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OUR TOP TEAM DELIVERING IN RAUNDS JUNE 2023

If you have taken any photos of constituency landscapes or landmarks which could be featured in our MP's 'Community Notices' headers, please send them in and Tom will try to use as many as possible (and credit them accordingly!), as a celebration of the fantastic place we live and work in. Tom knows we have many budding photographers in our community and it would be great to showcase their work!

Send your photos by email to: pursglovet@parliament.uk

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report@phishing.gov.uk

Please report every one of them. It is our weapon to stop the scammers

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Hello Cusotmer Prime,

SCAM

We weren't able to process your Prime membership payment due to a problem with your payment method. This means your benefits are on hold.

Please update your payment information within the next 24 hours to continue enjoying Prime benefits.

Thank you,

Amazon.co.uk Prime Service

PPI COMPENSATION SCAM

Hi,

I am a Senior Auditor at Brookside, a registered tax agent that specialises in recovering the tax wrongly deducted from PPI compensation. We have a 92% success rate.

Before paying your compensation to you, your tender deducted tax from the compensatory interest element and paid this directly to HRMC. Most people are unaware that in 2016 the government launched a new Personal Savings Allowance enabling you to recover 100% of this back. To make things easy, we have set up a simple to use web application. It only takes two minutes to find out for free if you are eligible to claim, and the whole process is done online.

SCAM

DO NOT >

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You can sign up for email scam warnings by searching: **which scam alert service**

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PARCEL DELIVERY FRAUD

SCAM

The most common form of scam at this time is parcel delivery fraud. It is likely that 40 million people have been targeted by this form of phishing attack in recent months. Evri (formerly Hermes) seems to be the most common theme.

The scam message may say your delivery's been missed by the driver or that you need to reschedule your parcel. It often comes with a link that looks like a genuine Evri site.

When you get there, you may be directed to put in your card details or other personal information which the fraudsters will then use to access your money or identity. If they get hold of the latter of these, they will either sell it on the dark web or may try to use it themselves to access your money or other assets

Evri asks that anyone who receives a fake Evri message takes a screenshot of it and forwards it onto this email address: phishing@evri.com. You should also forward it on to report@phishing.gov.uk so that the government's National Cyber Security Centre can take action.

Conservative Association Chairman's

Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)



26 Jul 2023

Dear Members,

Locally and nationally, times have been difficult over the last few weeks. Being in Government isn't easy – not for the Party, not for those elected, and not for our volunteers and supporters.

It seemed apt that, in these testing times, we reminded ourselves of just a few of our achievements.

Defibrillators: Last year the Conservatives promised to roll out a defibrillator to every state school in England - this week the Education Secretary announced we have hit this target.

Childcare: Rolling out the largest expansion of childcare in England's history, ensuring working parents get the support they need for their young children.

Nationality and Borders Act: We have changed the law - through the Nationality and Borders Act and the new Illegal Migration Act - to close loopholes, stop people exploiting modern slavery laws, make it easier to remove foreign criminals and deprive those who come here illegally of any right to stay. And the Labour Party has tried to block these changes at every turn.

World class education: We are ranked 4th out of the 43 countries that tested children in literacy, far above the average of international and European average. Additionally, when the Conservatives came to power, only 58% of 6 year olds reached the expected standard of reading, now it is over 82%.

Teachers: There are a record number of teachers in our schools, up by 27,000 since 2010

KLV: Due to the sterling efforts of a number of people, Kettering Leisure Village has been saved from closure - at no additional cost to the taxpayer. It was a gargantuan effort to bring together the various stakeholders, and relied heavily on the business experience of members of our Executive. It's been all the more remarkable to get the agreement over the line when you consider our local political opponents voted against the "deal".

Support for local children and parents: North Northamptonshire children will have a Summer to remember with the council's fun-packed programme of activities that started on Monday 24 July. Our leisure centres, community centres, parks and open spaces will play host to a wide range of events to help keep communities healthy and connected, including: -

- Holiday clubs and summer camps
- 'Turn up and play' sessions
- Family fun days
- Arts and crafts
- Free swimming sessions
- Sports including football, table tennis

SEND: Our Party has provided record funding for Special Educational Needs and Disability for young people

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Corby Towns Fund given the green light: Thanks to the Conservatives (locally and nationally), all 4 local projects have been given the go-ahead using the Towns Fund. They are: -

- The new Corby Sixth Form College
- Multi-use building, providing accommodation for a modern cultural and community hub
- Train station to Town centre link road
- Smart and Connected Corby, allowing for proper monitoring and management of the flow of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.

Sometimes the achievements we are making as an authority, and as a Party, get overlooked!!

And on a lighter note.....

