

# Hovingham Action Group Report – November 2020

As we enter a 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown the Community Support Groups in both Hovingham & Scackleton are ready to support any residents who need help. Thank you for everyone who makes this possible and the operation run so smoothly.

**Corona Virus Community Support** Volunteers in both villages are ready should they be needed.

**Clock Winder and Winding** Have raised £7,117.15 and are awaiting permission from the Diocese. A details project plan and cashflow is now required so the clock winder can be installed so the PCC and PC can give their go ahead.

**Community Speedwatch** Community Speed Watch started up again on 15<sup>th</sup> July after a long gap because of COVID restrictions. The team have been out fairly regularly since then with 19 sessions to date. Traffic flow in July was still relatively quiet (165-200) with an average of 5 offenders per session but has now returned to normal levels (269-470) compared with previous years and an average of 7 offenders. We have recruited one new member to the team. If you are interested in joining the team then please contact Helen Newby or [speedwatch@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:speedwatch@hovingham.org.uk)

**Email Diary** Please subscribe via the website, or email [diary@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:diary@hovingham.org.uk) to receive the weekly diary.

**Hovingham Village Website** This is regularly updated and provides a central source of information.

**Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning** Planned for 2021

**Market** The Market will remain closed until there is a significant change in circumstances.

**Newsletter** This has been suspended during the pandemic.

**Playground** The equipment is in good order generally but the annual inspection did highlight an issue with an upright on the zip wire meaning that we have had to de-commission this until we can get it repaired. Signs have been put up so that it cannot be used. The rabbit activity remains a problem but we are in the process of having someone come with ferrets to sort this out - we are just waiting for confirmation from the estate that this can go ahead and we will get cracking. The new signs for the playground/parking/covid etc were put up this last Friday. We are in the process of applying for a grant through NYCC to undertake the necessary repairs for the zip wire which could be costly, our finances will suffer due to the cancellation of the market and it seemed prudent to try and access any available funds if possible.

## Project Purple

**Repair Café:** Will not take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December. Hopefully resume in 2021: 13<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Recycling:** RDC have not provided a timeline to refurbish the recycling centre. The new signs have been installed.

**Share Shed:** 8 residents come forward prepared to share tools and equipment. We hope to have a virtual shared shed in operation during Q1 2021. In Progress.

**Reduced Energy Usage:** Electric Vehicle Charger: There have been 8 users during that time period, 34 charges and 575kWh consumed. We had experienced a delay in payment from BP Chargemaster, this has been resolved.

**Household Energy Efficiency:** There are a number of initiatives that we will roll out in October and November including the Governments "Green Homes Grant" announced on 1<sup>st</sup> September. In Progress

**New Web Site:** A new web site is in preparation and will be launched in November.

**Community Virtual Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> November:** Project Purple has planned a virtual networking meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. The objective is to better understand residents concerns about climate change, what people are doing about it and what practical support Project Purple could provide.

**Challenges Ahead:** Due to Covid 19 we will not be able to raise the funds in the same way we did last year, ie through the Market Café and donation from the Repair Café. I am pleased to confirm that NYCC, Stronger Communities, Restore and Recover have awarded Project Purple £1000. Together with our existing funds, this will cover the planned program costs for 2021.

## Volunteering – There is something for everyone in volunteering

– something to suit your experience, age, interests and time available, with regular or ad hoc activities for everyone -

Get involved and benefit your Community - it's often surprisingly good fun.

Please contact [action@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk), or Ann or Phil Chapman on 627171 to get involved.

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(thank you to all those who contributed to this report, consolidated by Phil Chapman – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020)