

Hovingham Action Group Report – 22nd March 2023

Community Speedwatch Sessions will be planned when the clocks go forward.

Defibrillator checked every two weeks, all ok

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Hovingham Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning Leader needed for litter pick, to then decide date, most likely in April

Hovingham Playground

- Much is the same at the Playground, the grant for the new fort is on hold until the 106 monies are released and until such a time, we cannot go any further. It is hoped that this will be further ahead by the time the next Parish Council meeting takes place.
- A working bee has been arranged for 28 April and closer to the time we will be asking for volunteers to come and help with some smaller odd jobs which need attending to.
- We have secured someone to come and fit the nature boards and mag post and this is ongoing, we are hopeful to have them in place for everyone to enjoy by the working bee date.
- The zipline issue has at last been addressed by the installers and they have agreed to come out and make the line compliant with standards set by the inspectors, so we are hoping this years inspection will not be so disappointing!
- We have had approval from the estate for some sail shades to be erected for the warmer weather - this has not been approved by the playground Group yet but the approval from the estate means we can go ahead at any future date if and when the group deems them a worthwhile addition.
- The daffodils are coming out down at the playground and spring is definitely round the corner! Thanks to everyone who supports us.

Hovingham Project Purple

- In November Project Purple purchased a Thermal imaging Camera to support residents reduce their energy bills.
- Additionally, we negotiated a 50% discount for residents with Jewsons for loft insulation. A number of residents and residents for local villages took advantage of the program.
- In March the Repair Cafe continues to be in demand. Our Fixers are doing an amazing job with 19 items being repaired and saved from landfill. The Community hub ran a Pop-Up Energy Advice Clinic with the support of local business experts. It was kept busy throughout the morning.
- We continue to find ways to raise the profile of the Share Shed which is being replicated in several other neighbouring villages. Between our very generous supporters and cake makers we made a whopping £201 in donations. From donated recycled materials we made and found good homes for two dozen pet beds and Morsbags. The beds went half and half to very appreciative Grace Lane Vets in Kirkbymoorside and The Ryedale Dog Rescue. The bags were gratefully received by Beecham Weigh in Malton.
- We have just been given a grant from North Yorkshire's Locality budget, sponsored by Cllr Mason, for £1000 towards a sewing machine training workshop, a Pat Tester and Training for our Fixers.
- Our next Repair Cafe and Community Hub will be on the 15th July when we will have our latest volunteer specialist "bicycle fixer", will bring his skills to help residents get back on two wheels!

Hovingham Village Market

- New shed has been erected however, positioning and storage of bollards and trollies need to be sorted out.
- 18^{2nd} hand gazebos have been purchased.

Hovingham Village Playgroup

- Playgroup continues to be a vibrant success bringing lots of families into the village with new attendees every week.

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)