Just Stop - Just Stop Oil

Becoming fed up with the daily protests of Just Stop Oil, a young group of people have formed the "Just Stop Just Stop Oil" counter-protest group (wearing t-shirts that read "Just Stop Pi**ing Everyone Off"). Each time JSO gather, JSJSO also gather and encircle them, preventing them from blocking traffic or vandalising monuments. As it's a peaceful protest, JSO cannot attempt to break through the JSJSO human barrier. You've just got to smile.

If you would like to contact the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, please write to: The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street, London, SW1A 2AA

Whether you agree with the agenda and civil resistance of Just Stop Oil or not, it's clear that the majority of the public do not appreciate the vandalism and traffic obstruction, nor the millions spent per year in trying to "manage" them. The Metropolitan Police have stated that they spent an estimated £7,700,000, just in London, and just in 13 weeks, taking up 23,500 police officer shifts!

Onwards and Upwards!

Yours,

Councillor Lee Wilkes



Chairman – Corby & East

Northamptonshire Conservative Association

OUR OFFICE OPENING TIMES

A MESSAGE FROM RAY BOYD AT YOUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION OFFICE

The office is open from Monday to Friday from 11am to 1pm. Outside office hours you can reach me at: Email: office@cenca.co.uk. This email address is monitored seven days a week.

The office telephone is manned during the above hours. My home telephone is: 01536 742954 (Unless already registered you may have to identify yourself on this phone before being connected as there is a spam filter fitted). If I am unavailable please leave a message and I will get back to you. Please check the website for office holiday closure dates.

You can also contact the Chairman, Cllr Lee Wilkes. Email me if you need to get in touch with Lee.

Kind regards and keep well, **Ray Boyd**

If any members would like to submit a letter or an article for the Magazine or comment on our contributors' articles please email the editor at ray.boyd@talktalk.net. Letters may be edited. The comments of magazine contributors are obviously their own opinion and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conservative Party, our members, the Association or its management.

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE THAT THE SUN WAS SHINING IN JUNE



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According to a hysterical report by Sky News: *'England is not ready to respond to extreme heatwaves this summer and ministers must implement a national strategy, researchers have said. In addition to excess deaths, they are warning of economic shocks and a "breakdown in public services" should the country experience more very high temperatures either this year or in the future.'*

Strange! The country didn't fall apart last summer, when millions were out and about enjoying the sunshine. And there is no mention of the miserable July weather this year.

The call coincides with the announcement by the Met Office along with those at the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) of the launch of a colour-coded 'Heat-Health Alert' system this summer.

Apparently they think the public are unable to understand a weather forecast. But the plan here is to bombard the public with Heat Alerts every time we get a bit of sunny weather to ramp up the global warming scare. According to the Met Office: *'The updated health alerts will be complementary to and run alongside our UK wide National Severe Weather Warnings and will play a pivotal role in helping save lives, protect property and the economy as we all work to tackle adverse weather and climate change going forward. It is only by working in close partnerships with organisations like UKHSA that effective action can be taken when it matters.'*

Source: TCW 9 Jun 2023

Subscribe freely to The Conservative Woman for some interesting news comments.

CAN YOU HELP TOM?

Our MP, Tom Pursglove has been out and about delivering his MP Contact Cards in the constituency.



He could do with help in the Corby area particularly, so if you can deliver a few cards for him here please get in touch with the Association office to offer help.

We are open 11am to 1pm Monday to Friday. 01536 200255

A yellow sticky note with a black lightbulb icon is pinned to a brown corkboard with a red pushpin. To the right of the sticky note, the text reads: "PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS FROM MAILCHIMP". Below the corkboard, there is a text box with the following message: "Our office sends out regular emails to all members via Mailchimp. Unfortunately it seems many of these end up in the recipients' Spam box.so please make a point of checking your Trash/Spam boxes to avoid missing our emails." A small caption below the corkboard reads: "Image by Gino Crescoli from Pixabay".

Just a Thought - On Woke: ECHR The European Convention on Human Rights Article 10 states that "protection extends to the expression of views that may shock, disturb or offend the deeply held beliefs of others". This doesn't seem to apply to hate-filled woke-idiots.



Northamptonshire PFCC

Stephen Mold's Newsletter



22 Jul 2023

When I ask people what they want from their local police, a visible presence that helps to create safer roads is always one of their top priorities. Therefore, I have invested in a new Roads Policing Team (RPT) who are driving down crime and improving road safety across Northamptonshire.

In its first two months of activity, the RPT have completed 967 vehicle interactions with drivers and made 88 arrests, with a minimum of 72 per cent visibility, meaning officers have been actively policing on the roads for at least 72 per cent of their time, with the remaining time spent conducting investigations, preparing prosecution files and dealing with prisoners in custody. Between February 6 and April 6, the team have also conducted 65 vehicle searches and seized 188 vehicles.

The RPT consists of five teams each containing one sergeant and eight police constables who benefit from a state-of-the-art fleet of vehicles and drone and Automatic Number Plate Recognition capability. They work a 24-hour shift pattern all year round, providing comprehensive, vigilant cover for the County for the first time in over a decade.



