

Scackleton Action Group Report – March 2024

Last Action Group Meeting 24th January, 2024 in Scackleton Church. Next meeting 23rd April, 2024.

Promoting a cleaner & healthier village

- The hedges and verges along Scackleton Bank have been cut back by the owner of the fields.
- Residents cutting their own grass verges where flat. No changes to the grass cutting regime.
- Wilding in the village discussed. Need to ensure visibility for cars is maintained in the village and pedestrian access as only have a pavement in part of the village. Very hard to establish wild flower wilding, and residents felt there was enough natural wilding adjacent to the village. Want to keep the village itself as tidy as possible. Have asked the farmer who cuts the verges outside the village down Scackleton Lane to just cut back by 1m depth on the wider sections to leave the wild flowers back towards the hedge line.
- Dog fouling has increased again. Reminder sent out to residents, though probably due to visitors.
- Salt grit had gone solid in the grit bins, so residents were unable to use it during a cold spell, resulting in an ice rink at the NW end of the village. The grit in the bins has since been broken up with a crowbar and hammers.

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. 67% of households are on the mailing list. Several households are not connected to the internet.

Community Events & Fund Raising

- Not had a meeting since last year due to unavailability of people for various reasons.
- Church have decided to organise some of their own events to raise funds, like the sponsored walk around Church Farm and the area. Possibly a D Day bonfire.

Hovingham Market & Cafes

- September & December 2024 for Scackleton.

Hovingham & Scackleton Calendar

- Discussed at Action Group Meeting. Various suggestions – bench, metal artwork. Residents asked to submit ideas to Lyn White.

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.