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Crack down on illegal trade waste disposal

Residents and businesses are being reminded of the importance of responsible waste disposal following a four-month campaign to tackle the illegal disposal of trade waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) across North Northants.

The council's Waste team have been working alongside teams at HWRCs across the local area to address the growing issue of businesses and rogue traders.

Over four months, 55 formal warning notices and 16 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued for offences including littering, fly-tipping and breaches of waste Duty of Care requirements.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, all UK businesses have a legal responsibility to ensure their commercial waste is stored, transferred and disposed of correctly. This includes using a registered waste carrier and maintaining waste transfer records for a minimum of two years. Council staff can request to inspect Waste Transfer Notes at any time.

For further information about trade waste, visit the North Northamptonshire Council website or email waste@northnorthants.gov.uk

From head shave to London Marathon: Running in memory of Brody

A Northamptonshire man is preparing to take on the 2027 London Marathon in support of Northamptonshire Health Charity, with a fundraising target of £2,500 and a deeply personal reason behind his challenge.

After being accepted for a charity place on 13th July, Joel Beeney has already begun planning a series of fundraising challenges, with the ultimate aim of exceeding his £2,500 target.

With marathon training due to begin once the cricket season comes to an end, the timing may have worked in his favour, given the heatwave experienced across the UK this summer.

The first fundraising challenge was a head shave,

with a promise that if £250 was raised by the end of July, Joel would have his hair shaved down to a grade 0.5 at Jen's Barbers in Raunds.

The target was reached, meaning the clippers came out and the challenge was completed.

However, the marathon is about much more than simply completing 26.2 miles or reaching a fundraising target. Joel will be running in memory of his son, Brody, while raising money for Northamptonshire

Health Charity's Twinkling Stars Appeal, which supports families experiencing baby loss.

Since receiving confirmation of his place, Joel has been working on further fundraising ideas and hopes to build on the money already raised as preparations for the marathon gather pace.

For more information about Joel's story, the reason behind the challenge and his fundraising for the Twinkling Stars Appeal, please visit his fundraising page.

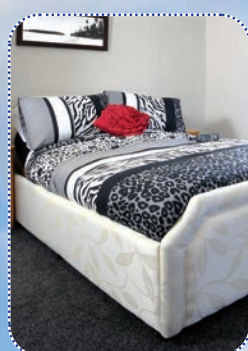
Every donation and message of support will help him get closer to his goal — and help keep Brody's memory at the heart of the challenge.



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ROTHWELL TOWN COUNCIL TO RUN ROTHWELL LIBRARY

Following discussions earlier in the year, Rothwell Town Council will take over the lease of the town's library from 1st September 2026.

Under the Community Managed Libraries Programme, a number of libraries, including Rothwell were offered out to be community managed in 2019. As part of this programme, North Northamptonshire Council provides book stock, computers and a self-service kiosk to enable the libraries to continue to operate as part of the countywide libraries network. All building costs and any staffing/volunteers to deliver library services are the responsibility of the group running the library.

At Rothwell Town Council's Full Council meeting on 5th August, final terms were agreed with the Town Council officially taking over the lease from 1st September 2026.

Cllr Cedwien Brown, Rothwell Town Mayor, said: "As Mayor, I am proud that Rothwell Town Council is prepared to take on the library lease

and begin shaping a true Community Hub for our town. Our volunteers, families and residents deserve continuity, stability and ambition, and this transition allows us to deliver exactly that. By taking on the lease, we will safeguard what matters most to our community and create new opportunities for wellbeing, learning and meaningful connection within a modern, inclusive Community Hub."

Cllr Greg Wilcox, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Communities, said: "This is great news. Libraries, like the one in Rothwell, are the heart of communities and make a real difference to local people.

"I look forward to seeing the library continue to grow and develop with Rothwell Town Council at the helm and a dedicated team of volunteers."

More information about Rothwell Community Library, including opening hours, is available on the North Northamptonshire Council website.

GENEALOGY JOTTINGS

WORDS BY
JAN PEARSON

"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." It is a good idea to have this thought to hand when trying to find some of our elusive ancestors.

