# **Hovingham Action Group**

Status Report – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014

## **Environment Group**

- Snow clearing is scheduled to be carried out, as and when substantial snowfalls arrive. Additional grit has been
  received and is available for Hovingham residents. For further information contact David Richardson or Mark
  Wilson
- The Christmas tree and lights have been erected outside the village hall. This has had financial support from the Market and Action Groups.

#### Wildlife

- Spring bulb (snowdrops) planting has been carried out on both Coronation and Top greens
- The Wildlife Group has donated £200 to the Playground for willow tunnels on the playground. For further
  information contact Ann Chapman.

#### **Market**

- In a strong situation and financially sound with positive stallholder and visitor support. A count of visitor numbers is ongoing to confirm attendance.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group. For further information contact Martin Bell.
- The Action Group will run the end of December café. Many volunteers have given up time to help out or donate cakes.

# **Playground**

- A memorial plaque for Sir Marcus Worsley will be unveiled in the spring on the new covered shelter.
- Weed control has been carried out under the hedges surrounding the playground, both manually by pulling weeds
  out and later spraying. The ground will again be sprayed with Roundup in spring; hopefully this will avoid the need
  to manually weed in future.
- Substantial work is planned in springtime on the timber fort; please contact Ann Chapman, Carol Battersby,
   Rosemary Stewart or David Richardson if you would like to help.
- The playground group are liaising with Hovingham School on this and other projects.
- The Pasture Lane development 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of money is eagerly awaited giving the ability to purchase future additional equipment.
- Willow planting in the shape of a dragon's head almost finished and adds an interesting feature to the playground.
   For further information contact Ann Chapman.

## **Church Clock**

After a period of erratic timekeeping the clock is now running relatively accurately.

# **Social Event**

• A successful Bring, Share and Enjoy event was held following an Action Group meeting in December.