Roads policing has a critical role to play in reducing casualties, improving driver and rider behaviour as well as targeting and disrupting serious organised crime committed using the County's road networks. A key part of the work carried out by the RPT will focus on the fatal five – not wearing a seatbelt, using a mobile device, being under the influence of drink or drugs, careless driving or excess speeds.

I am pleased to be able to support the creation of this dedicated new team of specialist police officers that will take responsibility for tackling driving and riding standards on the county's strategic road network. They will also make sure our roads are hostile places for criminals. The Road Policing Team will benefit from other investments such as in our state-of-the-art ANPR system and I know that they bring a new focus and expertise to road safety and road crime.

Another key area of investment for me has been in new approaches to reducing violence against women and girls. I have invested over £20,000 on a new project with Northampton College who have created and delivered a bespoke training package for the college's students, building on the nationally recognised 'Stand by Her' training, which aims to tackle harassment and cultural attitudes towards women and girls.

The training aims to start conversations with men about negative attitudes and behaviours towards women and to empower participants to actively challenge derogatory

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>>> Stephen Mold—continued

and inappropriate behaviour by their peers and colleagues. This investment has allowed up to 10 college tutors to create and deliver a new course to over 1000 students across nine interactive sessions which will help to create more allies and empower young men to challenge inappropriate behaviour against women and girls.

Delivering a safer county cannot be delivered in isolation which is why we have improved and updated our messaging service which offers local residents and businesses the opportunity to get connected with what's happening in their local area, stay up to date about crime and policing issues, and get involved in shaping local policing priorities.

Northamptonshire Talking gives us another tool to help build better relationships and greater trust, with people in this county. And it's a two-way channel, which police will be using to find out more about what's happening in their community and the issues that residents are more concerned about.

When you join, you'll receive email updates about crime and suspicious activity where you live or work, as well as crime prevention advice and updates from your local neighbourhood policing team about local initiatives and events. We also invite people to take part in our regular survey that helps us find out about local concerns and priorities.



As well as well as local crime information, people can also sign up to receive messages from my office, as well as other trusted partners Neighbourhood Watch and Action Fraud. I know people want to see more visible neighbourhood policing and Northamptonshire Talking will help us all create better engagement with local people.

You can find out more and sign up by visiting the following website:

<https://www.northamptonshiretalking.co.uk/>

Stephen Mold

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

As ever, if you need any help or assistance, I can be contacted at:
commissioner@northantspfcc.gov.uk

North Northamptonshire Unitary Council - FIX MY STREET

A service to report local street problems.

Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ygtabsux>

How to report a problem

- Enter a Northamptonshire postcode, street name and area, or check an existing report number
- Locate the problem on a map of the area
- Enter details of the problem. Please enter a single problem per enquiry. The first item described will be taken as the enquiry

Confirm the report and Northamptonshire Highways will investigate.



<https://tinyurl.com/ygtabsux>

What is the CPF?

The local Policy Forum meets to discuss the Conservative Party policies. It is open to members and supporters for a friendly informal discussion session. The summary is sent to the Conservative Party Headquarters where results are collated and ultimately fed through to the Prime Minister's office.

Many of the suggestions put forward are ultimately incorporated in our Party's policy.

If you are interested in taking part in our discussions please contact the office and the Briefing Papers will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

The CPF Chairman's report on our most recent meeting is below.

Our next meeting (open to all members and friends) will be held on Wednesday 23rd August at 7.30pm at Corby Conservative Club. A copy of the briefing paper will be sent to all who request a copy. The topic is **'The Future of Deregulation & AI'**

200 CLUB NEWS

Unfortunately we had to cancel our planned lunch so we were unable to draw the numbers for the big prizes on this occasion. So the numbers for the July, August and the big February prizes was made by the Chairman at a recent Area meeting.

The winning numbers are shown below. Cheque or bank transfers are on their way to the lucky winners.

If you are not yet a 200 Club member please consider joining. For £15 a year, you are entered into a monthly draw, the one winner of which receives £25, except in February when the first prize is £100 and there is also £50 for the runner-up. Members also receive a free copy of our Magazine. This is a relatively low-cost but fun way of raising additional funds for the party and the chances of winning are infinitely greater than the National Lottery! If you would like to join simply email the office and ask for the standing order form to be sent to you.

Please give thought to this simple way of helping the your Association which is faced with a very difficult election sometime next year.

£25—200 CLUB WINNERS		
Jul	44	Mrs D Maxwell
Aug	50	Lee Wilkes

£50/£100—200 CLUB WINNERS		
£50	26	DA George
£100	05	Mrs G Singlehurst

The new CPTPP Trade deal Kemi Badenoch MP

Secretary of State for Business and Trade

We secured another benefit of Brexit. One that's good for jobs, towns and communities all across the UK. Please share the good news on your social media.

