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NEWS IN BRIEF

Peregrine falcon chicks update

All four peregrine falcon chicks have now hatched in the nesting box on the church tower at St Mary's Church, Higham Ferrers, and they are already drawing plenty of attention.

The chicks look healthy and are being fed regularly by the adults. It is not always a pretty sight, but it is a fascinating one. Peregrines are attentive, highly efficient hunters, bringing in a steady supply of food to fuel rapid growth. You can even see how carefully they respond when one chick misses out.

Over the next few weeks, the chicks will grow quickly, developing feathers and strength as they prepare for their first flights.

For those who have been following the story, this is a rewarding stage. Earlier in the season, the parents delayed full incubation so the chicks would hatch at a similar time, giving each one a fair chance.

You can watch their progress live at www.ashgrovehealth.co.uk

Fundraiser's marathon success documented in new film

A powerful new documentary from award-winning Surrey based production company Scruffy Bear Media, created in collaboration with national charity MS-UK, tells the story of one woman's determination to redefine what living with Multiple Sclerosis looks like by taking on the TCS London Marathon 2025.

Released one year on to coincide with the TCS London Marathon 2026, My MS, My Rules is a 38-minute film following Anjali Silva-Vadgama (Anji) from Northamptonshire, who was diagnosed with MS at the age of 29. The condition – which affects the brain and spinal cord – brings with it a complex and unpredictable mix of symptoms, from chronic pain and fatigue to mobility challenges, and issues that are rarely spoken about openly. But this is not simply a story about

illness. It is a story about identity, resilience, and choosing to live fully in the face of uncertainty.

Filmed throughout early 2025, the documentary offers an honest and intimate look at Anji's life – not just her physical challenges, but her mindset, humour, and determination to push beyond the expectations often placed on those living with chronic conditions.

Central to the film is Anji's decision to take on the TCS London Marathon 2025 – a daunting challenge for anyone, but one that carries additional complexity when every step must be balanced against pain, fatigue and unpredictability.

Rather than presenting a conventional "training story", the film captures something far more human: the reality of adapting, adjusting, and persevering. For Anji, preparation meant listening closely to her body,

managing symptoms day by day, and confronting anxieties that many runners never have to consider – including the impact of MS on bladder and bowel control, an often overlooked but deeply significant aspect of the condition.

The documentary follows her journey on marathon day itself – a mix of uplifting moments and real struggle – supported by her family, the MS-UK team, and support walkers and filmmakers, Nicky Hagan and Darren S. Cook.

Completing the 26.2 miles stands as a remarkable achievement, but the film makes clear that the real story lies in everything it took to get there. Reflecting back, Anji said: "Walking the London Marathon with MS was never about proving anything to anyone else – it was about showing myself that I can still live life on my own terms."



Anji's marathon is also part of a much wider story of advocacy and community. Passionate about supporting marginalised groups, including people with disabilities and the LGBTQ+ community, she uses her

platform to champion inclusivity and representation. The documentary also highlights the work of MS-UK, a national charity dedicated to helping people affected by multiple sclerosis live healthier, happier lives.

The documentary has been released in collaboration with MS-UK and is available to watch on YouTube now: <https://youtu.be/o2EPyYTqmPc>

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NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBER AND DEPUTY LEADER ANNOUNCED

Cllr Graham Cheatley has been confirmed as the Council's new Deputy Leader. Graham is currently the Executive Member for Finance, Efficiency and Change. He will retain this important responsibility alongside his new role as Deputy Leader of the Council.

In addition, a new Executive Member for Adults and Health Partnerships on North Northamptonshire Council has been announced. Cllr Chris Kellett, who represents the Rothwell and Mawsley ward, will take on this responsibility, moving from his current role of the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Both councillors will take on these new responsibilities with immediate effect.

The role of Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adults and Health Partnerships was carried out by Cllr Eddie McDonald, who will continue to represent the Grettton and Weldon ward as a councillor.

Cllr Chris Kellett said: "I'm very proud to take on the role of lead member for Adults and Health Partnerships for the Council on the Executive.

This is a vital role on the Executive as it plays a key part in improving the health and care needs of some of our most vulnerable people in North Northamptonshire."

Cllr Graham Cheatley said: "It's a great honour to be appointed as Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council as we move into the next phase of our development as a local authority.

"We've come so far in the past year and I look forward to doing what I can to deliver our Corporate Plan and to make the area the best that it can be."

