

# Hovingham Action Group Report – September 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 started up again on 16<sup>th</sup> August and we have had 9 sessions with 99 offenders.
- Traffic flow has varied from 227 to 470, in 45 minutes, which is about the same as pre-covid but an average of 9 speeding cars is up from 7.
- We have 8 members on the team but could always do with more. 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 resuming the Market on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Newsletter** Currently determining level of interest to edit/publish a newsletter. Option is required to contact those without email and internet connections. Also recruiting team to edit, format and distribute newsletter.

## Playground

- The summer has seen the playground very busy and the donations box has been regularly emptied by Jayne and we continue to be grateful for this income, it all adds up.
- Thanks to Kim we managed to secure the grant from RDC. This will cover 50% of the replacement cost of the train and carriage which unfortunately has reached a point where it is unrepairable in order to keep children safe. So within the next month we should see our new Hovingham Flyer up and running (so to speak!).
- The moles seem to have made a come-back and Richard is in an ongoing battle to keep them in hand. The rabbits however do seem to be less frequent visitors of late.
- The annual working bee will take place on Saturday 9 October from 10am and any help would be most appreciated. The majority of the work highlighted as needing doing has already been done by Playscheme, leaving just minor repairs and remedial work, especially on the fort and gazebo. We should easily be able to get all the jobs done on that morning.
- The wildflowers planted this year have had mixed success but we are hoping that these will self-seed and we will see a better display next year. Thanks to Jayne for her hard work keeping them watered and tended to. Richard has also very kindly built an insect hotel which is now in place in that corner too. We have also asked James, who keeps the grass cut, to leave the area below the zip wire as a meadow and just cut a path through it, this is coming along nicely and we hope that next year it will make another natural area to play and enjoy nature.
- Rubbish Bins and litter - signs have been erected throughout the playground encouraging visitors to please take their rubbish home. To say this has met with mixed success would probably be too optimistic. The removal of the rubbish bin as suggested was also tried and I think we can safely say it will be returning to its spot as soon as possible. Visitors putting their rubbish in the poo bin and just leaving it on the grass where the bin ordinarily sits has confirmed our suspicion that if you take away the option for people to do the right thing many just won't. We will monitor the bin as usual (thanks Jayne) but think that now we are coming to the quieter colder months it should not be as much of a problem.
- As of 9<sup>th</sup> August, our bank balance sat at just shy of a healthy £ 3,000. However, we are coming to the months where we will not see as much income from the honesty box and a recent quote for substantial repairs to the ramp on the fort, posts in the gazebo and alterations of the zip wire have been received for £2,471, if we go ahead with these it will see funds substantially depleted and the group will be discussing options for additional fundraising at their next meeting.
- The groups next meeting is 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## Project Purple

- The Repair Cafe is back and scheduled for the 23rd Oct in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome even just to come along and see what is going on!
- We start our first Community Hub, also scheduled for the 23rd Oct in the Community Room in the Village Hall.
- The idea is to share the latest government information on grants for retrofitting houses etc. Providing a point of reference for residents on everything to do with the Climate Crisis. It will be somewhere residents can find and talk about science-based information with a cup of coffee and a possibly a piece of home-made cake!
- Bike Racks are being installed at the village hall in October.
- The Recycling Centre refurbishment is with NYCC and awaiting their review of the Parish Councils proposals.
- We are developing a School Engagement Program on the Climate Crisis which we plan to use in schools and universities in the new year.
- We are participating in the Ryedale Environment Week's Eco Fair on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

### **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 – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021)

# Supplemental Report from Cllr Frank Colenso

## 1. Traffic

As promised, following the results of the survey, I have reached out to NYCC, the Police and In Mosey.

NYCC state *“There is very little which we can do in these instances to tackle those who are insistent on travelling over the speed limit and targeted enforcement is the most effective measure. That said I could provide some countdown rumble strips on the approaches to the speed limit, similar to other villages along the B1257. I could also provide a “SLOW” road marking on the B1257 as you enter the village from the Malton direction, on the approach to the sharp right-hand bend. Similarly, a “SLOW” road marking on the B1257 southbound approach into the village, before the right-hand bend adjacent to Hall Farm.*

I have gone back to NYCC asking what additional actions could be taken in Park Street including moving the 30mph sign further out of the village. Waiting to hear from them.

Whilst i will not be at the meeting to have any discussion on their proposals, In any case, I suggest we do not respond to NYCC until we have further input regarding Park Street and have had the Police’s input.

I have contacted the Police twice; I have had one phone call back and 2 out of office holiday e mails. The PC who phoned me and who is responsible for local traffic issues has promised to meet to discuss options, ie enforcement procedures, locations and availability etc .

Regarding Mosey’s, As I report earlier, we had very positive support for the issues with a self-restricting 20mph for Mosey vehicles. His contractors are requested by Mosey to do the same.

As I mentioned, i believe we should continue to share the data as wide as possible.

## 2. Ethical Banking

Unfortunately, due to other commitments i have not yet completed the assessment criteria but plan to do so asap.

## 3. Recycling Centre

Site meeting took place with RDC on the 25th Aug.

We are still awaiting RDC’s response to our proposal. Indicated that they wanted to upgrade Hovingham asap!

## SUPPLEMENT – 17<sup>th</sup> September

NYCC response to questions arising from the Traffic Survey re Park Street in italic’s. Comments in red - Colenso. 17th Sept. 21

*The Police won’t enforce 20mph speed limits they say they must be self-enforcing. This means the average speed of traffic on Park Street would need to be recorded at 24mph or below. Worth following this up. A catch 22 though if you cant slow the traffic in the first place! We can put in some count down rumble strips as I mentioned. For discussion. Unfortunately we can't move speed limit signs without making a new Traffic Regulation Order to change the length of the speed limit. We are governed by Government policy in terms of the location where speed limits should commence. The 30mph here is sited in the correct place, just before the start of the "built up" environment, so we would not get support from the Police to relocate it. I am not sure , I think this is still worth pushing and will do so when I speak with the police.*

*I'm wondering, if we put a short length of white line on the edge of carriageway adjacent to the Gateway Pillars this would create the visual effect of a narrower carriageway between the pillars and may help to reduce speeds. This could very well help slow the traffic.*

Will chase in the next weeks. *Frank*

15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021