

Hovingham Action Group Reports – 26th May 2026

Defibrillator ● Checked every two weeks, all ok, new sign received and to be installed. (Phil)

Email Diary & Hovingham Village Website ● Subscribe via website, diary@hovingham.org.uk to receive diary. Need to encourage more residents to sign-up so we can contact them easily when needed. (Phil)

Litter Pick, Rail Painting and Sign Cleaning ● Ongoing sign cleaning in progress, Mowbray finger post repaired, needs to be installed. (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

- As we move into the busier time for the playground all seems to be working well, the plants we put in last year have started growing and apart from the plethora of nettles which also seem to thrive they are looking lovely. The nettles, or at least as many as I could get, have been removed as they are really not conducive to a fun and safe child friendly area!
- We have no maintenance issues at present and Mark has kindly put the picnic tables and benches back.
- The donation box yields only a few pounds each quarter but the QR code has seen some activity of late which is good. On this subject I wonder if it's possible to use a different code, the one from the card machine used at the cafe/bingo etc??? As the code we have at present is actually the one used when we started out playgroup and sends money into Catherine Dainty bank account- she is wanting to close it as it was only ever used for that Is that a possibility? Would appreciate feedback asap please.
- Fundraising continues with the community bbq on July 5th which Stuart is kindly heading up. The duck race in August will follow that.
- During the summer there will be our Annual Inspection.
- Debs has announced she will be resigning from the Playground at end of this year.
- **It is essential that the community encourage members to volunteer and help organized group.** (Debs)

Playgroup

- Playgroup has picked up after Easter
- We are running a tombola the next Hovingham market to raise funds for some new toys so hopefully that will be a success.
- Broadacres have made £200 grant to group, thank you to them (Em)

Project Purple

Next Repair Café and Community Hub 13th June

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.
- Project Purple continues to look for additional volunteers. We have made a specific request this month via social media to encourage someone to carry out the limited admin to support a possible replacement EV charger.
- Parish Council has arranged for Yorkshire Air Ambulance to supply recycling bin for cloths. (Frank)

Village Market

- Market has enough money to continue function as normal.
- Volunteers: Market still attracts a good number of supporters from the village.
- Market stall: Continues to have a great variety of stalls, but like many other markets, we are always on the lookout for more stall.
- Committee: Numbers have grown regarding volunteers, including 2 stall holders. (Steve)

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 26th May 2026)