

Scackleton Action Group Report – May 2024

Last Action Group Meeting 23rd April, 2024 in Scackleton Church. Next meeting 23rd July, 2024.

Promoting a cleaner & healthier village

- Residents cutting their own grass verges where flat.
- Agreed with Circle Garden Services suggestion of grass cutting regime for the village. Within the village, between the 2 signs, after the initial rough cut in April, the verges will all be cut short. This should include the triangle of grass by the pinfold. The grass verges out with the signs will have a close cut twice a year in August & November providing a wild flower environment. Interim cuts will cut a 1m strip at the roadside edge to allow pedestrians a safe place to step off the road.
- The grass verges from the village down to Newstead Farm are usually cut by Chris Coverdale. Have asked him to cut in a similar manner where it makes sense to do so. He will only cut the verges once / twice for us.
- Dog fouling is still occurring. Now being obscured by overgrown grass verges. Have 1 sign to put back up after it got removed by BT.
- Couple of deep potholes were filled in quickly after a resident reported them. The village has since been marked up for further road patching up. Not sure when it will be done.
- Signs at the north end of the village have been cleaned, bar one that reflects the sun into a property. Residents did not want the bright yellow sign cleaning at the south end of the village.
- 10 people volunteered to spring clean St George's Church and tidy up the graveyard shrubbery.

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. 69% of households are on the mailing list. Several households are not connected to the internet.

Community Events & Fund Raising

- Next meeting 28th May, 2024.
- 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.
- Promoted Coffee in the Garden, Yarn Bombers, Hovingham WI, The Royal British Legion, Duck Race, Monthly Coffee Mornings, etc

Hovingham Market & Cafes

- September & December 2024 for Scackleton.

Hovingham & Scackleton Calendar

- Discussed again at Action Group Meeting. Various suggestions – looking at using the money to maintain the village pumps, one of which is leaning over / collapsing.

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.