

Scackleton Action Group Report – January 2025

Last Action Group Meeting 14th January, 2025 in Scackleton Church. Next meeting is 15th April, 2025.

Promoting a cleaner & healthier village

- Scackleton had a quite a bit of snow. Chris Coverdale at Newstead Lodge cleared the snow from his farm on Scackleton Lane up to the village. John Ramsey ploughed the length of the village, the top of Scackleton Bank and the top of Scackleton Lane near the pinfold. Left Scackleton Lane from Newstead Farm to Hovingham Lodge & Thwaites Cottage unploughed – this is Hovingham Estate land.
- The grass verges got damaged following the ploughing / clearing of the snow. The verge opposite Manor Farm has been patched up and should recover OK. There is a pile of stuff at the pinfold to be sorted out.
- Dog fouling is still occurring. The latest shoot left a lot dog faeces. The game keeper to remind them to pick it up.
- Nicole will purchase more “Neighbourhood watch” signs for Grange Lane & Low Moor Lane, and possibly one to replace the sign at the north end of the village.
- Wild Scackleton. Steve Britland is liaising with Nick Burrows re coming to the village to give a talk to residents. Awaiting dates & times. Manor Farm & Highfield House are restoring / creating shallow ponds.
- Woodlands around Hovingham Lodge & Twaites Cottage. With Sir William as to whether he progresses this or not. Detailed plans will only be produced if given the go-ahead.
- The council has failed to deliver supplies of grit for roads such as Low Moor in Scackleton.

Defibrillator & kiosk

- The power supply for the kiosk & defibrillator went off sometime in November / December. Turned out a fuse had blown which Northern Powergrid replaced. All fully functional again, health checked & reregistered with the ambulance service.
- The kiosk has had a damaged pane of glass since its installation in 2010 which had remained intact. Last month something must have hit it causing it to partially fall out. Glass has been purchased and will be replaced soon.

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. Looking for ways to share this info with the rest of the village – WhatsApp or printed.
- 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.

- Carol Service in St George’s Church was a packed church, followed by mince pies & wine.
- Roland is planning on holding an 80th Anniversary VE Day event in May. He has written to Sir William to extend the invitation to Hovingham. Bell ringing, flag, beacon/bonfire, etc

Hovingham Market & Cafes

- 21st December market cafe made £1,119.13. Made up for the deficit in May 2023 (King’s coronation).
- Next market café is 1st February 2025 for 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.