

# **ANNUAL DESFORD PARISH MEETING**

**To be held at Desford Library, Main Street, Desford  
Wednesday 15th of May 2024 at 7pm**

## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. To receive and approve the minutes of the annual Parish Meeting 22 May 2023
3. Parish Councils Chairmans Report
4. To receive a report from Neighbourhood Plan committee
5. To receive a report from County Councillor
6. To receive reports from Borough Councillors
7. To receive reports from village organisations
  - 7.1. Barns Charity Report
  - 7.2. Sport in Desford Report
  - 7.3. Botcheston Village Hall Report
  - 7.4. Desford Village Hall Report
8. To thank community volunteers and receive volunteer reports
  - 8.1. Desford in Bloom
  - 8.2. Heritage Working Group
  - 8.3. Heritage Family History Group
9. Questions or points raised by residents and members of the public

**Signed: Cllr Jo Vavasour - Chairman of Desford Parish Council**

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# ANNUAL DESFORD PARISH MEETING

Held at Desford Library, Main Street, Desford on  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 at 7pm

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Present were:** Colin Crane (in the Chair as Chairman of the Parish Council), Pat Crane, Colin Oakes, Pip Gould (Clerk to the Council).

3 x members of the Public

**1. Apologies**

Apologies have been received from Scott Wakefield, C Cllr Peter Bedford, Sue McMillan.

**2. To receive and approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22 May 2019**

The minutes from the last meeting were received and accepted.

**3. Parish Councils Chairmans Report**

2022-2023 has been a successful year, many developments have been undertaken by the Parish Council with further underway. The newly installed CCTV has had a positive effect on antisocial behaviour in both KRRG and Pickards Park. The Chairman thanked the Clerk's Office staff for their hard work throughout the year. Special thanks were also forthcoming for the Heritage WG for the very impressive 2-day Heritage Festival in 2022 and more recently for the Coronation celebrations. Desford in Bloom WG were also thanked and praised, and it was acknowledged that they have made great changes within the village.

**4. To receive a report from Neighbourhood Plan Working Group**

Report Accepted

**5. To receive a report from County Councillor**

Report Accepted

**6. To receive reports from Borough Councillors**

There were no Borough Councillor reports.

**7. To receive reports from village organisations**

a. Barns Charity Report

Report accepted

b. Sport in Desford Report

Report accepted

- c. Botcheston Village Hall Report  
Report accepted
- d. Desford Village Hall Report  
Report accepted

**8. To thank community volunteers and receive volunteer reports**

- a. Desford in Bloom  
Report Accepted
- b. Heritage Working Group  
Report Accepted

**9. Questions or points raised by residents and members of the public**

A member of the public raised concerns regarding 7.5-ton lorries utilising Main Street in Botcheston and Peckleton Lane in Desford. The Chair will take these concerns to Full Council in June but mentioned that County Cllr Peter Bedford was also liaising with Highways over these concerns.

Meeting Closed 8.05pm



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### **Chairpersons Report to the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Given that I am relatively new to the role of Chair at Desford Parish Council, my report will be rather short. I would like to thank the Clerk and her team for their hard work and resilience in what has been a challenging year for the Parish Council.

The last year has shown that the local voice is pretty much ignored in relation to planning and we have seen two further developments approved for the village Davidsons and Jelson, as well as some challenging management situations for the councillors and paid officers. That said we have achieved a great deal. Our procedures are slowly aligning to the national standard after many years lacking compliance, we have adopted the Civility and Respect procedure for the Parish and we have several new councillors who have come on board with a range of skills and experience which will really benefit the Parish.

The village as always looks beautiful thanks once again to the wonderful Desford in Bloom who always go above and beyond the role of volunteers to makes the displays in the village not only beautiful but also a sensory delight. In addition to running many other events for the village including a race night and a trip to gardener's world live.

Desford Heritage Group as been equally busy, with the introduction of the Family Heritage group. The Heritage group is attracting attention from the surrounding areas because of the high quality of the resources that this group develops, these include the wonderful boards, situated around the village which tell visitors and villagers alike the notable history of the village. In addition, the contribution our volunteer councillors make to the village and I would like to acknowledge the contribution of councillors past and present for their contribution.

