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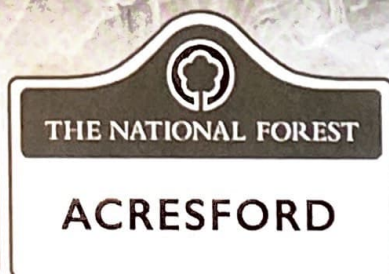
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Updates from your Parish Council following the August full Council Meeting

As we start to adjust to what has become the new normal we find ourselves now more than ever busy dealing with situations that we never thought we would have to.

The Council continues to meet remotely on Zoom and so far the meetings seem to be a success, the odd technical glitch aside of course.



You can, of course, see all the latest agendas and minutes on our website, where there is also lots of local information, updates and more. If you have any ideas for website content or should you wish to add anything, then of course don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

This month, we have seen the Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre re-open following a thorough risk assessment. We thank Dale for all of her hard work in deep cleaning and getting the centre ready. Kelly and Dale have both worked tirelessly to get us to this point. We are also pleased to say that the play areas and public spaces are now re-opened; we just politely remind everyone to ensure social distancing is maintained and if the sites are busy, to be mindful of other people who may wish to use the play equipment.

Oakthorpe saw the opening of the village shop which has been long awaited. Covid-19 certainly delayed things, but we are pleased to see this vital village resource up and running again and we wish every success to the new owners. Why not pop by when you are in the village and say hello? You can also follow them on Facebook - search for 'Thorpe Local'.

As a final note, we would like to remind everyone that the litter bins within the villages are not for household waste or leftover food. Recently, Sunday lunch leftovers have been put in the bins and this is attracting pests.

Jamie Antill

OD&A Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm. Visit www.odapc.co.uk and click the link to receive your invite. All are welcome to attend the meetings via Zoom.

Ride and Stride Day: September 12th

Put all that Lockdown bike riding and walking to good use

Every year the Leicestershire Historic Churches Trust helps churches across city and county with grants towards much-needed repairs to historic churches and chapels. Each year their biggest fund raiser is the annual ride and stride event: bike riders and walkers are sponsored to ride and walk between churches and chapels. Half the money they raise goes to the trust and half to the church or chapel of the participant's choice.

If you want to know more go to <https://lhct.org.uk/> or ring Vivien on 01530 270354.

Public health the priority as Ashby Statutes takes a year off

The annual Ashby Statutes, which was planned for 18-22 September, will not go ahead this year over concerns for public safety as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Pat Collins Funfair, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) and Ashby de la Zouch Town Council have mutually agreed that it is in the best interests of everyone in Ashby de la Zouch and the wider district for the event not to go ahead.

The popular, family event was due in town for the 801st year, but with social distancing measures in force and large crowds expected, public health has been put first and the event will not go ahead.

Those involved are working together to ensure the Statutes will have a small, but important, symbolic presence in the town in late September, to allow the continuity of the Statutes into its 802nd year in 2021.

Anthony Harris of Pat Collins Funfair, said: "This was a really difficult decision to make and we've looked over so many options, but the bottom line was that there would always be crowds of people unable to socially distance.

"We're grateful for the continued support of people in Ashby and North West Leicestershire, and we were always clear in our mind that the right decision would be to put the health of these very people first.

"We cannot wait to return and look forward to seeing everyone in 2021."

Councillor Tony Gillard, Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration at NWLDC, said: "We've been working closely with Pat Collins Funfair and Ashby de la Zouch Town Council for a number of weeks, but it became clear that public health had to come first and this event could not go ahead.

"It is a great credit to the event organisers that they have shown such a desire to put public health first, acknowledging that maintaining social distancing would be impossible. We are already looking forward to welcoming Ashby Statutes back next year.

Councillor John Coxon, Leader of Ashby de la Zouch Town Council, said: "Ashby Statutes is a wonderful event and always attracts a great number of visitors to our town centre.

"It's with great sadness that this year's Statutes won't go ahead, but it is clear to us that it simply wouldn't be a safe environment for local families. I'd like to thank Pat Collins Funfair and NWLDC for coming to this mutual decision, which is undoubtedly the correct one, and we now look forward to the 802nd edition in 2021."