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, said: "I'd like to thank Eddie for all of his hard work and commitment during the first year of this new administration. I would like to welcome Chris on board to the Executive and look forward to working with him. I would also like to welcome Graham into his role as Deputy Leader and I am sure both Chris and Graham will continue to make a real and lasting positive difference to public services in North Northamptonshire."

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

It is very easy to fall into the trap that census returns were completed purely for the benefit of the family historian and then get rather put out if the information contained therein does not live up to expectations. The first modern census was carried out in 1801 and then every ten years from then on – with the exception of 1941, when Britain had other things to deal with. Those early censuses were just used for statistical data and were subsequently destroyed – apart from just a few.

I have an 1821 census record for East Hoathly in Sussex, where my several times Great Grandfather was living. It does actually provide his name and age, along with other members of his family, but the fact that it has survived is pure luck! Contact the local County Archive for the area that you are researching and they will tell you what exists for that county.

Make sure that you have a list of the dates handy on which the censuses were taken. If you have an ancestor who was aged 12 in 1881, the temptation

is just to subtract the 12 from 1881 and say that he was born in 1869. However, this was not necessarily the case. The 1881 census was taken on 3rd April. Therefore, your ancestor could have been born any time from 4th April 1868 to 3rd April 1869 and still be aged 12. However, sometimes the person completing the return could think, "He will be 12 later this year, so I'll put that". Not helpful, these ancestors! So, when searching for birth records, always check a couple of years either way. Don't forget, though – the enumerator's instructions for the 1841 census was to round the age down to the nearest five years for anyone aged 15 and over, so a person aged 24 could appear as 20. Hint: if there could be children under the age of 15 in a family, search for them as the age is likely to be more accurate.

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A Life with Antiques

Paul Atterbury's sellout talk 'A Life with Antiques' at Cotterstock village hall on Friday 17th April proved to be an excellent occasion. Paul is a charismatic speaker and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the stories of his early life and his involvement with the Antiques Roadshow.

In the second half of the evening Paul talked candidly about objects submitted by the audience. These ranged from a sculpture of a squirrel in an unknown



substance with dubious provenance to a violin and signed autobiography of

Jack Warner, a well-known actor in the 1960s and 70s and star of the television programme Dixon of Dock Green.

After a quality raffle of lovely prizes donated by local businesses everyone left with a smile on their face. The marvellous sum of £1,151 and 50 euros was raised for Dementia UK and will be used to help train Admiral Nurses in Northamptonshire.

The organisers are really grateful to Paul and anyone who helped in any way to make this event such a success.



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Sat 16 Anderton Boat Trip & Nantwich
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Fri 22 Stamford Market & Grantham
Sat 23 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
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Sun 24 Brighton
Mon 25 Whipsnade Zoo
Tue 26 City Cruises Sightseeing in London
Wed 27 Battersea Power Station Lift Tour & Shopping
Thu 28 Family Seaside Mystery
Fri 29 Cannon Hall Farm
Sat 30 Skegness
Sat 30 Call the Midwife
Sat 30 Rochester
Sun 31 Great Yarmouth

JUNE

Wed 3 Sheringham & NNRW
Thu 4 Chesterfield Flea Market
Sat 6 Hunstanton
Tue 9 Kings Lynn Market & Norfolk Lavender
Sat 13 Cromer
Sat 13 Warwick
Wed 17 Nottingham Cruise & Lunch
Fri 19 National Arboretum
Fri 19 National Arboretum & Lichfield
Sat 20 Swanage
Sun 21 Gardeners World & Good Food Show
Sun 21 Great Yarmouth - Wheels Festival
Tue 23 Windsor Afternoon Tea Cruise
Wed 24 Matlock & The Peak Railway
Sat 27 Hovercraft Experience to Ryde
Sun 28 Sheringham

JULY

Sat 4 Llangollen Railway & Classic Car Show
Sat 4 Llangollen Horse Drawn Boat Trip
Thu 9 Newmarket Races Ladies Day
Sat 11 Badminton RHS Flower Show
Sat 11 Skegness
Sun 12 Hunstanton
Mon 13 Bakewell Market
Fri 17 Rutland Belle River Cruise & Stamford
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Holidays

JUNE

23-27 JUNE - PARIS, CHANTILLY & VERSAILLES - £799PP

Double Tree by Hilton, Bougival, Half Board including Excursions. Paris is one of the world's great cities and has it all. Attractions such as the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Louvre, to name just a few, are all famous throughout the world, while the boulevards and cobbled streets are oozing with character and ambience. Paris is also famous for its rich history, beautiful architecture and cultural diversity. Excursions include guided tour of Paris, cruise on Seine, Chantilly whipped cream workshop.

