

Hovingham Action Group Reports – 28th January 2026

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 - This is now suspended (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 good with the playground and nothing to report !!! Will have more to report next time (Debs)

Playgroup

- All is going well at Playgroup as we enter its 4th year. We are still well attended by mums young and old and we seem to have a good group of Grandparents who bring along their Grandchildren which is very nice and fun.
- We are hoping to raise some more funds this year to be able to buy some new toys but we haven't yet sorted out what this will be.
- Thank you for everyone's support in the Village we really appreciate it. (Em)

Project Purple

Market Café 20th December

- A very big Thank You to you all those who help with their time, generous and amazing baking, There were 25 people who contributed to making a successful Project Purple Cafe! We really couldn't have done it without each and every one of those involved. We raised a staggering £1,276. This will go a long way to support Project Purples activities and the running of the Repair Cafe and Community Hub in 2026!
- Hovingham Repair Café and Community Hub Saturday 10th January 2026
- We had a very successful first Repair Cafe and Community Hub of 2026.
- Considering the winter weather, we had 40 visitors and 27 items brought in for repair! A very busy morning. We also had a number of people who came in just for advice and regular visitors who came in for tea and homemade cake from our wonderful bakers!
- Of the 27 items, 13 were repaired on the day, 5 items taken away to be repaired, 3 items to be returned in March with the spare parts and 6 items where advice was given.
- We have had several people come forward requesting the thermal imaging camera. It really does help to identify areas in the house that are letting in the cold where simple solutions could help keep money in your wallet.
- We had generous donations from grateful visitors totalling £214.55 for which we are very thankful.
- Our next Repair Cafe and Community Hub is on the 14th March.

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 have been evaluating the use of the recycling centre. Due to the new NYC large household recycling bins, we don't believe the centre is required.
- Having check again on Saturday 24th January, there only 2 of the 11 bins which are full with cardboard. The other bins, plastic and glass are to all in tense and purposes, empty. The proposal from Project Purple with the present understanding would be to close the centre. We will discuss this with NYC Street Scene and get their input and get back to the Parish Council with our final recommendation.
- We do however recommend keeping the Salvation Army Clothes Bank. (Frank)

Village Market

- Graham has retired as chair; the committee will use a revolving chair in same way as VH. (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.