

# Hovingham Action Group

## Status Report – September 2014

### Hovingham Website

- Currently paid for by the Action Group and to be an asset to the village it requires updating. It is planned for a website update sometime in the future.

### Environment and Wildlife

- The bee hives and equipment have been passed onto Ali Clay. Ali will liaise with the school for children to visit the hives
- Future wildflower planting will be more selective so that impact is enhanced.
- It feels like autumn already and thoughts are turning toward "what kind of winter will we have?" Snow clearing is on the agenda and will feature in next months report.
- For environment and wildlife issues contact [Ann Chapman](#) or [David Richardson](#).

### Market

- The Hovingham Market has recently, and unfortunately, hit on poor weather. As a result visitor numbers although down are holding up! The market does provide an excellent social and selling setting.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
- For information on market issues contact [Martin Bell](#).

### Playground

- A memorial plaque for Sir Marcus Worsley is planned to be unveiled on the new covered shelter in October and a ceremonial event is planned to take place.
- Tunnels have been created in the existing timber fort and the playground group are liaising with Hovingham School to provide artwork to go inside the tunnels. The ultimate aim is to get the school to use the playground as a resource for learning and exercise.
- Using the Pasture Lane development fund the Playground Group have installed new equipment purchased from Image Playgrounds in Sherriff Hutton.
- The willow planting, although adding an interesting feature to the playground, has been the victim of 'exuberant' play causing damage. This will be monitored closely.
- Instances of dogs being seen in the playground despite 'No dog' signs. Ryedale DC Dog Warden has been informed and is providing appropriate advice and action.
- The playground is proving very popular with visitors coming from far and wide. However car parking is proving a problem and will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Hedge cutting took place on the bank holiday weekend where 9 willing volunteers helped to cut the hedges with equipment gratefully loaned by Richard Wood and Mark Wilson. The task took much longer than anticipated and was concluded in a heavy shower burst.
- Contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Carol Battersby](#), [Rosemary Stewart](#) or [David Richardson](#) if you would like to be involved.

### Church Clock

- An in depth inspection carried out by Hills Tower Clocks identified maintenance requirements. The cost, approximately £2,500, has been fully financed with donations from many private individuals, the Market and Action Groups. The Action Group also ran a stall at the August market which also raised funds. It is planned for the work to start in September 2014. For further information contact [Ann Chapman](#) or [David Richardson](#)

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

- Regular emails with information from the police are sent out. All villagers should be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

David Richardson, 27 April 2017