JULY

6-10TH JULY CONCORDE, LOWRY & RHS GARDEN - £599PP

Copthorne Hotel, The Quays, Clippers Quay, Salford. Half Board including Excursions. The Quays is Greater Manchester's unique waterfront destination, an emerging and vibrant hub of culture, sport and shopping. MediaCityUK, home to BBC North, ITV, Coronation Street and a host of other innovative businesses, is a leading international destination for the creative and digital sector, based in the heart of the neighbourhood. With vibrant nightlife, fine dining, and even its beach in the summer months. Holiday includes a boat cruise and entrance to RHS Bridgewater and Concorde.

12-16 JULY - HISTORIC KENT & THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND - £699PP

Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Chatham. Half Board including Excursions. Chatham is one of the Medway towns located within Medway. It was established as a royal dockyard by Queen Elizabeth I in 1568 and most of the dockyard actually lies within Gillingham. It became a shipbuilding yard; from then until the late 19th century many hundreds of vessels were launched there, including HMS Victory which was built there in the 1760's. Holiday includes entrance to Chatham Docks, Haver Castle, Leeds Castle and Kent & East Sussex Railway.

NOVEMBER

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ROAD CLOSURES PLANNED FOR ESSENTIAL WORKS ON THE A6

North Northamptonshire Council is advising motorists of essential roadworks taking place along the A6 at Irthlingborough viaduct, which will require full weekend road closures to allow critical maintenance to be carried out safely.

The works are Phase 1 of a programme to re-waterproof a section of Irthlingborough viaduct.

To minimise disruption, the works have been scheduled over the weekend:

- Full Closure from Friday 8th May 2026, 8pm – Monday 11th May 2026, 6am
- Overnight Closure Monday 11th May 2026, 8pm – Tuesday 12th May 2026, 6am
- Phase 2 will take place from Friday 29th May:
- Full Closure from Friday 29th May 2026, 8pm – Monday 1st June 2026, 6am
- Overnight Closure Monday 1st June, 8pm – Tuesday 2nd June, 6am

The viaduct was constructed in 1936 and is in relatively good condition but needs major works to preserve its integrity and ensure it is fully functional for many years to come.

Whilst work will be required for all 9 decks over the coming years, deck 7 is the priority as it has had repeated occurrences of damaging potholes developing. The scheme has been funded by the Local Transport Grant, received from the Department for Transport.

During the closure, contractors will remove the existing surfacing and waterproofing from the bridge deck, carry out concrete repairs where required, and apply a new spray-applied waterproofing system. This process is

weather-dependent and must take place in dry conditions, followed by integrity testing before the carriageway surface and road markings can be reinstated.

Cllr Chris McGiffen, Executive Member for Highways and Travel at North Northamptonshire Council said: "We understand that full weekend road closures can be inconvenient, but these works are essential to protect the long-term safety and integrity of the Irthlingborough Viaduct. By carrying out the majority of works over a weekend, we are significantly reducing disruption to weekday traffic, commuters, and local businesses.

"I would like to thank residents and road users for their patience while these important improvements are completed."

Signed diversion routes will be in place during closures and motorists are advised to follow local diversion signage, plan journeys in advance and allow extra time for travel.

A contingency weekend has been identified should the works be affected by adverse weather:

- Full Closure (Contingency) Friday 15th May 2026, 8pm – Monday 18th May 2026, 6am
- Overnight Closure Monday 18th May 2026, 8pm – Tuesday 19th May 2026, 6am
- Phase 2 contingency dates:
- Full Closure (Contingency) Friday 5th June 8pm – Monday 8th June, 6am
- Overnight Closure Monday 8th June, 8pm – Tuesday 9th June, 6am

Any changes to works will be published on the North Northants Highways Facebook page.

North Northamptonshire Council publishes its first Local Area Energy Plan

North Northamptonshire Council has published its first Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP), an evidence-based plan that looks at the area's entire energy system and sets out the most cost effective and locally appropriate pathway for transitioning the area's energy system to net zero, while supporting growth.

The LAEP provides a coordinated, place-specific approach that considers national energy policies, local data, network constraints and opportunities, and wider social and economic factors.

Producing an LAEP is important for North Northamptonshire as it enables the council to proactively plan for decarbonisation alongside supporting future housing and commercial development. It helps ensure residents and businesses have access to a more reliable, resilient, and efficient energy system which should also help to reduce energy bills.

The plan also strengthens the council's ability to influence future investment by electricity and gas network operators, who increasingly rely on LAEPs to inform long-term infrastructure planning and to invest ahead of need.