## **Desford Neighbourhood Plan**

The Desford Neighbourhood Plan was “made” in May 2021. At the referendum a ‘yes’ vote was returned with 1331 out of 1463 persons that voted, voting in favour of the Plan. (Turnout 41.94%. Yes 90.98%)

However, after almost 6 years of work, this only gave us the power to supposedly influence planning decisions for 2 years. In September 2021 the Working Group reconvened and agreed to commence a review of the Plan and the work began again.

We continue to be supported by Gary Kirk of Your Locale and his advice has been invaluable, particularly with the Davidsons and Jelsons Planning Appeals. The process of drafting the revised Plan document and its appendices was carried out fairly quickly, but progress has been held up for several months waiting for the SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment) to be completed. This was finally received a few weeks ago.

In the meantime, the government passed an Act to give 5 years validity to Neighbourhood Plans.

HBBC would not provide us with a housing requirement figure, so we commissioned AECOM to do a Housing Needs Assessment. We are making one more request for a housing figure from HBBC before we decide whether to proceed to Regulation 14. This will involve a 6-week consultation period.

We are disillusioned and disappointed with the support from HBBC officers but we will see the review through.

*Pat Crane*  
30.04.24.

# Annual Report: 2023/24

This report summarises some of the activities that I have been undertaking, on your behalf, as your County Councillor during the last year:



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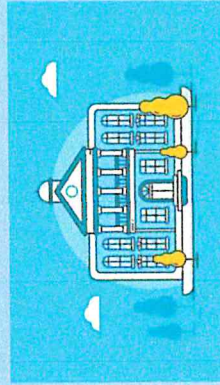
- Full Council
- Cabinet
- Employment Committee
- Constitution Committee
- As well as attendance at member briefings including the Growth Advisor Board and Investing in Leicestershire Fund.



I continue to chair the Bardon Hill Quarry Community Fund. During the last two years over £200k has been awarded to voluntary and community groups across the area.



In my role as Cabinet Lead for Recovery & Transformation I have been involved in promoting 'Work & Skills Leicestershire' which to date had helped hundreds of Leicestershire residents reskill or get back into the employment market.



Regular reporting and attendance at Desford, Markfield, Stanton under Bardon and Bagworth & Thornton Parish Councils.



Supported community events such as 'Destford Scarecrow' festival.



I continue to write monthly updates in both The Herald and Graphic magazines; and have produced and delivered a County Councillor's Newsletters for residents.



Hosted Parish Council representatives from across the Division at County Hall



Responded to over 500 resident emails/social media queries

## Peter

Peter Bedford  
County Councillor for Markfield, Desford & Thornton  
(including: Bagworth, Botcheston & Stanton under Bardon)

May 2024



Worked collaboratively with Borough Councillors on areas of joint concern.  
[Pictured here with Cllr Claire Harris, Markfield Borough Councillor]

## **Borough Councillor's Annual Report – May 2024**

Over the past year, we have been working hard on a whole range of casework and have seen many positive outcomes. This is only possible by the parishes and residents working with us and we would like to thank you for your support and collaboration over the past 12 months. We are proud to represent you and look forward to working with you over the upcoming year.

### **Planning.**

Planning issues continue to be challenging, and we have continually battled both applications and inspectors. As well as speaking on every application and also at appeals we have been encouraged by the level of dedication local residents have shown when fighting these unwanted developments. In both Desford and Newbold Verdon, residents have come together and presented speeches and research, which has resulted in every major application to have come before the Borough Council planning committee being turned down.

The new Local Plan is now taking shape and will demonstrate how we are firmly against unwanted local development and will work with neighbourhood plans, to only support developments outlined by those local working groups.

### **Local Transport**

Time and time again, we have been asked about buses and why, despite local County Councillors saying extra money is coming and 'watch this space', we are left with poor service on our one remaining route and still waiting for any sort of replacement for the 159.

We were proud Cllr Michael Mullaney proposed an amendment to the county council budget, realigning funds to make sure these routes could be reinstated. Predictably, this was turned down by the conservative administration.

After gathering over 2000 signatures and protesting outside county hall, we are proud to be the only local councillors who understand how important the bus services are and the only ones who take meaningful action to try and get them reinstated.

### **Budget**

When setting the budget for 2023/24 Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council had to take some monies out of reserves, and also increase some charges. Unlike some other authorities though we are still solvent. Many local authorities are suffering from a gradual reduction in Government funding. Over the past ten years HBBC have had a reduction of £10m in support funding. All the council tax collected from local businesses used to come to local councils, now it goes to Government.

