

## Scackleton Action Group Report – September 2024

**Last Action Group Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024 in Scackleton Church. Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.**

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

- Circle Garden Services have not needed to cut as much as expected as residents cut the long grass on the outer part of the village before the July cut. Residents cutting their own grass verges where flat.
- The grass verges from the village down to Newstead Farm have been cut a second time by Chris Coverdale with a 1 metre strip cut by the roadside. Hovingham Estate have cut the verges from Newstead to Hovingham Lodge.
- Working party met twice to cut back overgrown grass verges alongside the pavement to make it wide enough for walking frames, wheelchairs and prams. Residents also cut back certain sections of grass verges outside their properties. A few bits still to do. Branches from over-hanging trees were also cut back. A good communal effort by the village and much appreciated by the people previously struggling to stay on the pavement.
- John Bean kindly tidied up the areas around the water pumps.
- Weeding in the Pinfold is progressing. Jim Louttit will replace the sign in the frame which has started to disintegrate – we have multiple copies left.
- Dog fouling is still occurring. Will put up a few more extra signs & replace one eaten by cows!
- Asked Richard to remove the overly large conifers in the 2 tubs either side of the bench when he plants up for Autumn.
- Submitted a request to the N Yorkshire Highways to cut back the trees along one side of Scackleton Lane (section down to Hovingham Lodge) as they are forcing large vehicles, like Mosey's animal transporters, over to the other side of the lane resulting in the tarmac at the edge of the lane becoming broken and damaged.

### **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 and/or WhatsApp. Several households are not connected to the internet.

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

- The Community Events Team are going to just meet ad hoc when events present themselves. The music event considered for Autumn is not expected to happen any time soon.
- Harvest Festival & Carol Service in St George's Church will be occurring in October & December respectively.
- Promoted many other events in Hovingham over the last 2 months.

### **Hovingham Market & Cafes**

- September Café for St George's Church raised £746.46. Would have been more but for the heavy downpour late morning which killed off the market.
- 21st December 2024 is the date of the 2nd Christmas Market cafe to be run by the Scackleton Action Group.

### **Hovingham & Scackleton Calendar**

- The pump has been beautifully restored by Tony Palmer, who offered his time & skill for free – photo overleaf. Rob Matthews supplied the wood. The £250 from the proceeds of the calendar have paid for other materials needed to complete the repair.
- Scackleton are not taking any money from the 2024 calendar. It will all go towards the playground. 2 photos of Scackleton area are in the calendar.

### **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.