North Northamptonshire Council is leading the way as the first local authority in the South Midlands to complete an LAEP, setting a clear example of its commitment to improved sustainability. In May 2025, the council appointed Urban Foresight to lead the development of the plan and collaborated with key partners, including electricity and gas network operators, through a

dedicated Advisory Group. The LAEP includes an action plan setting out practical measures that will be delivered by a range of partners and stakeholders. These actions can help to:

- Support cleaner and more efficient local energy
- Reduce energy costs
- Improve the resilience of the local energy system
- Attract and guide investment in energy infrastructure
- Enable better planned development across the area
- Support decarbonisation opportunities in the area

The LAEP also helps ensure North Northamptonshire's priorities are reflected in wider national and regional energy planning, including new Regional Energy Strategic Plan being developed for Central England.

Cllr Ken Harrington, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Assets, Waste & Environmental Services, said: "This Local Area Energy Plan will be a vital tool in helping us understand the most cost-effective and achievable ways to decarbonise our energy system whilst supporting economic growth and attracting jobs and investment to the area."

The LAEP has now been published and is available to view on the council's website. The plan will be reviewed and updated every five years to ensure it remains aligned with national policy, technological developments and local priorities.

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We also encourage gentle movement and regular activity with our Zest exercise programme, offering chair-based exercise, music sessions and craft groups to keep spirits high and support mobility. Life at Bilton Court is full of opportunities for connection and joy. We support our residents

with nail and make-up pamper sessions to enhance confidence and wellbeing.

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> THE ASHGROVE CLINIC

Chronic pain affects thousands of people across the UK, often limiting daily life in ways that are difficult to explain to others. For many, it is not just the pain itself, but the uncertainty around what is causing it and how to manage it that becomes most challenging.

At The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers, physiotherapy and osteopathy are playing an increasingly important role in helping people regain control of their lives. Chartered physiotherapist Pierre Bonnaud, who also lectures at the University of Northampton, is part of the team supporting patients with persistent pain conditions and



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says, "Rather than focusing on the area that hurts, we look at how the whole body is moving and functioning. Longstanding pain is rarely caused by a single issue. It often involves a combination of reduced strength, altered movement patterns and changes in how the nervous system processes pain."

Patients attending the clinic are guided through

a structured approach that combines education, targeted exercise and hands-on treatment where appropriate. The aim is not simply short-term relief, but helping people understand their condition and build confidence in their bodies again.

This approach can be particularly helpful for those who feel they have tried

everything or have been living with pain for months or years. By addressing both the muscular, skeletal and neurological aspects of pain, the team at Ashgrove offers a practical and evidence-based pathway forward.

For local residents unsure where to turn next, The Ashgrove Clinic provides a clear and accessible option for managing chronic pain.

Refurbished play area opens with a focus on inclusion, nature and play for ages 1-14

A refurbished play area has been officially opened in Corby Old Village by North Northamptonshire Council.

The improved play space has been designed to cater for children aged 1 to 14, with a wide range of modern equipment that encourages imaginative, physical and social play. Accessibility and inclusivity have been central to the redesign, helping to ensure the play area can be enjoyed by as many families as possible.

Accessible picnic tables and seating have been installed alongside a variety of new play equipment including swings, with areas for both younger and older children.

As part of the refurbishment, new trees have been planted alongside the play area, which will provide natural shade once established.

Sensory planting has also been incorporated around the patio area, supporting children with different needs and providing tactile, visual and sensory experiences.

Alongside the works completed by North Northamptonshire Council, money raised by Corby Old Village Neighbourhood Association will be used for an additional piece of play equipment later this year.

Cllr Ken Harrington,



Executive Member for Assets, Waste & Environmental Services at North Northamptonshire Council, said: "Play areas are hugely important to communities across North Northamptonshire, and this refurbished space is a great example of a play area that is as inclusive and accessible as possible."

"By catering for a wide age range, improving accessibility, and incorporating features such as sensory planting and new trees for future natural shade, we are creating a play area that is welcoming and designed for long-term use."

"We're proud to have funded this improvement and I'm sure it will be well-used and enjoyed by local families for many years to come."

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of North Northamptonshire

Council, said: "Play and recreation is so important for their physical development of the younger residents of North Northamptonshire. Sites like this one, alongside the recently opened new skatepark in Wellingborough show our ongoing commitment to families and communities across the whole of the local area."



