

Hovingham Action Group Status Report – July 2017

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

- No activity to report this month due to holidays, but many thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed this year into making the village a special place.

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

- The May & June markets had excellent visitor numbers in, the region of 800 per market. Traders and visitors all appeared to enjoy the warm spring weather. During these markets we welcomed 9 new guest stallholders. All fed back that they enjoyed the community feel of the Market. We've also received expressions of interest for further bookings.
- 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 and occasional volunteers are very much appreciated to help with the many tasks involved in making this such a successful enterprise.**

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

- Regular checks and maintenance is carried out. There was a problem with the Zip wire, which had to be fenced off for a few days but this was kindly repaired by Image Playgrounds.
- A refurbishment of the wooden train has been carried out to prolong the life of this well used piece of equipment. Many thanks to Phil & Ann Chapman for the ingenious use of materials and their time and expertise.
- The cost for inspections, repairs, regular maintenance of equipment, grass & hedge cutting all diminish funds. The Playground is run by volunteers and requires regular attention and checks so standards remain high. We rely on volunteers to help out, so many thanks to the volunteers who contribute their valuable time in making 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](#)

- In May an attempted break-in occurred in the village. The perpetrator did not gain access but incidents like this are a worry for the residents concerned. Everyone is encouraged to report to the police anything they see which is in anyway suspicious. Please keep your eyes and ears open and keep the village safe for both yourself and your neighbour.
- Scams are a concern, especially emails and 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.
- **You can subscribe to regular email Neighbourhood Watch alerts by subscribing on the Village Website.**

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

- The newsletter is delivered to every house in the village and 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](#)

- 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 with details.
- Local businesses and Community Groups are encouraged to send us details, or updates for their entry on the site.

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

- The Action Group always 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