

# Mini *eUpdate* from Northants CALC

To Member Councils in Northamptonshire:

[Please read and circulate to all councillors]

## Tesco Stronger Starts Community Funding

Applications are now being received for the next Tesco Stronger Starts community funding programme April - June 2025. Once received, applications are considered for the subsequent round, and if unsuccessful, applications roll forward to subsequent rounds. 1 year to spend funds (once received). Each Tesco Super or Extra Store is a Tesco region, and each region is looking for 1x School project/programme 1x CYP project/programme; **1x Any Other community project/programme** in each three-monthly round of voting. The Regions in Northamptonshire are: Brackley; Corby; Daventry; Kettering; Northampton West (Hunsbury); Northampton East (Weston Favell); Towcester & Wellingborough. 1st place £1,500; 2nd place £1,000; 3rd place £500. Application is all online, see <https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/>. Any questions, or assistance required, please contact Sean Silver at Groundwork Northamptonshire. Groundwork UK administer the programme on behalf of Tesco. [Sean.silver@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Sean.silver@groundwork.org.uk) or 07912 480 537.

## VE-Day 80

Following on from the enormous success of D-Day 80 on 6 June 2024, **VE-Day 80 will mark the 80th Anniversary** of the end of the war in Europe and WWII as a whole. On Thursday 8 May 2025, parish and town councils are encouraged to light Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace at 2130, raise a unique VE Day flag at 0900 and, where possible, hold parties of celebration throughout the day in the streets, gardens, churches, town halls, pubs, and clubs. See [www.northantscalc.gov.uk/ve-day-80](http://www.northantscalc.gov.uk/ve-day-80) for a Guide to Taking Part. In addition, if your parish or town council intends to hold an event and would like **representation from the Lieutenancy**, please complete the Lieutenancy Engagement form at [www.northantscalc.gov.uk/ve-day-80](http://www.northantscalc.gov.uk/ve-day-80).

## Budget Consultations

As promised/warned/heralded in last week's Friday mini *eUpdate*, West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) has opened a **consultation on its 2025/26 budget**. WNC is going for the maximum 4.99% increase in Council Tax allowed without holding a referendum. The consultation closes on **21 January 2025** and details are at <https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/wnc-budget-2025-26>. Meanwhile, North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) is considering its draft budget next week and, if approved, will launch its consultation with a closing date of **24 January 2025**. NNC is also planning a 4.99% increase in Council Tax.

## Council Vacancies

**Daventry Town Council** has a vacancy for a fulltime Chief Officer/Town Clerk. Daventry is the second largest parish in West Northamptonshire with an electorate of 19,952 and growing. There are 16 councillors and the precept for

2024/25 is £1,614,861. The salary is £62,377 - £70,065. The deadline for applications is **12 January 2025**.

Irchester is a large village two miles south-east of Wellingborough and two miles south-west of Rushden with the settlement dating back to Roman times. **Irchester Parish Council** has a vacancy for a Clerk/RFO working 20 hours per week. The council has 15 seats and a precept for 2024/25 of £105,281. There are 3,779 electors. The deadline for applications **12pm on 19 December 2024**.

Full details of all vacancies are at <https://www.northantscalc.com/council-vacancies>.

### **Christmas is Coming!**

There will be a Friday mini *eUpdate* next Friday, 20 December 2024, but I am conscious that some clerks and councillors may have already downed tools by then, so I will take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and here's to whatever 2025 has to throw at us!

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best regards,

Danny.

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