

Hovingham Action Groups Report – 22nd May 2024

Community Speedwatch

- Hovingham Community Speedwatch will restart as soon as the weather improves and our ability to read registration plates which are currently mud-covered! Please can any new volunteers contact us on 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 to receive diary. We need to encourage more residents to sign-up so we can contact them easily when needed. (Phil)

Heavy Traffic

- The determination of the CLOPUD was a win win for Mosey and the Local Planning Authority. He got what he wanted and neither party had to go through the embarrassment of Public Inquiry.
- Public Inquiries are a very good thing in that it enables the public to put their point across and say what they like as long as it is not slanderous or libelous.
- What I think is key is to continue to push for the TRO along the length of Coulton Lane - this would necessitate a Public Inquiry if it included any time limit on loading and unloading. I have explained in the past the balancing exercise in S122(2) of the RTRA 1984 and how this is helpful. The Parish Council should push Richard Marr for the traffic stats on THIS first.
- Second, the Parish Council should push the LPA with regard to making the questions raised and answers to the Planning Contravention Notice within the public domain. They will resist this as they may not have, nor want to ask the difficult questions i.e. has he installed a second and third production line.
- Please remember that Condition 2 ("No machinery or other equipment shall be introduced or installed which would have the effect of increasing the current capacity of the mill without the prior written approval of the Local Planning Authority.") has been a condition since 09/00290/MFUL i.e. in 2009 when he was producing only 2,500 tonnes per month as opposed to 25,854. (Patrick)

Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- Anyone wanting to help with the sign cleaning around the village should contact Giles, thank you.

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- This has been replaced by the Weekly Email Diary and WhatsApp Group.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

Playground

- A very successful working bee took place on Sunday 14th April and we were thrilled to be helped by so many volunteers. We managed to get all the jobs done, including turfing around the new fort and re-homing the art plates from the old fort which now look beautiful on the side of the swings.
- The turf had a chance to be well
- Watered in thanks to a very wet April and the caution tape was removed a few days ago giving everyone full access to all equipment!
- The posts were also sunk for the sail shade and that has been successfully housed too, offering shade from the sun and also any rain! Hoping that this makes the playground even more accessible for all once the weather heats up .
- Last week at the May market the Playground Group ran the community cafe and had a very successful morning raising over £900 clear profit. This, along with a generous donation from playgroup of £1000 leaves us in a very healthy financial position with no large costs on the horizon. Our current bank balance is £6969.69 (that is actually the balance and not a joke !!)
- We have started with our new grass cutter and all is going well and the playground continues to look neat and well cared for.
- Fundraising does however continue and the next event will be the annual duck race which we will run in conjunction with the church - Saturday afternoon on 1st June after the market. Fingers crossed it will be a lovely bright day and another fab event. Debs Hugill (For the Playground Group)

Project Purple

- Project Purple have received a locality grant from Cllr Mason of £1168 for 2024/5
- The wilding project has the go ahead from the Estate and now NYCC and final details are being organised.
- Cowslips are being planted this week to supplement the other local species with a group of the volunteers helping with this.
- In the autumn a cut of the area will be done and a likely survey of species undertaken.
- Project Purple would like to fund and install a bike service station and electric bike and mobility charging station at the Village Hall. We are waiting for the feedback from the Parish council and Village Hall Committee. We hope this will receive positive endorsement at the PC meeting on the Wednesday.
- On the 8th June we have a Repair Cafe and Community Hub in the Village Hall, everyone welcome. (Frank)

Village Market

- The market is doing well at present and the cafes seem to be making between £750-950 per market.
- We have Swinton brass band coming this market other than that we need 4 more tables the committee is happy the way things are going.
- We are getting a new web site and in the throes of planning and new video of the market for You Tube.
- Also, we are grateful that the Parish Council allows us to use the VH car park
- Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team is encouraged to contact themarket@hovingham.org.uk (Graham)

Village Playgroup

- As ever playgroup is fabulous with over 20 children most weeks. When we had the very hot spell last week we still had 13 which covers the rent of the village hall.
- Teachers are still attending. Slingsby school has even booked in for September and October.
- Finances are good and there is nothing to buy. We are saving up for our end of term party in July. Last playgroup this term is Wednesday 17th July with the first one next academic year on 4th September.
- We have had 11 volunteers step forward to go on a rota so we are hopeful this lovely group will continue. (Catherine)

Note from Phil: Catherine formed and led the Playgroup, ensuring it has the foundation for the future; thank you 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, 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 – 20th May 2024)