

Help Wanted

The QPRA needs more people to help out. We are in need of a Treasurer, but we would also like more people to become involved. We have opportunities for street representatives to deliver our newsletters; writing the newsletter, helping with the website and providing content for it.

Please contact Owen Jones telephone 01604 713334 if you wish to offer your assistance.

Funding Cuts – A False Economy

Money to support the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) has been cut by NBC.

We have all seen how successful the local team has been and how well it has worked to make our streets safer.

Our councillors must be made aware of the level of support these officers have, so we are calling on you to write or e mail Councillor Nahar Begum about this matter.

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Farewell Corrine and Dave

After many years of helping the QPRA and working to improve our neighbourhood, Corrine and Dave are leaving.

Dave has found new employment as the head of a small environmental charity called Vision 21, which is based in Cheltenham. Corrine will shortly move to join him.

We wish them all the best for the future and for Dave to have great success in his new job.

Well Done and Thank You
For All Your Hard Work



Dark Nights & Dark Streets

The County Council has cut the amount of street lighting without consultation and with very little thought of the effect it has on people.

We have received some complaints, but as the County Council is responsible, complaints letters should be sent directly to Paul Blantern at County Hall and we hope he will take notice of them.

In the meantime, we can all help to make the streets a little easier to use by:

- Cutting back your hedge if it has grown and spread over part of the pavement
- Only putting bags, boxes and bins out on collection day
- Collect recycling boxes and bins from the street as soon as possible after they have been emptied
- Clean up after your dog has fouled the pavement
- Clear away leaves, which become slippery when wet.

Lend a hand

Remember nesting season well soon be here, so be kind to a feathered friend and put a bird box up.



Kingsthorpe Meadows Local Nature Reserve

Kingsthorpe Meadows LNR is located off Mill Lane and follows the banks the Brampton arm of the River Nene. It is open to the public and is currently managed by The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough.

The Wildlife Trust is running a survey about the reserve and how it is used by local people. If you wish to take part contact Louise on 01604 774043 or email louise.tuffin@wildlifebcn.org.

More information about the reserve is on the QPRA website.



A Secret Garden

Did you know there is a secret garden within the Queen's Park area? To find out where it is, you need to go to the QPRA website.