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## Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council Meeting - 8th May 2024



I am pleased to be able to update you all on the recent May meeting. It is always a busy meeting as May starts the new Council year.

It was fantastic to see Maddie & Jamie from the Friends of the ODA Memorial Gardens. Maddie presented the latest set of plans, including improvements to access along with reintroducing the railings at the front of the gardens. This will really make a feature of the gardens and allow everyone in the Parish to enjoy the open space. The Parish Council continues to support this invaluable project and were happy to release some funds to enable grant applications.

This month also saw attendance from the Forest Beat team who outlined some of their key initiatives, including more speed gun activity within the Parish, which is great to hear. The latest MVAS has also now been delivered and we are now awaiting the new posts on Acresford Road. In the interim, you may see this moving around the Parish.

The Council continues to work in the villages to improve facilities. We are still working to ensure full coverage of defibrillators and are pleased to say the latest install has now been completed in Acresford. The play area in Oakthorpe has been upgraded to include new equipment suitable for younger children, along with new matting and upgrades to the flooring. It really does look brilliant. The Parish planters have been in full bloom and as always, our thanks go to those who volunteer to plant and water them.

The next works to be completed will be the footpath between Hall Lane and the orchard. Council agreed at the meeting to widen and resurface the walkway allowing access for wheel & pushchairs to access. This will be fantastic once completed.

I joined Councillor Hawke to host the Parish Council stand at the Community Market held at the Memorial Garden on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May. It truly was a great event - the weather was glorious so our thanks to the team for the invite. We will be attending the Proms in the Gardens event on June 9<sup>th</sup> too which also promises to be a great afternoon.

The Council received the Royal Proclamation in celebration of the one-year anniversary of the coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla, this alongside a framed portrait of the King.

ODA POPs were out in force on May 12<sup>th</sup>, Seven of us ventured out from Saltersford Valley, again the weather was glorious. We took a circuit that saw us venture along Pastures Lane, looping round Thortit Pit and back along the old canal path. All in all it took around 90 minutes and was a really enjoy morning. The next walk will be leaving from DMs carpark at 10.30am prompt on Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup>

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the closing date for your Community Awards nominations is 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The awards evening will be a good chance to network and meet the people who work to ensure the community we have is a special one, so please save the date and we look forward to seeing you at 7pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September at DMs.

As always, this is just a snapshot of the meeting. You can access full minutes on the website or why not pop along to a meeting? Everyone is welcome.

**Nick Antill-Holmes, BCAC**  
*Chairman ODAPC*



## **Next Parish Council Meeting:**

Weds 12th June 2024

East Midlands Satellite Centre, Oakthorpe  
(formally Oakthorpe Leisure Centre).

All are welcome to attend.

## **Recycling Survey Results**

The results of a survey asking people to choose their favourite option for future recycling collections have been published by North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC).

The survey, which will now be analysed in full, received 19,507 responses. The figures showed that of the three options presented:

- 61% of people would prefer two wheelie bins
- 23% of people would prefer the Quatro bin
- 16% of people would prefer two stackable trolleys.

The survey was the first step in a wider review of the service. NWLDC will now work on options for collection, considering government guidance, costings, carbon savings and recycling performance.

The responses to the survey gave headline figures and also generated around 5,500 comments from customers, which need to be fully analysed to look for trends, alongside postcode data and information about house types.

Recent guidance from DEFRA has been issued to local authorities, which for the first time supports the idea of co-mingled bins – where all recycling could be collected in one wheelie bin. This guidance will ultimately become law, so needs to be considered by NWLDC when looking at options.

Any alternative collection containers will need investment in the containers themselves, as well as new vehicles and machinery at the sorting depot. This financial analysis will be a key part of the decision-making process.

All councillors will be involved in discussions about the options over the summer, with reports going to Community Scrutiny Committee in autumn and then to Cabinet for a decision.

Once a decision has been made, NWLDC will draft a plan confirming the timescales for introducing new recycling containers to the district's 50,000 households.

The plan will need to consider existing disposal contracts with Leicestershire County Council and future Government requirements to collect recycling – including food waste, cartons and plastic bags / wrapping - from the kerbside.

The full results of the bin survey can be seen at [www.nwleics.gov.uk/binreview](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/binreview)