

# NORTHOWRAM SCARECROW EVENT

## Committee Meeting

Wednesday 28th May 2025 at The Club

Present: Steve Collingwood (SC), Janet Green (JG), Richard Priestley (RP), Elaine Caffrey (EC), Martin Hey (MH), David Rawlings (DR), John Kirwan (JK), Lynn Jagger (LJ),

Apologies: Molly J Varley (MJV), Phil Ward (PW), Elaine Hey (EH), Holly Branscombe (HB).

Item	Notes	Action
1.	<b>Attendance.</b>  See list above for those present and apologies	ALL
2.	<b>Previous minutes.</b>  Minutes from previous meeting approved	ALL
3.	<b>2025 Event Review</b>  The Committee reviewed the 2025 weekend event looking at what when well, what could be improved, and lessons learnt.  A big thank you to all involved in the 2025 Event.  Over 80 Scarecrows registered again. Standard of was high and the enthusiasm of the participants was great to see. Lots of brilliant photos taken by EH over the bank holiday weekend for the website.  The 2025 Event Financial report was circulated. - Funds raised on the event days slightly down on last year. This may be down to the Easter break only being 2 weeks earlier and the current economic climate.  £7,000 was raised with £2,300 expenses.  <u>Considerations for 2026</u>  Good to have the school involved again. They had a success day - Need to keep the PTFA on board.  Football events on the Rec over 2 days was a success – need to be repeated. Tennis events went well too – need to be repeated.  Council emptied bins prior to event but the amount of rubbish generated over the weekend was significant. MH and his team collected it all this year. Going forward the Committee to enquire with the Council about of cost of emptying the rubbish bins each day.  A future Home Guard display to be put on hold.  An Opening Ceremony to be reconsidered – PW volunteered to lead.  The new Volunteers – many will return next year.	

	<p>Signage of events needs to be improved. - All event holders/organisers to be encouraged to advertise what they are doing over the event weekend.</p> <p>Having scarecrows on the main Halifax Road to be considered to make the event more visible. Need large scarecrows to “announce the event”</p> <p>Scarecrow signs with QR codes at St Matthews to be considered</p> <p>Having the Tombola and a Face painter sited at The Club worked well. - decision on next year required.</p> <p>Need to not overload Tombola with helpers.</p> <p>Judging went well – the judging criteria was a help – need to consider making this available beforehand to “scarecrow makers”</p> <p>There were a lot of Tombola prizes left – JG to dispose of any unwanted items.</p> <p>There is a need to replace 2 banners for the Main Roads and 2 smaller banners.</p> <p>Sand trays are required for the Mini Scarecrows.</p> <p>A replacement phone and sum-up machine required.</p> <p>The event at the stables on Sunday was a success and LJ asked for the photos to be made available to her.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>EH</p>
4.	<p><b>Grant Bid Process</b></p> <p>Agreed the Grant Sub-Committee to comprise of MV, JK, JG and input from DR</p> <p>Agreed £6k grant funding to be distributed/earmarked to local community organisations and projects.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Northowram Christmas Tree update</b></p> <p>There has been no response to the last appeal for volunteers to join a committee to fundraise.</p> <p>To be discussed at next meeting</p>	ALL
6.	<p><b>Memorial Garden Update</b></p> <p>Having been let down by a contractor DR to meet with a new joiner to discuss requirements at the Memorial Garden.</p> <p>DR to update the Grants Sub Committee of any change to quote for the work</p>	<p>DR</p> <p>DR</p>
7.	<p><b>Date of next meeting.</b></p> <p>Next Meeting: AGM Prep - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 7.30pm at The Club</p>	