

Hovingham Action Group Report – May 2021

We have now entered the 3rd step of the COVID re-opening, care continues to be needed and support given where needed.

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

Clock Winder and Winding The winder has been successfully installed, there are minor problems to be fixed.

Community Speedwatch Community Speed Watch sessions recommenced on 15th April and we have now had 10 sessions. Traffic flow is more or less back to normal levels ranging from 201 to 341. Out of 2,572 vehicles we have recorded 75 offenders which works out at 7-10 per session. It will be interesting to see what happens after the latest Covid changes take effect. If you are interested in joining the team then please contact Helen Newby or speedwatch@hovingham.org.uk

Email Diary Please subscribe via the website, or email 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 Taking place on 22nd May 2021. 9 area volunteers are taking care of signs on a periodic basis.

Market Review meeting planned for 26th May.

Newsletter This has been suspended during the pandemic.

Playground Fund raising has raised £3,321 which included a grant of £750 from the AONB. A working bee and contractors have fixed high-priority problems

Project Purple

- **Repair Café:** Scheduled for 26th June, COVID permitting.
- **Recycling:** RDC have not provided a timeline to refurbish the recycling centre. The new signs have been installed.
- **Share Shed:** A virtual shared shed is in operation.
- **Reduced Energy Usage:** Electric Vehicle Charger installed and in-use.
- **Household Energy Efficiency:** In Progress
- **New Web Site:** A new web site has been launched in November.
- **Community Hub:** Proposed to take place with Repair Café on 26th June.

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, 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 – 19th May 2021)

Hovingham Action Group Playground Update January - May 2021

In January after our success with our Community Appeal we decided to make a banner to encourage donation box giving and to make visitors aware that the Playground requires constant maintenance. Our Pennies for our Playground banner went up on 22nd January - 10th February and £33.95 was collected during this period. We put it back up during the time the maintenance work was being carried out and it is still up. From 3rd April - 15th May we have collected £118.77 Jayne will transfer this amount to Phil plus takings upto 24th May and she is happy to continue to collect box donations but is happy to pass back to Robert if he so wishes. We are keeping the banner in place for the time being as it seems to encourage people to donate!

The Rabbit man returned in February and to date it seems as though the "Fort" rabbits are no longer! Richard has helped with the mole hills, these are constantly being monitored, we have some at present in the middle of the football field so may need some intervention if they persist!

Due to Covid yet another Working Bee session had to be cancelled so team agreed to undertake certain maintenance jobs picked up from the inspection report independently. 95 percent have now been completed by our team and the outstanding jobs are near to completion.

Playscheme carried out their work during March, reinstalling the Zip wire, repairing the Fort, jet washed some of the equipment and renewing some of the surface matting.

Thanks to Mark for reinstating the benches.

We have seen a noticeable increase in litter with a regular overflowing bin filled with lots of recyclable bottles etc. We are in discussion with RDC to see if they can help with this, but not looking very promising at the moment. We are currently considering other ways to deal with this problem from more polite signs to possibly providing our own recycling bin.

During lockdown we engaged with the school for our Pebbles of Kindness activity which created interest and brightness at the entrance to the playground! We even got a mention in the Gazette and Herald.

Debs on behalf of The Playground Team.

Project Purple Report to the Parish Council

This a summary of the activities within Project Purple to May 2021

Project 1. Reduce, Reuse, Repair More

1. Repair Café:

The Repair Café remains closed due to Covid. We have a tentative plan to reopen on the 26th June subject to Covid restrictions.

2. Community Hub:

We will start a Community Hub at the same time as the Repair Café. The objective, in an informal environment with tea and cake!, to support residents make changes in light of the Climate Crisis. Topic will include, Understanding your Climate Footprint, sharing knowledge about Government Grants, How to improve home insulation, support with changing to Renewable Energy Suppliers to the importance of COP26.

3. Recycling:

RDC have still not been able to provide a timeline to refurbish the recycling centre.

4. Shared Shed:

The Share Shed is now up and running. Residents have started to use it!

Project 2. Reduced Energy Usage

1. Electric Vehicle Charge:

Since March 2020 the charger has been used 114 times by 19 users delivering 2429 kWh of electricity saving a total of 2031kg of Co2.

In the last month it was used 27 times by 7 users delivering 710kwh of electricity.

2. Household Energy Efficiency:

We will provide more information and support at the Community Hub in June.

Project 3. Community Energy

We are presently represented on Northern Power Grid's Stakeholder Panel to recommend change to Ofgem/ Government on the grid infrastructure to enable communities to develop their own renewable sources.

Communication.

We sent out a News Letter and launched a new Web Site in Q1 21

On Behalf of the Project Purple Team

Frank Colenso

20th May 2021