I've formally signed our Accession to the CPTPP – the biggest trade deal since we left the EU, with a major trade bloc of 11 other countries, including New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Singapore and Japan.

NEW UK-CPTPP TRADE

DEAL DONE

**SUPPORTING
24,209 JOBS
444 BUSINESSES**

**right here in the
EAST MIDLANDS**

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Investment from businesses from these countries already supports 400,000 jobs in the UK, and 75% of these jobs are outside of London and the South East.

And with the UK gaining near-zero tariff access to these markets, this deal will help deliver on our priority to grow the economy – as an independent trading nation. This deal gives us unparalleled access to a market of 500 million people, selling everything from whisky to cars. We're the first country in Europe to join this pact.

And make no mistake: we simply could not have done this deal if we remained in the EU.

Leaving the EU has allowed us to do trade deals with the world's fastest growing economies, and negotiate deals that are good for jobs, good for businesses and good for your family.

Statement on cost of living support in the House by Tom Pursglove, MP Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work

At the end of June, I delivered a Statement to the House to set out the Government's progress on delivering our plan to support people during the ongoing cost of living challenge. Key promises included increasing benefits and State Pensions by 10.1% and the benefits cap by the same amount, increasing the National Living Wage by 9.7% to £10.42 per hour, and extending the energy price cap until the end of March 2024.

As the Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work, I was particularly pleased to set out what the Government is doing for disabled people and those with long-term health conditions. This includes providing a £150 Disability Cost of Living Payment to six million households – which have been being paid in recent days – alongside our efforts to step up employment support, and our expectation to spend £78 billion over 2023-2024 to support people with disabilities and long-term conditions.

We are providing a meaningful package of support, getting money in people's pockets to help them meet the challenging costs they are currently facing, not least as a direct result of the war in Ukraine, along with discretionary help to meet more challenging needs, which is being delivered through local authorities, including North Northamptonshire Council in our area

The Labour leader does not inspire anyone, even his followers.

The Spectator magazine published Starmer's 11,500 word manifesto in full – every word. The aim was to see how many people would read it from start to finish. To find the answer, they added a few words in the middle. This offered a free bottle of champagne to the first person who logged on and asked for one. **Nobody did!** Proof that nobody read the entire speech!

(Source: Daily Telegraph 13 Apr 2023)

Just a Thought: Winston Churchill once commented: 'If a man is not a socialist by the time he is 20, he has no heart. If he is not a conservative by the time he is 40, he has no brain.'

TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
MINISTER OF STATE FOR WORK AND PENSIONS



Jul 2023



As ever, I have been very busy out and about across the constituency, meeting with local organisations and businesses, including meeting with the fantastic logistics business, Wincanton, visiting Pen Green for their 40th anniversary celebrations, and going along to local businesses. Like everyone who attended, I've also been continuing to get out and about across the constituency more generally to hear your views and to then take action on the issues that matter to you, including through important local surgery meetings to help constituents with individual problems and concerns, particularly actively raising issues about mobile phone signals in Nassington, flooding in Raunds, and I have made further representations around unauthorised development planning appeals affecting Middleton.

DHSC announcement – the Midlands to benefit from new facilities to help cut A&E waiting times!

I'm very pleased to share news from the Department of Health and Social Care that patients across the Midlands are set to benefit from three new ambulance hubs and 11 new and upgraded discharge lounges, which will free up A&E beds and help cut urgent and emergency care waiting times.

Seven discharge lounges are already open in the region, including in Kettering General Hospital. The new facilities are backed by nearly

£50 million of investment as part of plans to improve urgent and emergency care performance and cut waiting lists, with the Midlands receiving more than £15.6 million in extra funding.

Discharge lounges will free up A&E beds and reduce waiting times for patients admitted to A&E.

Patients across the Midlands will also benefit from three new ambulance hubs at Leicester Royal Infirmary, Glenfield Hospital in Leicester and the Princess Royal in Telford, which will provide additional urgent and emergency care capacity and allow ambulances to get to patients more quickly. In certain areas, ambulance queues to hand patients over to hospital care can be made worse due to a lack of physical space. Ambulance hubs will increase efficiency by cutting out unnecessary delays and helping ambulances get back on the road faster, ensuring they can reach people as quickly as possible. This is very welcome news which further builds on the Government's action to achieve the aim of cutting the backlog in our NHS, and alongside other recent significant investments in our local NHS infrastructure, such as the new Community Diagnostic Centre in Corby, which is coming. This remains an issue I will continue to campaign hard on, delivering results.

Mobile phone signal difficulties in Nassington - please help me to build a picture of the scale of the challenge

In recent days, I have received a number of emails from residents living in the village of Nassington, relating to mobile phone signals and the inability to make and receive calls. It would appear that this is particularly impacting those on O2 and Vodafone services and is understandably throwing up some really challenging communication difficulties for people. Rest assured that I



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am actively raising this with both providers, but it would be invaluable to have feedback from any resident affected by this issue, in order that I can accurately relay the scale of the problem through the representations I am making, and of course pressing for urgent action. So if you are affected by this issue, please do drop me a line with details to pursglovet@parliament.uk, to help me to best help you - thank you!

