

# Hovingham Action Group Report – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Community Speedwatch** Anyone interested in joining the Speedwatch team is welcome to contact us, [action@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk) (Helen)

**Defibrillator** checked every two weeks, all ok (Phil)

**Email Diary & Hovingham Village Website** Subscribe via website, [diary@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:diary@hovingham.org.uk) to receive diary. We need to encourage more residents to sign-up so we can contact them easily when needed. (Phil)

**Hovingham Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning** Sign cleaning is now due, plus finger posts need re-painting. (Phil)

## Hovingham Playground

The playground is looking at its summery best and all the equipment, apart from the zip line (below), is holding up well.

- The wild meadow continues to bring a lot of joy to our visitors large and small! and the addition of the nature boards and rubbing posts have been complimented by people I have spoken to.
- The zip line is out of use at the present time due to a problem with the seat fixings. The seat has been removed and caution tape put in the area. The company who installed the zip wire have been contacted as we believe this is an issue that they will be rectifying at no cost to us. Jayne is coordinating with the company and we are waiting for them to give us a date to repair.
- The Duck Race which was held in the village in June was a huge success, the day was gloriously sunny and £753.06 was raised! The playground got 50% of this and so our coffers were boosted by £376.53. It was such a lovely day that we are hoping to have another one next year at a similar time to coincide with the regular Saturday market which helped us with both sales and families attending the event. Huge thank you on behalf of Rob and myself to everyone who helped make the day such a success.
- The allocation to us of the remaining 106 monies is still ongoing and Catherine continues to pursue this in order for us to get the fort started and then collect the rest of the grant allocated to us by RDC. This has become a big headache but Catherine knows everyone involved on a first name basis now and bugs them weekly about this ... at some point they are going to get sick of it and hand the money over!!! will keep the PC notified of any progress.
- The Playgroup has kindly offered to give 50% of the cost to erect a sunshade in the Park - it is a problem that we have no area of shade in the playground and we are getting the work done locally so hope to be finished by the time the sun comes back out again!
- Our funds are at a very healthy £5223.65, this does include the first half of the grant money allocated to us. (Debs)

## Hovingham Project Purple

Our Repair Cafe and Community Hub was on Saturday 15th July.

- As well as having Sewers, an Electrician, a Tech Digital, a Carpenter we now have an expert Bike fixer. (In September we will also have Jeweller!)
- We had 33 visitors through the doors bringing 23 items to be fixed! 16 were repaired, 3 are still in progress to be repaired, 3 items where further advice was been give and 2 items that were at the end of their natural life!
- Assuming the 3 items are fixed in due course ie 19 in total. Then using the results from our one-day workshop with York University in June, we prevented 41,800 kettles being boiled or over half a ton, 627Kg, of CO2 being pumped into the atmosphere!! not a bad morning's work towards community climate action!
- In appreciation for everyone's efforts, very appreciative Visitors donated a magnificent £150!!!!!!
- We also had some good feedback at the Community Hub about how to improve community engagement which will be reviewed in the coming weeks.
- Our next Cafe and Hub on Saturday 9th September where we will have experts provide free advice on topics from Thermal imaging, Air Source Heat Pumps to Solar Panel and Battery installations.

We will also be running a free Sewing Workshop 10.00 - 12.00 on the 23rd and 30th September in the Village Hall (Frank)

## Hovingham Village Market

- The Market continues to operate well
- The Market has agreed to finance a credit/debit card terminal for Community Café use.
- Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team is encouraged to contact [themarket@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:themarket@hovingham.org.uk) (Graham)

## Hovingham Village Playgroup

- Playgroup continues to be a vibrant success, we will now close for our summer break until start of September
- Group has healthy finances (Catherine)

**Newsletter** - Anyone interested in help editing, formatting or writing articles should contact [annc@apcp.com](mailto: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](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 – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023)