

# Hovingham Action Group Reports – 1<sup>st</sup> April 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](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

- Litter Pick scheduled for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April, meeting outside Bakery (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

- The last couple of months has seen a slow time at the playground due to the season and weather! But In the fundraising department it has been very busy!
- January saw a film night fundraiser at The Worsley Arms which was not only a fun and interesting evening it was also very lucrative, raising £235.
- February saw the monies in from the calendar which brought in over £1000, a huge thank you to all the snappers for taking such brilliant photos but also everyone who bought and sold the calendar.
- March saw the first social event organised since the closing of the Worsley- a choral evening which was a huge success and funds split between the playground and the church, this brought in another £400. This leaves the playground with £11,305.21.
- The main problem - which is a big problem- is people. Since Jayne has resigned from the playground it has left just myself as an active volunteer. I have a couple of people who may help from time to time but no regular or reliable help to even cover the inspections.
- I would like to ask the PC what their suggestions would be to try and encourage people to join this group not just on an ad hoc basis but as a reliable and consistent volunteer. I think this plea would sound better and have more clout coming from yourselves rather than a cry for help from me. I am happy to continue to do what I can, when I can, but this current situation is untenable and it's not something I would want to carry on doing long term.
- Please let me know your thoughts. As you can see the playground is in a great position financially and all the work needed doing has been done. Looking forward it would mean help with inspections and continued fund raising and taking an active role in the future of this space. (Debs)

## Playgroup

- Playgroup is ticking along we have bought some new toys for the slightly older children which are a hit. Numbers have been down this term - not entirely sure why - think maybe brighter days so people want to be out and about. (Em)

## Project Purple

### Repair Café and Community Hub 14th March

- It was a supper day on Saturday. We had 33 people visit the Repair Cafe and Community Hub. Footfall was down on last time but it was still a busy and successful morning.
- In total we had 19 items brought in for repair, a staggering 14 items fixed, 1 item where advice was given and 4 items that had finally come to the end of their useful life.
- We had a request for information regarding solar panels and another for the use of the Thermal Imaging camera. The camera is going to a local school for the children to identify where in their school building, it can become more energy efficient. Please note, if residents would like to borrow the thermal imaging camera to check for any cold spots around your home, you are more than welcome to borrow it, just let us know.
- Additionally, we raised £146 in donations. These were some of the comments
  - "Incredible job, thank you!"
  - "Thank you for fixing my lamps with such care."
  - "100% thank you - Well Done!"
  - "Most helpful with advice and the repair work- so much wonderful knowledge."
  - "Fast, efficient, friendly, effective, first class, thank you!"
- And from one of our youngest customers to date who was thrilled after her beloved Cinderella doll was fixed, said "Cinderella is nice and healthy" :-).
- Thanks again to all or fixers, bakers and supporters for a great day

### Mini Recycling Centre

- As already reported the recycling centre has been closed due to lack of use. The area was cleaned up and boarded until an alternative use is found.

- We did recommend keeping the Salvation Army Clothes Bank, however during the previous week and without notice as far as we are aware the, the bank was removed by the Salvation Army. The reason “on the grape vine” was, since it was relocated, they couldn’t access the bank to empty it due to parked cars.
- PP/ SS/ RC e mail addresses

**Other**

- The e mail addresses have been shut down temporarily on my lap top for security reasons, due to continual unsolicited email. Will continue to work with Phil to find a more secure solution. (Frank)

**Village Market**

- As you know Graham has stood down as chairman and as yet no one has come forward to take the role on.]]
- We have 2 new members on the committee one of whom is a trader so we now have 2 traders on the committee the other being Nick Burrows from Coulton.
- The April market is smaller than usual due to vacations and other commitments. Graham will be away for most of April and part of May as will Maggie, Kerry Anne and Helen are looking after the bookings.
- As you know Graham intends to move nearer family so may be June/July will be my last markets.
- The market is financially stable having bought 3 mew gazebos we now have 25 which is as many as we can cope with.
- Market traders— some are finding it difficult but one or two have done very well, new traders get a lot of interest but often do not do so well 2nd time, especially non-food. (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.

**Thank You** (Thank you to all those who contributed to this report, consolidated by Phil Chapman – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026