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Organisers of the unique event, which draws people from across the globe, said the 2022 festival was to be their best yet. A burst of fireworks and flaming fireballs signalled the official start of the festival, when the village was stormed by handsome Viking warriors and shield maidens, and drummers.

Highlights of the night included the UK's strongest Viking, Thorkell the Tall – aka Ryan Linley of Hull pulling the festival's famous Viking Longship across the arena in Mereside, 30 Flamborough Fireballers, and the 1,200-strong flaming torchlight procession.

Earlier in the evening, the Volsung Vikings, led by Jarl Thorstein Oxleg, re-enacted their 850AD invasion, with young Vikings encouraged to join them in the arena. The festivities concluded with a fireworks finale.

Flamborough Fire Festival is held in aid of local community groups and charities.



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Dressed for the occasion (Image: Danny Lawson/PA)



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Great balls of fire (Image: Danny Lawson/PA)

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The torchlit procession through Flamborough (Image: Danny Lawson/PA)