Your Health – Osteoarthritis

There's a particular way we describe arthritic joints, isn't there? "It's just wear and tear," we say, as if that's the end of the story. This means we put up with knees that grumble on the stairs, hips that feel stiff getting out of the car in Rushden High Street or at the supermarket, and a spine we feel we can't trust.

In a recent Ashgrove TV episode, Chartered Physiotherapist Pierre Bonnaud talked about the myths surrounding osteoarthritis. One of the biggest is that exercise makes it worse. In reality, the opposite is often true.

Osteoarthritis isn't simply joints wearing out. It's a process where the joint, muscles, and surrounding tissues change over time. The cartilage can thin, but your muscles also weaken and your joints can become less well controlled. That combination is often what creates your pain and stiffness.

A specialist physiotherapist focuses on improving how the joint functions, not just how it looks on a scan. As Pierre says, "We don't treat x-rays, we treat people."

Strengthening the muscles around a joint helps absorb load more effectively. Gentle, specific movement also encourages the joint to stay nourished. Movement is part of how joints look after themselves, so rest isn't usually beneficial.



That's why well-chosen exercise can reduce pain rather than aggravate it.

A few practical tips from Pierre:

- Keep moving, even on stiff days. Short, regular walks are better than long ones
- Build strength gradually
- Don't fear discomfort, but don't push through sharp pain either. There's a middle ground
- Warm joints up before activity
- Stay consistent. Small, steady habits tend to work better than occasional big efforts.

Arthritis might be common, but the idea that nothing can be done is outdated. With the right approach, many people find they can move more comfortably and with more confidence than they expected. If you want to watch the full broadcast the recording is on our website: www.ashgrovehealth.co.uk/falcons.

Claire Short is a Registered Osteopath, and runs The Ashgrove Clinic in Higham Ferrers.

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RUSHDEN LAKES ANNOUNCES WINNER OF TURTLE-NAMING COMPETITION

Rushden Lakes is delighted to announce the winning name for its turtle-shaped recycling point, which arrived at the destination in December 2025. Positioned along the boardwalk, the eye-catching installation forms part of Rushden Lakes' ongoing commitment to enhancing sustainability and reducing waste across the site.

To celebrate the new addition, Rushden Lakes launched a competition inviting the community to submit imaginative name suggestions. The response was overwhelming, with more than 1,500 entries received during the 3-week

entry period earlier this year. Following a careful review by the judging panel, the winning name was selected. The destination is pleased to reveal that the turtle will be officially known as Shellbert Bottlesby, a creative and playful name submitted by

local resident, Jess Braxton.

As part of her prize, Jess chose The Entertainer gift cards, to accompany a cuddly Thimble Turtle Jellycat, and a WWF 'Adopt A Sea Turtle' package. Both Jess and Shellbert's names are now proudly displayed on a plaque on the installation. Donna French, Rushden Lakes Centre Manager said: "We were absolutely overwhelmed by the number of entries we received – more than 1,500 – and it's been wonderful to see just how much creativity and enthusiasm exists within our local community. Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit an entry, it wasn't easy to select a winner! The installation is a creative and



Jess Braxton next to the newly installed plaque displaying both her name and Shellbert's



Donna French (right) congratulating Jess Braxton (left)

engaging way to encourage our visitors to recycle, while supporting our wider mission to make the destination even greener and more efficient. We hope visitors will continue to use the turtle when they're here. All collected bottles are donated to a local school, where they're transformed into imaginative art projects that will be proudly showcased at Rushden Lakes."

The team at Rushden Lakes extends its thanks to everyone who took part and helped welcome this eco-loving turtle to its new home. Visitors are encouraged to continue using the installation to recycle

their plastic bottles and support ongoing sustainability initiatives at the destination.



Keep up to date with all Rushden Lakes activities by visiting their social channels as follows:

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Without an LPA in place, no one – not even a spouse or adult child – has automatic authority to act. Instead, your family may need to apply to the Court of Protection for a deputyship order, which can be time-consuming, costly, and stressful.

An LPA allows you to choose who should act for you and how decisions should be made. You can appoint one or more attorneys and decide whether they are to act together or independently.

At Wilson Browne Solicitors, our private client team can guide you through the process and ensure your wishes are clearly set out.

Putting an LPA in place can make a significant difference, providing reassurance for you and your family, should the unexpected happen.

ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS THAT WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT LOCAL FOSTER FAMILIES?

Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) is inviting local businesses to show their support for foster carers by getting involved in its new Fostering Friendly Pledge, launching on 13th May as part of Foster Care Fortnight.

