



Clearing out a drawer Mr Bob Trafford of Alvingham came across this delightful old photograph of a harvest many moons ago. The consensus of opinion in the village has come to the conclusion that this was a horse drawn threshing machine which would have been towed from farm to farm, probably by six to eight horses. Once on site it would work by steam however. As Mr Trafford notes, there is always a dog to be seen on these old harvest photographs — and the explanation for this is the rats! Well he remembers, as a young lad living in Alvingham, chopping off the rats' tails and bringing them in to Louth. Every tail was worth 2d, which was quite a bonus for a youngster in those days. The council paid out the money as part of their campaign to keep the rat population down, but Mr Trafford still wonders how closely they counted them up...