

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – November 2015

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

- The website, sponsored by the Action Group, is in the process of major revision and updating. Funding for the next 3 years has been secured, we have contacted web designers and are looking at what they can offer us. The intention is to provide a comprehensive source for local people and visitors to the area.

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

- Further planting of bulbs is planned.
- Winter is almost upon us and preparations are underway to combat whatever comes in the way of snow. We have had two fairly mild winters and the chances are we may have some snow to shift before spring arrives. Anyone willing to give an hour to shift snow from designated footpaths in the village will be made very welcome.
- Grit bins are located in the village and will be kept full by the Action Group, with NYCC filling just a couple of bins in the village. The Parish Council have ordered 25 tons of salt grit which should comfortably see us through this year and possibly following years.

Market - contact [Peter Stark or Caroline Davis](#)

- Congratulations yet again, to the market who were a finalist in the 2015 NYCC Community Awards, Best Community Project category.
- A lot goes on behind the scenes to make the sure the market continues to flourish and as it appears at 10.30 on market days is not the final part of the process. New volunteers to help with the running of the market are always very welcome.
- 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](#)

- Residents and dog walkers, when in the vicinity of the playground, are asked to keep a watchful eye and report anything untoward following recent reports of vandalism.
- The main part of the hedge cutting was carried out by Cliffords (who also cut verges in the village). The final hedge, which Clifford's couldn't cut because of obstacles was trimmed and cleared by the playground committee and other willing volunteers, equipment and support was given by kind residents.
- Along with other maintenance the zip wire is being overhauled and updated. This is being carried out by a local playground firm.
- It is important everyone should be aware that the Playground is self funded, issues such as the recent wasp's nests, damage, regular maintenance of equipment, grass & hedge cutting all have a cost and are ongoing requirements. **Donations, however small would be greatly appreciated.**
- Contact us if you would like to be involved in various initiatives.

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- 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.

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