The initiative is designed to encourage local businesses and organisations to offer support to foster carers across Northamptonshire. By signing the pledge, businesses and organisations commit to providing benefits such as discounts, wellbeing support or tailored services, recognising the important contribution foster carers make within the community. With 10 businesses already signed up, the initiative is expected to make a real difference to the lives of children and foster carers.

A networking event to launch the pledge will take place on 13th May, bringing together local businesses, partners and foster carers to collaborate and learn more about becoming fostering friendly. The event will also highlight how even small gestures of support can make a meaningful difference to foster families.

Colin Foster, Chief Executive of Northamptonshire Children's Trust, said: "Foster carers offer love, safety and support for the most vulnerable children and young people in our society. This is such an important, life-changing role that makes a huge difference. Our local

businesses can help. The Fostering Friendly Pledge gives local businesses an opportunity to stand alongside our foster carers, recognise their commitment and show support in a way that works for their organisation.

"Imagine what would help you... you can pledge to offer this to foster carers, there are no limits, it's up to you."

Local businesses who are interested in supporting foster families are encouraged to get in touch with the team on nctcommunications@nctrust.co.uk or sign up to attend the Fostering Friendly Pledge launch event on 13th May via: Fostering Friendly Pledge Launch Event – 'Fill in form'.

People considering becoming a foster carer can also attend a Fostering Information Evening on 20th May at The Old Savoy Theatre, Northampton, where staff and experienced carers will be on hand to answer questions and explain the fostering process.



**Northamptonshire
Children's Trust**

To find out more about Foster Care Fortnight, the Fostering Friendly Pledge, or how you can support foster carers, visit www.fosterme.co.uk

Primary and Infant schools pupil allocation

Places have been allocated for children starting in Primary and Infant schools in North Northamptonshire in September 2026.

3,744 reception places have been allocated to children across North Northamptonshire.

- 94.10% of applicants – 3,523 children – have been allocated a place at their first preference school in 2026 (92.7% for 2025). The highest ever number of first preferences offered in North Northamptonshire.
 - 3.93% of applicants have been allocated a place at their second preference school in 2026 (4.9% in 2025) while 1.04% have been allocated a place at their third preference school in 2026 (0.7% in 2025).
 - 99.07% of applicants have been allocated a place at one of their preferred schools in 2026 (98.3% in 2025), while 98.96% of applications were made online in 2026 (98% in 2025).
- Parents/carers who applied online before the closing date for their places in Reception classes and Year 3 are able to check their offer on the parent portal.

Junior school places (Year 3)

There were 906 on-time applications, with 100% of pupils being allocated a place at their first preference in 2026 (100% for 2025).

Cllr Elizabeth Wright, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Children,



Education and Families, said: "I would like to pass on my best wishes to every pupil starting a new school in September – supporting all children in their education is a priority for the council.

"Starting school is a huge step to take and I wish all the new students well as they embark on their learning journey."

Where children have not been successful in getting a place at a preference school, parents have the right to appeal (through the independent appeals process).

The next round of Primary School place allocations (for late applicants) will take place this month.

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> SUNDAY 10TH MAY, 10.30AM

Countryside Walk - 4 to 5 miles from Isham Road, Pytchley, near the church, NN14 1EW. Organised by Whitefriars Church, Rushden: Details on 01933 316927.

> WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY, EVENING

Northamptonshire Industrial Archaeology Group - Visit to Easton Maudit Church, including bells and clock. Details at secretary@niag.org.uk.

> SATURDAY 13TH JUNE, 7PM

Newton Bromswold Summer Barn Dance - Newton Bromswold. Admission Fee: Adults £12.50/children £5. Contact Information: June 07379709303. Ticket includes food.

> SUNDAY 17TH MAY, 10.15AM

Morning Worship - Whitefriars Church, Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 9HX.

WHAT'S ON AT:

COWPER & NEWTON

> SUNDAY 10TH MAY - 10.30AM-2.30PM

Guided Walk to William Cowper's Alcove - A leisurely and fact-filled historical guided walk through Olney to Weston Underwood, approximately 3 miles each way. Hot drinks and a slice of homemade cake at the Alcove (included in the price). Book your place by emailing with the title of this event in your email's subject heading: events@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk, or call 01234 711516, or if you're passing by, ask a volunteer in the Shop. Adults £15/Children 16 years and under free/

Students 25 years and under showing a valid ID card – half price. (Annual Pass is not valid for this event.)

> SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 10.30AM-12.30PM

Olney Outer Circle Guided History Walk - Join Tom for a picturesque tour of the edge of town historical sites that cannot be reached by any other guided walk! From pre-historic and Roman to the present. www.cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk for more information. Booking in advance would be helpful, but not essential. You can just turn up on the morning! Book: Clearly state event title: events@cowperandnewtonmuseum.org.uk, call 01234 711516 or ask in the Shop. Adult £12/Children 16 years and under free/Students 25 years and under showing a valid ID card – half price. (Annual Pass is not valid for this event.)

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> WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY, 2PM-4PM

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BILLING AQUADROME LAUNCHES SEND BREAKS

Leading holiday provider Meadow Bay Villages has launched its new Beyond Boundaries SEND breaks at both Billing Aquadrome and Hayling Island Holiday parks.



Designed for children and young people with additional needs, including autism, ADHD, and sensory processing differences, the specialised mid-week SEND breaks have been planned to take place during off-peak seasons, running from 11th-15th May and again later in the year from 21st-25th September.

To celebrate the launch of Beyond Boundaries Breaks, Meadow Bay Villages is offering a 20% discount on all bookings in a bid to further support SEND families, simply use code SEND20 when booking online.

Nikki Rathie, Holiday Director at Meadow Bay Villages, said: "We believe every family should be able to enjoy a holiday and in particular those families who have children with additional needs and who may struggle to find an inclusive holiday offering.

"Being able to escape the everyday and enjoy a specially tailored holiday is paramount and we are passionate about offering an inclusive space with tailored experiences and sensory sessions in a calm and supportive environment at both Billing Aquadrome and Hayling Island."

The entertainment package on offer has been carefully planned by the on-site



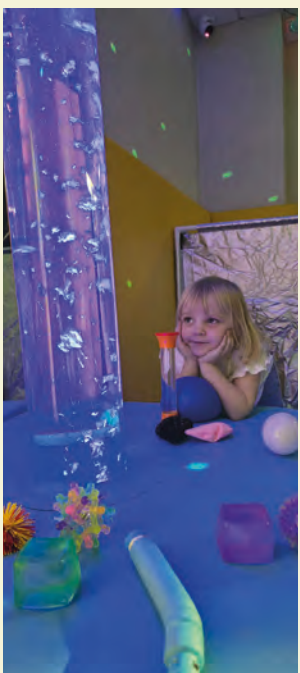
entertainment team, THE TRIBE who have been working with external agency Bass Beat Productions and specially trained to deliver a three-tiered entertainment programme to cater for specialist needs.

Activities will include sensory celebration sessions exploring textures, lights, sounds, and movement in a calm, safe and inclusive environment, as well as inclusive performances and show times. Twilight sensory and silent discos will also take place, as well as relaxed cinema showings with adjustable volume headsets, softened lighting and freedom to move around and sing along.

These activities complement each parks' Zen Den facility, a state-of-the-art sensory room designed with interactive and calming features.

A range of accommodation is on offer at both parks from platinum caravans with hot tubs, to dog-friendly lodges. The team at Meadow Bay Villages can work with families in advance to ensure the appropriate accommodation is on offer, depending on individual needs, as well as providing images in advance to help reduce any levels of anxiety pre-stay.

Photographs: Meadow Bay Villages



To find out more about Meadow Bay Villages' Beyond Boundaries Breaks and how to book, visit the info page online and use code SEND20 to gain a 20% discount on all bookings.

HIGHAM FERRERS' ST GEORGE'S CELEBRATION A HUGE HIT AND THE CROWDS KEPT COMING

Higham Ferrers' inaugural St George's Day celebration, which featured St George and a dragon was a roaring success, visitors agreed.

"There were so many people there that I gave up counting at 2 500," said the thrilled town's mayor, Gary Salmon.

Organised by Higham Ferrers Town Council, the celebration was held two days after the official St George's Day – and it turned out to be a scorcher.

Several patriotic visitors donned the red and white colours of the St George flag –

and eight-month-old dog called Scrappy owned by Kelly and Nigel Parker was not going to be left out and sported his own St George coat.

As the crowds, which came from far and wide, streamed in and the various charity stalls did brisk business, the ice-cream seller was kept busy throughout the afternoon and there was always a long queue for his wares.

One of the highlights was the tug-of-war contest when teams from four local pubs battled it out to the enthusiastic cheers of



VIP visitor, St George (a.k.a. Chris Moore) was an impressive figure astride his horse

encouragement from their loyal supporters.

The winning team – The Works Warriors from the Higham Works (previously known as the Higham Ferrers' Working Men's Club) – who had special T-shirts made for the challenge, will now be the first to have their name inscribed on the competition shield.