### **Local Highlights**

We are proud to have reported many potholes and blocked drains over the past 12 months. To name each one would take up too much space but it is this type of issue that effects residents the most. The roads and drains have been neglected over many years, and by reporting and getting the worst cases dealt with, we hope to make your villages better places to live.

Every village we represent has been affected by sewage being released into rivers and streams, and we have worked hard in Desford to raise this issue and other sewage problems. We have now heard that the ombudsman will be investigating Seven Trent over its continued lack of action on Peckleton Lane.

We were pleased to see the many projects that have been helped by the Borough Councils' grant system. These grants really help parish councils and other local groups, and we will continue to support applications that help improve the villages we represent.

Joyce Crooks, Mark Bools, Robin Webber-Jones



### **Barns Charity report for Annual Parish Meeting 2024**

We continue to work on improvements to the charity fields including clearing of ditches to aid water flow, new fencing and hedging, planting of trees. We have a brilliant group of volunteers who work at the fields most weeks carrying out fencing, ditch clearing, tree works and hedge laying.

Nick Crowley leads the volunteers and liaises with groups such as the Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust who provide advice and occasionally additional volunteers.

A number of different groups have used the fields for study of wildlife – both flora and fauna and a new rare plant was found this spring.

We sadly lost our long-term tenant farmer when he passed away earlier this year but have been fortunate to find another tenant; a local farmer who will keep highland cattle at the fields during the growing season.

There has been an ongoing issue with water run-off from the Miller estate but during recent hedging and ditch clearing works a blocked land drain was discovered and cleared, this has alleviated some of the problem.

#### **Finances**

A large part of our income has been farm subsidies which have been complemented by fund raising through the sale of cards and various activities by trustees and volunteers. Farm subsidies are now being reduced and will shortly stop altogether (by 2027), although we hope that the government will implement a new scheme that we will be eligible for, this is not clear at the moment and we may not be eligible. We have been fortunate to have recruited some new trustees who are enthusiastic fund raisers and we have held a number of successful fund-raising events recently including a quiz night and a supper evening and will continue to try to find ways to supplement the Charity's income now that farm subsidies are being reduced.

We were able to make grants of £150 each to 21 students this year. Grants are available to anyone in tertiary education or an apprenticeship who is resident in Desford and applications are considered each year at the November meeting of the trustees.

The trustees are grateful to the Parish Council for providing our insurance cover.

# Sport in Desford Chair's Report April 2024

## Governance

We are seeking to find a new Trustee, and this is in hand. We are still quorate with our remaining number of Trustees. The Annual return has been submitted. Following the very sad death of our past Vice-Chair, Steve Morris, we have now appointed our new Vice Chair, Graeme Chilvers. Graeme brings a wealth of experience and knowledge and will add to our management team.

## Compliance/ Health and Safety.

Regular checks are done in respect of fire call points, emergency lights and intruder alarm. Any arising issues are dealt with promptly.

All necessary DBS checks are up to date. All sections comply with their own NGB regulations with regards to First Aid. We have recently done Defib training. All defibs are checked regularly. There have been no reported parking issues since new signs and re-marking of the no parking places.

New draft policies, Internal financial control, Internal risk management policy and procedures, Financial reserves policy and procedures, Trustees conflict of interest policy and procedures, investing the charity's funds policy and procedures, social media; have been written to comply with new Charities Commission requirements as detailed in the Annual return document

## Facilities

Solar panels are working well and alongside the Tesla batteries, we are generating more electricity than we use, being carbon negative and a net exporter to the grid. Over the year two solar panels have been replaced due to impact damage, the cause of which we have been unable to determine. One inverter has failed and has been replaced. We are currently having an energy audit with reference to the gas boiler, to inform future plans. Jim is investigating the feasibility of air source heat pumps and is working with a company who provide feasibility studies and plans. This work is being funded by grants.

The netball club has erected a store which is situated beside the MUGA. This was funded by a local company, and the netball club are organising a friendly tournament with company employees.

The grounds care contract (3 year term) has been put out to tender with the contract being awarded to Neil Harris Horticultural Services. Neil already maintains the Bowls Green, the bowlers being very pleased with his work.

