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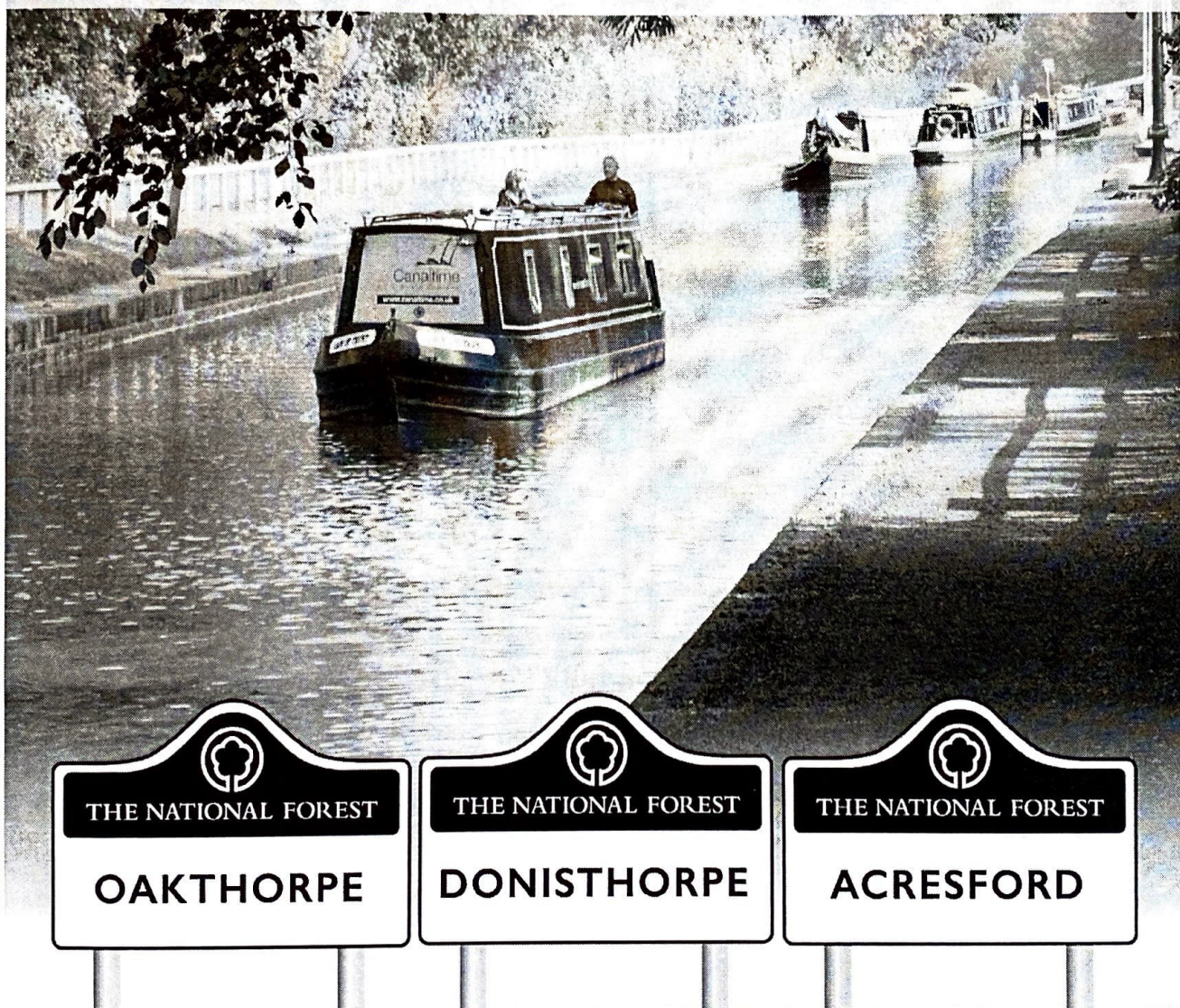
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## Parish Council Report - April 2022

At the last Council meeting we welcomed Madeline Fearn Police Community Support Officer 6686 who has just joined the local beat. She is keen to provide support and plans to attend future meetings wherever possible and is also looking to hold a surgery locally. There was a lot to discuss at the meeting and the minutes when published will provide information on all the decisions we made. Below are some matters we discussed.

