

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – January 2015

Hovingham Website- For information please contact [Phil Chapman or Caroline Davis](#)

- Sponsored by the Action Group, in the process of major updating & revision. Watch this space!

Environment and Wildlife - For further information please contact [Ann Chapman or David Richardson](#)

- Anyone who would like to help clear snow after substantial falls will be welcomed and greatly appreciated by residents and businesses in the village.

Market - For information on market issues please contact [Peter Stark](#)

- The Hovingham Market was a winner in the Duke of York's Community Initiative Awards, presented by the Duke in a ceremony in Rotherham.
- After a couple of months of poor weather and reduced visitor numbers subsequent markets have attracted increased footfall and good trading. The next market is at the beginning of February.
- The market group continues to look at ways to improve the monthly market, however Martin Bell, after sterling work running the market has decided to step down and Peter Stark is taking over as chairman of the market group. Many thanks go to Martin for his time, patience and leadership throughout his chairmanship.
- New volunteers who wish to contribute to the running of the market will be made very welcome and any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.

Playground - Please contact [Ann Chapman, Carol Battersby, Rosemary Stewart or David Richardson](#)

- A notice board has been placed at the playground entrance and after issues with condensation a number of signs are now displayed
- Tunnels were created in the timber fort/slide and artwork by the school children has now been fitted inside the tunnels. This is the final piece of work planned and the playground does look exceptionally well.
- The memorial plaque for Sir Marcus Worsley is now planned to be unveiled at a ceremonial event in the spring on the covered shelter.
- Contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives.

Church Clock - For information please contact [Ann Chapman, Neil Booth or David Richardson](#)

- The maintenance of the clock by Terry Hill of Hills Tower Clocks in Leeds has not been without difficulties and has taken longer than expected. However the clock is now in full working order and running well.
- The cost was fully financed with donations from many private individuals, the Parish Council, Market and Action Groups. Many thanks to all those involved.
- **UPDATE 21.12.2014.** The church clock is not running that well. The problem seems to be the ¼ chimes interfering with the hour and stopping the clock. Neil Booth has lifted the hammer off the bells so they don't strike and the clock has been left to run silently. **06.01.2015** Visit made.

Christmas Tree - For information please contact [Murray Stewart](#)

- Once again the Action Group, with finance from the Market Group, provided the village with a well lit Christmas tree, situated outside the village hall and a welcome sight it has been.
- Thanks go to Murray Stewart, Mark Wilson and David Richardson for the planning and work involved.

Neighbourhood Watch - For information please contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- Regular emails and information on criminal activity from the police are sent out. Villagers should continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

David Richardson, 27 April 2017