

Hovingham Action Group Report – March 2022

Community Speedwatch

- Will resume end of March, early April
- Discussing merits of Traffic activated sign, whether Speedwatch will organise fund raising £6,000, operate and maintain signs
- Proposing yellow “COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH - SLOW DOWN” signs at entrances to Hovingham village

Defibrillator Inspected every two weeks, all in order.

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Hovingham Litter Pick 10am Worsley Arms Hotel on Saturday 9th April – Coffee and Cake afterwards – All Welcome

Hovingham Playground

- Fund raising continues within the group as we are aware of expenditure in the next 12-36 months, which could be considerable, given the age and condition of certain pieces of equipment, such as the fort.
- Finances - £3,828.95 at the bank –The next inspection will most probably comment on the fort which will need replacing in the near future due to wear and tear and gradual degradation of the wood.
- Tombola – Thank you to the Hovingham Market for allowing us a prime position for the stall. Donations from the village, family and friends were generous and we raised £323.
- Market Café – we are booked in to run a café in December to further supplement our funds
- At our last meeting we talked about putting together a “thermometer” to show users of the facility the cost of maintaining such a beautiful area, to encourage further donations in the honesty box.

Future activities

- the train will be replaced in April and the old train taken away by playscheme
- the zip wire will be tightened, as when the pole was replaced the latest inspection found one end of the wire was too low
- the children’s benches are due next week and we will promote these through the Playgroup Facebook page
- a “Summer Family Fun day” is currently being scoped to raise further funds in the summer months
- a nature and education area is being planned for the far end of the playground near the hedge with ideas such as bird box, magnifying glass, nature boards and wild flowers. We are in the process of looking into grant funding and are also going to talk to the school to see what they would find useful – such as a grow your own garden area, perhaps even a gardening club from school.
- Help from the Parish council would be visibility of any grants that we could potentially apply for to replace the fort, as this is the next essential large expenditure. **Thank you.**

Hovingham Project Purple

- The Repair Café and Community Hub was held on the 19th March, 45 people attended.
- We had 15 items to be fixed. 10 repaired, 3 items advice was given with potential to repair next time with the right spare parts and 2 had reached the end of their useful life! We had several people just drop in to find out what could be repaired next time. On top of that, 5 members of the Climate Action Stokesley and Villages Group attended to take a look and get some tips on how to run their Repair Cafe on the 26th March. Comments ranged from "Wonderful Repair" to "Absolutely Fabulous" and many more!
- At the Community Hub, lots of good conversation taking place from composting, growing your own to cavity wall insulation and much more. Look out for the quiz results in the next days.
- We received kind donations of £90.74 and after paying for the hall hire, we will be donating £50.74 to the DEC Ukraine Appeal.
- The outcome of our Cafes and Hubs is providing a vibrant community space, preventing a lot of things going to land fill, made around 20 Morsbags and given a lot of people food for thought about their carbon foot print. Our next cafe is due on 11th June.

Hovingham Village Market

- Now run 5 markets successfully since resuming in November last year, challenge with gazebos in windy weather
- Donated £500 to Playground, Traffic Activated signs and Tree Planting project
- Anyone interested in helping out or having a stall at the Market should contact the team.

Hovingham Village Playgroup

- Hovingham Playgroup has been going now for 10 consecutive weeks,
- In total we have had 67 different families through the door and numbers can vary from week to week with the minimum of fee paying adults at 13 and the maximum at 26. The most children we have had at any one time is 32 and last week saw our minimum at 15. It will be interesting to see how this pans out once the weather gets better as parents may look to go for a walk instead.
- We may look at further activities with the playground group but will need to check the insurance position.
- We have had an addition grant from NYCC called “Get going after COVID” which has meant we have been able to offer two courses on Paediatric first aid. Both are half day courses, bringing in further revenue to the village hall, and the feedback following the first one was excellent. We have also used the grant to introduce a library corner with bean bags and book trolleys.
- Our own fund raising has enabled us have a session on baby massage and yoga, which was also very well received by our members. Purchase a new wooden shop for imaginary play area. We have also purchased crafts ready for our Easter bonnet making in April.
- We are intending to host a jubilee party too.
- Our financial position is healthy which will provide a buffer if the numbers fall when the weather picks up.
- No further help is required from the Parish Council at this time.

Newsletter Anyone interested in help editing, formatting or writing articles should contact Ann annc@apcp.com

Volunteering – There is something for everyone- Get involved and benefit your Community - it’s often surprisingly good fun.

Please contact action@hovingham.org.uk, or Ann or Phil Chapman on 627171 to get involved.

Thank You (Thank you to all those who contributed to this report, consolidated by Phil Chapman – 20th March 2022)