



# SKELTON VILLAGE TRUST NEWSLETTER April 2021



Dear Member

Once again the flowering of daffodils and other bulbs that we have planted around the village herald the arrival of Spring in Skelton. May they also mark the beginning of the end of the difficult times that have faced us all for the past year.

In common with other organisations we have been unable to undertake any of our normal activities – so it's a good job that daffodil bulbs are naturalised!

We are now looking forward to a resumption of our annual programme later in the year and, as you will read below, have fixed a date for the first speaker evening of our new season in October when we shall be able to gather together again in the Village Hall to hear our speaker, enjoy a buffet supper and actually socialise.

This Newsletter also contains one or two items of interest and our audited annual accounts for 2020.

*Philip Butler* Chairman

## **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS**

Our website has been reconstructed. Please note its new address;

<https://www.skeltonvillagetrustyork.com>



**SPEAKER EVENING** Our next Speaker and Social Evening will be held in the Village Hall on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm**

The speaker will be local resident Ian Drake. His subject: **Thomas Hanstock** (who ran a photography and postcard business in York during the first half of the twentieth century). Tickets will be available from early September.

**LOCAL PLAN** Last March we reported that the Planning Inspectors were still considering their response to the hearings they held in December. Subsequently the inspectors suggested that the Local Plan application could be withdrawn and a revised plan submitted. City of York Council decided against this. As a result, new Consultations are required on several topics. One of these is the Greenbelt around villages and this could obviously impact Skelton. Again the waiting continues.

**FOOTPATHS** Three historic footpaths around Skelton have been submitted to City of York Council for inclusion on the official list of footpaths. (After January 2026 this will no longer be possible). Each application needs to be assessed and the backlog was extensive (estimated at 20+ years). Things have improved greatly but applications are reviewed in date order with several to be considered before those in Skelton.

**YORKSHIRE GREEN ENERGY ENABLEMENT PROJECT** You will have received a letterbox pamphlet from NationalGrid about the above. The effect on Skelton is to construct two overhead power lines from the existing power line near Stripe Lane towards Shipton. More significant – and visually detrimental – is the intention to construct a new substation on the outskirts of Skelton. This structure could be up to the size of three soccer pitches, full of upstanding switchgear.

The currently favoured site options 1 and 2 for this are north of Skelton and to the south of Shipton, between the A19 and the East Coast mainline. Given that this site (coded YN3b) would not be visible from Skelton then it –and other possible sites to its west – should not raise objections from us. Indeed, when compared with three other possible sites adjacent to the north, east and southern housing boundaries of Skelton (all of which are completely unacceptable) it should be supported.

The pamphlet you received is the first (non statutory) stage of the consultation process. We encourage you to state your views. Next winter will see the next – statutory – stage involving Parish Councils, Ward Committees and special interest groups.

The deadline for the current consultation is April 15.

Details of the proposals are in Section 4 pp 13-21 of the following:

[www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/136191/download](http://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/document/136191/download)

The questionnaire where you can state your views follows. Go to 'Have Your Say' (or request a paper copy)

[www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity-transmission/yorkshire-green](http://www.nationalgrid.com/uk/electricity-transmission/yorkshire-green)

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

Balance at 1 Jan 2020		1,607.20
Income Received During Year		
Subscriptions and Donations	216.00	
Net Proceeds from Speaker Evenings	174.01	
		390.01
Deduct:-		
Expenditure Incurred During Year		
Christmas tree Project	155.00	
Back up DVD's for speaker Evenings	34.14	
Sundry Stationary/ Printing Costs / Website and Domain	121.41	
Commemorative Tree and Plaque	148.99	
		459.54
Add:-		
Decrease in Cash during Year		<u>(69.53)</u>
Balance at 31 December 2020		1537.67

Only for those who did not pay subscriptions in 2020.

Subscriptions for 2021 are now payable to Ian Hutchinson 2 Moorlands Road. (£3 Single, £5 family)