

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – 1st May 2014

Environment Group

- Snow; we were prepared but none came! Should we put all our equipment and grit away? One never really knows! For further information contact [David Richardson or Mark Wilson](#)
- Cleaning of all signs, signposts etc in the village has been concluded and the signs look pristine throughout the village! Thanks to the 'small' band of volunteers' who carried this out and at the same time did a litter pick up. Its amazing how much is discarded by 'people' in the village boundaries.

Wildlife

- Spring bulbs which had been planted in the past few years made a welcome sight in early spring.
- The Wildlife Group donation to the Playground for a willow tunnel is bearing fruit; like the economy the willow is showing signs of green shoots.
- For wildlife issues contact [Ann Chapman](#).

Market

- The Hovingham Market continues to bring in visitors and regular customers from far and wide. The April market had the highest number of stalls ever, with many stallholders coming for the first time.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
- For information on market issues contact [Martin Bell](#).

Playground

- A memorial plaque for Sir Marcus Worsley will be unveiled on the new covered shelter once planned work has been completed.
- Substantial work is planned to create tunnels in the timber fort. The playground group are liaising with Hovingham School on this and other projects.
- Weed spraying was again carried out in spring under hedges surrounding the playground. It is hoped this will avoid the need to manually weed in future.
- The Pasture Lane development 2nd tranche of money has been 'banked'. The playground committee are evaluating what additional equipment to install.
- Willow planting in the shape of a dragon's head has added an interesting feature to the playground. But there is concern 'exuberant' play use may cause damage. This will be monitored closely.
- Contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Carol Battersby](#), [Rosemary Stewart](#) or [David Richardson](#) if you can help with any support.

Church Clock

- After a period of erratic timekeeping the clock is now running relatively accurately. However an in depth inspection was carried out by Hills Tower Clocks from Leeds and a report shows maintenance needs to be financed and carried out. For further information contact [David Richardson](#)

Neighbourhood Watch

- Regular emails are sent out following information from the police and instances of local crime related incidents seem to be on the increase. All villagers should continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Flood Defences

- The flood plan is being reviewed by the Parish Council on a yearly basis to ensure the village is prepared for whatever the weather may bring.

David Richardson, 04 May 2014