Well-being benches provided by NWLDC are now being fixed in the Parish. The benches are to commemorate the loss of loved ones during the pandemic and are places to sit and reflect. We have also secured £2000 from IM Properties/Mercia Park to purchase 2 or 3 memorial benches. We envisage one being placed in the Parish memorial gardens, we'd be interested to hear where you think the other bench/es could be placed.

We purchased 2 mobile vehicle speed activated signs (MVAS) to use in locations you identified as having a speeding problem. We supplied a list of locations to County Council and hoped to have both in use by now. Unfortunately, we are still awaiting approval from County Council for other locations around the Parish.

We have been looking at options for creating a recognisable welcome as everyone enters the Parish and the Donisthorpe Community Group are also looking at planters for entrances to Donisthorpe. Our thanks to them for their initiative and hard work to improve the Parish. We have been advised that any type of object placed on Highways land will need approval.

Donisthorpe Community Group have been polling the community of Donisthorpe to find out where people would like spring bulbs to be planted. The Hill Street display is stunning, and we all want this replicated across the Parish. We will be asking Oakthorpe and Acresford for their views on where they want spring bulbs next year.

We had complaints about litter being discarded after the recycling teams had been. We did raise this with the District Councillor, and we also accept some bins are not secured well and litter is being blown onto paths/roads. Please ensure litter is secured in the bins.

A plea to everyone to ensure dog poo is deposited securely in the bins around the trails and the villages. It's not considerate to expect others to pick up after someone who, for whatever reason, doesn't seem to understand or accept their responsibility as a dog owner to pick up after their dog. A very appreciative thank you to Sarah, an Ashby Woulds resident who empties the dog bins regularly on a voluntary basis.

I joined the Parish Council in 2019 and was elected to the Chair position - with the support of Councillors I have been re-elected each year. The Chair and Vice Chair are elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Council. This year I have decided to stand down as Chair. It's time for someone else to lead the Council into the May 2023 elections. I'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has given me their support during my time as Chair. There are so many of you who have an immense passion for doing good in the Parish and do so much, it would be great to see you step forward to take on the role of Parish Councillor. It is an opportunity to influence change in the place where you live in a different role. It's challenging, satisfying and rewarding in equal measures and it really is worth the time and effort you are able to commit to, on behalf of the Parish.

***Cllr Sue McKendrick***

***Tel: 07970 743611***

The next open Council meeting will take place at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre on  
**Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm.**



## Commemorative Benches Honour Lives Lost

As communities come together to remember the many lives lost over the last two years, commemorative rainbow benches and cherry trees are popping up across the district.

As part of the National Day of Reflection on Wednesday, 23 March, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) invited all town and Parish Councils and Parish meetings to place commemorative benches and trees for reflection.

The items are being installed in more than 40 areas in the district and were inspired by an area for commemoration created by **Donisthorpe Allotment Society**.

Led by end-of-life charity Marie Curie, the National Day of Reflection is a day to reflect on the lives of the people who have died during the last two years, whether from Covid or any other cause, and to support the millions of people who are grieving.

Since the first lockdown began in 2020, millions of people across the UK have been bereaved. All our communities have felt the impact of this tragic loss of life.

The brightly-coloured benches are made from recycled plastic and support the National Day's message of 'hope for a brighter future'. The cherry trees will flower in March and April to give an annual display of commemoration.

NWLDC's parks team will plant 44 trees and install 47 benches in all corners of the district, including:

- Spital Park – Castle Donington
- Scotlands Playing Fields – Coalville
- Hood Park – Ashby de la Zouch
- Measham Cemetery Extension – Measham

NWLDC Chairman Councillor Virge Richichi said: "We know our communities will continue to grieve for all of the lives lost over the last two years, so it is fitting that across the district there will be places to collectively remember our loved ones."

