

# Hovingham Action Group

## Status Report – November 2016

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

- The Action Group assisted with the refurbishment of the war memorial in the churchyard. The aim was to complete before Remembrance Sunday.
- The possibility of electrifying the church clock is being assessed. However **if you would like to join the present winders of the clock please get in touch.**
- Winter is approaching and thoughts are turning towards what kind of winter we will get this year? The last two years have been fairly mild, without much snow. However in case we do get significant snowfalls in the village we need to be prepared and would like to appeal for volunteers to help out clearing snow from priority footpaths whenever needed. **Please get in touch if you can help, as and when snow arrives.**

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

- The October market had good weather throughout with approximately 730 visitors. Stall holders reported good sales figures.
- Many thanks to the volunteers, who help setup, take down stalls, record visitor numbers, hand out literature and sell shopping bags. **Regular or occasional volunteers are always very welcome to lend a hand with the setting up or taking down of the market**
- 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](#)

- A working party completed the final hedge cutting after contractors earlier cut the majority of hedges surrounding the park. The Playground is run by volunteers, it requires regular maintenance to keep standards high and we rely on volunteers to help out. We would very much welcome an hour of your time once or twice a year to maintain this special playground. Look for details on the playground notice board or the weekly Hovingham email diary. **Contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives that take place.**
- Funding for inspections, repairs, regular maintenance of equipment, grass & hedge cutting all diminish funds. **Donations, however small are greatly appreciated.**

### **Website** – contact [Caroline Davis](#), [Janice Wood](#), [Phil Chapman](#) or [David Richardson](#)

- The new Village Website was launched in June and has seen over 4,200 visitors, a considerable increase from the older site. The main pages visited were Market Stallholders, arrangements for the car boot sale and Market Dates. The new Market Website has seen a trebling in the number of visitors since it was re-launched in March. Village Groups should review their pages to look at the accuracy and how they can be improved for the future.

### **Neighbourhood Watch** - contact [Phil Chapman](#)

- As previously stated the village is now a cold calling free zone. There has been little adverse reaction to this.
- Another burglary in the village has been reported, all residents should continue to be vigilant, securely lock up their premises and report any suspicious activities to the police.
- Regular information detailing criminal activity in Ryedale is received from the police and passed on by email to residents.

### **Volunteering** - contact [Ann Chapman](#), [Caroline Davis](#) or [David Richardson](#)

As can be seen from the different initiatives above, the Action Group is desperately in need of more volunteers. If you would like to help just for an hour or so please get in touch.

Please contact any of the groups directly or via emails to [action@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk)