

Hovingham Action Group Report – 25th January 2023

Community Speedwatch

- Sessions will resume in March 2023

Defibrillator

- Our first two incidents were recorded in December 2022. Fortunately, quick response from the Ambulance Service meant the defibrillator was not used.

Email Diary & Hovingham Village Website

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

Hovingham Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- Sessions will be planned for March or April 2023

Hovingham Playground

- Nothing much to report from the playground itself, the park remains active on brighter days and enjoyed on the good weekends, but pretty quiet otherwise. The main reports from our group are financial - and all positive!
- The market cafe which was run by the Playground at the December market raised just under £800 which was fantastic, we had help from a few friends and with our small team we managed to cover all the jobs and really raise some much needed funds and have fun at the same time. Thanks to all involved.
- Our January jumble has just taken place and again, with help from family and friends and in conjunction with the Church, we raised £580 for the playground funds.
- We have secured a grant which covers half of our grass cutting and hedge cutting costs - £350 Thanks Catherine our grant guru for following this up on the back of her playgroup contacts and info.
- We now have a QR code at the playground to see if we can generate any donations from people who don't have cash on them. In our ever increasingly cash-less society we thought it worth a crack to see if it would work. The jury is out at the moment, its early days and also the middle of winter - we are not losing anything by having it there so fingers crossed and I will report further down the line.
- Our working bee will be in spring once the weather improves and the ground softens, I will put out a notice once a date has been decided as we will need volunteers!!
- The funds available to spend at the moment stand at £5,250.15. Thanks to Phil for keeping us on track financially.

Hovingham Project Purple

- Last year, based on our ongoing activities, Project Purple was asked if we would like to join the Circular Towns Network supported by York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership. The communities include Scarborough, Selby, Malton and Norton, Pickering, Settle, Craven College, Catterick Garrison, Hovingham, Tadcaster, and York. This will give us opportunities for the "Net Zero" Funding as well as joint / sharing activities.
- **Repair Café** During 2022, we had a staggering 74 items brought in for repair of which 50 were fixed and 24 advised was given; some to bring back next time with the recommended spare part, some suggestions for specialist repair and some not repairable. Ann made a whopping 40 Moorsebags and 30 Pet beds!! We can feel proud that we have prevented all these items from landfill and given them an extended life, with many happy customers!

For your diary, the Repair Cafe and Community Hub dates for 2023 are as follows:

Saturday 11th March, 10th June, 9th September and 9th December all 10am to Noon on a Saturday in the Village Hall

- Thank you so much for all your support and look forward to seeing you in March!
- **Community Hub** With the debut of the Share Shed, Tony had positive feedback and some great suggestions particularly on what would be useful to add. It was also good to hear that people were really beginning to appreciate the value the Share Shed brings to the community.

Thermal Camera We have now set 6 dates for our Thermal Imaging surveys and 4 people came to collect vouchers for the 50% discount off loft insulation. Since then, we have had a further 4 people request the voucher. Please tell your friends about the loft insulation discount. Just give Frank a call 07541854765 or [e mail](mailto:Projectpurple@hovingham.org.uk)

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In total, kind donations amounted to a massive £126.65. Our next important buy is for a PAT tester and training. This will go some way towards it. Looking to our March Community Hub

- **Government Boiler £5,000 Upgrade Scheme** - Community Hub 11th March 10.00 - 12.00 Hovingham Village Hall Hovingham Community Hub Project Purple, have arranged with Watermark (Malton) and their partners MSS and Daikin, to offer expert advice and support to residents considering alternative renewable heating solutions for their homes.

Retrofitting older homes needs thought and the right solution from survey, design to commissioning. The idea with this drop in is to give residents the opportunity to discuss potential heating solution with experts in an informal environment.

With heating costs going up and more than 75% of Hovingham residents using oil and other non-renewable heating today, it's the right time to consider alternative cheaper to run and more environmental solutions.

If you would like to register interest, please contact Project Purple at <mailto:projectpurple@hovingham.org.uk> or simply come along to Hovingham Village Hall any time between 10.00 - 12.00 on Saturday 11th March, we look forward to seeing you then.

Tree Shredding Another great success; thank you to James Gordon of Circle Garden who lent us the shredder and to Mark, Ann and team for making this annual tradition possible.

Hovingham Village Market

- The Market has now successfully run 15 Markets since resuming post-COVID in November 2021. They have achieved a modest surplus, covering costs with a little to spare.
- Unfortunately, the supplier of our gazebos has ceased trading; we are urgently looking for alternatives, including Stallholders bringing their own. Despite this we are very confident that there will be a Market in February and subsequent months. The need for volunteers on Saturday morning and afternoon is increased; more coffee and bacon butties are available to help energise them.
- The Market again provided the village Christmas Tree and supported the Tree Shredding project after Christmas.
- 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. Our Christmas party was a roaring success. We had a visit from Santa and a small party with games and food. Carol singing in the village on Tuesday 13th December funded this.
- We have been awarded another "Get Going Grant" for £1,000 to provide another First aid course and purchase crafts and books.
- The number of children varies from week to week, our first week back after Christmas saw 37 children – it was very full!
- The school has not returned to support our group, but I assume this is because they are awaiting their consultation decision.
- Finances are healthy and no further help is required from the parish council at this time. The ramblers are proving a problem on the Wednesday, as they park inconsiderably and have started arriving early to beat the parents. They also keep trying to enter the village hall to use the toilet facilities. We have to repeatedly tell them they are not public toilets and we have it on private hire.

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 – 23rd January 2023)