

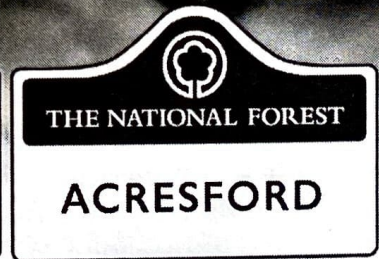
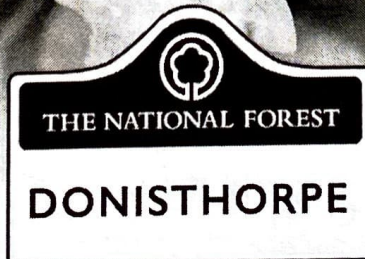
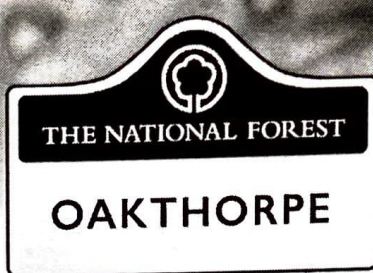
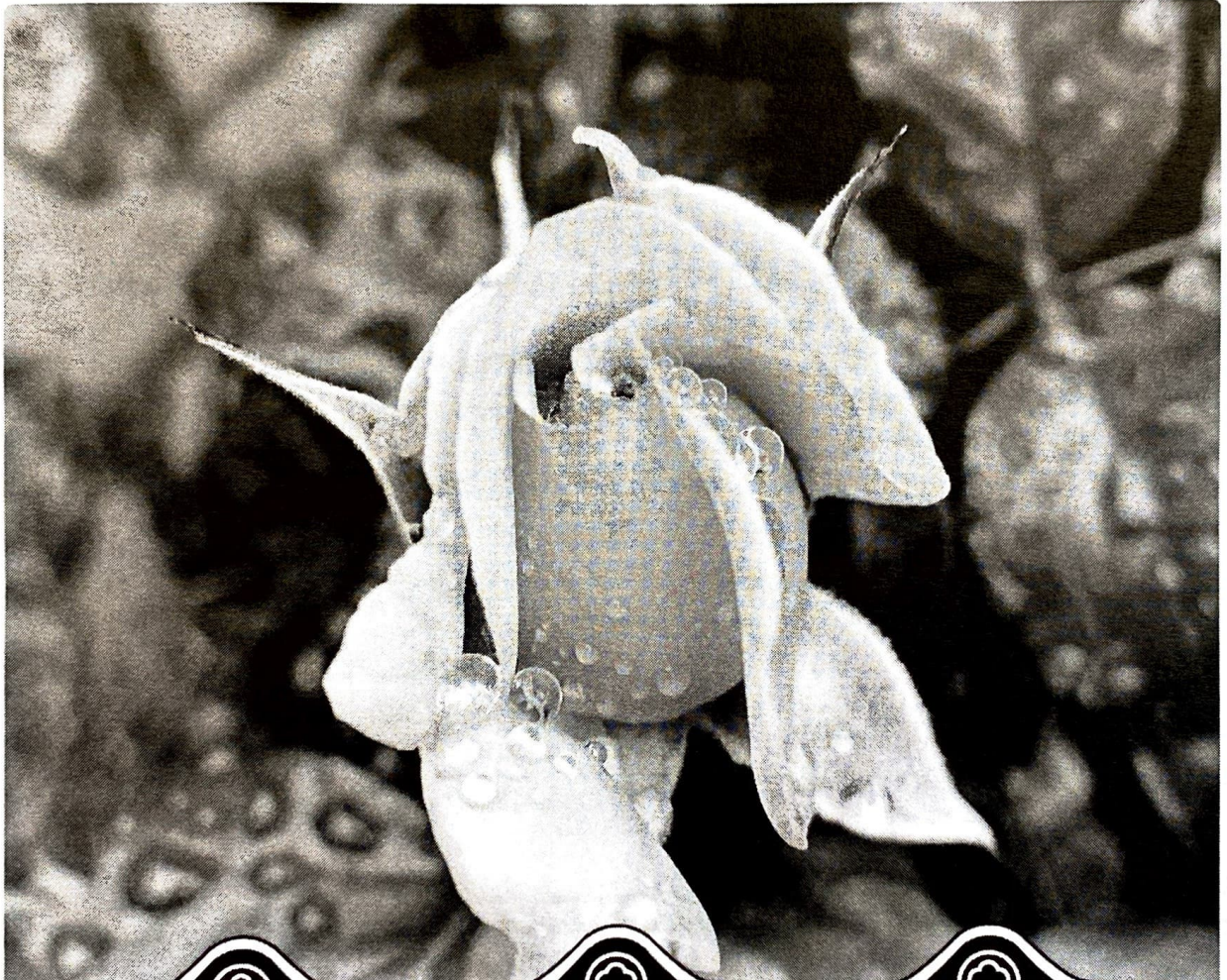
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## Oakthorpe Donisthorpe Acresford Parish Council

I hope you are all doing well and enjoyed a good summer break with the glorious weather. The Council now takes annual recess during August, however the Parish still has to function. Kelly Grove works hard as our Parish Manager to ensure we stay on track.



