

New Site Manager



We are very pleased to introduce Charlotte (Lottie) Ball as the new Site Manager for our treatment and disposal activities at both the **East Northants Waste Management Facility (ENRMF)** and Thornhaugh sites. Prior to joining Augean, Lottie managed multiple waste transport depots across Northamptonshire, Peterborough and Norfolk.

She brings with her our shared enthusiasm for Health, Safety and Compliance, delivering best environmental outcomes and ensuring the safety and welfare of our employees. Lottie is also keen that we continue to act as a good neighbour and will now be the main contact for the local community.

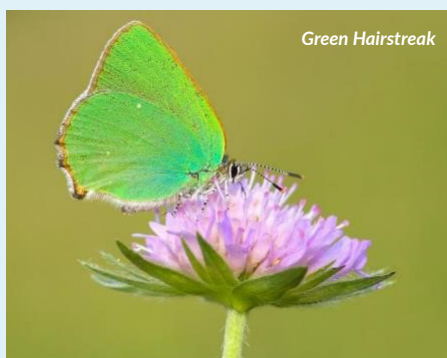
Lottie Ball

Butterfly Conservation

Landfill design takes into account ecology surveys to ensure avoidance, protection and mitigation measures are in place so there are no significant adverse impacts on biodiversity during the operational phase. The restoration scheme is also designed so that there will be a large positive net gain in biodiversity in the longer term.

In late Spring ENRMF welcomed a visit from one of the Project Officers of the Butterfly Conservation Trust, so that they could observe butterfly activity on the restored areas of the site.

There has been a significant decline in the number of butterflies and moths in the UK since the 1970s. Through conservation efforts and their own reserves, the Butterfly Conservation Trust aims to reverse this decline and reduce the number of butterfly species that are currently considered at risk. The Trust also gives valuable advice to other landowners on the creation and enhancement of suitable habitats to support butterfly and moth populations. The northern slope of ENRMF has been fully restored to a mosaic of grasses and wildflowers



Green Hairstreak

and is starting to flourish as a wildlife habitat. A carefully selected mixture of plant species were seeded onto specially created terraces filled with top soil over part of the slope. Patchily vegetated areas were also retained to provide a foothold for further natural colonisation by local plant species and scarce invertebrates.

The Butterfly Conservation Trust was particularly interested to see if the Dingy Skipper butterfly, an increasingly rare species, was using this area of the site as the mixture of vegetation and bare earth provides an ideal habitat. An informal survey of the northern slope area was undertaken which revealed that a significant number of Dingy Skippers were indeed present. A number of other native butterfly species were also observed including Small Heath, Green Hairstreak and Common Blue as well as Painted Lady, one of the two migrant species found in the UK.

A follow up survey is planned for next year and the information gained during this visit will be used to inform the longer-term restoration objectives of the site.



Dingy Skipper

Open Door Policy

We would like to remind the local community that we are also now able to operate an Open-Door policy again so that you can visit ENRMF at any time of the year by appointment. Please contact Lottie Ball the Site Manager if you would like to arrange this. Tel: 01780 444900 or Email: info@augeanplc.com.

For the first time since Covid restrictions came into force in early 2020, at last we were able to open the gates and welcome the local community to ENRMF. And so, on Saturday 5 November many people took advantage of the renewed opportunity to tour the landfill by vehicle and visit our innovative Waste Treatment and Recovery Facility as well as our state-of-the-art laboratory which supports the operation and monitoring of ENRMF. Augean staff members were also on hand to answer any questions that arose.

Hazardous waste landfill is an important national resource as it allows for the final disposal of society's more challenging and difficult to handle wastes, once all other options for reuse, recycling and treatment have been exhausted. An annual Open Day allows Augean the opportunity to demonstrate to those living and working close to the site how a modern, well-run landfill site is constructed and operated and the very high level of protection to the environment and human health that exists. We hope to hold the next Open Day in early Autumn 2023.

For those of you who are following the ENRMF Western Extension Development Consent Order (DCO) application, an update can be found on Page 3.

Augean Community Fund

Many communities frequently have a clear vision for projects or facilities that would benefit their own and the wider community. However, realising these visions is often dependent upon raising or obtaining enough funding to make them a reality. Below are some examples of projects that have benefitted from the Augean Community Fund in the last round of applications.

Nene Park Nursery

A grant of £16,000 has been awarded to the Nene Park Trust towards the construction of a nursery as well as tools and equipment, including their first cargo e-bike to deliver plants across the estate.

