



Oundle Town Council

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North Northants Council

By the time you read this, Northants County Council and East Northants Council will have been replaced by North Northamptonshire. We think all houses in Oundle have received the last ENCIRCLE with information about the change, but if not, please get in touch. In essence, North Northants (NNC) will be “seamlessly” taking over all the functions in Oundle that ENC and NCC ran - highways, waste, planning, etc.



**North
Northamptonshire
Council**

We'll update all our OTC website but the new North Northants website (www.northnorthants.gov.uk) will be the home for all the NNC information you need. And as far as we know, there is no change to the procedure to get overfull rubbish or dog poo bins emptied - ring 01832 742000.

Council Tax

Confirmed – we kept the Oundle precept, which funds all of OTC's spaces and services, at the same level as 2019-20, BUT there are substantial increases in the North Northants part of the Council Tax as the rates across Kettering, Wellingborough, East Northants, and Corby have been harmonised.

Wildflower Wardens

Thanks to all those who put their names forward – we have been in touch and will be organising an online meeting soon to discuss the next steps.

Environment Agency Winter Flooding Survey 2020/21

The latest EA FLOODING SURVEY is on the OTC website – if you have been affected by flooding in any way shape or form this year please take a look at it to help shape future provision.

Local Elections

It may be too late now to put yourself forward as a town councillor, but please do vote in the upcoming elections in May (6th) to have your say. Details at www.northnorthants.gov.uk soon.

Policing with Purpose

Neighbourhood policing in the county is undergoing a change for the better. New Neighbourhood Policing Teams are being launched and your PLR representative, Cllr Fuller, will be attending the meeting in April - read more about it at <https://tinyurl.com/policewithpurpose>

loveOundle

In the next few months, we will be launching the new loveOundle website with associated social media and promotions. It will eventually replace Oundle.info, and we hope help tourist footfall in Oundle, and make things easier to find and promote for residents. Keep an eye out for this logo and the new web address - loveOundle.org.



Local Heroes

As the pandemic has rolled in, it has become clear that we are in a community of local heroes, who have kept Oundle relatively safe for over 12 months now. We hope to find ways to recognise them in the coming months, as lockdown eases – but in the meantime, would like to thank on behalf of all Oundle’s residents, the staff of all the businesses, especially the supermarkets, who have kept open and kept us supplied so effectively through such challenging times.

We are all immensely grateful.

ENC’s development plan for Oundle

Unfortunately, consultation on ENC’s Local Plan 2 has now shut. Huge thanks to all those who took the time to entangle themselves in the convoluted process and tried to make a difference. Time will tell. In the meantime, you can see the detailed arguments OTC put forward at OTC website - <https://www.oundle.gov.uk/planning1.html>. In essence, we have argued that better alternatives for Oundle were not properly considered, and as such the Local Plan 2 is “unsound” as it has “failed to take into considerations reasonable alternatives”.

Fairtrade Town

We heard the good news at the March council meeting that Oundle has been renewed as a Fairtrade town – thanks to all concerned, and please keep buying with a conscience!

Keep up to date by following OTC on Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor and our website.