

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – July 2015

Hovingham Village Website - contact [Caroline Davis, Janice Wood or David Richardson](#).

- The website sponsored by the Action Group is in the process of major revision and updating. All local businesses and services have been added to provide a comprehensive source for local people and visitors to the area. It is hoped to obtain funding for the website for the next 3 years and discussions are ongoing with relevant parties.

Environment and Wildlife - contact [Ann Chapman or David Richardson](#)

- All road and street signs in the village were cleaned in May. This is a once a year task and along with many other initiatives projects the village in a good light

Market - contact [Peter Stark](#)

- Visitor numbers at the June market were again excellent. However it was a very windy day and this caused problems, with one stall blowing over and other stalls having to be relocated. The market continues to be very successful and the PR efforts put in by the market Group are paying dividends.
- New volunteers to help with the running of the market are always very welcome; also any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.

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

- A memorial plaque ceremony to commemorate Sir Marcus Worsley was held on a sunny afternoon in June. There was a great turnout from the village and the school played their part, making it a great occasion.
- The wooden train has been spruced up with paint in 2 bright colours and this has transformed this item of equipment.
- A recent inspection by an independent inspection company highlighted a number of minor issues which need to be rectified.
- As the Playground is self-funded and regular maintenance of the equipment/grass cutting is an ongoing requirement any donations, and offers of help, would be gratefully received.
- Contact us if you would like to be involved in various ongoing initiatives.

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- An irreplaceable carved stone artefact, originally part of a stone cross and dating from the late 8th or early 9th Century, has been stolen from Hovingham Church. It was originally displayed in a window recess near the organ. Anyone who knows of its whereabouts should contact a Church Warden or the Parish Clerk. The police have been informed and are appealing for information. It is believed the stone went missing between 23 May and 6 June.
- Regular emails and information on criminal activity from the police continue to be sent out. Villagers should be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Snow Clearing and Gritting - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- We are currently undertaking a survey of the current grit bin locations so we can ask NYCC to take care of filling the most important bins and the Action Group would take care of the rest. This will also allow grit requirements for the forthcoming winter to be determined and delivery arranged via NYCC and the Parish Council.
- Volunteers to help keep strategic pavements clear are always welcome

Please contact any of the groups directly or via emails to action@hovingham.org.uk

David Richardson, 27 April 2017