

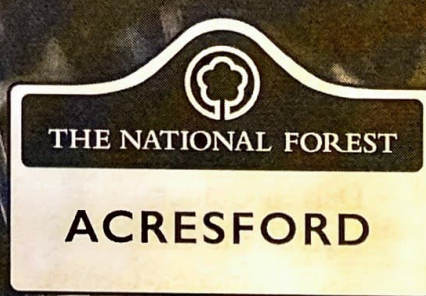
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– In 2023, the PC put in suggestions for permanent traffic-calming measures for 'hotspots' in the Parish, all were turned down by Highways. We are currently looking at alternatives.

* *'Inconsiderate parking...'*

– If you are having problems using pavements, contact the Parish Manager and this will be reported and followed up.

* *'Overgrown hedges encroaching on pavements...'*

– There is a new scheme whereby any residence which has received a complaint regarding the hedge being overgrown will receive a postcard requesting it be cut (a hedge should not be growing out beyond the property boundary, this means the 'branches' not the trunk/stem). Report issues to the Parish Manager (it helps if you can also include a photograph).

* *'No dog poo bins on woodland trails...'*

– These are not ODAPC responsibility. ODAPC have over thirty bins throughout the Parish which can be used for litter/dog poo. The emptying of these is paid for by ODAPC (your money). A need for dog poo bins for the Parish Orchard has been noted – we are working on this.

* *'Pavement cleaning, weed clearing on paths and verges...'*

– Again, not our responsibility but the Parish Manager, if made aware, will report such issues to the relevant department. ODAPC are considering certain jobs being done by our contractors but this involves juggling the budget. If parishioners fail to become involved, it is extremely hard for us to judge what you consider to be a priority, please give us your support.

* *'Anti-social behaviour...'*

– If you follow the monthly police reports for this area, our three villages come out well (in all 'crime' respects) compared to others around us. A number of Parish Councillors regularly go to the Police Surgeries that cover this area (3 or 4 per month) and are trying to build up a good rapport with our Community Officers and keep in the loop. You too can go to these surgeries (or report issues to us), we must all be involved.

ODAPC has made a lot of progress over the last few years but there is still a long way to go. We cannot do it without your input so please get involved. *Missed some out!*

You are welcome to contact Kelly Grove, the Parish Manager, or any of your Parish Councillors with your ideas, issues and concerns and you are most welcome at the monthly Parish Council meetings. *added on!*

Next Parish Council meeting:

Wednesday 13th March 2024

7.00pm at ME Sports (formerly 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.

Preserve Our Paths Update

ODA 'Pops' is the short name for Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford, Preserve Our Paths. Following the write-up in the December issue of 3 Views News, quite a number of people have expressed an interest in this project and hopefully many more will become involved as word gets around.

Anybody requiring more information, offering ideas for future walks or to have their details logged for updates via WhatsApp or email, please contact Debbie or Mick Warren: -

Email: cllr.debbie.warren@odapc.co.uk or cllr.mick.warren@odapc.co.uk

telephone 01530 272305 **OR** 44524707792

Next walk: Sunday, March 10th, 2024

Meet at Oakthorpe, Saltersford Valley Picnic Area car park

Leaving at 10.30am



Cllr. Debbie Warren

MVAS Data

ODAPC has three speed monitors which are moved quarterly by volunteers and /or councillors.

The monitors are to remind drivers of the speed limit. They are in 30mph zones. This data was collected from November – January.

Hill Street, Donisthorpe

Average Speed 27 mph

Max speed 60mph on 25/11/23 @ 16.35

Total vehicles 19,379

AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic 1426.9)

Percentage over 30mph 4.8-7%, averaging 38.5mph

This information is discussed at ODAPC meetings, but decisions about traffic calming and enforcement rest with the Police and County Council.

NWLDC Local Plan

Despite the electoral reform boundary changes, (which changes which MP we will vote for) NWLDC remains our district council. Consultation on the Local Plan has started. The documents can be viewed on the website:

https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/local_plan_review

Comments can be submitted until 11.59pm, Sunday 17 March 2024. The Parish Council has arranged an extra meeting with Cllr. Mike Ball to discuss the implications of this plan to our area. We will be investigating how to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish to allow us more say on long-term planning. More information will be circulated soon.

If you are interested in being a part of this, please register your interest with the Parish Manager (contact details on page 2).

News from Friends!

Work, at present, is on hold as we wait for better weather conditions to allow heavy machinery on site to continue with the restructure of the earth bunds. That doesn't mean we are sitting back!



Members of the group are working on our two heritage projects to record information creating the 'Roll of Honour' and 'Miners' Roll Call'. Our findings will be published on the Parish Council's website once complete, providing an educational and research resource.