Visit to Euromarket in Corby

It was great to visit Euromarket on George Street in Corby, a local shop and off-licence which has recently expanded, with an enormous product line and offering great customer service, to meet the owners and hear more about their experience as a local business. Businesses like these provide a vital service in our community and I'm proud to support them in any way that I can.

Leading the United Kingdom delegation to the United Nations in New York for COSP16

It was an honour to represent the United Kingdom at COSP16 earlier this month, sharing key initiatives to promote digital accessibility and employment opportunities for disabled people, with an overarching focus on inclusion in all aspects of our society. There, I met my US, Canadian, French, Norwegian, Israeli and Italian counterparts - to name but a few - and hosted an event with the Canadian delegation, where we discussed efforts to improve the social and economic inclusion of disabled people, to reduce poverty and increase accessibility.

While addressing the UN General Assembly Hall through our National Statement, I reaffirmed the UK's ambition to be the most accessible place anywhere in the world for disabled people and had many good conversations about strengthening disability rights around the world, with UK leadership internationally.

Celebrating 40 years of the Pen Green Centre in Corby

It was great to be at the celebration event for 40 years of Pen Green this month in Corby. The centre is renowned nationally and internationally for the fantastic work they do

supporting local young people and their families, getting the foundations right and boosting life chances, and we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team leading its hugely impactful work. It was a fantastic day and so lovely to see so much happiness and enjoyment for so many families - and the chance to say 'thank you' to the amazing team for all they do!

Corby Highland Gathering

It was fantastic to attend the Corby Highland Gathering at the weekend, in what was glorious sunshine, despite predictions of rain and thunderstorms! It's the first time the event has been held in a few years given the pandemic, so I was so pleased to see things back in full swing, with the All England Highland Dancing Championship going on, pipe band and soloist competitions, and not to mention a whole range of stalls, along with a fun fair!

Well done to Councillor Mark Pengelly and his team for making it happen - it was a real pleasure for all who attended!

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My work as the Minister for Disabled People, Health & Work at the Department for Work and Pensions, continues to keep me very busy, alongside my duties as your MP, as we continue to work across Government and with some fantastic disability champions, organisations and charities, to ensure that the support we're providing allows disabled people and those with long-term health conditions to fulfil their potential in life, including in work and beyond.

You can see much more of the work I do on your behalf by receiving my regular Westminster News. Details are on my website.

Sincerely

Tom Pursglove Member of Parliament
for Corby & East Northamptonshire

Over six million people across the UK on eligible extra-costs disability benefits have been receiving a £150 Disability Cost of Living Payment as part of the 'Help for Households' scheme.

A MESSAGE FROM GRANT SHAPPS

Secretary of State for Energy Security

In July we announced Great British Nuclear is to rapidly expand nuclear power in the UK.

Great British Nuclear will support the UK's nuclear mega-projects to power over 12 million homes - including by building the most powerful nuclear reactor in the world.

And it will back world-leading innovators to develop small modular reactors that can deliver low-cost energy at speed.

This will be Great Britain's new line of defence against energy warfare from tyrants like Putin - a reliable source of cheap and secure energy that will power Britain from Britain.

As Conservatives, we have a long history of supporting nuclear power.

Winston Churchill's government commissioned the world's first nuclear power plant, and it is this government that is the first in over 30 years to back a major nuclear project, at Hinkley Point.

Nuclear power is a vital and low carbon tool in our energy arsenal. But we're facing a coalition of Just Stop Nuclear fanatics and eco-extremists:

Labour pretend they support it, but the truth is every working reactor in this country was commissioned by Conservatives.

The SNP have nonsensically banned all new nuclear power in Scotland.

The Lib Dems have put a 'lifelong anti-nuclear power campaigner' in charge of their energy policy, and voted against our new nuclear legislation in 2022.

And the Greens want to phase it out entirely.

Britain needs Great British Nuclear, but it's clear that the Conservatives are the only party that will deliver the massive nuclear revival we need.

HAS YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT VISITED YOUR PREMISES?

A common moan heard at our local Conservative office is: 'Tom Pursglove goes to lots of businesses but he never comes to mine'.

The most likely reason he doesn't visit is because you haven't invited him. He won't just turn up and hope you are in. He would love to hear more about your business and the work you do so please feel free to drop him an invitation.

PRESIDENT'S PUZZLE

Here is an opportunity to win a nice prize for Christmas - at no cost. (Members only).

The President has donated a case of 6 mixed bottles of wine as a prize.

And this is how it works:

A cryptic clue will be given in each magazine up to the December issue. All you have to do is solve a clue and email your answer to the magazine editor. You don't have to solve every clue but every correct answer will give you a chance to win.



Each correct answer will win the member a ticket in a draw to take place before Christmas and one lucky winner will win this nice prize. You just have to collect it and then enjoy it.

So here is this month's cryptic clue:

**A bird lover found in Alcatraz
(3 letters)**

If you are not on the internet you can post your answer to the office.

Thanks to Ollie Curtis for the idea of a competition

SUELLA BRAVERMAN, MP HOME SECRETARY



Suella Braverman, in a letter to all 43 police forces in England and Wales, says she wants officers to increase their use of the controversial **Stop and Search** powers 'to prevent violence and save more lives'.

She said officers who use the powers have her 'full support', and singled out 'young black males' who she says are 'disproportionately affected' by knife crime.

Ms Braverman said: 'Carrying weapons is a scourge on our society, and anyone doing so is risking their own lives as well as the lives of those around them.'

'This dangerous culture must be brought to a stop.'

'My first priority is to keep the public safe, and people who insist on carrying a weapon must know that there will be consequences.'

'The police have my full support to ramp up the use of stop and search, wherever necessary, to prevent violence and save more lives.'

'Every death from knife crime is a tragedy.'

'That's why I also back the police in tackling this blight in communities which are disproportionately affected, such as among young black males.'

'We need to do everything in our power to crack down on this violence.'

The Metro 19 Jun 2023



Image by OlierFree-Vector-Images from Pixabay

A JOINT FUND-RAISING EFFORT

Our neighbours in Wellingborough have asked us to join with them in a fund-raising scheme to be run later this year.

The idea is a joint raffle with prizes donated from members and friends.

We have emailed every member asking for a small donation and once we have a decent prize list we will then ask members to distribute the tickets for us.

This could be a really good scheme to raise much-needed money to go into the Fighting fund pot to help us win in next year's General Election.

Corby has always been a Bellwether seat showing who will form the next administration so let's get Tom elected to this new Conservative government.

Cash or kind for prizes is needed!

"We have harboured those who hated us, tolerated those who threatened us and indulged those who weakened us."

— Margaret Thatcher

Copy for the next issue must be received by 10th September please. Contributions and letters from members are welcome but some editing may be necessary by the editor.

You can email the editor, Ray Boyd at ray.boyd@talktalk.net

All emails will be acknowledged.



This article has been condensed from the Leader's web update

Your council tax supports local communities. It helps fund rural bus services, maintain local roads and provide leisure facilities, parks, play areas, libraries, cultural facilities and much more.

We have again set a balanced budget for the year ahead. This means we will only spend what we can afford. At the same time, we are planning to both protect and invest in local public services.

I am very aware that this last year has been particularly challenging for everyone. We have been working hard to support those who need our help the most. We have also been working hard to help grow the local economy through programmes of investment, as well as make savings in our budget.

Delivering efficient, effective and affordable public services is a commitment we have made to everybody in North Northamptonshire. We have been making sound progress on this, but I want us to do much more.

The council is proposing savings of nearly £15m this year, building on previous savings plans of £27m since the council was created two years ago.

Our budget for 2023/24 will provide important stability for public services in the area where you live. Some highlights from our budget include:

- Investing £57m to protect and improve local services
- Improving local schools, town centres, transport and rural neighbourhoods
- Tackling climate change, continuing the use of a dedicated £1m fund for this purpose
- Investing in adult social care and the care and support for children and families
- Helping those on low income by maintaining the Local Council Tax Support Scheme at 25%
- Continuing to support and develop the local economy, housing, education and skills development
- Providing grants to local community and voluntary organisations

LEADER'S UPDATE - JULY 2023

You can watch Council meetings on the internet. Go to our website and search 'Meetings' for a full list of dates. The Full Council agenda and papers will be published on our website the week before the meeting.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Extraordinary Executive: Thursday 3 August from 10am.
- Executive: Thursday 17 August from 10am.
- Full Council: Thursday 31 August from 6pm.

The meetings will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. Please visit the council meetings section of our website in the week before the meetings to view the agendas and papers.

BIG 50 FUTURE VISION

It was an honour to attend the Big 50 Future Vision conference held earlier this week. Over 120 people representing local voluntary and community, business and public sector organisations attended the event to discuss and develop a vision for North Northamptonshire for 2050.

The Big 50 Future Vision is not a council initiative; it is an area-focused one. The importance and benefits of working together across sectors to achieve some common aims cannot be overstated. Lots of work was carried out on developing a vision for now and the future.

COUNCIL TAX

Your council tax helps pay for vital local services. It is used to look after vulnerable people who need care and assistance, young and old. It helps provide educational support for children and young people as well as training and skills development.

