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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council Report

The council met again on Zoom for what could be our last time. We await news of the courts' decisions on whether we can return to face-to-face meetings. That being said, we have all become accustomed to a new way of working.

The council recently issued each household with a questionnaire - the results have now been submitted and a working group is digesting the information and producing a plan from it that we will share in due course.

It was good to have received a report from our local police. As the weather starts to take a turn for the better, anti-social behaviour is on the increase, with reports of motorbikes on the trails and fires in the woodland. The beat team will be monitoring.

The MVAS device for Acresford has been ordered and we await delivery eagerly, this should assist in monitoring speeding from the A444 onto Measham Road.

The council works hard to support the Parish and we are always pleased to receive feedback or ideas you may have. Of course, this must be in the correct way using the correct channels. Whilst many councillors have social media accounts, these are for personal use and you will not receive a response to queries or responses to forum discussions on social media. We respectfully remind everyone that you can attend any meetings held by the council, If you are unable to attend, you can contact the Clerk by telephone or email and she will respond on behalf of full council.

We know there are many passionate people in our Parish and would like to remind everyone that we do still have a vacant post. So if you would like to see how you can make the Parish a better place, apply now.

Last note from us - we have had to pull the May meeting forward by one week so the meeting will be on 5th May.

Cllr Jamie Antill, ODA Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place via Zoom on Weds 5th May at 7pm. This is a week earlier than previously advertised.

Visit www.odapc.co.uk and click the link to receive your invite.

Local pharmacies join Ask For ANI campaign to tackle Domestic Abuse

Pharmacies across North West Leicestershire are supporting a new domestic abuse scheme which allows victims to discreetly signal that they are in danger.

North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) is working in partnership with more than 80% of pharmacies across the district who have signed up to take part in the Ask for ANI (Action Needed Immediately) scheme.

Domestic abuse victims will be able to 'Ask for ANI' as a codeword to signal to pharmacists that they need help. Staff members will then offer to take the victim to a consultation room to check if they need a police response or help contacting a helpline or specialist support service. Pharmacies taking part in the scheme include:

- Boots, Market Street, Ashby
- · Tesco, Resolution Road, Ashby
- · Ashby Pharmacy, The Green, Ashby
- Boots, New Broadway, Coalville
- · Lloyds, Whitwick Road, Coalville
- Well Pharmacy, Long Lane, Coalville
- Masons, Belvoir Road, Coalville
- Dean & Smedley, High St, Measham
- Masons, Grange Road, Hugglescote
- Masons, North Street, Whitwick
- Evans, Borough St, Castle Donington
- · Listers, High Street, Ibstock
- Brennans, High Street, Ibstock

Pharmacies taking part are displaying posters in their windows and around the pharmacy to let customers know that they can approach staff members for help.



Police and Crime Commissioner Nominations confirmed

The candidates have now been finalised for the upcoming Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) election on Thursday 6th May. They are:

- Rupert Oliver Matthews Conservative
- James Robert Moore Lib Dem
- Ross Willmott Labour & Co-operative

The PCC election is taking place alongside the Leicestershire County Council election and a small number of other local and parish elections.

The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner is to hold the police to account on behalf of the public, becoming a link between the police and communities, working to ensure policing and crime reduction efforts match the ambitions of the public.

Arrangements are being put in place to ensure polling stations are safe places to cast ballots and people can expect many of the measures they've become used to over recent months such as hand sanitiser, floor markings and face coverings.

Voters are also being encouraged to bring along their own pen or pencil to mark their ballot paper with.

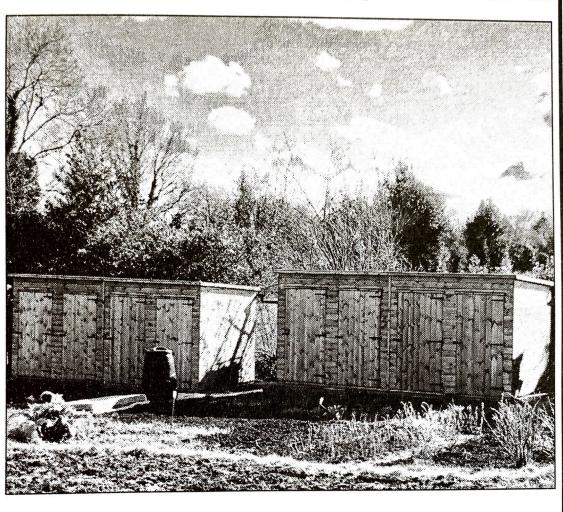


Improvements at the Allotment

The Orchard Allotment Society based in Donisthorpe were given a grant for new sheds. This was secured from Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation – Mercia Park Community Fund – who specialise in giving grants to charitable and

voluntary groups.

The new sheds replace 3 old ones that were ancient. quite We had tried to make them last by doing minor and repairs painting them but they were leaking and leaning a bit so we were grateful for funding to them get replaced. A local company called DAPA Sheds of Rosliston were given a drawing, they made the



panels, delivered and erected them (they also created the shelter on site). The new sheds are an asset to the allotments and we are very grateful for the funding.

Peter Gale The Orchard Allotment Society



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