The tennis courts have had a moss removal procedure carried out, this will now be regularly attended to by Neil Harris. New rigid netting has been put round the two oldest tennis courts.

Two new competition quality table tennis tables have been bought to support the growing numbers of people playing. We have also marked out two pickle ball courts on the MUGA. This was in response to a request by U3A, and we now have about twenty people playing regularly. Pickle ball is a simplified form of tennis played with air flow balls and a solid wooden bat on a half size court.

## Fulfilling remit

The Inclusive club still has secured funding for the next year from NHS and Awards for all. This includes the cost of a mini bus from Hinckley to bring groups across to SiD. The Inclusive Club has always provided an excellent opportunity but we never had big numbers attending until the last two months when we have had between 22 and 25 clients along with carers. It's a wonderful session full of smiles and energy and

brilliant to see such an underprovided for group enjoying a morning of physical activity and building friendships.

The State of Mind project is currently fully funded for this year, and we are in the process of securing new funding (£5K) for the following year. The ball stop netting project between the Football pitch and parking by the MUGA has been reviewed, and it appears the problem no longer exists. Hence Jim is in process of writing to the funder who gave us £2K to ask if we could divert this money to the purchase of an indoor crazy golf set to use at the Inclusive Club, over 50's and to have available for Scouts and State of Mind as well. This would cost £1750. A further grant (£1.5K) from a second charity towards the ball stop netting. has also been approached and has agreed to divert their funding to complete the Air source heat pump consultancy work. The Pickleball set up in response to interest from the U3A, is proving to be very popular. U3A continue to play table tennis. An elite table tennis group meets twice a week, and the junior table tennis has expanded and now runs a second session.

Meadow View Farm come twice weekly for their PE sessions. Linda Williams Dance Academy continue to expand and offer more classes. Our over 50's clubs continue to be popular, as are Pilates, Tai Chi, Mature Movers, Belly Dance, Karate, Fall prevention, Personal fitness and Futsal. The Mosaic group for severely disabled people continue to meet weekly. Health referral now goes through a different referral process and we have registered on the new JOY self-referral website and have been talking to a wide variety of health professionals about what we can offer at SiD.

## Sections

Football. Deford Football Club has joined with Caterpillar. They run 23 teams, mens, womens, vets, boys, girls and inclusive. The disruption due to the damage to the pitch at Kirkby Road during the making of the footpath has been repaired to the required standard, by the Parish Council. Women's teams have done particularly well and are in a position to win both cup and league. The situation regarding the issue with the pitch at Caterpillar has now reached an impasse. Caterpillar are wanting to turn part of the green area into a car park. Planning consent was refused due to an objection from Sport England because of loss of green space. Subsequently Caterpillar have decided to suspend use of the pitch as of now, then after 5 years of it not being used as a green area including the football pitch, they will be able to reapply for planning permission to turn it into a car park or other facility. The football club are urgently seeking a new site for a further pitch, preferably one which would offer the opportunity for a space which will allow room to build a small stand.

Tennis. The Club has had a good year with mens, womens, winter and summer league teams. Junior teams have also played and junior coaching from 4 year olds to teenagers, remains busy. In addition, there is adult coaching at all levels, and a great deal of Inclusive work on both a regular basis and also special events.

Striders. The Club has grown with many new members and are on their 7<sup>th</sup> couch to 5K course, with many participants going on to join the club. A plaque has been put up by the front door in memory of Steve Morris.

Netball. This a growing club and are enthusiastic members of the SiD family. We are delighted to have them on board and making good use of the MUGA.

Bowls. Numbers have grown and the Club is very busy with various leagues. They are very pleased with the green under the care of greenkeepers, Chris Mews and Neil Harris.

Gym. The Gym is regaining its footfall in the wake of Covid, with more of our older members having the confidence to return. We have an influx of younger members, which is good.

Scouts. All the sections of Scouts are a valued part of our SiD family, and provide a great opportunity for many youngsters in our village.

Squash. A new leadership is now in place in the Men's section, and we look forward to working with them and integrating more closely into the SiD Family. The women's section has again excelled in their league. They have introduced an on line booking and payment system which is a vast improvement.

