

Hovingham Action Group Reports – 23rd July 2025

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

- 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

- Summer is here and the playground is not just looking good, it's looking fantastic! The wildflowers this year are beautiful and the fort which was only installed last year looks like it has been there always!!
- We still have an issue with the zipwire which is out of action but we have just received an estimate for repair - this comes in just over £1000 but also includes a replacement of a part for one other item in the playground also - the wobble board. Jayne and I will be doing our monthly inspection on Monday and will discuss this but it looks like we have the money in the account to go ahead and ok these repairs and get the zipwire up and running again as soon as possible.
- The other main issue we have at present is the donation box which is jammed so that coins cannot be put in and we cannot get anything out! Frank Colenso is kindly dealing with this but is on holiday at present so we are awaiting his return to get that back in action - obviously this is crucial as it is peak season for playground users and we do need those donations. We will update as necessary.
- Our last fundraising effort was the June village market cafe when we raised c£880 - a magnificent effort in which we greatly appreciated the help and support of many village residents. The duck race is coming up on 2 August which is our next fundraiser. This will be run in conjunction with the church and we look forward to fair weather and plenty of spectators. Ducks will be sold at the market in the morning and then at the event by the stream in the afternoon. They will also be available from the bakery, shop and Worsley arms.
- Thanks to everyone for their continued support and help with keeping our playground running. (Debs et al)

Playgroup

- We have had a brilliant year with Playgroup. We couldn't have done it without the help of Debs, Mark & Phil and other support in the Village - so thank you all very much.
- We will re-open in September and following our summer party on Wednesday this week we have more people who are keen to Volunteer which is fab.
- Playgroup is so important for mums. Some people really struggle to get out of the house, so to have somewhere they can go once a week to get a cup of something warm and see a friendly space is so important- I am not sure I had realised how important it was until I started helping.
- We finished the year with circa £150 in the pot - but we did subsidise the party asking people to only pay £3.50 per family and we put on a bouncy castle and yummy food - which everyone loved.
- Thank you again for everyone's help in keeping us on the straight and narrow! (Em)

Project Purple

David and Caroline Davis

- It is with sadness and best wishes that we have to say goodbye to Caroline and David Davis as they move on to pastures new and begin a new chapter in Dunkeld, Scotland.
- As members of the Project Purple founding group back in October 2017, they have been instrumental in shaping its activities. From the community survey in 2018, the solar farm feasibility study, EV charger installation, our web site and social media management, to thermal imaging surveys, village wilding, the bike station and of course the Repair Café and Community Hub.
- Caroline and David have been absolute team players, committed, reliable, advisers, industrious, great listeners, abundant technical skills, trusted friends and just a pleasure to work and be with.
- Dunkeld don't know how lucky they are to have David and Caroline moving into their community, they will be sorely missed in Hovingham

Project Purple Team

- Hovingham Repair Café and Community Hub Saturday 14th June 2025
- We had 45 people through the door; here are the stats; 23 items for repair; 15 items were successfully repaired; 2 items where advice was given and 6 items beyond repair
- One of the repairs was from a lady who was on holiday in the area and ran her own Repair Cafe in Nottingham. She was over the moon to finally have a zip replaced in a dress, because she never has time to have it fixed at her own Repair Cafe!
- Kind donations amounted to £116.20. As always, a special thank you to our bakers for the wonderful fresh bakes.
- Our next Repair Cafe will be on Saturday 12th October, hope to see you then. (Frank)

Village Market

- The visitor numbers are steadily increasing and our recent survey showed visitors from the local caravan sites, a number from the Northallerton area, Stokesley. Teesside and east Yorkshire.
- A new web site will soon be up and running and all the gazebos have been marked with "property of Hovingham market"
- The new shed is groaning under the strain of all the tables and gazebos as we had to buy 4 new tables.
- Stall holder numbers are doing well with a steady influx of new commers.
- Cafes averaging around £750 (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 – 21st July 2025)