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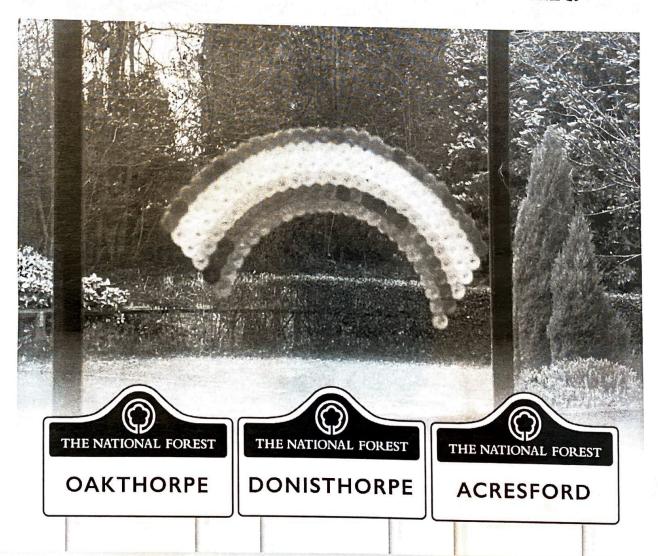
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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER



ARE THINGS LOOKING BRIGHTER?



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From your Parish Council

It's been a difficult and unimaginable few months for everyone and I'd like to begin with our thoughts for those who are no longer with us and for families and friends experiencing the loss of loved ones. I joined the council one year ago and could not have imagined we would be experiencing such times and unexpected loss. The community has been fantastic in their response, stepping forward to support the more vulnerable and isolated in our villages, and our thanks go to the Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe groups for their community leadership and for all of the volunteers who have given their time, with some risk, for the benefit of others, a heartfelt thank you.

I'd also like to thank my PC colleagues for their support during the last 12 months and for their help in ensuring we can continue our work in the absence of a parish clerk, which we have. Council meetings are currently being held virtually. If you wish to join the meetings, the dates and details are on our website. If you're unable to attend, minutes are always made available online.

During the lock down the community leisure centre remains closed and Dale Pearce has been working very hard to ensure the centre is maintained along with updating our records. Dale and council are looking forward to seeing all of our groups return as soon as we can open the doors.

Its the time of year for audits and we have recently successfully completed the internal audit with some recommendations. Some already implemented and others in progress. Transparency is everything when we have been entrusted with the responsibility to manage public funds and the audit report is available on our website.

grounds Thankfully, our teams are coming back on site and you'll have seen grass mowing taking place around the parish. One contractor is not yet back and we'll try to keep any remaining areas of green space tidy as much as possible and keep the bins empty. The community can help us keep the parish tidy by taking litter home, securing recycling bags/boxes, and avoid piling dog poo bags on top of bins when full or leaving them on the ground. We appreciate the consideration and care of the majority, the few may want to reconsider their actions that ultimately creates work and risk, for others. I would like to say a particular thank you to Cllr Debbie Warren and Cllr Mick Warren for their help with ensuring our bins are emptied regularly.

The notice board on Ivy Close, although no longer a council notice board, has been given an uplift by Cllr Mick Warren. It's a public notice board, so please ensure posters are secured well and removed when out of date, or looking worse for wear. We'll keep you updated on our work regularly via the website and Facebook.

In the meantime, it's so important to do everything within our power to adhere to government advice during lockdown and as it begins to ease, to prevent the virus spreading and taking more lives. It may feel unnatural to retain a safe distance when talking to people or doing your shopping - treat that space as a life or lives saved.

Take care,

Cllr Sue McKendrick Chairman, ODA PC

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As you may imagine, the demand for food from Food Banks has increased dramatically as people have been thrown out of work and there are benefit delays. Can you help by donating food, or money?

At present they particularly need long life milk and juice, tinned veg, tinned potatoes or instant mash. But everything is gratefully received, but there are no facilities for fresh produce. Snacks and treats are also welcome with so many children being at home.

In **Donisthorpe**, the village shop is kindly accepting gifts of food. In **Measham**, donations can be made at the local Co-op at any time or at Measham Baptist Church between 9am and 10am on Fridays. In **Ashby**, donations can be made at the large Tesco Extra.

If you would be able to make a money donation, then you can pay direct to bank into the foodbank account at Lloyds Bank:

Sort code: 30 92 15

Account: 16991360.

Or cheques payable to 'Ashby Foodbank' can be sent to: Ashby Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 2FQ. If you need to access the Food Bank, then visit https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/ashby/ The website gives details of collection points in Ashby and Measham.





Donisthorpe Coronavirus Help Group

Don't forget you can contact the help group through our e-mail or our Helpline answerphone service on:

DCHG20@gmail.com

or

07483 089662

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who have offered help to their fellow villagers throughout the coronavirus lockdown. **You really have made a difference!**