### **Finance**

The Annual accounts are currently being finalised with our accountant and will soon be available. These show that in 2021 we were in receipt of large Covid Grants which showed as a substantial surplus of nearly £28K. These were monies we were unable to spend in that period due to SiD being shut for extended periods. In 2022 we reduced all fees by 25% to encourage retention, using £17K of the previous year's surplus. Last year, 2023, we continued support for clubs, using a further £8K of the Covid money. In this current year we aspire to achieving a break- even position. These difficult years have been able to be covered without having to dip into our reserves, which now stand at £53K.

We value the support of the Parish and District Councils.

SiD remains a valuable asset to our community, and a special and thriving place, well served by its army of lovely volunteers, which it is a joy to lead.

Sue Houghton

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# Botcheston Village Hall (BVH) annual report for Desford Parish Council

08/05/24

**Botcheston Village Hall is an integral part of the village** and is key to supporting our community and bringing us all together. The village hall committee works on behalf all residents and is committed to ensuring the hall's ongoing success, and with your support, long into the future.

## Financials

Our new Treasurer is in the process of creating a new full budget & financial statement. From the information currently available for months Feb–March 2024 the headline figures are:

Revenue        £8,536 (inc £2k grant monies)

Costs            £9,068 However, it should be noted that these include the spending of £2,000 (2024 grant monies) & 1,257.96 (2023 grant monies)

Net profit       £725 (after grant allowances)

## BVH funds:

Monies in NatWest bank as @ 29/04/24

Savings acct   £17,305

Current Acct   £1,819

**Total funds   £19,124**

Grant spending:

We are in the process of replacing the outside benches and have also purchased a number of Poseur tables to help with functions.

We have replaced the old speaker system along with updating the ageing projector & DVD player. We have also replaced the ineffective hearing loop system.

Other activities:

Our Treasurer has sourced improved Gas & Electricity contracts which will deliver significant savings based on previous usage.

We are in the process of upgrading our WiFi capability to ensure we can meet the needs of our bookings clients. This will also provide us with the capability to remotely manage lighting & heating to minimise current wasteful usage.

Bookings:

Botcheston Village Hall bookings are strong, but we have weekday slot we continue to try to fill.

However, The hall is used most days of the week. We have several local partners who use the hall at regular times each week. These include:

Botcheston WI, Kirby Grange Social Club & Desford Striders Winter training.

We also have several weekly rentals. These include 2 yoga classes per week & Adult French classes. We have a church (God answers Prayers) who use the hall regularly on Sundays.

The BVH committee use the hall monthly for Committee meets and Film Night. There is also an annual schedule of weekend events organised by the BVH committee. Recent events include a Race night and St George's quiz.

During the last quarter we have also hosted events for The Jowett car club, 2 additional Yoga providers, Spinney Shareholders, Leicestershire Police, Botcheston field committee, Desford History society, and a DPC meeting and others.

We have also hosted many Birthday parties, Wedding anniversaries and a funeral.

In April we had an additional Yoga booking which may become regular a booking. It was focussed on yoga to give relief to Menopausal and hormonal stress. In May we have a Women's self-defence workshop, Leicestershire & Rutland cycle club, The first Cameroonian cultural event of the year, The hall is used as a Polling station. As well as our usual regular bookings the hall is fully booked at weekends during May.

#### **Help & support from DPC:**

We have a good working relationship with DPC, in particular the Office of the Clerk. For which we are very grateful.

**Andrew Norton** – Chair. Botcheston Village Hall

## DESFORD VILLAGE HALL

### Annual Report 2023-4

We have regular bookings on 3 weekdays: Mother & Toddler Group, Fitness Group, Pregnancy Yoga, Upholstery and a Performance Arts class. Party bookings at weekends continue to be steady. The Quizzes, Craft Fairs and Concerts continue to be well supported and new community events for this year have been the DiB Wreath Workshop and 3 social events organised by the Good Neighbours Scheme.

The maintenance work needed on the hall and cottage has been prioritised and a few jobs already completed. Other work will be tackled as soon as we get quotes and identify how they will be paid for. Grants might be available for some of the work to the hall. We are very grateful that Malcolm has agreed to lead on this project. Our aim is to restore the building and make it fit for community use for many years to come.

We currently have 10 trustees, with 4 vacancies. Many thanks to Sue McMillan, who has taken over the organisation of the Craft Fairs and it has been good to see Molly taking part in meetings and events again, when she is able.