Whilst today's children often have their own rooms, back in the day – and even when I was a child – families were so large that many shared their room... if not the bed! In Lulworth in Dorset, the Dolls' House has "timber-framed walls covered with plaster and a tiled roof. It consists of a front living room with two bedrooms above and a lean-to scullery behind." It was home to a fisherman, his wife and their 12 children! Little wonder that children left home as soon as they could in many cases. However, if you have been using the siblings in order to nail down an ancestor, this can be difficult if they have decided to move on.

They might be aged 8 in the 1851 census, living with their family and then you find them in 1871 aged 28, married, with a couple of children of their

own. But where were they in 1861? Recently, I was looking for an ancestor on behalf of someone. His parents knew where he had been born and so it was recorded in 1851 as the name of the village. However, in that census, the family had moved to a large nearby town. In subsequent censuses, the name of that town was given as the place of birth.

I have also seen an instance where someone was born in Castor but living in Durham and their place of birth recorded as Peterborough. In this case, there were several Peterborough possibilities that could have been our chap. Then came the elimination part. If you can find them in subsequent censuses and they turn out not to be the one that you are looking for, then the one that is left probably is – even as far away as Durham! People did move away sometimes, so it is always possible.

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Your Voice Matters... 2nd consultation launched on dog control measures

North Northamptonshire Council has launched a consultation on its existing dog control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), following feedback received during the initial phase of consultation.

The second consultation focuses on proposed new restrictions and amendments to specific locations only – no other changes to the current PSPO are planned.

Proposals include:

- Additional dogs-on-leads requirements at Barnwell Country Park, including around Mill Lake and on selected central pathways.
- Additional controls at Sywell Country Park.
- A requirement for dogs to be kept on leads within designated country park car parks.
- New dog exclusion zones within identified Wildlife Refuge Areas and Educational Wild Zones.
- A proposal to designate the enclosed recreation

and play area at Pytchley Recreation Ground as a dog exclusion zone.

Cllr Kirk Harrison, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Regulatory Services, said: "We know that the vast majority of dog owners across North Northamptonshire act responsibly and take pride in caring for both their pets and the local environment.

"The first stage of consultation generated some extremely useful feedback, which has helped shape the proposals we're now consulting on. I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to share their views.

"As we consider these proposals, it is important that we continue to hear from as many people as possible. Whether you are a dog owner, a regular user of our public spaces, a town

or parish council, or simply have an interest in the issue, I would encourage you to take part in this consultation and share your views."

The feedback received during this consultation will be considered before any decision is made on changes to the Dog Control PSPO for North Northamptonshire.

The consultation is now live and will run until 14th September 2026 and can be accessed via the council's consultation hub.

Alternatively, you can respond by emailing envprotection@northnorthants.gov.uk or post to North Northamptonshire Council, PSPO for Dog Control extension consultation, Environmental Protection, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 1BP.

A copy of the current dog control Public Space Protection Order is available on the council website.



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St John Ambulance aims to teach 500,000 life-saving first aid in September

According to new research from St John Ambulance, many people in the East Midlands do not have the knowledge to respond quickly to patients in a potentially life-threatening situation.

Three in 10 people in the East Midlands are unaware that choking can become life-threatening within minutes without first aid and less than half of people in East Midlands (46%) say they know how to stop someone choking by giving back blows. 49% say they know how to give a choking person an abdominal thrust, formerly called the Heimlich Manoeuvre, while 30% say they have choked to the point of panic because they felt they could not breathe.

The health charity shared the findings as it launches its popular annual Save a Life September campaign, which this year aims to teach half a million people life-saving skills through free demonstrations and online guidance.

During September, St John volunteers across the country will show people how to respond to choking, which hundreds die from in the UK each year. They will also teach the response to cardiac arrest and severe bleeding, including how to do CPR and use a defibrillator.

People can find the location of a free volunteer-delivered Save a Life September demonstration near them by visiting sja.org.uk/save-a-life-september/

The research also showed the following findings for the East Midlands:

- 23% wrongly believe you should help a choking person by using fingers to pull the blockage out, and 12% wrongly said you should tell them to drink water
- 20% have never heard of an

abdominal thrust or Heimlich Manoeuvre, as it was formerly known

- 18% have never been taught first aid
- 24% would panic if they came across a serious health emergency
- 47% agreed communities would be safer if more people learned first aid
- 30% have been with someone who choked to the point of panic because they felt they could not breathe

Community education partner at St John Ambulance, Jordan Davison, said: "Choking is often dismissed as a minor incident, but the consequences can be devastating.

