

# Hovingham Action Group Reports – 24<sup>th</sup> September 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](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)

## Litter Pick, Rail Painting and Sign Cleaning

- Painting of railings on Brookside once NYC repairs complete; likely to be Spring 2026(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

- There has been some extreme anti-social behaviour at the Playground and around Hovingham.
  - The first instance was a couple of teenagers using playground equipment as a bike track. They were approached and were very apologetic; this has not been repeated.
  - Following this criminal damage took place by others. A seat was destroyed, the pergola damaged and other vandalism around Hovingham village. Some of this was filmed by residents and reported to the Police who have visited both families. There has fortunately not been repeated and one of the parents have offered to contribute towards the repairs.
- Hovingham Estate and the Parish Council have given their full support to the Playground team. The Parish Council have agreed to underwrite the necessary repairs and actions against those responsible for the damage.
- The Police have responded promptly to these events and hopefully those “responsible” have been visited and reminded that any subsequent events would be very seriously followed up.
- All these events have caused considerable distress to the Playground team and to other users of the Playground. This has resulted in one member of the committee resigning.
- **Anyone witnessing criminal damage or anti-social behaviour must report it to the Police so they can investigate it and take appropriate action.** (pp Debs)

## Playgroup

- The Playgroup have resumed the sessions following the summer break.
- All is proceeding well and thank you to everyone who provides help and support to the Playgroup (pp Em)

## Project Purple

- There will be a **Creating Space for Nature** presentation and discussion regarding the creation of a space for nature on Mossburn Bank. This is organised by Project Purple and the Howardian Hills National Landscape. This will take place in the Hovingham Village Hall at 7<sup>pm</sup> (to 8<sup>pm</sup>) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.
- The next **Hovingham Repair Café and Community Hub** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Everyone is welcome to attend, get advice and enjoy the wonderful bakes.
- The **Electric Vehicle Charger (EVC)** has been removed from the Village Hall Car Park following BP Pulse’s cancelling of the supply and support agreement. Project Purple are investigating options to acquire a replacement unit. (pp Frank)

## Village Market

- A new bespoke shed has been purchased and is placed at the far end of the car park.
- The Café at the September Market was run by the Bell Ringers.
- Anyone wanting to help with the Market should email us at [themarket@hovingham.org.uk](mailto:themarket@hovingham.org.uk) (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.

NOTE: Due to holidays and other commitments some of these reports are pp’d on behalf of the group leader with the highlight items.

**Thank You** (Thank you to all those who contributed to this report, consolidated by Phil Chapman – 24<sup>th</sup> Sep 2025)