

Hovingham Action Group Report – September 12th 2022

Community Speedwatch

- After a surprising total of 16 speeding motorists out of 557 on 1st June, the roads seem to have been much quieter. The vans parked outside Pasture House are hindering the radar gun and line of sight. We have tried alternative sites but without much luck. There have been 8 further sessions with 40 offenders averaging 5. Traffic flow varies between 115 and 363.
- The only response to the request for support for the proposed Traffic Activated signs were two objections.

Defibrillator

- This is inspected every two weeks, all in order.
- A defibrillator and basic first aid training course has been arranged by the Parish Council and Village Market on September 17th. Please contact Graham to sign up to this meeting.

Email Diary & Hovingham Village Website

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

Hovingham Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- The “HOVINGHAM” sign at Station has been restored, thank you to Adrian for this. It cost £75 compared to £800+ last time.

Hovingham Playground

- Since the last report to the Parish Council we have had our annual visit from the Play inspection company. Most of the report is nothing to worry about, problems with the fort which we know about (and are attempting to address), more worrying is their verdict on our zip wire which has just undergone repair at considerable cost to us - the work which has been done by the Playscheme company over in Sheriff Hutton seems not to be up to code (again) and we have been notified of this during the annual inspection. We are in the process of trying to confirm what the regulations regarding the zip wire actually are and getting any remedial works done without further cost to us.
- Jayne continues to do both a daily walk through and monthly recede on the playground, which is invaluable in keeping up with everything, especially as we do seem to have an issue at the moment with people paying no attention to the signs prohibiting dogs - in fact this last week Jayne just found dog faeces in the playground, which has shocked us all. Mark W has kindly laminated another sign which has been placed directly on the gate, perhaps at our next meeting we will look to having something a little more permanent in its place on the gate where it cannot be missed ... the jury will be out as to whether people pay any attention. Policing this kind of behavior is almost impossible and is very frustrating to all of us trying to keep the playground a safe and clean space for our young visitors.
- Our nature boards have arrived and will be installed in the near future down in the nature area at the bottom of the playground.
- Catherine has been fastidious in following up monies available to us through grants and her report follows :-
The Playground Group have applied for the Ryedale Community Grant. Grant applications had to be in on the 26th August with a decision to follow in late November. We had 2 quotes to replace the fort one for circa £20k and one for circa £9k. Needless to say we have had to go for the smaller one. Ryedale (if successful) will fund 50% and the other 50% will be funded by section 106 monies and various fundraising ventures such as the cafe and tombola. We are praying we get this as the inspection report has highlighted the fort as a medium risk.
- Our next meeting is earmarked for 19th September at the Worsley Arms. We plan on discussing ways to address the dog issue and also plan for our upcoming fundraisers - the tombola at the upcoming October market and also the cafe which we are doing in December. We will also fix a date for the working bee and advertise on Hovingham Matters and also the newsletter - hopefully we will get a little help this year as we have a number of bigger jobs to do which we already know about plus the little upkeep jobs that we undertake annually.

Hovingham Project Purple

- Project Purple held a Repair Cafe and Community Hub, 10th September. 20 items were brought in to be fixed. We were able to repair and gave advice to fix 14 items ranging from hedge trimmers, various garments including walking trousers, picture frame and a toy train.
- From our fund raising, a thermal imaging camera is being purchased. We had 5 residents enquire about having a thermal imaging survey this winter which could help reduce energy bills. We still have capacity to carry out a further 5 surveys. We will be promoting this free survey in the coming weeks.

- Since our last cafe in June, 14 Morsbags have been made as well as 12 pet beds in various sizes from donated recycled materials. These will be available at next cafe on 10th December, ideal as an environmentally friendly Christmas gift.
- We raised a further £52.80 in donations.

Hovingham Village Market

- The market is surviving following the return after the Covid interlude.
- A number of stalls are not returning, some because over the lockdowns they have expanded and done very well, namely Stall smoke house and Yorkshire rapeseed oil. The Wall has retired and now we have a new vegetable stall in the shape of Newfield Organics they are from Fadmore.
- Jim Harrow and Chris Stark are doing a great job trying to get new stalls, we still aim at 50% food.
- The footfall has been variable between 500-680 which has been good and now we cone off Park St on the north side with the police yellow cones the traffic seems to be better.
- The cafes have been run well and make somewhere between £450-£550.
- This is lower than previously before covid and we put this down to people being more careful with their money.
- We still need a few more volunteers.

Hovingham Village Playgroup

- Hovingham playgroup has only had one session since the last report to the Parish council, which was this Wednesday 7th September, due to the summer holidays.
- Over the summer we cleaned all the toys and further streamlined some of the donations to help with storage and weekly themes. All excess toys were given to Oxfam in Helmsley and I am pleased to say they have emailed recently to say our donations have raised a further £98.
- On Wednesday 7th September we reopened our doors and were delighted with the turnout. We had 31 children and 23 adults. Everyone was very happy to be back, cake donations were generous and everyone had a great time. Our babies who started in Jan have now moved up to the toddler play area and we have a new set of babies that have been born in the last 3 months.
- The school has confirmed they have no pupils, have a shared, temporary Headteacher, and cannot yet confirm whether they will return to our group.
- Finances are healthy and no further help is required from the parish council at this time.

Newsletter - Anyone interested in help editing, formatting or writing articles should contact 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 July 2022)