

## 'OUR HELEN'

Helen Silson our friend and a founding member of the Northowram Scarecrow Event organising committee, who, after a brave battle with cancer passed away at the age of 46. Helen worked tirelessly with all her family for the village they love, She was raised in the village, ran the newsagent's shop for over five years and any spare time the mother-of-four had was taken up by her community work. You can see their efforts in the 'Northowram in Bloom' and the beautiful 'Light up Northowram' Christmas lights projects. Helen's last visit to the village was to see the Christmas lights switch-on, which was especially poignant, as it is her father James Shepherd who has contributed so much in ensuring the lights were introduced to Northowram.

She is sorely missed, but not forgotten and the NSE committee decided that an everlasting memorial to Helen, in the form of an annual trophy, is presented to the overall winner of the scarecrow competition.