

Report to Annual Parish Meeting of Hovingham & Scackleton

The last year has been one of recovery after COVID and returning as much as possible back to normal.

In November 2021 the Market Group resumed the monthly market. Unfortunately, they had to transfer to a gazebo-based market as Henry, the previous supplier, was no longer able to supply. Following a lot of hard work by Graham, Chris, Jim, Murray and all the volunteers the Market has resumed. In January of this year the supplier of the gazebos ceased trading however, with the help of the AONB the Market has been able to buy those gazebos and a shed. Well done to the whole team in restoring this foundation of fund raising and community groups in both villages.

It is unfortunate that the decision was made to close the village school due to insufficient pupils. Despite tremendous efforts of many residents, the consultation has been concluded. It is hoped that the school may be able to re-open in the future.

In the last year Ian Mosey applied for a CLEUD granting freedom from the restriction of working hours of feed trucks, on the basis they had broken the restriction for the last 10 years. Despite 100 residents objecting to this, plus a formal complaint to the Ombudsman, the application has been granted with limited hours. It is essential residents report any breaking of the new conditions and oppose planning application to extend working ours.

Hovingham Estate have initiated a consultation on the plan to build 93 new homes in the village. Many residents took part in the consultation and the start of a long process.

Problems with the water and electrical supplies in the village, in particular Park Street, emphasised the weak infrastructure in the village, some of which exaggerated by heavy vehicles. In addition, we still continue to need a basic mobile phone service.

There have been amazing events organised during the last year, promoting groups working together and residents getting together. The Jumble Sale, All Saints' Bingo, Community Hub, Share Shed, Repair Café and the weekly Toddlers Group are excellent examples of what is being achieved. These events did not just raise essential funds they showed what could be achieved working together.

Thank you to everyone; the achievements have been remarkable and show what the future can offer. Thank you also to the businesses of Hovingham which have supported and been supported by residents.