Thanks are also due to Yvonne for dealing with casual bookings, to Dave for his large share of the work as secretary and organising the concerts, to Mary for looking after the accounts and regular bookings, and to all the committee members for their contribution and care for the hall. We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Parish Council, particularly with the insurance.

Pat Crane  
Chair

April 2024

## DESFORD IN BLOOM

ANNUAL REPORT - DPC  
APRIL 2024

Sponsorship donations and fund-raising monies last financial year contributed towards purchasing spring bulbs, summer & autumn plants in various village locations; a 'Crown' emblem planted in the Library Heritage bed; and a new watering bowser for use by our volunteers (assisted with a small grant from HBBC).

An on-going project over recent years has been a Mining Heritage installation which involved the relocating of two flatbed carts which were kindly donated by Snibston Colliery (previously used for carrying around equipment in the mines). During last year these were transported to the village and a couple of months ago they were installed on Lindrige Lane, near to the Bird Garden. Work to complete this project is currently being undertaken and once the necessary welding and timber tasks have been carried out, they will be planted up. We hope to complete this project over the summer.

We were delighted to receive a "Making a Difference Creating a Sense of Community" award from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

Our projects currently being investigated this coming year include: the possibility of installing hanging baskets on village lampposts; and a new shed to store our watering bowsers.



## DESFORD HERITAGE ANNUAL REPORT - 2024



Desford Heritage have had yet another extremely busy but successful 12 months. The year has once again been divided between our ongoing work associated with the development of Desford Heritage Trail, and our support of community events.

The Desford Heritage Trail boards have now been in place for almost two years now. They continue to receive huge praise from those who have seen and read them. An affirmation of this was an approach from The Bagworth Forward Group who asked to meet with us to discuss how we went about this project with a view to completing their own. At that meeting they said that The Desford Heritage Trail was known as one of the best examples which was a fantastic compliment to receive and a validation of all the hard work that went into the project. The success of The Heritage Festival and subsequent grants received, has allowed us to look to extend the trail to include two additional boards; one at The Lancaster which would provide information on both the pub and the nearby railway and the other up at Caterpillar to provide an overview of the history of that site from its agricultural origins to the aerodrome and now Caterpillar. These two new boards are in the final stages of design and should go into production this year. Sadly, three of the boards are in need of repair or replacement due to damage. We have asked the production company if they will carry out these repairs at the same time they install the new boards so there is one big job done in order to limit costs. Furthermore, we are well underway with the production of a Trail Guide and map that will be available to people wishing to complete the whole trail with more direction and more detailed information. The guided walks continue to be extremely popular with external groups making private bookings in addition to the published walk dates available to the public. Once again Desford Heritage Trail will be involved in The Festival of Archaeology in July which is now a long-standing relationship. We continue to be extremely proud of the trail.

Desford Heritage were delighted to be asked by St Martin's Church to support their Christmas Tree Festival once again by taking on Santa's Grotto and the market on the Church Green. We were pleased with how well it went considering the extremely adverse weather conditions. The Church Centre was transformed into Santa's Workshop with a magical grotto at the back of the room and a range of stalls and games in the main room. This was an incredible success once again with hundreds of families coming along to meet Santa and make their Christmas wishes.

Finally, 2024 has seen the launch of our latest endeavour – Desford Heritage Family History Group. This project aims to provide the resources and support to community members interested in researching their family history in a friendly, sociable and liked minded group. People can also enjoy refreshments in our History Café where we lay out documents and pictures from the archives to stimulate memories of the village. After receiving a grant to aid its set up, a subcommittee was formed to plan and roll out this new community group. The launch event took place of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and we were overwhelmed by the number of attendees. Since then, the group has met fortnightly and the numbers in attendance have been brilliant. Feedback so far has been extremely positive and already we have had some exciting finds! It is a pleasure to be involved with.

The year ahead promises to be a busy one once again. Our projects include a collaboration with Desford in Bloom to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day with a village centre display, the completion and production of the trail guide, more guided walks for the public and private group bookings and the development of The Desford Heritage Family History Group.

Desford Heritage benefits from a team of extraordinary volunteers on all of the projects that we do and we count ourselves extremely lucky to live in a village where the community is so willing to give up their time to support projects that have such wide reaching benefits for residents. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Desford Parish Council for your ongoing support – it means so very much.

Kind regards,

Kate Twitchin