

## Hovingham Action Group Report – July 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:diary@hovingham.org.uk) to receive diary.

**Hovingham Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning** - “HOVINGHAM” sign at Station needs repair, volunteer to do this.

### Hovingham Playground

- The summer has arrived and the playground is getting plenty of visitors. The nature area below the zip line is really coming along and the meandering path through the long grass and flowers looks amazing and we are thrilled with how it has all come together. Thanks to a grant which was awarded to us which has helped with our costs, we have just ordered some nature boards and a large magnifying glass which we will collect ourselves and hopefully install ourselves too to save on costs - we are hoping these will be up before the summer ends. They will be placed alongside the path through the meadow area.
- Also, at the bottom of the Playground in the nature area we have a bug hotel, more wild flowers and we are hoping to get a bird box. All in all, we are thrilled with the way this area is looking and hope our little visitors are excited too.
- The new train is installed and looks incredible - and the remainder of the grant awarded to help us replace the original Hovingham Flyer has been received following the installation.
- We are awaiting the visit of the company which does the annual inspection and we can then look at how we have done responding to the work which was needed doing from last year which has been substantial and costly. We do know that the fort will need replacing down the line and this will probably be the next large spend and we will definitely need grant assistance or some substantial aid to make this happen.
- Catherine, who has been spearheading our grant eligibility and application process (very successfully!) has written the following report regarding this.
- The committee have looked into replacing the existing fort and the prices are eye-watering. The suggestion has been to dig out the mounds under the current structure and then replace with a new double tower. It looks amazing but the quote is in excess of £14K - before negotiation. We would require help from the Parish Council in 2 areas with regard to Section 106 monies.
- The group could then add £1,000 from our own fundraising, Tombola and market cafe etc. If we can get approval on this, we can then use Ryedale council grant to get match funding to get us in the region £9K. We will then try and negotiate on the purchase price and consider the removal as part of a working bee. In the meantime, we will look for other national grants relating to playgrounds to see if we can top this up.
- The other necessity which we feel needs to be addressed is shade .... the recent very hot and sunny weather has meant that for many children the playground has not been somewhere to spend much time because of the lack of shade. The pagoda is the only place in the field which offers some shade and as a group we are looking into the possibility of ‘sail shades’ which are relatively easy to install and can be taken down through the winter months. Further on this as we find out more information.
- Our financial position at the end of June was £2,971.20. We have permission to run another tombola at the October market and we run the Market Café in December.

### Hovingham Project Purple

- **10<sup>th</sup> June** - welcomed 2 new fixers, 37 visitors and 14 items fixed or advice given. In addition, 11 Moorsebags have been made and 3 cosy pet beds which have gone to new homes. Carbon Footprint calculator was demonstrated and there was interest in the boiler upgrade scheme (BUS) £73.42 was raised in donations.
- **25<sup>th</sup> June** – Community First Yorkshire organised “Good Life Ryedale”. We had a stand and were asked to support event with refreshments. £235.10 was raised towards a thermal imaging camera.
- **10<sup>th</sup> September** – Next Repair Café and Community Hub. We will be expanding Share Shed to include “The Home” and “The Nursery”.
- A limited number of thermal imaging surveys will be offered to residents, helping them to save energy. Details at the Community Hub on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## Hovingham Village Market

- Now run 9 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

- Hovingham playgroup continues to be a joy to run. The committee are extremely pleased to close the financial year on a high with a visit to Hovingham School garden. This is the third week we have tried, the first 2 weeks only 1 or 2 children went over as the weather wasn't very good but this week we promoted it on social media in advance in conjunction with the school and at least 13 children went over. The teachers are fabulous and building a great relationship with the children and parents. I have reported back to the chair of the governors and asked if this can continue into September as we are really building a relationship and this will be very beneficial to the school if we can be their feeder. It has been difficult to get this off the ground, a few false starts and then the weather turned, but now we are making progress.
- The feedback from the parents is very positive with some organizing their preschool care and work life to keep Wednesdays free so they can still come, which is amazing feedback.
- We reopen Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Sep and will speak with the village hall to get in over the summer to sort and clean the toys.
- Financials are healthy. We will purchase some more focused books for story time over the summer hols.

**Newsletter** - Anyone interested in help editing, formatting or writing articles should contact [annc@apcp.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022)