FREE UNDER 18s SWIMMING SESSIONS

Young people are invited to make a splash and enjoy free swimming sessions across the North Northamptonshire Council area again this Summer holiday. The offer will be applicable during four weeks of the Summer holiday between:

- Monday 31 July 31 and Friday 4 August.
- Monday 7 August to Friday 11 August.
- Monday 14 August 1 to Friday 18 August.
- Monday 21 August to Friday 25 August.

The swimming sessions will take place at the five North Northamptonshire pools and can be booked one week in advance:

- Corby: Corby East Midlands International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George St, Corby NN17 1QG.
 - Kettering: Kettering Pool, London Rd, Kettering NN15 7QA.
 - Rushden: Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden NN10 9SJ.
 - Thrapston: Nene Leisure Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4JY.
 - Wellingborough: Waendel Leisure Centre, Thomas Street, Wellingborough NN8 1DZ.
- The sessions are available to anyone under the age of 18, however under eights will need to be accompanied by a paying adult. Swimming is a fun activity for all and making the sessions free is a superb way of making them accessible. Improving the lives of young people is a priority for us and swimming is a tremendous way of boosting their wellbeing

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER—DOG CONTROL

We are consulting on proposals to review the content of current PSPOs for dog control into one overall PSPO across North Northamptonshire. The main proposed changes are removing the requirement that dogs must be kept on a lead no more than 1.5m in length in prescribed areas, remove the restriction that a person may not take more than 6 dogs onto any land at any time and incorporate the former Corby Borough Council area. Closes 3 August 2023

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND

Have your say on a new political map for North Northamptonshire. We are promoting The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) activity asking for views on proposed new electoral arrangements for North Northamptonshire. New boundaries are being proposed for council wards, and to ensure that councillors will represent the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively. Closes 7 August 2023.

Further information Details of all open and closed consultation and engagement activities are available on the North Northamptonshire Consultation and Engagement Hub. If you have any questions, please email the Consultation and Engagement Team at CET@northnorthants.gov.uk

With Best Wishes,
Jason



Jason's latest report can be read via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/yj98touj>

SUELLA BRAVERMAN

Home Secretary

To howls of protest, we have changed the law - through the Nationality and Borders Act and the new Illegal Migration Act - to stop people exploiting modern slavery laws, make it easier to remove foreign criminals and deprive those who come here illegally of any right to stay

And the Labour Party has tried to block us at every turn.

Indeed, Sir Keir Starmer has even urged that there is a 'racist undercurrent' which 'permeates all immigration law'.

ROAD CHAOS WILL GET WORSE UNDER LABOUR

LABOUR DONOR DALE VINCE RECENTLY RAISED £100,000 FOR JUST STOP OIL—IN JUST 48 HOURS.

THIS SAME MAN FUNDS KEIR STARMER—TO THE TUNE OF £1.5 MILLION.

Don't let him fundraise his way into Downing Street.



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There are:

- 1.5 million reasons why Labour have promised to block new oil and gas projects.
- 1.5 million reasons why Labour are backing ambulance-blockers over the law-abiding public.
- 1.5 million reasons why Labour didn't vote for more police funding.
- And all 1.5 million belong to Dale Vince.

Dale Vince is a Just Stop Oil Donor who's bankrolled Labour to the tune of £1.5 million. And in just the last 48 hours he's helped Just Stop Oil raise over £100,000.

Labour are taking money from the Bank of Just Stop Oil - the bank that funds extremist activists to lay in our roads, disrupt the hardworking public and risk our energy security.

While Labour back the ambulance blockers, we're backing British families on the cost of living. And our plan is working - average energy bills are set to go down this summer by around £430 a year.

We need your support now more than ever.to prevail against this Just Stop Oil insanity

Source: CCHQ

LAST MINUTE TWITTER SNIPPETS

Guido Fawkes: Labour membership numbers have dropped by a whopping 10,000 in just two months, with nearly 50,000 members fleeing the party in total since last August. According to NEC member Luke Akehurst, Labour now has 385,324 paid-up members, down by 138,000 since Sir Keir became party leader three years ago...

The good news for Sir Keir is the party took in £5,893,841 in donations for Q1 (still less than half of the Tories' takings), and their big business schmoozing means they're unlikely to have the bailiffs knocking at the door despite declining membership numbers. Although they are still moving into a "cheaper" head office in Southwark later this year, having only set up base in their current HQ last October. 27 Jul 2023

Dr Liam Fox MP: Since the UK left the EU, France has grown 8.8%, Britain 8.7%, Germany 8.1% and Italy 6.1%. Unemployment has reduced from 4.7% to 3.9% - adding 1 million jobs. By July 2022, our exports to the EU were not just the highest since Brexit but the highest ever. 17 Jul 2023

Justin Tomlinson MP : So proud of my buddy @mattvallender who has just won the Stratton St Margaret & South Marston by-election - a gain from Labour! Worked his socks off to deliver our positive, Conservative message 20 Jul 2023

Martin Daubney ANOTHER ULEZ BACKLASH! Hertfordshire Council reject's Khan's "border tax" & "will not permit any ULEZ signage or enforcement cameras within the boundary of the county" 26 Jul 2023 & The Times

TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES



As your local MP, Tom believes it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that his constituents have. As such, he holds weekly advice surgeries.