"Tragically too many people die because those around them do not have the knowledge or confidence to intervene.



St John volunteer demonstrating first aid to the public

"This September, we're urging people to take a few minutes to learn these essential first aid skills. Through St John Ambulance's videos and public

demonstrations, people can learn simple, life-saving skills that could help them save a loved one, friend, colleague or even a stranger.

"Our volunteers will be out in communities across the country, putting the power of first aid into more people's hands."

Since re-launching its Save a Life September campaign in 2024, St John Ambulance has taught more than 800,000 people vital first aid. For information about first aid and the public awareness sessions, people are urged to visit sja.org.uk/save-a-life-september/

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All Applications to be received by Friday 11th September 2026.



Raunds Town Council clears unauthorised encampment from Bassfords Recreation Ground

Raunds Town Council would like to thank local residents for their patience, cooperation and understanding during the unauthorised encampment at Bassfords Recreation Ground recently.

The encampment was cleared from the recreation ground on Thursday 13th August 2026 following a coordinated multi-agency operation, and the site has now been restored for public use.

The encampment arrived on Monday 10th August, comprising 17 caravans and 25 supporting vehicles. Access to the recreation ground was gained after a padlocked gate was cut open.

Over the following days, the Council worked closely with North Northamptonshire Council's Traveller Unit, Northamptonshire Police and private civil enforcement agents to secure the return of the public recreation ground.

Following consideration

of the available enforcement options, the Council commenced common-law possession proceedings and a formal notice requiring the site to be vacated was served on Wednesday 12th August. Northamptonshire Police and enforcement agents subsequently attended the site on Thursday morning, and the encampment was completely vacated by approximately 1pm without major incident.

A clean-up operation was then undertaken by Town Council staff, external grounds maintenance teams and the North Northamptonshire Council Waste Team to restore the recreation ground for public use.

Mayor of Raunds, Cllr Bill Cross, said: "We recognise the concern and disruption that the unauthorised occupation caused for residents, particularly those living immediately around the Recreation Ground. I



am pleased that the site was cleared safely and lawfully and that the recreation ground has now been restored for public use.

I would like to thank our Councillors and Council staff, Northamptonshire Police, North Northamptonshire Council Traveller Unit and Waste Team, and the enforcement agents involved for their work in bringing the situation to a swift conclusion. Our priority throughout was to protect the interests of local residents and return Bassfords Recreation Ground to the community as quickly as the law permitted."

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL CRISIS PAYMENT SCHEME

Residents facing a sudden financial emergency can now apply for support through North Northamptonshire Council's new Crisis Payment scheme.

The scheme forms part of the Crisis and Resilience Fund which the council is administering on behalf of the Government. It is designed to provide short-term support when an unexpected event puts a resident's basic needs, health or safety at risk. The support is intended for genuine emergencies and will be accompanied by access to resilience services that help people build longer-term financial stability.

Crisis payments may be available for situations such as theft or fraud leaving someone without access to money, the sudden failure of an essential household item that creates a health or safety risk, or a sudden health emergency requiring urgent support. The scheme is not intended to cover routine bills, debts, ongoing financial difficulties or the replacement of worn-out household items.

Residents applying will need to demonstrate:

- The situation is sudden and unexpected
- An immediate risk to their health or safety
- Requires essential costs to be met within the next few days

Evidence of the crisis must be provided as part of the application process.

The fund replaces the Household Support Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments with one

three-year pot of money that will be used with the aim to provide 'fast crisis help' and 'strengthen longer-term financial resilience'.

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of the Council, said: "We understand that unexpected events can have a significant impact on individuals and families, leaving them struggling to meet essential costs through no fault of their own.

"The new Crisis Payment scheme is designed to provide timely support when residents face a genuine emergency, helping to protect their health, safety and wellbeing at a particularly difficult time.

"Alongside this immediate assistance, we want to help people build greater financial resilience for the future. That is why applicants will also be able to access advice and support services covering areas such as benefits, budgeting and debt management."

