

# Hovingham Action Group Report – November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022

## Community Speedwatch

- We have now finished the Speed Watch sessions for this year, although there have not been any since August.
- Since April we have held 25 sessions with an average of 7 speeding vehicles per session. As I said in my previous report, we have been hampered by the numerous vehicles parked outside Pasture House and now Open Reach have joined in with intermittent traffic lights. Traffic flow has ranged from 164 to 557.

## Defibrillator

- The team continue to inspect fortnightly. Fortunately, no incidents or actions needed.

## 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

- Sessions will be planned for Spring 2023

## Hovingham Playground

- Things have slowed down a little at the playground but on the fine days it is still a very busy place!
- We have been busy with our fundraising ventures, having another successful tombola raising £247 to boost our funds. Kind thanks to everyone who donated prizes, helped at the stall and the market committee for gifting us another space. Our next big fundraiser will be the community cafe at the December market. Any volunteers to help our small but sturdy group would be very much welcomed and if you can contact Debs on 07393 849382 she will add you to the list! The new year will see a January Jumble - the village hall has already been reserved for 21st January - with the profits benefitting the Church and the Playground. Again, we will be looking for volunteers on the day and also collecting donations for the stalls in early - mid January.
- Our last report did note that we had an issue with the zip wire not being fully compliant at the last inspection, despite us having very recent repairs to it, apparently to rectify the issue raised from the previous year's report ... this is very much an on-going issue and the matter is currently in the hands of Playscheme who both installed and repaired the zip wire, hopefully we will have something to report at the next PC.
- As mentioned in the last report the feedback from the company who does our annual inspection had highlighted major issues with the fort and for the last few years, we have been constantly carrying out repairs and trying to add a little longevity to its life. A grant from RDC was out there in September time and it was decided to make an application to see if we could access any funds to help us replace the fort. Thanks to Catherine who has overseen the whole process we have in the last few days found out that our application was successful. Our thanks also must go to the PC who have shuffled monies our way from various sources which will allow us to replace the fort in the not-too-distant future. We are incredibly grateful for all the help we have been given and for the work Catherine has put in to securing this. Although the fort was not in a condemned state it was obvious something had to be done and this timely opportunity just could not be missed. We will keep you up to date with developments. Obviously, a large sum also needs to come from our funds and so the fund raising continues, but this is a huge, huge boost for us.
- At our last meeting in September, we did discuss a working bee and it was decided that we would delay this until Spring. This will be timely to install the new mag post and nature boards which have been purchased through the grants secured this last year and in time for the growing season, we will be looking for some handy people to help with maintenance jobs and general tidying too!! More to come on this.
- Mark W has kindly brought in the benches and picnic tables for the winter and we will have a rest from having to pay for the grass cut! the playground is generally looking great.
- The playground accounts sit at £1593.93. Thanks, Phil, for keeping us on track!

## Hovingham Project Purple

- We are holding a Repair Cafe and Community Hub, 10th December.
- From our fund raising, a thermal imaging camera has now been purchased. A number of "Thermal Imaging Surveys" are available for residents who would like their properties surveyed for heat loss and possibly save energy and money.
- The Share Shed will be seeking community feedback for items on loan for free. There will be a range of Pet Beds made for donated materials for sale for those early pet Christmas presents!!
- We will be sharing the latest Government grants for replacing old oil boilers with Air Source and Ground Source Heat Pumps. The latest technology is proving very efficient with radiator systems.

## Hovingham Village Market

- The Market donated 50% of cost of village flagpole and 100% of Christmas Tree for this year.
- The Market continues to look for volunteers prepared to help organise the Market or help setup, run and take down the Market on the first Saturday of each month from February to December and also a special Christmas Market on the third Saturday in December.

## Hovingham Village Playgroup

- Hovingham playgroup continues to be a vibrant success bringing lots of families into the village with new attendees every week.
- The number of children varies from week to week, on average we have 25. One week we had 37!!
- The school has not returned to support our group, which is disappointing as they are meant to be still open and taking applications. It makes it very difficult to promote them when they are invisible. The whole committee is behind the save the school project and will do whatever we can to help.
- We are looking forward to planning our Christmas party and visit from Santa. Finances are healthy and no further help is required from the parish council at this time.

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**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)