

# Mini eUpdate from Northants CALC

To Member Councils in Northamptonshire:

[Please read and circulate to all councillors]

## Ten Years On

In the wall just on the right as you go in through the revolving door (literally, not metaphorically) of One Angel Square, now headquarters of West Northamptonshire Council (WNC), is a foundation stone, which was laid this week ten years ago (<https://northantscalc.gov.uk/foundation-stone>). The inscription reads "*This foundation stone was laid by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Northamptonshire, David Laing Esq, Leader of the County Council, Cllr Jim Harker OBE, Chief Executive Dr Paul Blantern, Chairman of the County Council, Cllr Phil Larratt. Tuesday 18 August 2015. Northamptonshire County Council.*" David Laing sadly passed away in March 2024, none of the other people mentioned are still involved, and the county council itself was abolished in 2021. It is a poignant reminder of what local government in Northamptonshire has been through in the past decade.

## Vacancy for a Director

Northants CALC will be recruiting **two new Directors** to join its board. As a not-for-profit membership organisation supporting parish and town councils in Northamptonshire, we rely on dedicated individuals to help guide our growth. Directors serve a one-year term and must commit to monthly meetings. Any clerk or councillor from a member council may apply; to balance the board, councillors from medium and larger councils are particularly encouraged to apply. We have received some applications already from West Northamptonshire but **none yet from North Northamptonshire**, so, if you are a councillor from a medium to larger council in North Northamptonshire, we would welcome your application! This is an unremunerated but rewarding opportunity to contribute meaningfully to local governance in the county. For details and an application pack, please email Danny Moody at [dmoody@northantscalc.gov.uk](mailto:dmoody@northantscalc.gov.uk). Applications close at **0900 on Monday 1 September 2025**.

## CAN Champions

Thank you very much to all those who have already let us know who their CAN Champion is. We've got **over 40 registered CAN Champions so far**, which is a good start. Please register details as soon as possible, and by Friday 3 October 2025 at the latest. We are planning a welcome event for all CAN Champions online at 1900 - 2100 on Wednesday 19 November 2025. Details will be sent to all CAN Champions in due course. You can find out all about the scheme and **register the**

## details of your council's CAN

Champion at <https://northantscalc.gov.uk/can-champions>.

### Flood Resilience Survey

Following the announcement in the Friday mini *eUpdate* on 11 July 2025, this is a last call for responses to the flood resilience survey being done by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). The short survey will capture what information and support parish and town councils need to better plan for flooding. To complete the survey, please visit <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ACRE-NALC-survey-planning-for-flood-resilience/>. The deadline for responses is **29 August 2025**.

### Local Council Vacancies

Northampton Town Council, which is the largest parish or town council in England, has a vacancy for an **Administrative Support Officer (ASO)** to complement its growing operations. The post is full time with a salary of £28,624 – £31,586. The ASO will provide administrative support to the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to get involved in local government with an exciting, growing, council. The closing date for applications is **24 August 2025**.

Farthinghoe is a small village on the A422 between Banbury and Brackley. **Farthinghoe Parish Council** has an immediate vacancy for a Clerk/RFO working 4.6 hours per week (20 hours per month). There are 7 councillors, and the council set a precept for 2025/26 of £14,207. The closing date for applications is **28 August 2025**.

Owing to the forthcoming retirement of long-serving clerk **Gary Denby**, the following three vacancies are now advertised:





**Moreton Pinkney Parish Council** has a vacancy for a Clerk/RFO working 3.5 hours per week. Moreton Pinkney is a small village with 341 electors and is in rural South Northamptonshire, between Canons Ashby (National Trust) and Sulgrave, on the old 'Banbury Lane' between Banbury and Northampton. Administration responsibilities include village street lighting and mowing contractors. The council has 7 seats and the precept for 2025/26 is £13,250. The deadline for applications is **29 September 2025**.

**Preston Capes Parish Council** has a vacancy for a Clerk/RFO working 3.5 hours per week. Preston Capes is a small village with 170 electors and is in rural South Northamptonshire, between Canons Ashby (National Trust) and Sulgrave, on the old 'Banbury Lane' between Banbury and Northampton. Administration responsibilities include the village mowing contractors. The council has 7 seats and the precept for 2025/26 is £8,600. The deadline for applications is **29 September 2025**.

**Culworth Parish Council** has a vacancy for a Clerk/RFO working 7.5 hours per week. Culworth is a small village with 322 electors and is in rural South Northamptonshire, close to Sulgrave Manor with its George Washington (USA) connections, on the old 'Banbury Lane' between Banbury and Northampton. Administration responsibilities include village street lighting, mowing contractors, the village cricket field and a burial ground; assisting with the

replacement of the village hall. The council has 7 seats and the precept for 2025/26 is £38,000. The deadline for applications is **29 September 2025**.

Details of all vacancies are at <https://northantscalc.gov.uk/council-vacancies>.

I hope you have a good weekend.    

Best regards,

Danny.