The 'Roll of Honour' will include details of the brave souls whose names adorn the plaques either side of the Memorial Gates at the head of the gardens and we are currently looking for photographs of these men to include within our online memorial. Maybe you can help?

With nearly 2,000 employees, the 'Miners' Roll Call' will be ongoing as we collate information through individual sources, social media and at events. This will allow us to eventually create a suitable memorial, in respect of the communities' mining heritage, within the gardens once the main renovations are complete.

If you can help in any way with either of these projects, or would like to volunteer, please contact the group by email at friendsodamemorialgardens@hotmail.com, via our Facebook page, or speak to Jamie on 07579 793752.

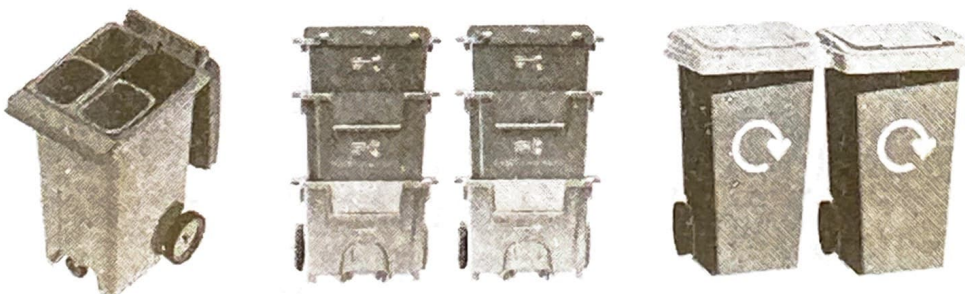
Date for your diaries:

Friday 8th March – our first fundraiser the 'Surprise Bingo' will be held at the Pavilion Bar and Restaurant, Church Street, Donisthorpe. Eyes down from 7pm. Lots of fun for all the family.

Our next Meeting is on Tuesday 5th March – this is the AGM followed by a general meeting, from 6.30pm at the Halfway House.

Thank you for your support.

Waste Services Review



We're reviewing how we collect your recycling from your doorstep. We have three options for replacing the current boxes and bags and would like to know your thoughts.

To provide your views, please complete our online survey by 11.59pm on **Sunday 14 April 2024** by visiting <http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/binreview> or follow the link from our home page. Here you can view a video, explaining the three options. Let us know what you think!



Bridging the Gap Crucial as Budget Challenges Continue

Significant investment to cover growing costs and service demand, wide-ranging savings and a Council Tax increase all feature in an updated budget plan, as councils across the country face unprecedented challenges.

Leicestershire County Council's latest proposals, published today (Thursday), set out investing £129m more to meet growing demand, mainly in social care, and an extra £113m to cover inflation and the National Living Wage increase.

They propose balancing the books next year using £6m of reserves – the first time this has been required – and forecast a budget gap of £83m by 2028 after planned savings.

A three per cent Council Tax increase for core services – and a two per cent increase in the adult social care precept – generating in total £18m more for front line services – is planned from April.

Scaling back waste site closures, subject to consultation, is also included in the draft strategy which has been updated to reflect the extra Government funding announced last week.

Council leader Nick Rushton said: "It's good news that the Government has listened to local government's very real and pressing concerns, and we welcome the extra funding.

"It halves the reserves we need to use to balance the books next year. But it's far from a sustainable solution and does nothing to help with the budget shortfall in later years.

We remain a well-run council and have saved £262m since 2010 – but spiralling costs and service demands mean this is still the toughest budget we've ever faced."

In February, residents are set to be asked for their views on proposals to use an extra £100k to keep Shepshed waste site open two days a week and Market Harborough and Kibworth open seven days a week between the two sites.

Councillor Blake Pain, cabinet member for waste: "We've listened and responded to people's concerns – we've heard just how important waste sites are for our residents and are proposing to scale back plans and keep the Market Harborough and Shepshed sites open part-time."

Councillor Lee Breckon, cabinet member for resources, said: "We recognise that the Government is facing big financial pressures – but there are national changes that could provide much-needed support to councils outside of local government funding reform.

Our focus is on delivering the best services we can. Major redesigns are already in progress but we now need to go even further and identify other options for bridging the longer term £83m budget gap." The four-year budget plan includes:

- A £6m budget shortfall next year – rising to £33m in 2026, £60m in 2027 and £83m in 2028.
- £127m more mainly to support vulnerable people – to pay for more home and residential care, and support people with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health needs .
- An extra £113m to cover inflation and the National Living Wage increase .
- Major redesigns of services to manage future demand, including:
 - Special educational needs and disabilities - a new approach balancing growing demand for support with getting children the right help • Working with Barnardo's to run children's homes locally • Boosting 'supported living' - over 100 new placements created since 2020, enabling people with

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