Residents are encouraged to review the eligibility criteria online and prepare any supporting evidence in advance to help avoid delays. Those who are not experiencing an immediate crisis can still access the council's resilience services for support with budgeting, benefits, debt advice and longer-term financial challenges.

Further information about the Crisis Payment scheme, including eligibility criteria and application details, is available on the North Northamptonshire Council website.



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North Northamptonshire calls for fair funding as rising demand puts pressure on council finances

North Northamptonshire Council is calling for a funding system that better reflects the growing demands facing local authorities, as it continues to take decisive action to strengthen its financial position and modernise services for residents.

A financial monitoring report for the first quarter of 2026-2027 to be considered by the Executive highlights the significant pressures being experienced across local government.

The report forecasts that the Council will spend £14.9 million over the agreed revenue budget by the end of the current financial year due to more residents requiring adult social care, children's services and travel to school transport, where demand continues to rise year on year.

However, action is being taken to reduce those pressures, alongside an extensive transformation programme designed to improve efficiency, modernise services and support long-term financial sustainability.

Council Leader Cllr Martin Griffiths said: "North Northamptonshire Council is taking responsibility for the challenges in front of us and we're acting now to address them. But it is equally important to recognise that councils across the country are facing the same pressures.

"Demand for social care, children's services and specialist transport has risen dramatically in recent years. Local government funding needs to reflect that reality. We want to work

with Government on a sustainable long-term solution in these demand-led service areas that gives councils the certainty they need to protect services and support residents."

Alongside prudent day-to-day financial management, the council is continuing to drive forward an ambitious transformation programme focused on creating smarter, more efficient services, and improved outcomes, while protecting support for residents.

The programme includes investment in digital systems, service redesign and improvements that will help the authority deliver better value for money and build greater resilience for the future.

Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance, Cllr Graham Cheatley, said: "The Quarter One position reflects the significant demand-led pressures that councils everywhere continue to face, but it is important to remember that this is an early forecast and a great deal of work is already underway with the aim to improve the position.

Despite the financial challenges, the council's Quarter One performance report also highlights positive results across a range of services.

Council Tax collection rates continue to meet targets, smoking cessation programmes are exceeding expectations, emergency housing repairs are being completed on time, and children's services have recorded improvements in key safeguarding measures.

Council looking to extend children's activities and food support

Thousands of children and young people in North Northamptonshire will continue to benefit from free holiday activities and nutritious meals, under council proposals to extend a programme of support.

North Northamptonshire Council's Executive were asked to approve plans, on 11th August, to recommission the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme, ensuring the continued delivery of free meals and enriching experiences for children and young people across the area.

Funded entirely by the Department for Education, the HAF programme supports children aged 5 to 16 years old who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, alongside other vulnerable children and young people, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Since its introduction in North Northamptonshire in 2021, the programme has provided thousands of children with opportunities to take part in sports, arts, cultural and educational activities during school holidays, while also helping to address food insecurity, social isolation and the challenges many families face outside term time.

The current contract, delivered by Northamptonshire Sport, will come to an end in March 2027 following the full use of its extension options. The Executive report recommends undertaking a new competitive procurement process to secure a provider from March 2027

onwards, with an initial two-year contract and options to extend for a further two years.

The Department for Education has confirmed funding for the programme until at least 2028/29, providing confidence that the scheme can continue to make a positive difference to local families.

During Summer 2024, more than 2,600 children participated, benefiting from over 24,000 activity days. Participation by children with SEND has also continued to grow, reflecting the programme's increasing inclusivity and accessibility.

Feedback from families has been overwhelmingly positive, with:

- 95 per cent of parents and carers saying their child enjoyed attending the sessions
- 93 per cent agreeing the programme improved their child's wellbeing
- 90 per cent agreeing it helped boost their child's confidence
- 96 per cent agreeing their child was well cared for during activities

The programme was also recognised externally, winning the Northamptonshire Business Excellence Award for Community Project of the Year in 2024.

Subject to Executive approval, the procurement process is expected to begin in August, with a new contract awarded in November 2026, and the service starting in March 2027.

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> **SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST, 8.50AM**

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group - Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact Barry on 07800 849393. 5.5-mile walk around Cogenhoe, Whiston and the River Nene.

> **SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, 10.15AM**

Whitefriars Church Morning Worship - Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 0HX - all welcome.

