

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – March 2017

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

- A litter pick is planned for 11th March. It is hoped for a good turn out of volunteers and depending on numbers how far the volunteers will go to collect litter. A report will appear in the next newsletter.
- The possibility of electrifying the church clock is being assessed and a paper has been produced setting out the implications.
- No snow yet this winter!! But whenever we get a significant snowfall in the village the Action Group snow shifting team will spring into action and clear snow from priority footpaths. **Please get in touch if you can help, as and when snow arrives.**

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

- The February market enjoyed good sunny weather with approximately 650 visitors. There were a record number of traders and most reported good takings. This was the first market where the majority of stalls didn't need to be dismantled by volunteers and this seemed to go down well. **Regular/occasional volunteers are always made 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](#)

- The Playground is run by volunteers and requires regular attention and checks so standards remain high. We rely on volunteers to help out. **Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives that take place.**
- Funding for inspections, repairs, regular maintenance of equipment, grass & hedge cutting all diminish funds. **Donations however small are greatly appreciated.**

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman or David Richardson](#)

- It was reported that a 'bogus' gas reader had visited a house in the village. Information was passed to the police who followed this up.
- Scams are now a regular occurrence, especially emails and phone calls. Everyone is advised to be careful answering emails which look dubious and if in doubt please contact us or speak to a neighbour before replying to anything that doesn't sound right.
- Regular information detailing criminal activity in Ryedale is received and passed on by email to residents. Everyone is encouraged to report to the police anything they see which is in anyway suspicious.

Newsletter - contact [Ann Chapman, Caroline Davis or newsletter@hovingham.org.uk](#)

- The Hovingham newsletter has been delivered to every house in the village for some years and is an excellent source of information, news and comment. The editorial team always welcome articles from local people, why not get those fingers tapping, or even use a pen or pencil and put forward something for publication.

Volunteering - contact [Ann Chapman, Caroline Davis or David Richardson](#)

- As can be seen from above the Action Group always welcomes more volunteers. If you would like to help just for an hour or so to enable Hovingham to remain a special place to live please get in touch. Contact any of the groups directly or via emails to action@hovingham.org.uk