

Hovingham Action Groups Report – 24th July 2024

Community Speedwatch

- Please can any new volunteers contact us on action@hovingham.org.uk (Helen)

Defibrillator checked every two weeks, all ok. Accessed several times 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

- We have received 4 weeks traffic data from NYC; the data is inconsistent with more vehicles leaving the plant than arriving, plus not inline with known production figures. This is being discussed with NYC.
- A reply to our letter has been received from Ian Mosey; he is offering 20mph in Hovingham, which he has also offered to at least Gilling Parish Council.

Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- Painting of Coronation Green and Mossburn Bank railings to be arranged
- 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- This has been replaced by the Weekly Email Diary and WhatsApp Group.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

- The Playground continues to be very popular and the volunteer team continue to ensure equipment is well maintained. Anyone wanting to join the team should contact Debs Hugill at action@hovingham.org.uk

Project Purple

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Village Market

- The market is holding its own financially and we now have a waiting list. Sadly, we get inundated with cake stalls so we limit them.
- Last market [July] was disappointing as numbers were down and the stall holders on the whole did not do well. This we feel was partly due to the weather and the car show which we feel reduced the number of regular visitors, there is always a hard core of regular locals from within a five-mile radius and these were lacking. However, amazingly the café run by the Church did very well. Every café this year has made over £700 at the market which is very satisfying.
- The market along with the village hall and the parish council is looking at building a new structure between the two white beam trees to house the market trolleys and cones.
- We feel where they are at present is an eye sore and detracts from the ambience of the village, so if we could hide them, it would be far better and also stop them being “borrowed” and not returned, we have had to buy extra cones this year as some have gone missing.
- Finally, we have been concerned re stall holders parking in then main street especially in front of the village shop. I have had discussions with them, so we now put cones out in front of the shop stating “parking for village shop only”
- The shop also complained about the play group mothers parking in front of the shop on a Wednesday preventing those who would use the shop being able to park.
- Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team is encouraged to contact themarket@hovingham.org.uk (Graham)

Village Playgroup

- This will be my final report to the parish council on behalf of the playgroup. It has been an honour to be involved in something so special. Huge, huge thanks to Ann and Debs for being there every week to deliver it with me. Without them two it would not have been sustainable or nearly as much fun.
- We leave the group in a sound financial position, with a full complement of toys and relationships with schools ready to deliver the service next term.
- The people in the village (with no attending children) have been a fabulous help. Murray comes every week to help set up and this has been brilliant. Sue W has now joined us too going forward. Christina donates the milk and Diana bakes a cake each week. Without these volunteers it would not be as successful as it has been.
- The end of term party saw a lot of new people come to Hovingham so let's hope they support the group going forward in September too. People travel from Pickering and Easingwold to attend the group.
- The kind words we received on our departure blew us away. Lots of people opened up about how friendly and welcoming it is with no cliques. Shy people who have trouble making friends have been able to find their mum tribe and credit the playgroup with them making new friends and enjoying their new baby. We have had more than one mother open up about mental health issues too and how the playgroup helped with that. The group is definitely achieving what it set out to do.
- Although I am no longer able to commit to every week with my own daughter starting school, I do hope to keep in touch with the new team and I am always on the end of the phone.
- Thank you to Phil & Mark for encouraging us to make this happen and providing their ongoing support. (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 – 22nd July 2024)