

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – January 2016

Flooding - contact [Mark Wilson, Monica Gripaos, John Anderson or David Richardson](#).

- The Action Group were responsible for producing the Hovingham Flood Plan and although the document has now been passed across to the Parish Council, the recent flooding is a reminder that the village needs to be prepared and protected from such events.
- Action Group volunteers will always be available to assist as and when necessary.

Hovingham Village Website - contact [Caroline Davis, Janice Wood, Phil Chapman or David Richardson](#).

- The current website is in the process of major revision and updating with funding for the next 3 years secured. Details and documents were provided to a web designer who has provided mock ups of the revised website for us to assess. The intention has always been to provide a comprehensive source of information for local people and visitors to the area.

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

- Winter is with us and although preparations have been made to tackle serious snowfalls it has been unseasonably warm, in the extreme. However the chances are we may still get some snow before spring arrives. If this happens anyone willing to give an hour to shift snow from designated footpaths in the village will be made very welcome.
- Grit bins containing salt grit are located in the village and will be kept topped up, with NYCC only filling a couple of bins in the village.

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

- The November market had torrential rain all day. At the 5th December market 'Storm Desmond' visited, with high gusts of wind. It was touch and go whether the market could be held, but due to perseverance and ingenuity the market survived. The second December market held on the 19th December had much better weather. At all three markets visitor numbers held up very well.
- A lot goes on behind the scenes to make the sure the market continues to flourish and new volunteers to help with the running of the market are always very welcome.
- Any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.

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

- Along with quite a few other maintenance tasks the zip wire has been overhauled and updated. This was carried out by a local playground firm.
- We had some damage to the covered shelter by the high winds experienced. Thanks to Bill Clapperton who kindly and quickly repaired the damage.
- Everyone should be aware the Playground is self funded, many issues such as damage, regular maintenance of equipment, grass & hedge cutting all have a cost and are ongoing requirements. **Donations, however small would be greatly appreciated.**
- Contact us if you would like to be involved in various initiatives.

Christmas Tree - contact [Murray Stewart, Mark Wilson or David Richardson](#)

- Once again the village has been provided with a well lit Christmas tree situated outside the village hall. It certainly brightened up the village on the dark nights and early mornings.
- Thanks to the Market Group for supplying the tree and Murray, Mark & David for putting up (and taking down) the tree and the lights.

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- Regular emails and information on criminal activity from the police continue to be sent out. Villagers should be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Please contact any of the groups directly or via emails to action@hovingham.org.uk

David Richardson, 05 July 2016