

# Hovingham Action Group Status Report – May 2017

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

- 28 willing Hovingham residents carried out the third annual litter pick, collecting 56 sacks of litter. The litter, mostly thrown from vehicles entering or leaving the village is a sad reflection of modern society. Many thanks and a big pat on the back to the community for coming together to look after the local environment. Thanks also to Sally & Tony at the Worsley Arms for their kind and welcome refreshments.
- Doug Stark at Coulton kindly donated 650 daffodil bulbs which were planted at the Hovingham gates entrance to the village on Park Street. Many thanks to Doug for his kind offer and the 6 volunteers who planted them.
- Annual Sign Cleaning has been carried out throughout the village, cleaning all signs, signposts etc.
- **Heart felt thanks to all the volunteers who gave valuable time into making the village a special place to live.**

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

- Both March and April markets enjoyed good weather and excellent visitor numbers. Most traders reported good takings and visitors enjoyed the atmosphere generated.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
- **Market News** is published prior to every Market; you can subscribe via the website to receive your own email copy.
- **Regular/occasional volunteers are made very welcome in helping with the many tasks involved in making this a successful enterprise.**

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

- On a wild and windy day annual playground maintenance was carried out, all the equipment was spruced up and hedges were tidied up (a much bigger job than anticipated) . Once the wind had dropped we sprayed under the hedges for weeds.
- There have been issues with footballs being burst on the hedge behind the goal. To combat this 3 tarpaulin sheets were purchased. After using the tarpaulin can users please remove the tarpaulin so that the hedge is not affected with lack of light.
- The cost for inspections, repairs, regular maintenance of equipment, grass & hedge cutting all diminish our funds.
- The Playground is run by volunteers and requires regular attention and checks so standards remain high. We rely on volunteers to help out. Thanks to the volunteers who inspect the playground every week as part of our ongoing pledge to make the playground a pleasant place for children and accompanying adults to use.
- **Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives that take place. Donations, however small, are always greatly appreciated.**

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

- Scams would appear to be a regular occurrence, especially emails or phone calls. Everyone is advised to be careful answering ANY email which looks dubious. 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.
- **You can subscribe to regular email Neighbourhood Watch alerts by subscribing on the Village Website.**
- **Please keep your eyes and ears open; make the village safe for both yourself and your neighbour.**

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

- Delivered to every house in the village the newsletter is an excellent source of local information, news and comment. The editorial team welcome all articles sent in.
- Colour copies are also available on the Village Website and you can subscribe to also receive copies by email.
- **Please contact us if you would like to help write, edit or distribute the Village Newsletter.**

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

- The website has been transferred to an independent server, completing the evolution from the website developer who designed the site for us. This will be more cost effective and will ensure the validity of the site in the future.
- Anyone can subscribe to receive the Weekly Village Diary by email; please subscribe on the village website.
- Details of events of interest to residents are welcomed for inclusion on the Village Diary and Website. Please email [events@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:events@hovingham.org.uk) with details.
- **Local businesses and Community Groups are encouraged to send us details, or update, their entry on the site.**

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

- **The Action Group welcomes new 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 an email to [action@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk)**