

# Hovingham Action Group Report – July 2021

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

**Clock Winder and Winding** Periodic maintenance has been organised following installation of winder.

**Community Speedwatch** Community Speed Watch sessions were suspended while speed survey undertaken. If you are interested in joining the team then please contact Helen Newby or [speedwatch@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:speedwatch@hovingham.org.uk)

**Defibrillator** Pads need replacing, which will be organised by October, thanks to Market and Action Group.

**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** Volunteers are taking care of individual areas in Hovingham

**Market** The team are planning to resume with a November Market for a 6-market trial.

- Pete Stark has stood down and Graham Mason now chairs the group.
- Phil retired after 12 years administering the Market and bookings.

**Newsletter** Currently determining level of interest to edit/publish a newsletter.

- Most likely electronically wherever possible with a paper backup to those without internet/email connection.
- Need to collect additional email addresses in both villages to ensure copies can be sent to all possible households, with multiple copies to ensure available to everyone who wants to receive a copy.
- Currently £450 has been approved by the PC to get it going without the need for advertising. Target would be October/November this year.

**Playground** Our first in-person meeting since last year was held in June at the Playground.

- Maintenance work which could not be done by the group has now been completed by Playscheme. A new infant swing had had to be replaced as it was found to be dangerous and one has been sourced and fitted.
- Since our last meeting the annual inspection has also been done with no immediate problems apparent. Some on-going work and smaller tasks still remain but are in hand. We are putting together a list of smaller items that can be done by ourselves and have a Working Bee set for Saturday 9th October.
- Richard continues to take care of the moles and the rabbits seem to be less conspicuous - not sure how long this will last but at the moment they are in-hand!
- Rubbish Bins - At our meeting concern was raised about the overflowing bin which is outside the playground and it was decided to contact the Parish Council and church about perhaps sourcing an additional bin. It was suggested by Phil in his reply that the bin be removed to see if this would encourage people to take their rubbish home. We have not been brave enough to give this a try up to press as more recently we have seen an increase in rubbish being dumped on the ground in the playground with no attempt to even put it in the bin. During a group discussion about our best course of action it was suggested that we actually display signs asking people to take their rubbish home - this is in hand.
- A picnic bench which was needing some work has actually fallen to bits whilst Richard was attempting to mend it, a new one is being sourced.
- We have had a new member to our group, Richard Senior, and also interest from a new resident with small children who use the playground which is really encouraging.
- Our finances are in a healthy position, helped greatly by the AONB grant and the recent request for donations for essential maintenance work. We are also waiting for a reply from RDC regarding a grant we applied for - we will find out on 29 July if this has been successful and if it has, we will match the grant money and replace the train and carriage. The banner on the playground gate will remain in place as donations have been very healthy and it is felt this is making a difference.
- The wild flower corner has been planted up and seems to be thriving, work is in place to have some insect hotels built which can be placed in that area also. Our next meeting was arranged for 27 Sept

## Project Purple

- **Repair Café and Community Hub:** Postponed due to COVID restrictions till in place
- **Recycling:** Looks like RDC are resuming plans to upgrade the recycling, consulting with Parish Council + Village Hall
- **Share Shed:** A virtual shared shed is in operation.
- **Reduced Energy Usage:** Electric Vehicle Charger installed and in-use.
- **Household Energy Efficiency:** In Progress

## 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021)