

Hovingham Action Group Report – May 2022

Community Speedwatch

- Resumed Speedwatch sessions

Defibrillator

- Inspected every two weeks, all in order.

Email Diary & Hovingham Village Website

- Subscribe via website, diary@hovingham.org.uk to receive diary.

Hovingham Litter Pick

- Held on 9th April – very successful, thank you to Ann for organizing, plus Sally & Tony for Coffee afterwards

Hovingham Playground

- Fund raising continues within the group as we are aware of expenditure in the next 12-36 months, which could be considerable, given the age and condition of certain pieces of equipment, such as the fort.
- Recently installed new train and carriage, plus repair to fort tower
- RDC made grant of £999.80 towards train
- **Thank you**

Hovingham Project Purple

- The Repair Café and Community Hub was held on the 11th June. All Welcome to bring items for repair, discuss the Climate Emergency and ways we can all help to make a difference or simply enjoy a cup of coffee and cake with friends in the community.

Hovingham Village Market

- Now run 7 markets successfully since resuming in November last year, challenge with gazebos in windy weather
- Anyone interested in helping out or having a stall at the Market should contact the team.

Hovingham Village Playgroup

- As we go into our 5th month, we continue to be delighted with our progress,
- Numbers continue to vary from week to week but we are lucky to cover our rent with our subs and cake donations even on a quiet week.
- Due to a previous booking at the village hall, we had to run on Thursday last week but luckily people still came – including a few new ones who can't normally make a Wednesday.
- Our group has also inspired another mum to start up a group in Nawton on a Monday which has run for 2 weeks so far and is as successful as ours, which is fantastic for mum/dads/carers in the area.
- The most children we have had is 32 which is extremely full! An ideal number is 20-25.
- The book corner has been a roaring success and next week we are going to rearrange the hall to give this area a little more space as it is very popular when parents choose to have a quiet one 2 one moment with their child.
- We also do story time every week and try to work to a theme and this has proved very engaging for the older children who are ready for pre-school and school. We get a core group who stay every week for this and we try to use props to get the children interacting.
- Our own fund raising has enabled us to reinvest in the kitchen area, which is always fully utilized, and is great for children using their imagination and developing role play ready for school. We have purchased sturdy equipment from an education provider similar to that used in preschool and early years.
- Our financial position is healthy which will provide a buffer if the numbers fall when the weather picks up.
- No further help is required from the Parish Council at this time and we thank you for your ongoing support to date.

Newsletter

- Anyone interested in help editing, formatting or writing articles should contact Ann annc@apcp.com

Volunteering – There is something 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.

Thank You (Thank you to all those who contributed to this report, consolidated by Phil Chapman – 20th March 2022)