

Scackleton Action Group Report – May 2021

Last Action Group Meeting 29th January, 2020. April 2020 meeting cancelled due to COVID-19. Next meeting – TBC.
Awaiting news as to when St George's Church will be reopened & available for meetings.

Neighbourhood Watch

A number of us in the village are on the North Yorkshire Community Messaging to receive Neighbourhood Watch updates.

- Scams via post, email, mobile & telephone have increased significantly. Details of known scams have been circulated via email. Some of the scams are very threatening, & convincing.
- Dog theft is also very concerning for those of us with dogs, especially as there are a number of new young dogs in the village. NW Dog Theft Poster is up on the notice board & info has been circulated via email.

Pinfold

- New sign still to be installed.

Caravan in Scackleton Lane

- The site was eventually cleared, though still some debris, and broken fencing.
- It is believed the land has been sold, but the new owners are unknown. Apparently to be used for village allotments, which would be a change of use from Agricultural land and would require planning permission.

Promoting a cleaner & healthier village

- The grit bins will all need to be refilled later in the year as the grit was used by residents during the snowy weather.
- Grass cutting contract for 2021 is with Circle Gardening Services. Will only be 5 cuts per year, with the option of the Action Group paying for additional cuts if needed. First cut occurred 26th April. They did an excellent job, carefully cutting around the daffodils and clearing the grass off the road afterwards. Various residents have commented on this positively.
- Proposal in to the Parish Council for funding to support the planting & maintenance of our 4 tubs and 2 plant pots in the village. Currently we pay for the services of Richard Wood from Action Group funds. Various residents keep them all watered.

Traffic in the village

- The amount of traffic, and therefore speeding, through the village has been greatly reduced with Covid-19. So this issue is one to revisit later in the year.
- Lorries getting stuck at Coulton Mill - Have asked residents to let Nicole Robson know & to take photos / details of the vehicles. The farmer at Manor Farm has extracted a lorry since the last update, but didn't get their details. Nicole Robson has also stopped a few vehicles, one a removal lorry trying to get to Wool Knoll, and a grain delivery lorry going to Moses, though he did stop as soon as he saw the signs by the sawmill. Nicole Robson has had communication with Andrew Santon, the Highways Customer Communications Officer of NYCC Highways Area 3 & Area 4, in January 2021 about whether additional signage could be put up or other solutions considered. Nicole has received no further response to date, and has contacted Andrew Santon again.

Hovingham & Scackleton Newsletter

- No newsletter for the last year & discussions on-going about restarting it.
- Any news residents want to share can be published in the weekly Hovingham & Scackleton Village Diary, which is circulated by email & occasionally put on the noticeboard.

Community Events & Fund Raising

- May 2021 – All community events suspended as is the use of St George's Church as our community building.

Scackleton Community Support Group

- The Scackleton Community Support Group is still in situ for the village, with volunteers from the village still happy to be part of it. Shopping and prescription collection is still being undertaken for a few residents until such time as they feel able to go back to "normal". Many thanks again to the Scackleton volunteers.
- Nicole Robson is still linked in to the Ryedale Community Support Team who share initiatives in the area, provide support for the local community support groups and provide other services within the area. Volunteer opportunities within this are shared with the village via email.

Proposal for Parish Council to approve expenditure for the planting & maintenance of flower tubs & pots in Scackleton

Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council currently pays for the planting of flowers and maintenance of several tubs & troughs in the village of Hovingham. Scackleton do not receive this same service.

To date, Scackleton has provided its own flower tubs (4) and pots (2), paid for by the Scackleton Action Group. The original two tubs, sited by the village sign & pump, used to be maintained & planted by residents from their own pockets. After we purchased an extra 2 tubs, to go either side of the bench, and 2 pots, for the church entrance, the Action Group employed the services of Richard Wood from Hovingham to plant them up twice a year and to maintain them. The Action Group currently pays £110 per annum for this service.

I would like to ask whether the Parish Council would consider paying for this service in full or make a contribution towards the cost of this service.



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Scackleton Bank Signs

To parishclerk@hovingham.org.uk



As you know, there is concern about unsuitable vehicles ignoring the existing signs and using the route from Coulton to Scackleton via. Scackleton Bank.

We are therefore proposing to replace the signs at both ends with ones that, hopefully, will be more visible. Attached is a drawing of the proposed sign (there would be different mileages on the sign from either end, with the slopes on the warning signs altered as appropriate) and we would welcome any views the Parish Council may have before we place an order.

Thanks.

Philip Sharp

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