

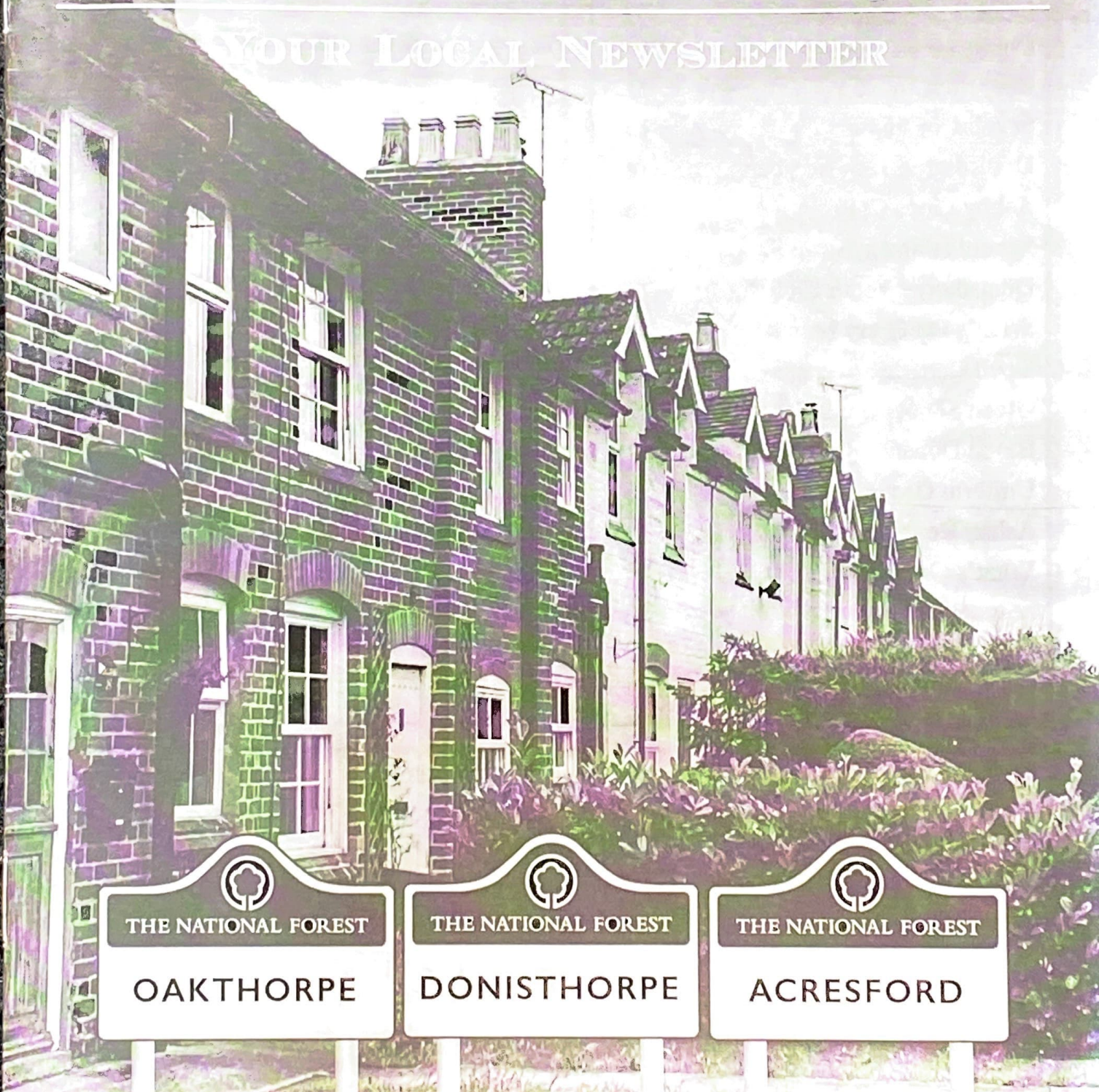
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# Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council



Again it is down to me to write the monthly report from Council. I sit here with the rain lashing on the window, hoping that the weather improves for all you people preparing to go away on holiday now schools have all broken up for the summer.

The July meeting was very well attended by members of the public. It is always a pleasure to see people at meetings, but sadly the reasons are rarely for good feedback.

Good news this month - members from the ODA Memorial Grounds Group were present to update us on their progress with plans for the project to make the grounds a space for all ages to enjoy. The group has been working really hard. They are now looking for charity status in order to apply for larger funding pots. They are working to make the Memorial Grounds a space for all of the people of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford to use and enjoy. It is an area which belongs to the Parish!

