

Scackleton Action Group Report

Last Action Group Meeting 29th January, 2020. April meeting cancelled due to COVID-19. Next meeting – TBC.

Neighbourhood Watch

- Thieves had broken into a property in Dalby in January 2020 and had stolen jewellery. Sept 2020 - Nothing else to report locally since this incident.

Pinfold

- Rob Matthews has made a wooden display frame for the sign, fitted the Lexan, and provided a post for the sign. Sept 2020 – the sign is with Jim Louttit ready for installing in the pinfold.

Caravan in Scackleton Lane

- The applicants vacated the site by 18th February, but failed to clear the site by 18th February, resulting in a fine. Sept 2020 – caravan & alpacas removed, demolition of some of the structures, and minimal clearing. New date in August for clearance missed. Site visited by Alan Goforth a few times. A skip has arrived & 2 bags of topsoil. Awaiting an update from Alan Goforth. The site also appears to be sold subject to contract.

Promoting a cleaner & healthier village

- The new grit bin arrived and is in situ opposite Wood Cottage. Sept 2020 – all grit bins are full ready for winter.
- Grass cutting contract for 2020 is with Cliffords. Hedge at the south end of village was cut prior to grass cutting and the hedge debris cleared by residents prior to start of grass cutting.
- 2 new tubs purchased and placed either side of bench in the middle of the village, plus pots outside the church. Richard Wood maintaining & planting all 4 tubs & 2 pots in the village. All have looked good in Spring & Summer. Residents are watering them.
- Armistice plaque is in situ underneath the cherry tree, planted last year, by the Scackleton Village sign.

Speeding in the village

- While there is still continuing concerns about the speed of cars, vans and lorries travelling through the village, there has been little interest in residents taking up the offer of using Hovingham's speed gun. Prior to COVID-19, there had been several incidents of lorries becoming stuck at Coulton Mill. On one occasion residents in a car were caught between 2 lorries, which took several hours to clear. Sept 2020 – during COVID-19, traffic due to the school run & lorries going to the mill had decreased significantly. The return of schools this month may bring about an increase again. Nicole will discuss with NYCC whether additional signage for Scackleton Bank can be provided at the last place where a lorry can turn around.

Hovingham & Scackleton Newsletter

- Scackleton had a good presence in the February newsletter. The newsletter is temporarily suspended since the start of COVID-19. Any news residents want to share can be published in the weekly Hovingham & Scackleton Village Diary.

Community Events & Fund Raising

- The November Community Event, featuring Touch of Blues, raised £408.80. The money was split between St George's Church (Community building), Cancer Research UK & Ryedale Leisure Group (for Adults with learning disabilities). Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. Sept 2020 – All community events suspended as is the use of St George's Church as our community building.

VE Day celebrations

- Planned VE Day celebrations were all cancelled. VE Day was marked in Scackleton with St George's Church & properties in the village lit up in red, white & blue, provided by Paul Convy. Plus, a number of residents celebrated VE Day outside their properties on Scackleton Lane.

Action Group Committee Roles

- With full approval of those members present, Wendy Swann & Nicole Robson, swapped roles within the Action Group. Nicole became Chairperson and Wendy became Vice-Chairperson.

Scackleton Community Support Group

- Nicole Robson set up the Scackleton Community Support Group in March, with volunteers from the village, to provide support for elderly residents, shielding residents & self-isolating residents in response to COVID-19. Many residents expressed relief to hear about the group and are very grateful for the support from the team and their neighbours. The team has primarily dealt with shopping and prescription collections. Nicole also linked in to the Ryedale Community Support Team who were able to provide the volunteers with masks and hand sanitizer, and allowed us to find out about other initiatives such as the Community Kitchen, which provided free meals for elderly and /or shielding residents. Volunteers are still supporting some members of the village and are available should their services be needed again. Many thanks again to the Scackleton volunteers.