

Hovingham Action Group Reports – 19th March 2025

Community Speedwatch • Speedwatch is currently dormant; volunteers will be contacted in the next week or two to determine interest in starting up again. Please can any new volunteers contact us on action@hovingham.org.uk (Helen)

Defibrillator • Checked every two weeks, all ok and new pads/batteries will be purchased when required. (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

- Constructive discussions are taking place with Ian Mosey Ltd to reduce the nuisance created by their vehicles in the villages. They have resulted in significant reduction in noise/vibration and future joint initiatives are being investigated.
- NYC Planning Enforcement have met with Parish Council and residents to update on status of enforcement action.

Litter Pick & Sign Cleaning

- Annual Hovingham Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 22nd March, 10:00am at Worsley Arms Hotel. This will be followed by coffee and cake kindly provided by Sally and Tony at the Hotel.
- 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. (Giles)

Neighbourhood Watch • New signs, for both villages are being produced.

Newsletter • Resumption of Newsletter proposed, financed by the Market however, this continues investigation.

Playground

- We met with Alice re renewal of the lease agreement and they have agreed to the same terms but we are hunting for someone to help us with getting it written up to avoid huge lawyer fees.
- We are looking for a playground inspection company who will do our annual inspection including the zip wire (which has become a bit of a nightmare due to heavy costs to have it inspected). This is a work in progress and will report further down the (zip) line how we get on.
- The working bee has not been finalised, we will publish the date in the newsletter and on Hovingham matters.
- Calendar and Card sales achieved contributed over £1,900 to Playground funds, a great achievement. (Debs et al)

Playgroup

- The Playgroup continues to go from strength to strength.
- We have had lots of new mums through the door this year and lots of the regulars keep coming back.
- Donated circa £175 to Mind as we very sadly lost a member of playgroup to Postnatal depression in September 2024.
- At the end of February, we had circa £400 in the kitty so all seems to be going well. We have around 8 people who regularly help to set up and clear away so there is a good group of us there to help one another.
- Many thanks for all the support from Mark, Phil and Debs who keep us on the straight and narrow! (Em)

Project Purple

- A very big thank you for your support of our recent successful Repair Café/Community Hub on 8th March.
 - 2 hours; 83 visitors; 40 items brought in for repair - the highest number to date 🍷 33 successful repairs ✅; 3 where advice given 😊; 4 items beyond repair 😞
 - 4 visitors sought advice about air source heat pumps/installing solar panels ♻️
 - £149.50 generous donations 🍷
- A special thank you to our bakers 🍰 for the wonderful fresh bakes, our refreshments team and volunteers who make it all happen.
- Our next Repair Cafés 🛠️ are on Saturday 14th June and Saturday 11th October. Hope to see you then. (Catherine)

Village Market

- The numbers of visitors is a little down on last year for February and March but stall holders seem happy. The stall holder numbers are good but we had 3 no shows at the February market which was disappointing. The volunteers have been great, they enjoyed the volunteer's supper and our youngest volunteer was given £25 towards his cricket kit.
- The market has been put forward for the Kings Award for Volunteers and visited twice by two Deputy Lieutenants who will put our application forward to the adjudicating panel, we will not know the outcome until later in the year.
- Maggie Jones is taking over the stall applications from Jim Harrow and she is being helped by Murray and Graham.
- The cafes are doing well and were grateful for the excellent deep clean by Danielle. (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 – 18th March 2025)