A number of events are planned throughout the year, all open to the three villages and beyond. Please try to support these events - all are advertised in advance in 3VN. It was good to see people from Oakthorpe and Acresford at the recent Field Day. The ODA Group appreciate this interest and I am sure they would welcome volunteers from Oakthorpe and Acresford getting involved.

The Parish Council 'stall' at the event also had a number of visitors with various enquiries. These are all being followed up. The majority of the public session, however, was spent discussing problems with sewer pipes in Oakthorpe being old and unfit for the extra load from new builds. There have been a number of instances recently where raw sewerage has been running down pavements and roads in the village and into private gardens. We do not consider Severn Trent's responses and actions acceptable. Our Parish Manager will be writing to District Council, County Council and our MP to get the problem sorted. The Parish Council will keep hounding them until the problem is addressed and resolved.

One thing that was noticeable when Councillors were investigating these complaints was that a lot of the stuff that was spilling out of the sewers should not have been down them anyway. Basically only toilet paper, preferably no thicker than 2-ply, should be all that is flushed (not even wipes advertised as flushable - they do flush but still cause blockages). We can all do our bit to help.

There have been a few comments about the planters. They are now all planted with summer bedding plants but as we Councillors do this, we would appreciate if any parishioners could offer a little time to help with such tasks - it would ease our load, we are all volunteers too.

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We have also ordered 6,000 spring bulbs for the Parish to plant in the autumn. If you are willing to help in this way, please come along to a Council meeting and let us know. **Alternatively, inform a Councillor or our Parish Manager.**

There will be no August meeting, but the August 3VN will contain a Parish Council questionnaire, which can be answered online, on Facebook or by post (all details will be included within the article). Please help by giving your views. We do listen and try to accommodate everyone wherever possible.

\* Just an advance warning, more details will follow later:- The Canal Trust have arranged to clear the end stretch of canal, near DMs in December 2023. We have been warned that there will be heavy goods vehicle traffic in the area during this time.

That is a short account of this month's Council meeting. As usual, full minutes will be posted on the PC website and noticeboards. Have a good summer break everyone.

There is no meeting in August. Next Parish Council meeting:  
**Wednesday 13 September 2023, 7.00pm at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre.**  
All are welcome to attend.  
Queries can be sent to the Clerk at [manager@odapc.co.uk](mailto:manager@odapc.co.uk)  
for consideration at the meeting.

## Future Dates for the Diary in 2023

### **Saturday 16 - Sunday 17 September**

Joint Photography and Art Exhibition -  
Hicks Lodge Photography Group and  
Overseal Art Group - at Netherseal Village  
Hall, 11am - 3pm. Free entry, refreshments  
available.

### **Sunday 8 October**

Apple Day, Orchard Wood, Donisthorpe

### **Saturday 28 October**

The BIG QUIZ NIGHT in aid of  
Donisthorpe Memorial Gardens.





## Ashby Royal Hotel Development Granted Approval

Plans to build 17 town houses in Ashby de la Zouch to help secure the future of the town's Royal Hotel have been approved by North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC). The planning application, by hotel owners Oakland Hotels Limited, has been agreed by councillors and will see the development of town houses on the land surrounding the hotel to enable the repair and refurbishment of the Grade II\* listed building, and to bring it back into use.

The Royal Hotel closed in 2018 due to financial pressures and the need for investment to bring the building up to modern standards. It has stood empty while its owners worked out a viable plan. The building on Station Road was included on Historic England's 2021 Heritage at Risk Register. Officers from NWLDC have worked for several years with Oakland Hotels Limited to ensure the hotel is maintained and looked after while empty.

A development of this type would not normally be approved under current planning policies, but the proposals were given the green light under 'enabling development' rules to help secure the future of the Royal Hotel. A Section 106 legal agreement will be included with the planning permission to make sure repairs to the hotel are completed.

Oakland Hotels Ltd is also in the process of selling the adjoining Bath Grounds land to Ashby Town Council, which will further aid the renovation of the hotel, while ensuring the open green space at the grounds remains publicly available. A recording of the meeting and officer reports are available at [www.nwldc.gov.uk](http://www.nwldc.gov.uk) - click on the [Planning](#) link.

Simon Dawson, Director of Oakland Hotels Limited, said, "(We) are delighted by the decision of the NWLDC planning committee to grant permission for the development of the Royal Hotel site. This decision allows us to now focus on renovating this important and iconic building and, together with our partners Condor Hotels, start to plan the reopening of the hotel as soon as possible. We remain committed to providing not only economic benefits to the local area, but a facility of which the people of Ashby can once again be proud."

