

# Hovingham Action Group

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

## Environment Group

- If/when snow arrives in substantial amounts clearing will be carried out. Additional grit has been received and is available for Hovingham residents. For further information contact [David Richardson or Mark Wilson](#)
- It is planned in spring to carry out a clean of all signposts in the village and also a litter pick up. For further information contact [David Richardson](#)
- Painting of posts and railings in some parts of the village does cause concern, especially ones that are not under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

## Wildlife

- Spring bulb (snowdrops) are starting to appear on Coronation and Top greens
- The Wildlife Group has donated £200 to the Playground for willow tunnels on the playground.
- For all wildlife issues contact [Ann Chapman](#).

## Market

- The 50<sup>th</sup> Hovingham Market shows a strong situation and how financially sound the market is.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
- For further information on market issues contact [Martin Bell](#).

## Playground

- A memorial plaque for Sir Marcus Worsley will be unveiled in the spring on the new covered shelter.
- Weed control was 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 to create tunnels in 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 'still' eagerly awaited. This would provide the ability to purchase additional equipment.
- Willow planting in the shape of a dragon's head 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.

## Neighbourhood Watch

- Regular emails are sent out following information from the police. Unfortunately instances of crime related incidents are becoming more evident and regular in the locality. All villagers need to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

## Flood Defences

- With plenty of news on flooding coming from the south and west of England there is no case for complacency in Hovingham. The beck has remained steady at just under 2 feet higher than normal and we have escaped most of

the bad weather evident in other places. The flood plan is due for review by the Parish Council on a yearly basis and this will be carried out shortly to ensure we are prepared as much as can be.

David Richardson, 16 February 2014