

Hovingham Action Group Report – 21st May 2023

Community Speedwatch We started again in April 2023. We have now had 13 sessions and reported 127 speeding cars. This is an average of 9 per session. It is noticeable that after during a 40 minute session at 17.00 we are recording 1 cars every 2 minutes. We have recruited one new member to the team but more are needed. There is nothing else to report. (Helen Newby)

Defibrillator checked every two weeks, all ok

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Hovingham Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning Giles led an excellent Litter Pick on 22nd April.

Hovingham Playground

- The playground is looking great and in a good position for a seasonal influx of little visitors! We had a successful working bee thanks to the generosity of our amazing community who came out to lend a hand and we managed to get all the jobs earmarked done.
- We are looking forward to an abundance of wildflowers in our nature meadow at the bottom of the playground thanks to the wild flower seeds planted, many of which came via the coronation wild flowers distributed at the celebrations earlier in the month. We have concentrated these seeds in one area and renamed it Coronation Corner, we hope that the flowers thrive and create a lovely area for the birds and bees and that everyone is able to enjoy it. A bird box has been put up and we have nature posts which can be used to make rubbings - that along with the existing mag post and nature boards which were put up earlier in the year have created, we think, a great and interactive area which will keep children busy and engaged.
- We are also planning to re-house the beautiful apple tree planted a few years ago in the playground of the school to remember Harry Flatt who was a pupil at the school when he passed away. His family, with the help of Mark Wilson and Harrys former teacher Julie Caddy, will move the tree on Tuesday 23rd May into a position which has been agreed upon by the estate and which sits within the nature area and close to the cemetery wall, we are certainly hoping it will withstand the move and thrive within the playground.
- The ongoing confusion with the zip wire, we hope, has been sorted out and the height of the wire raised to conform with regulations and done free of charge by the company who installed it. We will keep our fingers crossed that the independent inspection which will take place within the next couple of months will confirm we are now all in line with existing regulations and that no further amendments will be necessary.
- We are still waiting for the release of the final 106 monies which will then enable us to access the grant in place and start to replace the fort. The demise of RDC Malton to Northallerton is causing all sorts of issues and the money seems to be caught in the crossfire. The council are very aware we are reliant on the release of these funds in order for us to access the grant and get the work underway and we are just waiting until they get their ducks in a row!
- Speaking of ducks, our next fund raiser, in conjunction with the Church (following our successful January Jumble which raised £580 for each group!) will be a duck race in the stream to be held on the afternoon of the June market. Starting at 2.30pm we hope to raise some funds whilst having a fun afternoon - fingers crossed for a fine day!. Ducks are being sold both by individuals and are also available from the estate office, bakery, shop, salon and Worsley Arms. We also hope to have an area at the market which we can sell remaining ducks on the day. We thank especially Victoria and Simon at the bakery for their donation of the grand prize.
- We also owe a huge thank you to Hovingham Village stores who awarded the Playground the income from their recent easter raffle which raised £80.00.
- Our funds at present sit at £5135.16, this does include the first part of the grant awarded for the fort of £2157.25. (Debs)

Hovingham Project Purple

PP's April Market Stall Update 1st April: Great Feedback

- 22 News Letter sign ups,
- 2 New Fixers,
- 3 more Share Shed Lenders,
- 4 Cycle repair requests for July,
- 4 Sewing Workshop attendees for September,
- 4 Thermal Imaging requests,
- 7 Home Insulations requests,
- 7 requests for info on Air Source Heat Pumps and
- 8 requests for more info on Solar Panel installations

The next Repair Cafe and Community Hub is on Saturday 15th July 10.00 - 12.00 at the Village Hall. (Frank)

Hovingham Village Market

- Hovingham market is running steadily and we have just received a grant from Yorkshire ANOB to help cover the costs of the gazebos and the new shed.
- The new shed was moved with the help of Mark and James Wilson and Chris Stark and re levelled it now contains all the gazebos and tables.
- The market on Coronation Day had 424 visitors and the cafe took half the usual amount, however, everyone enjoyed it and were able to watch the Coronation on a large TV in the hall.
- Putting up gazebos has proved easier than the old stalls and we now have up to 17 volunteers at 0730.
- Stall numbers are holding up. (Graham)

Hovingham Village Playgroup

- Playgroup continues to be a vibrant success with 20 children per week and new ones coming each week
- Group has healthy finances (Catherine)

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)