

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – September 2016

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

- The new website www.hovingham.org.uk promotes the village and gives a comprehensive source of information to residents and visitors. During the August village market the Action Group presented the website on a screen on the stage in the Main Hall to launch the website and heighten awareness across the community.

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

- The church clock was silent and out of action waiting repairs to the chime pulleys for a period but is back working again. Exploratory examination of electrifying the clock will take place later this year.

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

- The August market had good weather and approximately 800 adult visitors, plus many children. However the September market started off in good weather, but later heavy rain arrived. This kept number down to around 550, but stall holders still reported good sales figures.
- The new Market website (www.hovingham-market.org.uk) is up and running, promoting the Market and stallholders. Please check it out and feel free to comment.
- Although not totally attributable to the new websites (Village and Market) there has been a noticeable increase in market visitors and greater interest from potential stallholders making the market much more resilient, with an atmosphere of success at every Market.
- As always many thanks to the many volunteers, who help setup, take down stalls, record visitor numbers, hand out literature and sell shopping bags. **New volunteers 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](#)

- Following our yearly independent inspection a working party was held to rectify the small number of issues brought up in the report.
- The Playground is run by volunteers and requires regular funding for the inspections, repairs and regular maintenance of equipment. Grass & hedge cutting add to this, all diminishing funds. **Donations, however small are greatly appreciated.**
- Contact us if you would like to be involved in various initiatives that take place. **Volunteers are needed to help out on a very occasional basis.**

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- The village is now a cold calling free zone, effectiveness will be monitored in the coming months.
- Regular information detailing criminal activity in Ryedale is received from the police and passed on by email to residents. Residents should be vigilant and report all suspicious activities to the police.

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

David Richardson, 15 September 2016