



Hello, again, once more we have had a very difficult year to negotiate, but my name is still Steve Collingwood, and I am still, happy to say, the Chair of the Northowram Scarecrow Event Committee.

This report is covering a 'non-event' once more, which was a most difficult decision to make, but due diligence had to prevail.

Since March 2020, some 18 months ago, this country and the rest of the world has experienced something quite unbeknown to most of us. The tremendous amount of work and stress the many front line and key workers have and still are experiencing makes those of us not involved very grateful indeed.

The Northowram Scarecrow Event Team, which comprises of both committee members and volunteers, have been left frustrated that they have been unable to put on a show to help our village and its community. I did say this last year but 'we will be back' in 2022. The term 'big bang' has been mentioned a few times so let's keep our fingers crossed.

The event raises valuable funds that helps us keep the event running each year, as well as aiding various village amenities and groups. With the cancellation of the event for the second year running we decided to raise monies from an online 'GoFundMe' campaign. I am delighted to say the magnificent sum of £1,867.65 was raised which will be used for any worthwhile projects within the village that require such assistance. We finally managed to finish assisting the tennis club with a payment of £500, as well as the 'northowram.org' website with extra funding for licenses and fees. With the delays to the bids process we also have considerations for a bench refurb on Lydgate, further funding for the 'Light up Northowram' Christmas lights, and some service item requirements for the AED at the village library.

As was mentioned in previous years' Chair's reports the Scarecrow Caravan/Information Centre needed to be replaced I am happy to say that we have finally managed to obtain another vehicle which just needs a clean and polish, volunteers may be required.

The 'Aims and Objectives' of the NSE remain the same, as do the 'Roles and Responsibilities' currently held by Committee members. These are available in this AGM booklet as well as downloadable from our website at [www.northowramscarecrows.co.uk](http://www.northowramscarecrows.co.uk)

We would like to invite any business or individual to become the main event sponsor for 2022. If you are interested or you know of a business or individual who may be interested in sponsoring this annual event, please contact us on [northowramscarecrows@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:northowramscarecrows@hotmail.co.uk)

By now I am sure you are wondering what is with the questionable 'logo' on the front page of this booklet. Well for the past 2 years planning has been ongoing to have a 'brand' relaunch of the NSE to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but with the cancellation of the last 2 events we had to put this on hold. But come early 2022 we will be revealing the rebrand with our new logo and revamped website, please watch on social media for further news towards the end of the year

Lastly, a reminder of the Armistice Day Service 2021 will take place on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10.50am for a 10.55 start with readings and collective remembrance of those involved in conflict past and present.

As I close this report my grateful thanks again go to all those who have supported myself in this role, as well as those in the community who continue to contribute to the success of this event.

This booklet will be available to view on our website.