

DEVELOPMENT & LOCALISM COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2023**LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT**

Income and expenditure. Please access the income and expenditure document for March 2023.

Footfall. During the period 1-31 March 2023, the average footfall was 197 per day open.

Hubs Meetup. The Town Clerk & RFO and CH&LDM attended a North and East Cornwall Hubs Meetup hosted by Volunteer Cornwall on Monday 27 March. The main item of interest was the doubling of funding to be made available per year for community hubs and their partners. So potentially the Town Council could submit an application for £20K.

Drecklys Café. Prices were increased in the café as of Monday 3 April.

Foodbank. There is no longer a requirement for the library to store and issue food boxes on behalf of Liskeard & Looe Foodbank (incorporating Torpoint & Rame), as they have recently established a distribution point below Sails Direct in Ferry street. As the new office is only open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 0930-1230, the CH&LDM offered to continue providing an emergency food service outside of these opening times. However his offer was not taken up.



New litter bin. The Friends of Thanckes Park kindly donated a new litter bin.

Orange Button training. Viv Jewson will undergo quality assured Mental Health and Suicide Prevention training in June. Successful completion will enable her to wear the Orange Button badge.

Past activities and events. The following activities and events took place in March and April 2023:

- **Friday 3 March, 1000-1400:** St Piran's Day celebration. Two days early due to the library not being open on the Sunday. A class from Carbeile School visited, and Bill Visick talked to them about St Piran and the Cornish language.
- **Monday 20 March, 1400-1600:** 'Fake or Fortune?' Free antiques identification and valuation.
- **Sunday 26 March, 1000-1400:** The library was open to coincide with the first Sunday Market of the year, and held its first ever Sustainable Sunday event. Torpoint Environment Action hosted a Repair Café and carried out sewing repairs, and Café Abundance provided surplus food destined for waste on a pay-as-you-feel basis.
- **Tuesday 28 March:** Viv Jewson hosted two classes from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School and gave them an introduction to the library, plus read books on the subject of celebrations around the world.
- **Tuesday 4 April, 1000-1300:** A pop up library and story time with Gwenda Hunt at Thanckes Park.
- **Tuesday 4 April, 1800-1900:** A talk and book signing by local artist Gez Taylor.
- **Wednesday 5 April, 1300-1500:** Easter crafts with Awenek CIC. Held under the pergola in the outside space at the rear of the building.

Forthcoming activities and events. The following activities and events are planned for April 2023:

- **Sunday 23 April, 1900-2000:** World Book Night reading hour.
- **Sunday 30 April, 1000-1400:** Sustainable Sunday in the library with the Torpoint Environmental Action Repair Café and Café Abundance.