

Hovingham Action Group Reports – 26th November 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 Brookside once NYC repairs complete; likely to be Spring 2026(Giles)

Neighbourhood Plan

- At the last meeting in October a couple of the members of the team unfortunately stood down due to other commitments. This meant that there was only 3 members left in the group. In light of this and the fact that funding has been pulled and a feeling that the Government is deprioritising NP's we took the reluctant decision to stop any work on this and re-assess if there are any changes in Government strategy.
- Whilst this is disappointing, the significant work involved and willingness of volunteers for something that we don't feel will make a difference has made it challenging. We will review with the PC to understand if there was still a desire to conduct a village survey/questionnaire and the value that this could create. We agreed to re-group on this in the springtime to discuss.
- There are costs of £176.99 that will need re-imbursing from the PC for the Microsoft 365 Licenses that have now been cancelled. (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

- Nothing much to report from the Playground Group. The repairs have all been done apart from the seat in the pagoda (this still remains in my garden waiting for repairs). The general consensus is that at some point in the very near future this will need replacing.
- We would like to thank Mark for bringing in the benches for the winter and also the estate for cutting the hedge by the Ebor way.
- We were the very lucky recipients of monies collected at the Remembrance Day lunch and are so grateful for the support of the team and the generosity of those who attended.
- Phil has the bank balance (£9,743.34) and we have an additional fund raiser the beginning of December which Tony at the Worsley has organised. We will end the year in a very comfortable financial position ready to tackle any repairs and the replacement of the pagoda maybe next year.
- Thank you to everyone who supports and contributes to the success of the playground. (Debs)

Playgroup

- Playgroup is going really well - we have a fab team of volunteers (could always do with more) and we have had lots and lots of new families joining us.
- We are having a Xmas party on the 10th Dec when we hope father Christmas will make an appearance.
- We are totally self-funded and have cash in the kitty to buy new toys when needed so it's all going well. (Em)

Project Purple

Hovingham Repair Café and Community Hub Saturday 11th October 2025

We had every type of repair as well as visitors from Gt Habton, Malton and Leavening. 40 visitors and a total of 28 items brought in to be fixed. Of which:

21 items were fixed!

3 advice was given

1 in progress

3 items beyond repair

- We had some lovely comments:

"Delighted to have it working again, I had tried everything"

"Excellent advice, good work going on here"

"Fantastic, The Repair Cafe has a great community feel"

- Through the community Hub, we had 2 requests for the Thermal Imaging Camera.
All in all a super morning stopping so much going into landfill and donations of £106.50 gratefully received.
The next Repair Cafe and Community Hub will be on Saturday 10th January 2026.

Creating Space for Nature

- The Project Purple Team thank residents for sharing their concerns about creating space for nature on Mossburn Bank.
After careful consideration, we have taken the decision not to progress the project.

EV Charger

- The station closed at the end of September. We are still investigating a number of alternative solutions.

Mini Recycling Centre

- As previously reported, we continue to evaluate. We have a large carton recycling container in the mini recycling area.
Due to the new NYC large household recycling bins, we don't believe the carton recycling bin is required. We will discuss this with NYC Street Scene and make a decision to remove it.

Paths 4 Everyone

- Project Purple thank Hovingham Estate for supporting the Paths 4 Everyone project and making the already permissive rail track to include cycles. (Frank)

Village Market

- The market continues to flourish and we have more requests for stalls at present.
- We are very selective as we wish to keep the standards of the stalls at a high level and the new mushroom stall is a great success.
- Although we have two new members on the committee [we are losing Jim Harrow and Chris Stark] we still need two more, especially to help Maggie with the stall applications. As yet all those asked have said no.
- If we do not get people to help the running of the market, I fear that it will not continue after the end of this year.
- Christmas tree bought by the market and the two Christmas markets are full + donkey and brass band.
- Finally, we were not awarded the Kings Award for Volunteers. I am told by the Lord Lieutenant that the committee were cutting back on the awards this year to be in line with other national awards. A pity as our volunteers are brilliant and without them there would not be a market.
- Volunteers Supper Wednesday 21st January at the Worsley Arms (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.

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 – 24th November 2025)