Nene Nursery will form an important part of Your Community Greenspace, a project to make Ferry Meadows an inclusive outdoor community hub. The volunteer-run horticultural nursery at the entrance to Ferry Meadows Country Park will create a safe and accessible community space; helping the local communities to connect with nature, grow horticultural skills and promote health and mental wellbeing. The new nursery will also allow the Nene Park Trust to propagate plants and trees for use in the Park and elsewhere in a sustainable way.

Creating the nursery space is still a work in progress but it is beginning to take shape with a shed and polytunnel being erected. Raised beds will be constructed soon and the area will also be made wheelchair accessible. To find out more visit www.nenepark.org.uk.

Kings Cliffe Active Pump Track

With an offer of £50,000 from the Augean Community Fund, it is hoped that a Pump Track will soon be added to Kings Cliffe Active's already impressive range of sporting and community facilities.

A Pump Track can be used by just about anything with wheels, from bikes to scooters or skateboards. The track is made up of a looped series of rollers and berms, with the rollers being bumps or small hills in the track and berms being high sided corners.

The 'pump' part is the pushing down and pulling up motion of the rider's arms and legs as they traverse the undulating rollers and berms. The pumping action creates the momentum so that, when ridden correctly, there is no need for pedalling or pushing. The same track can also be used by everyone, whether a beginner or someone with more advanced skills.

While the offer of funding from the Augean Community Fund is sufficient for a track, efforts are still ongoing to raise additional funding and grants so that the new Pump Track can be enhanced further to offer outstanding sporting provision. To get involved or to find out more visit <https://kclactive.co.uk/> or search for KC Active on Facebook.

Potential Pump Track Design



Shed being constructed



Weed suppressant membrane

There are two rounds of funding each year that allocate grants of approximately £500,000 per annum in total, up to a maximum of £50,000 for each project. The latest round has closed and eligible projects will be informed of the decision by the end of January 2023. Applications will then be accepted in the next round up to a deadline of 31 May 2023 with applicants being informed by early August 2023.

Other projects that have benefitted from funding in the last round are:

- Barrowden and Wakerley Parochial Church Council Essential bell tower repair works. £30,000
- Nene Valley Railway Limited Creation of Accessibility Carriage for use on the railway. £50,000
- Parochial Church Council of All Saints and St James, Kings Cliffe. General 2020 Quinquennial Inspection Repairs to King's Cliffe Church. £23,935
- St Mary's Church, Southwick. Damp control improvement works. £10,000

For further information about the Augean Community Fund or to check the eligibility of your project please contact:

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Email: info@grantscape.org.uk
Tel: 01908 247630 or visit www.grantscape.org.uk/fund/augean-community-fund/

Stamford Road Litter Pick

Earlier in the year a group of volunteer Augean staff launched a campaign to tackle the ongoing issue of littering along Stamford Road, which goes by the ENRMF site between Kings Cliffe and the A47.

The verge of the Stamford Road was cleared of a myriad of litter for around a mile on both sides of the road. By the end of the day the volunteers had collected a total of 283 kilograms of rubbish which was then responsibly disposed of. The amount of waste collected is yet another reminder of the cumulative consequences of even small amounts of individual casual littering.

The event was a great success and the site is considering making it an annual event.

283kg of litter collected



ENRMF DCO Application Update

As many of you will be aware, Augean's Development Consent Order (DCO) application for an extension in the area and life of the ENRMF was accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 24 September 2021. Mr Simon Warder was appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA).

The Examination period commenced in February 2022 with a preliminary meeting followed by public hearings which were all conducted virtually. Unaccompanied and accompanied site inspections also took place. The examination stage of the application was formally closed by the ExA on 3 August 2022 and his report and recommendation on the application was submitted to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 3 November 2022. The Secretary of State has a further

three months to make a decision on whether to grant or refuse development consent. We anticipate the decision will be made in early February 2023. The report and recommendation prepared by the ExA will not be made public until such time as the Secretary of State has made a decision.

For reference all of the application documents are still available on the Planning Inspectorate website project page.

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/east-northants-resource-management-facility-western-extension/>

If you have any further questions please contact us via the project Telephone Helpline: 01904 654989 or by Email: ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk.

