

Hovingham Action Groups Report – 25th September 2024

Community Speedwatch

- Awful weather earlier in the year and a very busy summer, we have not managed to arrange any sessions for Hovingham Community Speed Watch so there is nothing in the report.
- Please can any new volunteers contact us on action@hovingham.org.uk (Helen)

Defibrillator

- Checked every two weeks, all ok. New pads have been purchased. (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 3 weeks NEW traffic data from NYC for July-August; this data is inconsistent with more vehicles leaving the plant than arriving, plus not in line with known production figures. This is being discussed with NYC.
- A meeting has been arranged with Ian Mosey for October where we hope to finalise a 20mph in Hovingham.

Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- Painting of Coronation Green and Mossburn Bank railings arranged for Saturday 21st September 2024
- 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- This has been replaced by the Weekly Email Diary and WhatsApp Group.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. A proposal is being made to resume the Newsletter, financed by the Market however, this needs to be investigated.

Playground

- All is well and looking good at the playground. Our last fundraiser was the Duck Race run in partnership with the Church and raising some
- Funds along with a brilliant and fine day yet again. We thank our generous local businesses for their support with both selling ducks and prizes too.
- Our next fundraiser will be the market cafe in October.
- The new fort which was built just prior to the summer had bedding nicely and the grass we planted has grown well and it looks like it's been there forever! It is well used and everyone seems to love it!
- The bird box we put up last year was occupied this year and we have just cleaned it out all ready for next spring!! The wild flower meadow looked spectacular this year and continues to be a popular natural attraction for our little visitors.
- The new grass cutter is doing a great job and we have just agreed a price for him to cut the inside hedges. Debs is to contact the estate and see if they are willing to cut the outside hedges when they do the estate ones - David kindly did this last year so we hope we can arrange again.
- Our funds continue to look healthy thanks to 2 annual market cafes and the beautiful calendar which is going to be on its second year - both these are vital and have certainly made fundraising a whole lot easier these past 2 years. Obviously, funds need to remain robust to cover future repairs/replacements and also any unexpected costs which may arise.
- We thank all the people who help us on a regular basis - Richard who helps keep our mole population down and is constantly doing odd repairs, mark who stores, moves, cuts .. you name it! Plus, many others who have come out to help at the drop of a hat - we couldn't do it without you all. (Debs)

Playgroup

- Playgroup numbers average 20/25 each week, with many returning and some new faces each time.
- Account balance £399.01 with a deduction from the Sum-Up app used for card payments tbc.
- We have a new cash book. Emily Hunter-Smart is our 'treasurer' and can confirm numbers (copied in)
- I am liaising with the schools
- We have a rota for the volunteers running up to Christmas and will review for the new year. Others have also been joining to help set up and pack away and we're still enjoying baking from Diana and other volunteers, so currently ticking along nicely.
- We are continuing to send reminders/notices out on Facebook
- We thank Catherine, Debs and others for an excellent hand over and ongoing guidance.
- We will soon start planning for the Christmas party!
- As a new mum last year, the PG was the centre of my week! Being able to turn up in whatever dishevelled mess I was in and receive welcoming smiles, tea and cake and lots of happy company was a wonderful support. Many of the new volunteer group also have small tots so we're pitching in as best we can to keep it going for the new influx of new mums in particular. The opportunity for my son to start building his social skills in a busy environment is also very beneficial and it's been fantastic to make new mum friends too. (Ellie)

Project Purple

- Project Purple have received a grant from NYMNPA for £1867 and £1168 from Cllr Steve Mason's Locality Budget toward the bike station in the village hall car park. This will include a charger and repair stand. The PC and VH Committee have also supported the project. We hope to install this in October.
- The wilding project had a hiccup with an unscheduled cutting. We hope this has not put back the project. Waiting on HHNL to verify this year's outcome. Special thanks to all the support we had with the unscheduled racking and disposing of the cuttings.
- PP has funded a £345 software upgrade the EV charging station to prevent it from becoming redundant!
- The charger can be activated using a BP Pulse RFID card or by simply downloading the BP Pulse Pay As You Go app.
- PP sponsored Paths4Everyone with a £100 donation towards their Logo
- If anyone would like more information about the P4E, please contact Frank Colenso directly.
- The next Repair Café and Community Hub is on the 12th October. We hope to have our full range of Fixers. It is always a super community event and encourage everyone to come along. Flyers will be delivered door to door next week.
- The Community Hub will be open to discuss any or all the issues around climate change. A special focus on energy saving with our thermal imaging camera to air source heat pumps and solar panels.
- We are in the process of improving access and broadening items that can be borrowed between resident. So, the Share Shed becomes The Library of Things enabling Hovingham residents to borrow tools, kitchen appliances, electronics, children's car seats and more, promoting sustainability, saving money, buying and finding space for more "stuff".
- Join our Hovingham Library of Things WhatsApp group (coming soon) Tony Mathé 07813 162604 to borrow or lend items for free. Simple! (Frank)

Village Market

- Market going well.
- Have now paid for a fence at the rear of the car park so that the cones etc can be put behind it therefore tidying up the road side vista.
- Memorial seat for Mark Woolley bought and now in place, will be unveiled at the next market at 1015 am. I am inviting Sir William to unveil it.. Hopefully he will be in Hovingham.
- We would also like Marks sister to be there.
- Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team is encouraged to contact themarket@hovingham.org.uk (Graham)

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 September 2024)