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HOW'S THAT: England's women's cricket captain Charlotte Edwards is to receive an MBE. Charlotte, 29, said she was shocked and delighted by the honour – news which also left her mother, Yvonne, speechless ... and searching for a new dress to wear to Buckingham Palace. The Pidley-born cricketer has achieved a huge amount in women's cricket, winning the World Cup, The Ashes and being named the world's best female cricket player. She is with the England team with her sights set on winning the Twenty/20 World Cup and is pictured winning another award – player of the match following a game against India. ■ The full interview is on Page 4 and the latest on the England women's cricket team is on Page 68.

Charity to the rescue

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VULNERABLE, sick and disabled people in Huntingdonshire are being so poorly served by the NHS that a charity has stepped in to help.

Adults and children who need help from the NHS to allow them to remain in their own homes can wait more than **36 WEEKS** to be assessed by an occupational therapist (OT).

The Huntingdon Freeman's Charity is so angry that the district's residents have to wait so long to see if they are entitled to help that it has started paying for the service privately.

The charity says it has been monitoring the situation for more than two years and has been shocked by the examples it has seen.

These include:

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■ An elderly person who needed a level access shower having to wait eight months for assessment.

■ A woman who was unable to get upstairs and had to wash in a kitchen sink was told she would face a 14-week wait for an assessment.

■ A child with behaviour problems, who needed a space for cooling off, faced a nine to 12-month wait to be seen by an OT.

Ted Bocking, the charity's chairman, said: "It is wholly unreasonable to expect someone who is sick, disabled and in urgent need of help to wait for nine months before being assessed by the local OT service. It is just not

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Concern over delays to help the vulnerable

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Planet not in peril if Steele has way

A SEVEN-year-old eco-enthusiast from Buckden will be helping to save the planet after winning a coveted place on a new green think tank.

William Steele has become one of just 22 schoolchildren from across the country to be chosen to take part in the Our Planet, Our Say project.

The Buckden CofE Primary School pupil has been selected for the nationwide Generation Green initiative run by British Gas. It is aimed at helping schools tackle climate change through teaching pupils greener behaviour.

William and the 21 other members will begin their new role at a work-



ECO-ENTHUSIAST: William Steele has become one of 22 members of the new green think tank, Our Planet, Our Say.

Picture: SUPPLIED

shop at a recycling plant in Dagenham, Essex on Saturday.

They will learn environmental issues and environmental challenges as well as creating a three-point plan to save the planet. The plan will be formed into a manifesto which will then be presented to the Government at the end of the year.

William entered the competition in April when he described why he should win the chance to have his voice heard as a member of Our Planet, Our Say.

His winning answer contained ideas

about how he tries to avoid damaging the environment and reduce his carbon footprints. He already recycles bottles, glass, cardboard and cans and grows his own vegetables.

"I'm so excited about the workshop and I hope we come up with an idea that helps people make less waste," said William.

Managing director of British Gas new energy, Gearóid Lane, said: "We chose William as one of our winners because his application showed such passion and enthusiasm for green issues."

BAKE AND TAKE: Children at Priory Park Playgroup in St Neots can now pretend to be the next Jamie Oliver after taking delivery of a new play kitchen.

The group, which holds weekly play sessions for 100 children, has been given the equipment by Norwich and Peterborough Building Society. Emma Silverthorne, who is on the playgroup's management committee, approached the St Neots branch of N&P and customer adviser Christy Flann was happy to help. "I am thrilled that N&P has been able to help us by donating this kitchen," Emma said. "The children will be able to get so much use out of it and I can't wait to see what kind of plays they come up with. "I have no doubt that there will be a constant supply of cups of tea and biscuits."

Christy added: "I'm really pleased that Emma came to N&P for support. It's brilliant for the children to have interactive toys like this to play with and I'm sure that they will love the kitchen."



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Pan fried Tranche of Salmon with Roasted Butternut Squash and Tomato Parsley Sauce

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Parmesan Cheese (v)

Oven Roasted Leg of Lamb Spiked with Rosemary and Garlic served with

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