

Hovingham Action Group Report – 13th September 2023

Community Speedwatch Please contact us if you would like to join the team, 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 to receive diary. We need to encourage more residents to sign-up so we can contact them easily when needed. (Phil)

Grass Cutting A team of volunteers help supplement the cutting of grass verges. If you are interested in helping out it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Hovingham Action Group (action@hovingham.org.uk) if you are interested, thank you.

Hovingham Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- The village sign cleaning has been completed for 2023 by a team of volunteers. A number of signs have been identified of being in need of refurbishment and Adrian Wass has kindly offered his services to undertake this task. The 2 finger posts in the village have also been identified as being in need of maintenance and the AONB have been contacted to request them using their budget to undertake the work. This was raised with them at the stand at the September market where they are keen to use budget by the year end. A number of signs have been identified as requiring replacement (Mossburn Drive and some of the 30mph signs at the village entrance). These have been flagged on the NYC highways site and we are awaiting a response.
- The village litter pick took place in April. It is not felt that we are in need of a follow up yet this year due to the efforts of a local volunteer who is kindly keeping the verges clear. Further support and engagement is available from the AONB and we will follow up with them in advance of the litter pick early next Spring. (Giles)

Hovingham Playground

A calendar has been sold to raise funds for the Playground. It is expected to be available from start of October with promotion at the Market and Worsley Arms Hotel.

- Since our last report we have had the zip wire fixed and it is holding up nicely. We have also had our annual independent inspection which raised many of the same problems - mostly concerning the fort which we know about and are trying to address.
- This leads nicely on to the 106 monies which are still not allocated - until we have these it is not possible for the replacement of the fort to go ahead and we sit on half the grant given to us by RDC until a time things change. Catherine continues to push for a resolution for which we are incredibly grateful.
- Meanwhile we continue in our fundraising endeavors - the latest of these being the village market cafe which raised an incredible sum of £870.98. We were incredibly blessed with gorgeous weather and a busy market along with the help of some amazing friends and villagers and for everything we are very very grateful.
- We have purchased a sail shade and are waiting for it to be erected, it does seem that we may have missed the main of the sunshine, but the shade we purchased is also waterproof so we may get some use out of it during the autumn too!, hopefully we will be able to report back on that at the next meeting.
- We have been lucky to have been the recipient of another couple of donations, this time from a baby sale which took place at the village hall and a very generous sum of £60 was donated, and also from the school anniversary celebrations which took place at the village hall when we were given £117. We have been overwhelmed with this generosity and our bank balance is at a very healthy £5825.95 due to all the above.
- I am once again going to try and access a grant to help with the grass cutting costs and will put in our application to be heard at the December meeting of Broadacres, we were lucky enough to be awarded it last year and as it is a matching grant and we have already paid out the money we tick all the boxes for application. Update as and when.
- We are grateful to everyone who uses and enjoys the playground, many of these people reach back to express how much it is enjoyed and it is that which keeps our small band going!. Thanks to everyone who has supported us, whether by doing odd jobs for us, or baking for the cafe, frying bacon, etc. Everything helps us keep this lovely area going. (The Playground Group Debs & Jayne)

Hovingham Project Purple

- Our Repair Cafe and Community Hub was on Saturday 9th September with.
- We are 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 credit card terminal is working well, contact Graham if you would like to borrow.
- Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team is encouraged to contact themarket@hovingham.org.uk (Graham)

Hovingham Village Playgroup

- Hovingham Playgroup reopened on Wednesday 6th September. We had a fantastic turn out and 3 new babies all under 12 weeks old. Numbers were healthy and the group continues to be fun to run and self-funding. We have support from Terrington, Foston and Stillington schools and they will each run a craft session on rotation which will be extremely helpful to the volunteers and fabulous for the children to start making relationships with potential teachers.
- When we arrived on the first Wednesday the door to the village hall was being painted and a van blocked our path so we did have to kindly ask them to come back later to the front and paint round behind the community room while we ran our session. They willingly obliged.
- We also found ladders piled on the toys. Care is needed when sharing storage at the village hall. Please help by using available shelving and keeping it tidy. (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 – 12th September 2023)