It has still been a busy month for us as we continue to make improvements across the three villages. The last of the rainbow benches has now been installed in the Orchard with the work between the Parish Council and NWLDC bringing three benches to the area. I am sure you will all agree they look fantastic and provoke us into remembrance. The subject of remembrance being the theme, I am sure you will all agree the money spent to bring the memorial gates back to life is fantastic and now reinstated they look brilliant. You will start to see over the coming weeks several planters appearing at the Parish entrances. These have been subject to risk assessment and will be installed where the ground allows. There are entrance signs on public footways, and whilst it would be nice to install at all sites, this is not possible. Thanks go to Kev Borley who has also contributed to the cost of the planters. Bulbs are being ordered for the Parish and we know that Donisthorpe Community Group already have locations in mind. But we are also keen to hear from anyone in Acresford & Oakthorpe who would support the planting in these villages.

This year marks the end of the current Council term and elections will take place next year. In previous years we were underrepresented, and therefore we were all elected uncontested. There are 8 seats on the Council and we meet monthly, except for August. The role is varied and often rewarding; it is a voluntary role but gives you an opportunity to help shape services in the local area. If you think you could or would like to join, the Parish Manager or indeed any of the Councillors can provide advice on the role and how to apply.

The finance committee will meet at the end of August where we will look at the budget and again look at the project priorities for the coming financial year.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting in September.

***Cllr Nick Antill-Holmes***

The next open Council meeting will take place at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre  
on **Wednesday 14th September** at 7.30pm.  
All are welcome.



# Memorial Gardens Update

I am pleased to report that we are now starting to make real progress with the project. Our architect is busy preparing the working drawings and making a planning application



**Photo:** Left, Cllr Chris Keeley, who organised the gate repairs, and Jamie Wilde, Gardens Project Leader

for some of the improvements. Engaging with the Planning and Conservation departments has been more time consuming than we hoped and thus will absorb more of our limited budget. Once the drawings have been completed we should be able to make a start on the groundworks.

The more eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed that the newly refurbished gates are now back in position. They have been thoroughly cleaned, repaired and then powder coated to protect them from the elements. Everything was re-installed in early August by Steve Oldknow, the fantastic blacksmith who restored the gates and associated decorative metalwork. He has fitted a

new lock and refurbished the mountings so it is now possible to open the gates easily and smoothly. The unsightly chain and padlocks have finally gone.

We are planning to organise various events in the gardens to encourage people to use them and also attract more volunteers to the project. There will be plenty of digging, chopping and moving required over the coming months so we will need plenty of help. A start will be made shortly by removing the remnants of the playground before we tackle the first major challenge of moving the wheel. The brick base needs to be dismantled and the soil removed so that we can get at the mountings. It will be stored on-site and repainted ready to be re-installed when its new home has been prepared.

If you get chance, why not take a walk to admire the gates and enjoy the surroundings of the gardens. Better still, join us to help bring the new design to life!

***Jamie Wilde***

***Friends of ODA Memorial Gardens***

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## Donisthorpe CIC



The main aim of Donisthorpe CIC is :

To acquire unregistered land within the village boundaries to create a village community space and develop in accordance with the company's members' wishes.

The land will provide a community space for the villagers of Donisthorpe, with a focus on the natural environment as a means to improving health, wellbeing, community spirit, mutual support and inclusion.

Why we set up as a Community Interest Company (CIC)

We wanted to set up a company that benefits the local community without the governance associated with a charity.

A CIC is a special type of limited company which exists to benefit the community rather than a private shareholder; this will ensure that once the land is registered with the Land Registry Office under Donisthorpe CIC, it will remain as a community asset.

A CIC has a particular legal structure called an 'asset lock' designed to ensure that the assets of a CIC (including any profits or other surpluses generated by its activities) are used for the benefit of the community. If Donisthorpe CIC was to cease trading, then all the assets would pass over to the National Forest as outlined in our constitution.

How will Donisthorpe CIC benefit the village?

The land will offer a welcoming open space providing a sense of community ownership and pride, and create social cohesion by being inclusive and accessible to all villagers.

Provide recreation areas and activities that encourage safe informal play and, through good design, that mitigate the effects of such play on those living nearby.

Offer somewhere for local people to gather and connect, to do things together and pursue shared interests or activities or somewhere to enjoy the peace and reflect.

Offer children and young people a first-hand experience of the natural world and can be used to stimulate and enhance child development through play.

Green space plays a major part in the health and well-being of communities and has a significant contribution to make to 'quality of life'. Being in nature can help reduce stress, anxiety and depression, improving wellbeing and mental health.

Allow the villagers the opportunity to engage in fun physical activity, enabling them to take a more active role in their own health and care such as improving recovery from illness; improving social isolation and loneliness.

Provide a rich range of habitats for wildlife and local biodiversity. Enhance the appearance of the local environment, which can add value to surrounding property.

Community project can help to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, increasing well-being in the community and have a positive effect on the local economy.

Membership Members must be 18 or over at the time of applying for membership.

Membership is £10 per member per year.

As a member you will have the right to do the following things:

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