

# Action Group Reports – 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## SCACKLETON

### Trees & Hedges

- The local Highways Officer has filled in the damage road edges with tarmac. He said the trees / shrubs were not overhanging the edge of the grass verge, so did not warrant action at the moment. The owner of the field is responsible for the hedges. However, there is a double set of hedges either side of a ditch, only one of which borders the owner's land. It is up to Highways and NY Council to identify and contact the owner. Highways are aware of the issue and will keep an eye on things. No more for us to do.

## HOVINGHAM

### 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 the report.
- 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. New pads have been purchased. (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

- Both traffic surveys undertaken by NYC have produced inconsistent results; both showing a significant discrepancy between vehicles entering and leaving the mill site. In conclusion, the metamorphosis of vehicles between empty and loaded, together with the weaknesses of the pneumatic tube system, mean this is unlikely to produce reliable figures.
- Constructive discussions are taking place with Ian Mosey to reduce the nuisance created by heavy vehicles in the villages.

### Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- Painting of railings at bottom of Mossburn Bank and by telephone box still to be completed.
- Status of street sign at top of Mowbray Crescent is being chased.

### Newsletter

- A proposal is being made to resume the Newsletter, financed by the Market however, this continues investigation.

### Playground

- The playground continues to flourish thanks to the help and support of our small group and members of our community who respond to our calls for help readily.
- Mark is on with removing the benches for the winter and we thank Pat who helped us mend a swing which needed tightening after a recent monthly check.
- We had our last market cafe of the year in October and raised over £1000 which is phenomenal. Again this could not have been achieved without many willing helpers and bakers - we are very grateful.
- This leaves our finances at £7504.75 which is excellent.
- We have just paid for the hedges to be trimmed back and tidied for the winter and so as far as costs go this is the last "large bill " of the year.
- We received some more wild flower plugs which were planted at the end of October and we are looking forward to seeing them in flower next year!
- Ongoing thanks to all who support us. Debs (Debs)

## Playgroup

- Playgroup is going well with the new team.
- Between 25-30 families a week so we are covering costs and have surplus, we have had some new families coming which has been lovely.
- Xmas party on the 11th December which we hope will be very fun.
- We couldn't run the playgroup without the help of people from Hovingham - so please pass on our thanks to everyone. (Em)

## Project Purple

- **Repair Café and Community Hub:** Our last event was on the 12th October. The morning started off with a rush and the pace kept with 75 people through the door in 2 hours. There were 31 items brought in to be repaired. 17 were fixed on the morning, 2 items were taken away to be fixed. 7 items where advice was given, mainly to buy spare parts, there were just 5 items that could not be fixed, what a result! On top of this, we were sustained with tea, coffee and fabulous cakes provided by our kind and generous supporters.
- We had 3 visitors, one from Shetland who has gone away inspired by the energy and vibe and wants to set up a Repair Cafe back home. The other 2 visitors were from Driffield, who simply saw the flyer, were curious and amazed to find a hive of activity and buzz in the Village Hall!
- Here are a couple of quotes from very happy clients about their experience.  
*"Very helpful repairers, gave me a detailed account of the problem, sadly it count be repaired but was confirmed that it had its day! A good experience - Many thanks"*  
*"This repair cafe is simply wonderful, people get together with cakes, coffee and tea. All the jobs you can't fix yourself can be done here. Please keep on coming"*
- Donations from appreciative visitors amounted to £153.70. Our next Repair Cafe and Community Hub will be Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2025.
- **Library of Things:** We have improved access and broadening items that can be borrowed between resident. The Library of Things Whats app group has been set up 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 through Tony Mathé 07813 162604 to borrow or lend items for free. Simple
- **Bike Station:** The Bike Charger and Repair Stand have finally been ordered. The Bike Charger will be installed on the 26th November. We hope to have the station completed in early January.
- **Thermal Imaging:** With the cold weather already with us, PP is offering residents the opportunity to have a thermal imaging survey of their home to see where the heat leaks are. We have also negotiated a 50% discount for residents with Jewsons for a range of home insulation. Simply contact PP at <https://www.project-purple.org.uk/thermal-imaging>
- **Market Café:** We look forward to running the Market Café on the 7th December. (Frank)

## Village Market

- Jim will be standing down at the end of the year. We are looking for a volunteer to take over Stallholder Communications and Bookings.
- Anyone wanting to join the volunteer team is encouraged to contact [themarket@hovingham.org.uk](mailto: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](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 – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024)