

Hovingham Action Group Reports – 21st May 2025

Community Speedwatch • Members of the Speed Watch team have little enthusiasm to continue. There have not been any sessions since November 2023 and North Yorkshire Police have not been giving us any feedback. We have been operating since 2018 so they will have sufficient information on the traffic in Hovingham. We should contact them with a view to ceasing operation officially.

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)

Litter Pick, Rail Painting and Sign Cleaning

- Annual Hovingham Litter Pick took place on Saturday 22nd March with another great turnout. This was followed by coffee and cake kindly provided by Sally and Tony at the Hotel.
- Painting of railings on Mossburn Bank, by telephone box and Beckside railings once satisfactorily repaired by NYC.
- Status of street sign at top of Mowbray Crescent is being chased. (Giles)

Neighbourhood Watch • New signs, for both villages, are to be installed.

Newsletter • The Market are sponsoring a bi-monthly newsletter to be electronically distributed with the village diary with paper copies to those not receiving the email diary. (Steve Martin and Murray Stewart)

Playground

- All is good with the playground and nothing much to report. It continues to be busy which is lovely! The wild flower meadow is once again looking like it will be pretty with a lot of new plugs going in at the back end of last year. The fort is looking well established to.
- The zip wire is out of action at the moment and we are waiting for an inspection by the company who installed and mended last year to give us some information on how to get it back in use again.
- We had our annual working bee on Sunday (18th May) and were very grateful for the help and support of a great bunch of people - we got all the jobs done and it is looking excellent for the summer holiday season!!!
- We have our market in June and hope that this will be successful.
- Finances are looking healthy and Phil will give you details of that. Thanks to everyone who continues to support our playground and help keep it running (Debs et al)

Playgroup

- Group going well and we are still very much solvent.
- We are having a summer party for those children who are moving onto school in mid-July, all going well thank you.
- Many thanks for all the support from Mark, Phil and Debs who keep us on the straight and narrow! (Em)

Project Purple

- A Hovingham Repair Café and Community Hub was held on Saturday 8th March 2025
 - We had a staggering 83 people through the door, so if it seemed busy, it was!!
 - We had 40 items for repair - the highest number to date!
 - 33 items were successfully repaired - wow!. 3 items where advice was given and 4 items beyond repair
 - In addition, we had 4 meetings with people who came to seek advice on replacing their air source heat pumps and installing solar panels.
 - Kind donations of £149.50. As always, a special thank you to our bakers for the wonderful fresh bakes.
- Our next Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 14th June, hope to see you then.
- We have recently confirmed PP activities and focus for 2025.
 - Repair Cafe and the 8 fixing areas with the Community Hub
 - Resident Support with Air Source, Solar, Insulation and grants
 - Discounts from local suppliers
 - Thermal Imaging Surveys
 - Library of Things
 - Wilding
 - Tree Mulching
 - Maintaining the recycling area
 - Managing the EV Charging
 - Managing the Bike Station
 - Support for P4E
 - Web site and Social Media
- Further Activities in progress: Planning a “Learn How to Repair” Sewing and Knitting Workshop in November (Frank)

Village Market

- Maggie Jones is taking over from Jim Harrow doing all the stall bookings. Jim has done it for the last five years and has done an excellent job. Stall bookings is a time consuming job and we are very pleased Maggie decided to take it on.
- We are looking at doing a new video and updating the web site.
- Stall numbers are holding up and average foot fall is around the 650-700. Cafes doing well and new signage is ordered. (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 – 19th May 2025)