When compere, Councillor Louise Parker, asked the crowd if they would like other St George's Day celebrations in future years, the reply was a resounding "Yes."



Little dog Scrappy, pictured with his Mum Kelly, joined in the celebration



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With free parking, live music, and entertainment throughout, it's the perfect day out – whether you're a dedicated foodie, a family looking for fun, or simply keen to support local businesses and enjoy fresh, local produce.

A map of the stalls will be posted on oundle.gov.uk and Facebook page @[www.oundle.gov.uk](https://www.facebook.com/oundle.gov.uk) with details of FREE parking including disabled parking.



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Moulton College welcomes new Chair of Governors

Northamptonshire-based Moulton College has announced the appointment of Liz Male MBE as its new Chair of Governors.

Liz brings decades of strategic and hands-on experience in leadership, communications and collaborations, sustainability and organisational transformation. Passionate about the role further education can play in the local community and regional growth, Liz is committed to strengthening stakeholder relationships and helping to shape Moulton College's curriculum to fit the evolving needs of employers.

Liz took up the role on 1st May 2026, succeeding David McVean as Chair. She says: "Moulton College is a truly special place. I've known of Moulton for over 25 years and have admired the way it has developed its specialist expertise, industry partnerships and student experience to genuinely transform lives. It's a huge honour to take up this role, and at such an important time. We have many exciting opportunities ahead to build on these strengths, grow our impact

and play an even greater role in shaping the skills and economic success of the region."

Liz's appointment comes as Moulton College and Northampton College explore a proposed merger to create a stronger and more resilient offering for the wider county. Founded in 1921 as the Institute of Agriculture and set across more than 1,000 acres of Northamptonshire countryside, Moulton College is home to purpose-built technical education facilities and a working farm.

It has since expanded its further education curriculum offering to include animal management, construction, bakery and sport, alongside a range of land-based studies to more than 2,000 students. In March 2025, the College was awarded 'Good' status across all areas by Ofsted, which praised its high-quality provision.

Oliver Symons, Principal and CEO, Moulton College, adds: "We are delighted to welcome Liz as our new Chair of Governors. As a facilitator



Liz Male MBE is the new Chair of Governors at the Northamptonshire based Moulton College

who works across boards, joint ventures and complex stakeholder groups, she brings valuable expertise and experience to the role as we enter our next phase.

"On behalf of the College community, I would like to extend our gratitude to David. We have been extremely grateful for his guidance and want to thank him for his hard work, unwavering commitment and unfaltering belief in Moulton College during some challenging times."

To find more about Moulton College, visit www.moulton.ac.uk

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

(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 Club Lane, Woodford as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Club Lane, Woodford from outside no.4 to no.11.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 27th May 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 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Church Street, Church Green, Addington Road and Whittlesea Terrace.

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 26/27 – N043 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T26/327

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(CHAPEL LANE, DENFORD)

(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2026
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LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Chapel Lane, Denford from Duck End to Spinney Road.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during gas mains laying.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 25th May 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 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Pegs Lane, High Street and Freemans Lane.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(PARK STREET, KINGS CLIFFE)

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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 Park Street, Kings Cliffe as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Park Street, Kings Cliffe – between numbers 19 and 23.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during new gas mains laying.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 1st June 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 5 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use Park Street, Wood Road and West Street.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(KIMBOLTON ROAD, HIGHAM FERRERS)

(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 Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Kimbolton Road, Higham Ferrers from Lancaster Street to College Street.

REASON FOR RESTRICTION: The restriction is required for safety during fire hydrant maintenance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 19th May 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 3 days.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: use A5028, A6 and B645.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14
(CLIFFE 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 Cliffe Road, Oundle as set out below.

LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH RESTRICTION APPLIES: That length of Cliffe Road, Oundle from the junction with Stamford Road.

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

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 10th May 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 1 day.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES: n/a (dead end road)

If you require any further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 26/27 – N047 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T26/330

Dated this 9th day of May 2026

KAMILA COULSON-PATEL

Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

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Call 01933 558 211 or visit www.anchor.org.uk/GlenvalePark

Glenvale Park care home | 1 Juniper Grove, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire, NN8 6AD

Call 01604 801 476 or visit www.anchor.org.uk/OverstoneHouse

Overstone House care home | Ouiston Way, Overstone, Northampton, NN6 0FU (sat. nav postcode NN6 0AB)

*Anchor average carehome.co.uk score, correct as at 30/04/2026.

"The level of care is very high, facilities are fantastic and activities are varied and high quality. We could not wish for a better place."

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