

# Hovingham Action Groups Report – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Community Speedwatch

- Hovingham Community Speedwatch is still inactive. I am hoping to restart at the end of March but it is dependent on the weather and our ability to read registration plates which are currently mud-covered!
- Please can any new volunteers contact us on [action@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk) (Helen)

**Defibrillator** checked every two weeks, all ok. Accessed several times by Police and Ambulance in last couple of months (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)

## Heavy Traffic

- CLOPUD - there were 62 public comments all of which were objections. The Parish Councils/Meetings that responded all objected to the application (Lillings Ambo PC, Hovingham and Scackleton PC, Gilling East PC and Oswaldkirk Parish Meeting). The Howardian Hills National Landscape also objected. There is not any documented support for this application.
- Appeal of the Enforcement Notice - objections are being submitted to the Planning Inspector. There have been approximately 20 objections so far from Hovingham residents. There is no way of monitoring the number of objections for this Appeal. The Appeal is also an attempt to get 24/7 truck movements and is more important than the CLOPUD. The PC should discuss this and respond formerly to the Planning Inspector. Submissions need to be with the Planning Inspector before 4 April 2024.
- ZE24/00119/HN - Hedge Removal from Horse Field, Gilling SSSI. This may seem trivial to some in comparison with other applications. However, it needs to be viewed as part of a bigger picture. The removal of this hedge is to facilitate the creation of an additional truck stop/layby on Coulton Lane. The Howardian Hills National Landscape has made a strong objection to this application. It would be useful to receive a view from the Road Policing Unit, as Highways are of the view that it is a road safety concern.
- Planning Contravention Notice 23/00071/BC - this was served on the 14 November 2023. Ian Mosey Ltd has responded. However, there is nothing in the public domain to view. This will be very important going forward. We do not know how or if the Local Planning Authority will take this forward.

## Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- The village litter pick has been organised for Saturday the 13th April. Starting at 10am from the Worsley Arms. This will be communicated through the Newsletter and the WhatsApp.
- We have seen some good progress with signage around the village. The Finger Post from outside the Worsley Arms has been taken away for a full refurbishment and replaced by a very basic temporary sign. An order has also gone in for finger post at the end of Mowbray Crescent. This is to have the remaining arms and halo removed and taken away for painting before being fixed back on and the broken arm welded back. We are very grateful to the National Landscape (Former AONB) for funding both of these. In addition to this, the contractor has received an order to produce a traditional style "Hovingham" nameplate, complete with cats eyes reflectors, to replace the modern nameplate when approaching the village from the west, and secure to plinth.
- Following requests going into highways we have seen replacement signs being erected for Mossburn Drive and for some of the 30MPH Speed limit signs which had badly faded. A request to some of the volunteers will be going out once we get into Spring to ask for support with sign cleaning around the village. (Giles)

## Newsletter

- This has been replaced by the Weekly Email Diary and WhatsApp Group. Unfortunately, this does not cover those who do not use/have the internet, something which will need attention [action@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:action@hovingham.org.uk)

## Playground

- The playground continues to be well used and loved, despite the weather!. The fort seems very popular and we are entering the warmer months when we can get jobs done and everything ready for the season.
- At a recent meeting it was decided that our working bee will be on Sunday 14th April at 1pm ... we would be grateful if this could be advertised in the magazine and we will put it on Hovingham Matters to try and garner some help, we will only have a few jobs but will definitely need help getting everything organized!
- We aim on installing the art plates at this time - hopefully by the swings. We will also be laying some turf so that the fort can be completed and the mounds be grassy and not muddy!, this will mean that we may have to close that area until the grass takes but we all feel it will be quicker than using seed.
- We are hoping that the sail shade will be erected around that time also which will mean some much-needed shade for the summer months for our little ones. All the equipment has been purchased and it is just to install but once again the weather has not been conducive so we have held off - knowing it won't be necessary until the sun comes out anyway!
- Our biggest quandary remains the grass cutting and at our meeting earlier today it was decided that we continue with the replacement gardener that James suggested and further discussion about the logistics of purchasing a ride on mower which can be used for both village areas and the playground .... we would appreciate very much if the PC would consider whether this would be a valid alternative to paying high prices to keep our communal areas mowed, it may come to nothing but as a group we feel that looking for an alternative is doing our due diligence when it is such a large amount of money annually.
- Our finances are in a healthy position and we continue to have fundraising events in the calendar .. the first being the May market cafe, followed by our Duck Race in June and then the October market cafe also. We are very grateful for the help and support we receive from Hovingham Stores - they are holding an easter raffle and donating the monies raised to us - we do have an amazing community. Our finances as of today stand at £ 5433.62 (Debs)

## Project Purple

- Project Purple had a successful table at the Market on the 2nd March.
- We had 3 additional people sign up to the support Wilding project. We now have a team in place.
- We had another volunteer step forward to support monitoring the recycling area.
- On the 9<sup>th</sup> March we held a Repair Cafe and Community Hub in the Village Hall. It was a wonderful morning and a hive of activity. We had 43 visitors with 24 items in for repair. We fixed 17 items on the day with 3 more in process with advice given and spare parts being purchased to return to the Repair Cafe in June. There were only 4 items not able to be repaired. We had visitors from Sand Hutton who are interested in setting up their own Repair Cafe and Community Hub and conversations about home energy efficiency, with a Thermal Imaging survey booked for next week. Generous donations totalled £168.20p! (Frank)

## Village Market

- Mark Woolley who was the founding chair of the Market has sadly died.
- Hovingham market is doing quite well even in the rain.
- We bought a new griddle and reports were that it worked very well.
- So far, the cafes all seem to be making a good profit.
- As from this year the cafes move on a month each year i.e. so March café will be in April next year.
- Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team is encouraged to contact [themarket@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:themarket@hovingham.org.uk) (Graham)

## Village Playgroup

- Each week running the playgroup is a joy. The attendees are so grateful, the teachers are involved and it makes money so we can keep toys refreshed. We consistently get over 20 children and adults every week and they are not always the same ones. I would say on average we get around 25. The cakes are a big hit, we have generous volunteer bakers.
- Catherine needs to step down at the end of this academic year as living in Harrogate will not work with her own two children in school. The rest of the team are unable to commit to every week so we are looking for a new team to take this on. We have asked on our Facebook people and those who attend the group but they are also unable to commit.
- Please can the parish council help with a note in the diary and any other village media to see if we can find some volunteers? Everyone wants it to continue but we are yet to find someone willing to take it on. (Catherine)

## 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 – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024)