

# Hovingham Action Group Reports – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Community Speedwatch

- 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

- Constructive discussions are taking place with Ian Mosey to reduce the nuisance created by heavy vehicles in the villages.
- NYC Planning Enforcement have proposed meeting with Parish Council and members of the community to update them with status of enforcement action.

## Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- Painting of railings at bottom of Mossburn Bank and by telephone box still to be completed when weather allows.
- 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

- All is well with the playground with nothing new to report. Calendar and Card sales went well and the results together with details of working bee will be in next report. (Debs et al)

## Playgroup

- We had a brilliant end to 2024 with a Xmas party for 35 little ones.
- We have had one session of 2025 which was well attended with lots of new mums and babies which was lovely to see.
- We now have a good group of regular volunteers so the group is going well and is also well supported. (Em)

## Project Purple

- PP ran the Market Café on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. It was a very windy day and the market had to close at 12.00. However, PP raise a fantastic £783.15 thanks to all the helpers and fantastic bakers.
- On the 11<sup>th</sup> January we ran our first Repair Café and Community Hub for 2025. We had circa 35 people come through the doors, either to bring something to repair, have a coffee and cake or simply curious about what we are doing.
- Collectively, we had 30 items brought in, a staggering 28 were fixed or taken away to be fixed. 1 item is under review and only 1 item was not able to be repaired.
- Here are some of the comments left by our visitors:
  - “The repair saved me so much money if had to buy new again”.
  - “Totally Brilliant organisation - so good to save and repair and not to take to Wimbledon refuse”.
  - “It was wonderful -all sorted”
  - “Un-believable, it is now repaired and in full working order”
  - “Absolutely delighted”
  - “Wonderful opportunity to have treasured items repaired. Thank you:-)”
- Our MP, Kevin Hollinrake also spent an hour at the Café and Community Hub speaking with our Fixers and Guests who brought items in for repair. He left leaving with comments “every community should have a café and hub like this”.
- We also booked an appointment to carry out a thermal imaging survey in the next week. David Davis has also carried out several others this year.
- We received kind donations of £186.38 towards the Repair Cafe and Project Purples activities. A special thanks to our cake makers. The event would never be the same without their generous and wonderful bakes.
- The Bike Station has been installed. We are putting the location on various web sites. It is already on the NYMNPA web site. We will publicise more widely in the coming weeks.
- The next Repair Café and Community Hub is on the 8th March. We hope to have our full range of Fixers. It is always a super community event and encourage everyone to come along. (Frank)

## Village Market

- Thank you to everyone who made both of the extraordinary weather markets so successful in December. Both were very successful and the band played on despite the conditions!!
- Jim will be retiring after the February 2025 Market and handing over to Maggie Jones.
- 2024 was a very successful year for the Market and thank you again to the committee, volunteers, residents, stallholders and visitors who made this possible. (pp 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025)