Indicative restoration plan



Augean Revenue and Small Capital Grants Fund

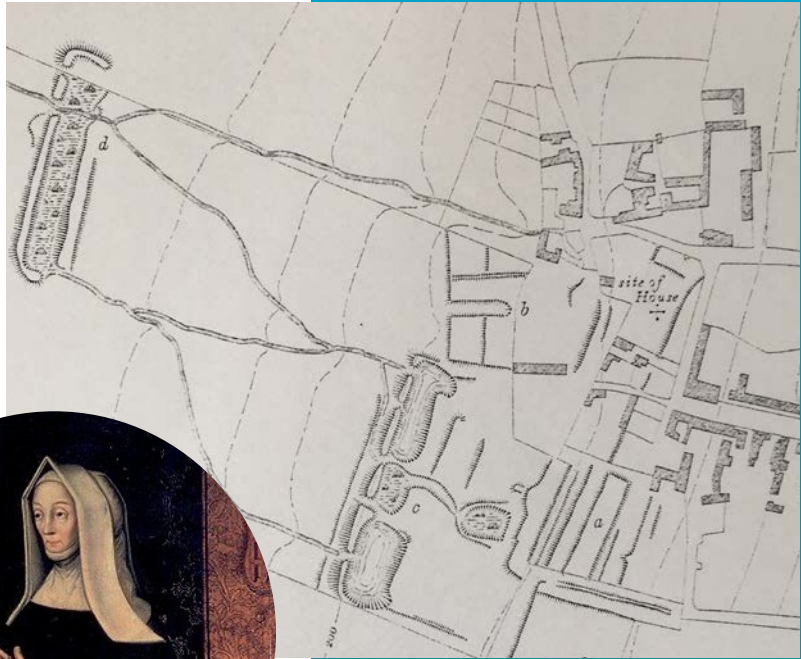
Finding Collyweston Palace

When Henry VII ascended the throne in the late 15th Century, he bequeathed the manor of Collyweston to his mother, Lady Margaret Beaufort. The original manor was much extended by Lady Margaret so that it was known as Collyweston Palace.

Although there are no existing images or plans of the palace, historical records and documents have given clues as to what a large, high-status building it was. Today, only earthworks, garden terraces and fishponds are all that is visible as, astonishingly, the exact location and extent of Collyweston Palace still remains elusive.

Collyweston Historical and Preservation Society have for some time been trying to remedy this and have already undertaken archaeological excavations and surveys. The Society secured a grant of £9,500 from the Augean Revenue and Small Capital Grants Fund to survey Hall Yard in Collyweston using Ground Penetrating Radar. We hope their latest attempt to locate the lost Tudor palace is successful.

*Plan of the
Collyweston
Palace site*



The ENRMF Fund was set up as part of the planning consent to accept Low Level Waste at the ENRMF site. Due to the changes to local government in the area, the responsibility for the ENRMF Fund was transferred to North Northamptonshire Council in March 2022 and has been renamed as the Augean Revenue and Small Capital Grants Fund.

Grants are available up to £5000 for capital costs and, unlike the Augean Community Fund, applications can also be made to cover running costs up to £10,000. Those within a 10-mile radius of the ENRMF site are eligible to apply, but with a preference to applications from within a 5-mile radius.

As well as the grant to the Collyweston Historical and Preservation Society, projects that have benefitted from funding in the latest round are:

- New goals and line marking equipment for Wittering Harriers Football Club **£5,000**
- Water mains connection at Glapthorn Recreational Field **£4,000**
- Staff and management running costs at Kings Cliffe Active **£10,000**

To find out more or to apply please visit:

www.northnorthants.gov.uk/communities-and-grants/augean-revenue-and-small-grants-fund

KEEPING YOU UPDATED

Would you like to be kept informed about Augean news and other events such as site open days, engineering days and other information you might find useful? So that we can advise efficiently on information, events and activities, which may be of interest to people living nearby, Augean has established a Register of Stakeholders, which has been developed from existing contacts with whom we have already corresponded. If you would like to sign up to receive updates by email or by post please contact us at ENRMF@augeanconsultation.co.uk or telephone us on 01904 654989. It will be possible to unsubscribe from these updates at any time.

All Round Wellbeing in the Workplace

The health, safety and welfare of employees is a priority for Augean. We take a proactive approach to promoting awareness of safety issues and encouraging good practice to make an annual improvement to our performance. All members of staff are encouraged to report near misses, identify safer ways of doing things no matter how minor and are also empowered to stop others when it is thought an action is unsafe.

While physical health and wellbeing is a top priority in the workplace, Augean has also recognised that mental health and wellbeing also needs to be addressed. Throughout 2021 Augean conducted workshops around the theme 'It's OK not to be OK' to develop strategies that have been rolled out in 2022 that are tailored to the needs of each site and can be regularly reviewed.

Mental health and wellbeing actions are being supported by 23 employees who have been trained as Mental Health First Aiders and a further 16 employees who have volunteered as Wellbeing Champions who proactively check on colleagues.



To ask any questions or report concerns regarding our sites or to arrange for a site visit so that you can see our operations first-hand, please contact:

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