

# Friends of Thringstone Newsletter

**W**elcome to our first newsletter for the newly formed **FRIENDS OF THRINGSTONE.**

We are a group of residents from the village and its immediate surroundings who wish to help improve the local environment for the benefit of all. We are a non-political group without allegiances to any particular party or group.

We got together because we are all passionate about our village, and want it to shine, especially as it forms one of the gateways to the new National Forest and will shortly attract new visitors from all over the Midlands area to the Grace Dieu Priory project which opens later this year.

## WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

To achieve our aims, we intend to set up fund raising activities to provide plants, trees or other environmental improvements, and ask outside agencies to help us with funding opportunities.

We feel that by enhancing the appearance of the village, encouraging a litter-free environment and generally helping to improve the economic, social and general well-being of the village and community, the whole area will benefit.

The village green is historically the centre of any village, and we are therefore initially looking to put in plants and shrubs on The Green near to the Community Centre. We are pleased that we are being supported by NW Leicestershire District Council in this endeavour, and hope that a new flower bed and shrubbed area will be in place by the autumn.



Once this is completed, we intend to tidy The Green area, possibly improving the appearance of the seating area and in the

fullness of time to investigate provision of shrubs and possibly trees on the main road through the village.

We are also considering funding another bench within the village.

The group would like to attract local businesses who may wish to help us in our current and future objectives.

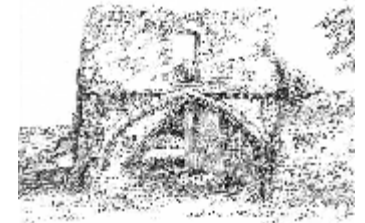
## GUEST SPEAKERS

Our group welcomes guest speakers. At previous meetings of our group we have heard from several interesting speakers on matters of local concern and interest:

**Chris Hulse**, dog warden for NW Leicestershire District Council gave a very informative talk about the problem of abandoned and stray animals, dog fouling, and protection of wildlife.



**David Whitt** from the Grace Dieu Priory Trust visited our group to talk about the forthcoming opening of the Grace Dieu Priory Project.



Thinking in terms of more legal matters, local PC **Ian Holland** and **Steve Leeland** from NW Leicestershire District Council came along and talked about nuisance reporting.





**Clark Robinson** from NW Leicestershire District Council has offered advice on tree and shrub planting.

Future guest speakers will include the Crime and Safety officer based at NW Leicestershire District Council, who will talk about general crime and safety issues, and **John Dickinson**, a well known local archaeologist who will be coming to talk about the history of our area.

## DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

Do you have skills to help us achieve our aims, free time to deliver newsletters or leaflets, or ideas to improve or further enhance our village? If so, we want to hear from you!

If you would like to be involved, in any capacity at all, in this wonderful opportunity to help improve your village, please contact any of the names at the foot of this newsletter, or turn up to our next meeting which will be held on:

**Thursday the 7th of July at 6.30pm at:**

**The Rangers Club  
Loughborough Road  
Thringstone**

## LATCH ON TO YOUR PATCH

Our group have already undertaken two huge litter-picks within the village, removing several tons of rubbish. Sadly, the dropping of litter is an ongoing problem, and whilst our group are willing to continue this work, we would like to



encourage all residents to **LATCH ON TO YOUR PATCH** – in other words to take responsibility for litter in your own area. If everyone helped with this, the amount of litter would probably halve. Fly tipping is now illegal with those found guilty being likely to receive up to a £5000 fine. Please help our environment where possible by taking litter home, recycling where possible, either using the bins we have been given by the Council or taking your rubbish to the Council recycling centre in Coalville if you can. Certain bulky household items can be collected by the Council



and you should approach them on 01530 454545 if you have any large items needing removal.

## YOUR NEWSLETTER

We are hopeful of being able to provide 4 newsletters a year, one for each season, and are running a competition, with a small prize to the winner, to provide a new name for the newsletter.

Please send in your suggestion to the Friends of Thringstone, c/o Thringstone Community Centre, and don't forget to let us have your name and address!



## CONTACT NAMES & NUMBERS

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