

## Scackleton Action Group Report – November 2024

Last Action Group Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 in Scackleton Church. Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

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

- Circle Garden Services completed the last and 7<sup>th</sup> grass cut on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Should see us through to the early April rough cut in 2025.
- Few bits of grass verges to have a final tidy up.
- Dog fouling is still occurring.
- Conifers have been removed from 2 tubs and have been replanted for winter.
- Scackleton Lane broken tarmac filled in. Branches by roadside are not over-hanging enough to warrant cutting. The council are aware of the issue and they will keep an eye on things.
- Mark Wilson has taken the benches in for this winter.
- Nicole will look into the cost of purchasing more “Neighbourhood watch” signs following concerns raised about a drone peering into people’s houses.
- Wild Scackleton. Steve Britland is liaising with Nick Burrows re coming to the village to give a talk to residents. Awaiting dates & times. Manoir Farm & Highfield House are restoring / creating shallow ponds.
- A number of footpaths around the area are very overgrown or have been blocked off. Residents have been encouraged to photograph them to report, with GPS coordinates, to The National Landscape Howardian Hills to chase up the landowners.

### **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**

- Dissolved the Community Events Team for now as no interest. Available if needed.
- Harvest Festival was well attended.
- Carol Service in St George’s Church is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Hovingham Market & Cafes**

- 21st December 2024 is the date of the 2nd Christmas Market cafe to be run by the Scackleton Action Group.

### **Hovingham & Scackleton Calendar**

- 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.