

Hovingham Action Group

Status Report – May 2016

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

- Our new website is nearing the end of a major revision. We are working with a web designer on the final stages and in the process of making sure the site promotes a professional image of the village and provides a comprehensive source of information.
- The new Market website (www.hovingham-market.org.uk) was up and running using the new style and standards at the end of March.

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

- Plants kindly donated by Richard Wood have been put into barrels and troughs within the village and show a lovely dash of colour in the present gloomy climate.
- The Action Group assisted with raising the banking alongside Becks side. Although the banking hasn't been raised significantly, the Environment Agency believes this will help to enhance the village's flood defences.
- Litter picking and sign cleaning took place on 23 April. Thanks to everyone who gave their time and effort to pick litter and clean signs throughout Hovingham. 15 bags of rubbish were collected throughout the village and in one case 'beyond' the village limits

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

- At the April market we again had rain throughout the day but visitor numbers held up very well. The café in the hands of the Cricket Club did exceedingly well.
- New volunteers to help with the running of the market are always very welcome and any Community Group wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
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Playground - contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Carol Battersby](#), [Rosemary Stewart](#) or [David Richardson](#)

- All the playground equipment has been cleaned and repaired, where necessary, in advance of the summer period where it tends to get more patronage.
- The Playground is run by volunteers and requires regular funding for repairs, 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 that take place.

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- Because of a number of incidents in the village the Parish Council, supported by the Action Group are proceeding with an initiative to prevent cold calling within the village. Letters to all residents went out with the last newsletter advising what was planned and it is hoped to implement a cold calling zone throughout the village.
- Regular emails and information detailing criminal activity in Ryedale are received from the police. All residents 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