

## Corona Virus Update – September 2020

Since the outbreak volunteers have taken responsibility for staying in contact with all residents in their area, with 40 volunteers in Hovingham and 14 in Scackleton.

Hovingham has been sub-divided up into 11 areas; most volunteers are supporting their immediate neighbours. Most support takes place within each area; with the whole village team being available when needed. Although the resources of Ryedale and NYC Councils have always been there in the background it is amazing how the teams have met the challenge and helped their neighbours during these very challenging times. This has been very successful and a great thank you to everyone who volunteered and kept everyone safe. We are now looking towards returning to the “new normal”; all volunteers have agreed to remain on standby should circumstances change and they are needed again.

### Hovingham Businesses and Services

The **Bakery** has remained open (Wednesday to Sunday) throughout the pandemic and the **Rolling Pin Café** remains closed. Recently the popularity of the bakery at weekend has led to litter and parking problems however, the Parish Council are working with Simon and Victoria to overcome this. The Bakery have provided a very popular and valuable service to the Community and surrounding area.

**Buses;** the bus service has been reduced during the pandemic; all passengers must wear face coverings; some problems with cancelled services and “new” drivers unaware of the detailed operation of a village bus service. Usage remains low. The bus service remains a valuable lifeline for many residents.

**GP Surgery;** the Hovingham Surgery closed at the beginning of April because of operational challenges of COVID and staff shortages. It is essential to many Hovingham residents that the ability to collect prescriptions from the Hovingham Surgery, together with doctor and nurse appointments, is resumed as soon as possible.

**Hovingham Inn;** following opening on one occasion during the lockdown it remained closed until recently.

**Libraries;** the Supermobile is now visiting Hovingham on a monthly basis with very little advance notice of when the mobile will next visit; Malton library is now closed for refurbishment until some time in October. A limited service is available at some of the other libraries. The currently available services are little benefit to residents.

**Mobile Post Office;** except for a couple of missed visits, the van has visited Hovingham regularly; it is well used and a great service to many residents.

**The Park;** the Café and Hair Salon are now re-open.

**Village Hall;** this is currently closed to most users; the situation will be reviewed in October.

**Village Market;** currently closed for the foreseeable future; due to the compact, busy and vibrant nature of the market it is currently impossible to provide this in a Covid-Safe and secure way. Although this leaves a major dent in village fund raising the safety of volunteers, visitors and residents is the number one priority.

**Village Shop;** the shop remained open and well stocked 7 days a week during the pandemic; initially one customer at a time were allowed; now 3 customers with face coverings are allowed in at the same time. This has provided a very popular and valuable service to the Community and surrounding area.

**Worsley Arms Hotel;** this has been closed and provided some takeaway meals on a couple of weekends; it is now re-open; thank you to Tony and Sally for their invaluable support of the Community.