

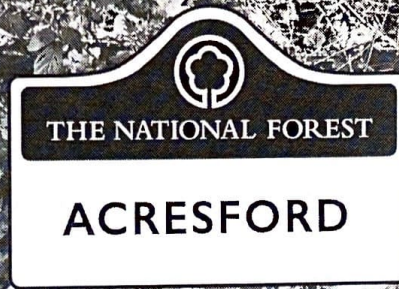
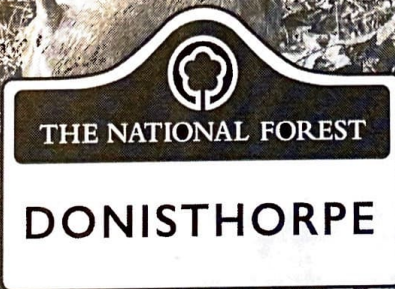
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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford

Parish Council, March 2023



Council held its monthly meeting on 8th March and as always there was much to discuss. Thank you to those who took time out to attend the meeting on a very cold and snowy evening.

It was pleasing to see a low number of recorded offences in last month's Police Report. We also received data from the Speed Survey on Church Street in Donisthorpe last year. The Speed Signs we now have in each village will collect data to help understand where speeding is taking place, and to what degree. A new Speed Watch scheme is in the process of being set up through the Donisthorpe Neighbourhood Watch group, and 20 volunteers across the Parish have signed up for the training - a fantastic response.

A partnership agreement was signed by the Chair of the ODA Memorial Gardens group and the Chair of the council. This sets out what Council and the group commit to, whilst completing the project to improve the grounds, a key Parish asset.

To commemorate the coronation of King Charles, three trees will be planted in the Parish, one at each of our schools and one in the memorial garden at Acresford.

At times, we hear people say, 'What does Council do?'. I'd say we work hard to ensure our Parish is one to be proud of. At the last meeting we reviewed the list of projects we committed to complete, and a report will come out soon detailing just what can be achieved during one term of Council when everyone works together.

This is my last report for Council and my final term in office. After 15 years it's time for me to move on and focus on other priorities in my life. My Councillor journey began as a Town Councillor with Ashby Woulds where I had the privilege of being elected Mayor on 3 occasions. I was a District Councillor and finally, since 2019, a Councillor with our Parish Council. It's been a real privilege to serve all communities. It has also been challenging, hard work, always worthwhile and rewarding. I'd like to thank all my colleagues and the Parish Manager for their endless support, it's been quite a ride! Our community is so fortunate to have many who contribute to a range of active voluntary groups, and I'd like to say thank you for your impressive work.

For anyone thinking of joining the Parish Council and is successfully elected at the coming election on May 4th, my advice is take time to understand your role, understand what is expected of you, what the rules are and how much of a contribution you can make in representing the community.

It's a journey I didn't think I could make when I was first approached to join the Town Council 15 years ago, yet soon realised it's a journey everyone who cares about their Parish, can make. We all have something to offer. Good luck.

Cllr Sue McKendrick

Vice Chair, Oakthorpe Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council

Next Parish Council meeting - **Wednesday 12 April 2023, 7.00pm** at
Oakthorpe Leisure Centre. All are welcome to attend.
Queries can be sent to the Clerk at manager@odapc.co.uk for
consideration at the meeting.



Moira Canal Festival 20, 21 May

The festival is back again this year at Moira Furnace, over the weekend of 20 and 21 May.

The festival for everybody, enjoy a day out, all on the banks of the Ashby Canal.

We welcome boats, Military Wives Choirs, Hey Beatles tribute band, the visit from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, classic cars, Morris dancing, music, children's entertainment, boat trips, stalls, bar, and refreshments.

And don't forget Mrs Duck and her Ashby Canal Duck Race!

Adults £6, children 5 -16 years £3, car parking and programme free.



Volunteers wanted!

If you would like to get in free, then come and help us out with 2 hours on a gate - you'll get a wristband which gives you free admission.

Contact moiracanafestival@outlook.co.uk for more information.

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News from Friends!



Thank you to all who braved the cold weather and attended the quiz night at the Halfway House on Sunday 26th February. The quiz raised £114.00 to put towards the rejuvenation of the gardens and we would like to say a huge thank you to Peter and Paul for hosting the evening and to Jim for being 'quizmaster extraordinaire' once again.

Friends of the ODA Memorial Gardens have quite a few activities planned throughout the summer months to help boost our fundraising efforts. As you can see from the list below, there is lots going on, with something for everyone!

Up-coming events.

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| <i>Saturday 13th May</i> | Community Market, 10am - 2pm. Stalls charged at £15. We still have some availability, so please email us to make your booking. |
| <i>Saturday 17th June</i> | Village Field Day. |
| <i>Sunday 25th June</i> | Plant Sale/Open Gardens. Come and say 'hi' to our volunteers and learn more about the project. |
| <i>Sunday 23rd July</i> | 'The King's Proms' 2.30 - 4.30pm. A special concert by 'Newhall Brass Band' to mark the King's Coronation. |
| <i>Wednesday 9th Aug</i> | Pirates and Princesses - Picnic in the Park. Activities for the younger residents of our community. |
| <i>Sunday 8th October</i> | Apple Day at Orchard Wood. |
| <i>October</i> | The BIG Quiz Night - dates to be confirmed. |

Obviously, all will be subject to the good old British weather, but we hope you can find time to join us. If you would like to know more about any of the events, the project or can help in any way, please email us at: friendsodamemorialgardens@hotmail.com

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