opportunity to help shape a greener North Northamptonshire for the future."

How to apply

- Applications are open until 28th February 2026
 - Apply on the council's website
- If applicants are not the landowner, written permission

must be provided before any packs can be awarded.

Tree shelters, stakes and canes are not provided as part of the scheme. Successful applicants will be responsible for planting, maintenance and aftercare.

Tree packs will be available for collection in March 2026, with full details shared once applications close.

The Woodland Trust is the UK's largest woodland conservation charity and is dedicated to protecting, restoring and creating native woodland across the country. Through national and local initiatives, the Trust provides high-quality native saplings, resources and expertise to help communities, landowners and organisations plant and nurture trees. Their work supports UK biodiversity, improves habitats for wildlife and contributes to long-term climate resilience.



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