To book an appointment, please **telephone 0 2 0 7 2 1 9 8 0 4 3**, or email pursglovet@parliament.uk, or go to <https://www.vote Pursglove.co.uk/weekly-advice-surgeries>. as he operates his surgeries on an appointments basis, utilising virtual, telephone and face-to-face methods - ensuring that his constituents do not have to rush through their concerns and to best meet people's individual circumstances and requirements.

Tom's work never stops on behalf of local people, and he just wanted to restate that he is always available to hear your concerns and worries, or about any issues that you may be facing and would appreciate some help with. You can get in touch via telephone, letter, or email and can also organise an appointment for one of his weekly surgeries if you would like to have a more detailed discussion.

Please do get in touch if you have any issues or concerns.

You can write to him at:
Tom Pursglove, MP, House of Commons,
Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA



CAN'T GET THROUGH TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PHONE?

Go to either of these addresses and download the forms.

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<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/contactus>

CPCW23

1st to 4th
October
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now open



Party Conference 2023

<https://tinyurl.com/23qqt7fx>

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RENEWING YOUR DRIVING LICENCE

Once someone reaches retirement age they will start to receive reminders to renew their driving licence every 3 years or risk losing their licence to drive.

Renewal is simple and can be done on line in a few minutes but, of course, there is always someone out there trying to cash in.

Click on renew driving licence and you will see lots of companies desperate to help you—all with a fee attached.

Don't fall for it. Just have your NI number and your passport ready and log in to the official site.

Just a Thought: Extinction Rebellion block ambulances, as Keir Starmer takes £380,000 from one of their biggest backers. Source: CCHQ 28 Apr 2023

No wonder Starmer's latest manifesto pledges to ban new oil exploration in the North Sea. It's not all about gaining votes from the Green lobby—remember 'Follow the Money'.

THE END OF AN ERA?

The rise of the SNP was largely built on the efforts of Alex Salmond following the end of the Iraq War in 2012 which cost Labour so much support. When his star waned in 2014 Nicola Sturgeon quickly jumped in to replace him. Her mantra was Independence, and this proved to be a vote-winner for the SNP.

The resultant referendum showed that not everyone was in favour of this dream but she had to keep on waving the independence flag as this was the only thing that kept her in power.

There is no doubt that she was a formidable political operator but her obsession with the Indy dream stopped her government from doing what they were elected to do, i.e., running an efficient organisation.

It seemed beyond the power of Sturgeon to actually run Scotland. For nine long years the people of Scotland have suffered as the SNP imposed a constant series of awful decisions for them. The morbid tale of the ferries which have never arrived, the botched gender reform bill,

and, the straw that broke the camel's back, the missing money are just some examples of mal-administration. And the SNP has now admitted to felling 15.7 million trees to develop wind farms since 2000 in the cause of net-Zero.

Although she has gone her legacy has been to leave behind an inept, dying administration. The latest revelation, under plans outlined by the SNP, is homeowners wanting to sell their homes could be forced to pay out thousands of pounds to replace their boiler with a heat pump.

So what does this mean for the Conservatives?

Most obviously there is an opportunity in Scotland for our Party to regain some SNP seats at the next election. One thing which might help is Keir Starmer's back-sliding, as he was originally in favour of Sturgeon's Gender Reform Bill but has now u-turned and is against it. Unfortunately for them Scottish Labour followed his lead in supporting the bill and is going to find it difficult to change their policy yet again. Scottish Conservatives have always voted against this bill and this may help.

The biggest threat are the Lib/Dems who will adopt whichever policy is likely to win the most seats and this will keep the SNP in power.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

All members who pay their subscription direct to our Association using a standing order have been sent a letter from CENCA explaining the new system now in operation at CCHQ.

A new direct debit form with a SAE was included.

If you have received this letter from us it would be very much appreciated if you follow the instructions and send off the form as soon as possible.

This will freeze your subscription for the year and your subscription will no longer be collected at CENCA but at CCHQ.

Your association will still be credited with your payment.

New members go to:

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See also Office Opening Times on Page 4

JUST A THOUGHT: The longer I live, the more convinced am I that this planet is used by other planets as a lunatic asylum. George Bernard Shaw

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Sun. 27th AUGUST TRAILER GIG	LOADED SIX POINT BLANK THE OTHER KIND
Sat. 2nd SEPTEMBER	JOE PUBLIC
Sat. 16th SEPTEMBER	PRISONER
Sat. 30th SEPTEMBER	THE RECKLESS

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Hosted by John Headley

from 13th August

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