

Hovingham Action Group Status Report – September 2017

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

- An owl box located in the field adjacent to the cemetery had fallen down and in pieces; put back together and refitted.
- The recycling area has been refurbished. The fence rebuilt, the area cleaned, bins power washed and new notices fixed. It is hoped users will keep it tidy.
- 4 street signs and 1 bridge sign all desperately needing attention were taken down, refurbished and put back up again. The signs look splendid and many, many thanks to Adrian Wass for his highly professional work on the signs.

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

- The July & September markets had good visitor numbers, but this was surpassed at the August market by a record attendance for a summer market. Reports have indicated great atmosphere at all 3 markets and credit to everyone who gave time and effort in making this happen.
- Community Groups wanting to run a Community Stall should contact the Market Group.
- Market News is published prior to every Market; subscribe via the website to receive a copy by email.
- **Regular/occasional volunteers to help with the many tasks involved in making this such a successful enterprise are very much appreciated**

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

- A working party carried out tasks mentioned in the independent annual report; this included fitting protective membranes round all the posts to avoid strimmer damage. This was a difficult task involving over 50 posts. Many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out.
- Hedge cutting has been carried out by contractors. The cost for this, inspections, repairs, regular maintenance of equipment and grass cutting all diminish funds. The Playground requires regular attention and checks to keep standards high. We rely on volunteers to help out, so many thanks to those who contribute valuable time in making the playground a pleasant place for children and accompanying adults to use.
- **Please contact us if you would like to be involved in the various initiatives that take place. Donations, however small, are always greatly appreciated.**

Neighbourhood Watch - contact [Phil Chapman or David Richardson](#)

- Please keep eyes and ears open for any suspicious activity to keep the village safe.
- Scams remain a concern, especially emails and phone calls. Be careful answering ANY email which looks dubious. If in doubt contact us or speak to a neighbour before replying to anything that doesn't sound right.
- **You can subscribe to regular Neighbourhood Watch email alerts by subscribing on the Village Website.**

Newsletter - contact [Ann Chapman, Caroline Davis or newsletter@hovingham.org.uk](#)

- The newsletter is an excellent source of local information, news and comment and is delivered to every house in the village. The editorial team welcome all articles sent in.
- Colour copies are available on the Village Website and you can subscribe to also receive copies by email.
- **Please contact us if you would like to help write, edit or distribute the Village Newsletter.**

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

- To receive the Weekly Village Diary by email, subscribe via the village website.
- Details of events of interest to residents are welcomed for inclusion in the Village Diary and the website. Email events@hovingham.org.uk with details.
- Local businesses and Community Groups are encouraged to send details, or updates for their entry on the site.

New initiatives

- **Please contact action@hovingham.org.uk if you would like to be involved in the following initiatives.**
- Creation of an interactive map detailing the location of key village infrastructure.
- Community Energy; explore the potential for generating electrical power and benefit from recent Government grants
- Electric car charging points; look at the feasibility of having super fast charging points in the village.
- Restoration of the village telephone box.

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

- The Action Group welcomes new volunteers. If you would like to help, just for an hour or so, to enable Hovingham to remain a special place to live please get in touch. Contact any of the groups directly or via an email to action@hovingham.org.uk