> **SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 10AM TO 6PM**

Ride, Stride & Drive fundraising event in aid of historic churches - Many church buildings open countywide and beyond. 07943 307873.

> **SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 10.15AM**

Whitefriars Church Table Church - Informal church with food at Whitefriars Primary School, Boughton Drive, Rushden NN10 0HX - all welcome.

> **SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2.15 FOR 2.30PM**

Whitefriars Church countryside walk - Meet at the grassed area opposite the Newton Bromswold turn on the road from Avenue Road to Chelveston for a three-mile walk to Newton Spinney (woodland) and back. 07943 307873.



> **SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 9.40AM**

Higham Ferrers Footpath Group - Saffron Road car park for car sharing. Contact Ann on 07469 186731. 6-mile walk from Chester House, Irchester Country Park to the River Nene.



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> **SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 10.30AM-2PM**

Guided walk around Olney - South End - Learn how Olney influenced a famous curate and poet. Visit William Cowper's dirtiest and noisiest 18th century spot and then stroll through the tranquil area around John Newton's church of St Peter and St Paul. Interesting history in secret corners. This is a short walk with plenty to see along the way. Cost £12 (annual pass not valid for this walk). The tour will take about 1.5 hours.

> **THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 10.30AM-12PM**

Refreshments in the Courtyard - Welcome to 'Refreshments in the Courtyard'! Delicious homemade cakes, a choice of tea, coffee, speciality tea or juice and a relaxing stroll around beautiful 18th century, tranquil gardens - All for only £6.

> **WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2PM-4PM**

Practical Gardening Club - Join the Practical Gardening Club! Session 12: Apple Day - social event to look back through the year of the club. £3 per session with your annual pass (or £5 without a pass).

> **THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER, 11AM-3.30PM**

Heritage Open Day and Refreshments in the Courtyard - Free entry to the Museums and Gardens today, with 'Refreshments in the Courtyard' until 3pm. Delicious homemade cakes, a choice of tea, coffee, speciality tea or juice and a relaxing stroll around the beautiful 18th century, tranquil gardens - All for only £6.



To submit your event please contact us via our website www.nenevalleynews.co.uk or call 01522 692542. Please supply in the following format: Date, event, place, time, admission fee (if applicable), contact information, 15 word description.

Storytelling in the Walled Garden celebrates National Year of Reading 2026

Rushden Town Council welcomed children and families to Storytelling in the Walled Garden, a free community event celebrating the National Year of Reading 2026, held in the beautiful surroundings of the Walled Garden at Hall Park.

Sidney Brook, Hall Park's friendly squirrel, made a special appearance to welcome visitors to the event, which ran from 10am until 3pm, with a break for lunch. Families brought along picnics and enjoyed a day of books, storytelling, and outdoor fun.

Children explored a selection of books and listened to stories read



aloud throughout the day. Councillors, including the Mayor of Rushden, took turns sitting in the storyteller's chair, delighting children by bringing stories to life through imaginative storytelling and the use of puppets.

The event formed part of Rushden Town Council's programme of free family

workshops, following the popular African drumming and birds of prey sessions held earlier this summer.

The Mayor of Rushden, Councillor Janet Pinnock said: "It was a pleasure to see so many children and families enjoying Storytelling in the Walled Garden. Reading plays such an important role in inspiring young minds, and events like this provide a wonderful opportunity for families to spend quality time together in the beautiful surroundings of Hall Park. We are delighted to support the National Year of Reading 2026 and to continue offering free community events for local families throughout the summer."



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11th Sept

7pm

Refreshments Available

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Raunds Community Library - 1 High Street - Raunds - NN9 6HT - 01933 623747

North Northamptonshire Council congratulates students on results day

North Northamptonshire Council sends its best wishes to everyone across the area who is receiving their examination results or qualifications this summer.

The council is wishing luck to students who collected their GCSE results, as well as those who took Level 1 and Level 2 vocational technical qualifications (VTQs).

Results day marks the start of the next stage of many young people's lives as they move on to new challenges, whether that is continuing to study at sixth form or college, or moving on to an apprenticeship or other work-based learning opportunity.

Cllr Elizabeth Wright, North Northamptonshire Council's Executive Member for Children, Education and Families, said: "I would like to offer my congratulations to all Year 11 students across North Northamptonshire receiving their GCSE and VTQ results. Reaching this stage is a significant achievement and reflects the hard work, determination and commitment

shown throughout their studies. I would also like to thank the parents, carers, teachers, support staff and families who have encouraged and supported our young people every step of the way. Their guidance and dedication play an invaluable role in helping students achieve their potential. Results day is an important milestone and, whether students receive the results they were hoping for or face unexpected outcomes, it is important to remember that there are many routes available to success.

"From A Levels, T Levels and vocational qualifications to apprenticeships, training and employment opportunities, there is a wide range of exciting options to explore. I wish all our young people the very best as they take their next steps and look forward to seeing what they achieve in the future."

Cllr Martin Griffiths, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council, said: "My warmest congratulations go to students receiving their results. This is a proud moment that marks the

end of one chapter and the beginning of the next. Students, families and their loved ones should take pride in everything that has been accomplished."

The Shaw Trust is a helpful source of advice and guidance about next steps for 16-18 year olds.

Students seeking a sixth form place can find a list of schools on the North Northamptonshire Council website.

Tresham College has three main sites in Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough, with information available on the Tresham College website.

Further information about college courses in Northamptonshire is available on the Moulton College website.

For 16-18 year olds seeking alternative learning provision to sixth form or college, North Northamptonshire Council's Study Programme is a 34-week programme starting in September, with bases in Kettering and Wellingborough. The course is designed to prepare young people for further learning and work.

NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANT FOR WOMBLES

The Rushden Higham Ferrers Litter Wombles, which is a not-for-profit community group, has been given a grant of almost £20,000 from the National Lottery.

The grant comes from the National Lottery community fund which supports projects that improve our environment whilst engaging with the local people and volunteers.

A spokesperson for the group said: "This grant will enable us to purchase more equipment, undertake additional cleaning activities and highlight further awareness of the

problems of litter in our areas.

"Importantly, we can encourage residents of all ages to come together to engage in our events. To everyone who plays the National Lottery, thank you."

The funding received by the group was raised by National Lottery players and is given to charities and projects that have a positive impact on the communities they serve.



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Sunday 6th September

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

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 telecoms maintenance.

PERIOD OF CLOSURE: The proposed Order will come into effect on 11th September 2026 and will continue in force for a period of 18 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: use Glapthorn Road, Black Pot Lane, A427 and New Road. For further information please contact Steve Fowler ref:- 26/27 – N232 Steve.Fowler@northnorthants.gov.uk PKG/T26/694

Dated this 29th day of August 2026

KAMILA COULSON-PATEL,
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
(BLACKPOT LANE, OUNDLE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE)
(ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that North Northamptonshire Council has made an Order under Sections 1 to 5 and Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to implement a one-way traffic flow in the road specified in the Schedule to the draft Order and as detailed in the Schedule below.

A COPY of the Order may be inspected at Kier Highways, Brixworth Depot, Old Harborough Road, Brixworth, Northants, NN6 9BX during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or of any provisions contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of that Act, or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may, within six weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

The Order will become effective on 31st August 2026.

Dated this 29th day of August 2026

KAMILA COULSON-PATEL,
Director of Law & Governance (Monitoring Officer)

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SCHEDULE

Road Name/ Location	Description	Direction of Travel
Blackpot Lane, Oundle	From its junction with Glapthorn Road/ New Street, extending 255 metres in a North-easterly direction to its junction with North Street	One-way – vehicles to travel in a North-easterly direction



