

## **Scackleton Action Group Report – November 2023**

**Last Action Group Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 in Scackleton Church. Next meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**

### **Promoting a cleaner & healthier village**

- Grass cutting – costs for extra cuts provided by Circle Garden Services and different ways of managing the grass cuts were discussed, with the attendees at the meeting still supporting paying for extra cuts if necessary.  
Attendees were pleased that the Parish Council had agreed to pay for a 5<sup>th</sup> grass cut in 2023. This happened on 7<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.
- The hedges and verges along Scackleton Bank need a 2<sup>nd</sup> cut back. Nicole logged it on the NY council website. Doesn't look to have happened. Has been a bit better since some vegetation has died back of its own accord, though recent storms brought down branches.
- Traffic back to normal levels after the roadworks closure of Park Street from Coulton to Hovingham for a few months in September & October.
- Flooding has occurred several times at Coulton Mill this month, resulting in cars needing to be rescued. 4x4 vehicles were OK to drive through it. In general, the water levels had been up by 2-3 feet in some of the local becks, eg the one at the back of Scackleton towards Potticar Bank, which feed into the beck below Wool Knoll. So not surprising that the beck had broken its banks in Hovingham.
- Power cuts and water cuts, for several hours, have also hit the village over the last 2 months.

### **Communication within the village**

- Circulating the weekly Hovingham & Scackleton Village Diary by email primarily. Occasionally on the notice board.
- Neighbourhood watch emails are being emailed out.
- Share & update key Parish Council issues at the Action Group Meeting.
- Trying to encourage more residents to receive emails which will allow quicker communication & less printed paper. 64% of households are on the mailing list. Several households are not connected to the internet.
- A few more residents have joined the Scackleton Community WhatsApp group after recent power & water cuts.

### **Community Events & Fund Raising**

- Team has gained Sophie Bean, but lost Michaela Richardson. Total of 4 members.
- Hosting events at St George's Church will need to be on a small scale as the cost of hiring a portaloos is prohibitive and there will be a charge for heating / lights during the winter months.
- Considered using Hovingham Village Hall for bigger events as all the facilities needed are included in the hire price. Would also allow for a larger audience. Would need to find a way of transporting Scackleton residents to such events.
- Identified a number of groups who may perform for free.
- Next meeting was scheduled for early November, but cancelled as Nicole had Covid. To be rescheduled.
- Harvest Festival was well attended following advertising in the village – email, notice board and hand delivered notices. Food donations were taken to the Malton Food Bank and Community Café.

### **Hovingham Market & Cafes**

- St George's Church had a very successful market café in October. We used the filter coffee machine and the card reader for the first time, both of which boosted sales. We made £691.28.

### **Hovingham & Scackleton Calendar**

- Residents were very pleased with their calendars and other residents have been encouraged to purchase calendars via various outlets and the market after showing around the final calendar at the Action Group Meeting.

### **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.