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## Parish Council Report - January 2022



For many people, the last 12 months have been difficult, and, for some, this has included the sad loss of a member of the family or a friend from Covid, or from other causes, particularly when it was unexpected. At the last Council meeting, we began with a minute's silence to remember all those who lost their lives during the last 12 months.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, there is to be a National Day of Reflection and North West Leicestershire District Council is offering Parish Councils the opportunity to have a bench and a tree for each settlement, providing places for everyone across the Parish to stop, take time out and reflect on those who lost their lives during the pandemic and to commemorate the incredible work of all key workers during this time. The benches on offer have been inspired by the benches on Church Street in Donisthorpe and should be in place by early March.

At the last meeting, Council approved the precept of £81,000 for 2022/23, the same as last year. At the time of writing this article, negotiations for operational management of the community Leisure Centre are in the final stages with ME Sports. The Parish Council retains ownership and responsibility for the building as a key Parish asset.

Occasionally we have requests from groups and individuals on a wide range of issues that require Council's approval, particularly if it involves use of Parish land, and we will always give full and careful consideration to all requests.

Many spring bulbs have been planted on land around the Parish and we will continue to add to these, year on year. The only way we will know just where they are is by taking photos once they are in flower. This gives us an accurate picture to prevent digging them up or adding too many in the same area. If you have ideas about where you would like to see more spring bulbs, contact the Parish Clerk, Kelly, whose details are in the newsletter. Before planting anything, please ensure you know who owns the land and that permission has been given for you to go ahead with planting.

Thank you to everyone involved in the community Christmas activities, particularly the community Singalong, Santas' Run and most recently, the Wassail. The beautiful 'knitting bombs' on the post box are inspirational!

The next activity in Donisthorpe will be delivered by the Youth Club, Dazzle in Donisthorpe, during the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February. It would be good to see as many people as possible joining in across the whole Parish, it's an ideal time to brighten the streets and celebrate being a step nearer to spring.

Council has several projects at different stages and other projects we are involved in: Jamie Wilde and his team are moving onto the next stage of the Memorial Grounds project and Council will be actively involved. This will require significant funding and support from a range of people with a range of different skills.

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We are looking to replace notice boards as they become older and worn out. The Ivy Close notice board has just been replaced and others will follow. One notice board on Church Street is looking a bit wonky and is to be repaired by contractors, who inadvertently knocked it sometime ago.

We had set aside funds for memorial benches to commemorate services to the Parish and lives lost in conflict, one bench for each village. We are taking the opportunity to submit a grant application to Mercia Park Community Fund. The benches will be added to others in the Parish, and we would welcome suggestions where each of the memorial benches could be located.

Minutes of meetings will give you a more detailed understanding of our debates and decisions. These are available on the website. If you have queries, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Finally, even though there are indications that the pandemic may be slowing down, it is not over, so please continue to take reasonable advice and keep yourselves and others safe.

***Cllr Sue McKendrick***

The next open Council meeting will take place at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre on  
**Wednesday 9th February at 7.30pm**  
(subject to further guidance on restrictions).

### **4<sup>th</sup> Ashby Scout Meetings in Donisthorpe Scout Centre**

4th Ashby is meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays offering Beavers (6-8 years), Cubs (8-10.5 years) and Scouts (10.5-14 years) on both evenings. Joining enquiries via <https://bit.ly/Join4thAshby>. We currently have waiting lists for Beavers and Cubs but hope to clear these shortly.

Apollo Explorer Scouts are based at Donisthorpe, but are meeting at Willesley presently. Joining enquiries submitted via [Scouts.org.uk](https://scouts.org.uk) are being sent to Blackfordby Scouts at Moira, who would love to meet new members. <https://scouts.org.uk/join>

We are waiting for permission to open Squirrels (age 4-6 years).

Currently, the building is being managed by Ashby & Coalville Scouts and is not being hired out.

Everyone is keen to take part in activities in and for the villages.

We welcome adult volunteers and are friendly, supportive and flexible. Please contact me in the first instance - [jon.bloor@4thashby.org.uk](mailto:jon.bloor@4thashby.org.uk) - 07588 869882.

***Jon***  
***(Group Scout Leader)***



**Donisthorpe CIC Public Meeting**  
**To Discuss the Community Land, Church Street**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2pm, The Scout Centre**

Donisthorpe Community Interest Company will be holding its first public consultation meeting on Saturday 5th February 2022 to launch this project. We want to hear your thoughts and ideas on what you would like to see on the land and how we can work together to bring these ideas to fruition.

We want you to tell us what you believe will benefit you as a Donisthorpe resident; what is important to you, and what you want to see the land used for?

We need to know what skills, knowledge and experience is available within our community to make this happen. We want this asset to be run by the community for the benefit everyone in the village.

To help raise funds, Company membership is £10.00 annually and is open to all Donisthorpe residents. You will be able to sign up as a member on the day. It would be great to see you on the 5th and hear your comments, we hope you can all make it.

*Jamie Wilde*

**Donisthorpe Community Group**

Donisthorpe Community Group would like to sincerely thank everyone who sponsored Santa's sleigh ride and the raffle which was drawn at the village sing-a-long.

Many local businesses donated sweets for Santa to give out as he was driven around the village to wish all children a merry Christmas.

The village sing-a-long, with a brass band and singing elves, was well attended at the Halfway House. Again, thank you to anyone who donated any of the 20 raffle prizes.

The next event in the calendar is the village litter pick on 13<sup>th</sup> February and Make Donisthorpe Dazzle on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Plans are also underway to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June.

**Future Dates:**

Village Litter Pick	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Make Donisthorpe Dazzle	18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Easter Egg Hunt	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
Jubilee Celebration	3rd <sup>h</sup> June 2022
Pensioner's Lunch	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2022

*Linda Bull*



## The Mercia Park Community Fund, managed by Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation

Round 4 will close on midday on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

If you are a group or you know of a group that is based within a 5-mile radius of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42, they are eligible to apply for the following fund. If you have any questions about the fund or want to find out if you are eligible, please contact Louise Cotton, Grants Manager, telephone 07496 179376 or email: [Louise.cotton@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:Louise.cotton@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk)

Groups will be notified in April with project to starting from May 2022 onwards for a maximum 12 month period (projects must be completed by May 2023).

### The Aims of the Fund

The Mercia Park Community Fund will give grants to projects for Round 4 that:

**Help strengthen local communities (particularly their quality of life and life chances)** within a 5-mile radius of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42.  
**Improve the natural environment** within a 5-mile radius of the Mercia Park Development at Junction 11 M42.

### Priority will be given to:

Organisations who can clearly demonstrate that they are addressing a need in the local community and offering localised support. Smaller charitable organisations that have limited access to larger funds.

### Size of Grants

You can apply for: **Up to £5,000 for a 12-month project.**

In exceptional circumstances, larger grant amounts of up to £10,000 may be considered, for a project that the group can evidence clearly that they have applied to a variety of other funds and grants for match funding and the project could not be completed without a higher budget. We would highly recommend that you call the grants team to discuss your project before completing an application for a higher amount.

For full details of the fund and to apply please visit our website:

<https://www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/mercia-park-community-fund/>

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