

Scackleton Action Group Report – November 2025

Last Action Group Meeting 14th October, 2025 in Scackleton Church. Next meeting is 20th January, 2026.

Promoting a cleaner & healthier village

- Had 7 grass cuts by Circle Garden Services. Chris Coverdale of Newstead Farm has kindly cut the grass down Scackleton Lane to the 90-degree been cut again.
- Dog fouling is still occurring on all lanes. Plenty of notices up. Grange Lane has been particularly bad. Reminded residents again.
- The number of shoots in the village is up significantly this 2025/2026 season. At least 19 occurring, possibly 20 across land at Grange Farm, Manor Farm, Low Moor Farm and Church Farm. Dates of the shoots have been shared to allow residents and pets (dogs & horses) to prepare for them, or to vacate the village on these dates. Hovingham Estate has had one unexpectedly alongside Thwaites Cottage down towards Wool Knoll and beyond. Alice Hayter is not expecting any more, but will ensure that the residents at Twaites Cottage are forewarned next time.
- Wild Scackleton – Steve Britland hosted our talk from National Landscapes Howardian Hills & North Yorks Moors Birds on the Edge. Unfortunately, the chap giving the bird talk had to call off at short notice. It was well attended and interesting. Work has started on restoring the dew pond at Manor Farm which residents are taking an interest in. This will be followed by work starting at Highfield House on the pond there which will be fed by a natural spring.
- The Wild Scackleton talk also mentioned several other initiatives which residents at the meeting expressed an interest in – Dark Skies project (night biodiversity & lights), Bird feeders project & Village Green / Verges project. Will be shared with a wider audience at our next Action Group Meeting in January.

Defibrillator & kiosk

- The kiosk awaiting the repair to the glass. Currently taped up to avoid more glass falling out. Person due to do the repair is recovering from car crash incident. No urgency.

Communication within the village

- Circulating the weekly Hovingham & Scackleton Village Diary by email & WhatsApp. Occasionally on the notice board.
- Neighbourhood watch emails are being emailed out & shared on the village WhatsApp Group.
- Share & update key Parish Council issues at the Action Group Meeting.

Community Events & Fund Raising.

- Spring clean of St George's got missed. Will be delayed until Spring 2026.
- Harvest festival – Sunday 19th October at 3pm – this was well attended with the younger residents participating in the service.
- Carol Service – 21st December at 3pm.

Hovingham Market & Cafes

- October market café for St George's Church coincided with Storm Amy. Lower market attendance than normal, significantly reduced stall holders and an early finish. The Market Committee helped us raise additional funds by issuing stall holders with vouchers. £589.76 was raised for the church, which was good considering the circumstances.

Hovingham & Scackleton Calendars

- The number of calendars purchased by Scackleton residents was up this year, prompted by a higher number of photos (5) from 4 Scackleton photographers.