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UNRAVELLING THE MYSTERIES OF HARRINGWORTH VIADUCT



WELLAND VIADUCT—The Builder of Saturday last says:—"Lieut.-Colonel Tryon, of Bulwick Hall, kayed the last arch of this structure on Friday, the 5th inst. Welland Viaduct is on the Midland Railway branch from Kettering to Manton; it crosses the Welland Valley from Harringworth to Seaton, in the counties of Northampton and Rutland, and is one of the longest structures of this kind in England, being three-quarters of a mile in length. It has eighty-two arches of forty feet span, some of them seventy feet in height. The foundations of the piers and abutments are of concrete—some of them are of a considerable depth. The whole of the structure is erected with bricks manufactured on the ground, with Derbyshire gritstone springers, string-course and coping; the arches and spandrels are all covered with two coats of asphalt. The first brick was laid in March, 1876; and the first arch was commenced in June, 1877. It has been pushed on with such vigour that the arches were finished in the first week in July, 1878. The whole of the brick and stone work will be completed by the end of this year or early in the next. The work contains 30,000,000 bricks, 20,000 cubic yards of concrete, and 19,000 cubic feet of stone. Barrow lime is used in the concrete and mortar throughout the whole work, supplied by Ellis and Sons, Mountsorrel Junction, Leicester. Messrs. Barlow, Son, and Baker, London, are the engineers for the line, and their inspector of the works is Mr. G. W. Smith; the contractors for the whole of the works are Messrs. Lucas and Aird, London; their agent on the works is Mr. Stannard. Mr. W. H. Loden is the sub-contractor for the brickwork, and Mr. R. Holmes is the brick maker."

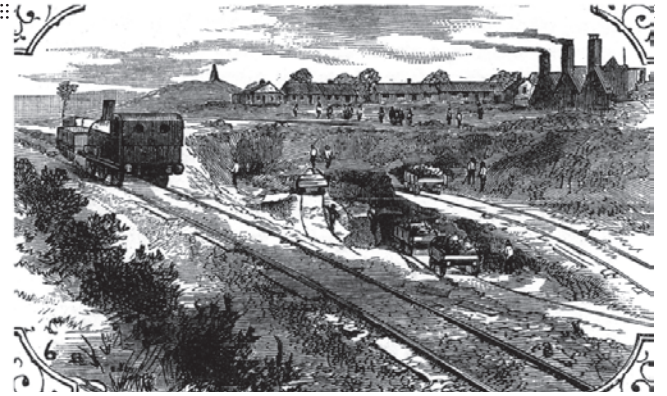
In the 150th year since work began building Harringworth Viaduct, following the talk he gave in 2021, John Hillier is making a return visit to Harringworth in October. Much of the material is new and his talk will reveal the outcome of recent research that he and colleague Nick Hill (ex-Historic England) have undertaken.

John will present this illustrated talk on Friday 9th October in the Parish Church, beautifully decorated with Harvest flowers and produce. Tickets cost £15 (with a free glass of wine) and are available through bookwhen.com/harringworth or via email: harringworthvillage@gmail.com. The evening is hosted by Harringworth Appeals and St John the Baptist PCC who will be serving canapés at the interval. Starting at 7pm for a prompt 7.15pm start, you can find further details on the Harringworth website (www.harringworth.org/news).

The Harringworth Viaduct is a railway viaduct crossing the River Welland between Harringworth, in Northamptonshire, and Seaton, in Rutland. At 1,275 yards (1.166 km) long and with 82 arches, each of which has a 40 feet (12 metre) span; it is the longest masonry viaduct in the United Kingdom.

It lies on the Oakham to Kettering Line and carries the twin track non-electrified line between Corby and Manton Junction, where it joins the Leicester to Peterborough line. The route is generally used by freight trains although there is a daily East Midlands Railway passenger service between Melton Mowbray and St Pancras via Corby. There are also some steam train outings across the viaduct and these are eagerly awaited by enthusiasts.

Due to the structure's size, age, exposure and inaccessibility, the original brickwork has suffered from extensive weathering and structural deterioration. As part of the Network Rail Structures maintenance programme, extensive structural repairs have been carried out. Traditional methods and materials were employed alongside modern access techniques to return the structure to its former glory and to ensure the long-term structural integrity of the viaduct as well as the enjoyment of generations to come. Over the years the structure's patchwork appearance has led to considerable speculation about the colour and type of bricks used in the building of the viaduct given that they were made locally – recent research has unearthed the true story!



Unravelling the Mysteries of Harringworth Viaduct

Illustrated Talk with local historian John Hillier on Friday 9th October at 7.00pm in Harringworth Parish Church

The evening is hosted by Harringworth Appeals and St John the Baptist PCC who will be serving canapés at the interval. Tickets cost £15.00 & are available online <https://bookwhen.com/harringworth> or via email: harringworthvillage@gmail.com

Harringworth Viaduct - a Victorian Gem 1876 - 2026

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