

**DEVELOPMENT AND LOCALISM (D&L) COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 4 AUGUST 2022  
LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT**

**Income and expenditure.** Income and expenditure documents for July 2022 will be provided in the September report.

**July footfall.** During the period 1-31 July, the average footfall was 181 per day open.

**Local Devolution Funding (LDF).** Eight green living ivy walls arrived on Wednesday 26 July, and Sail Shades Direct erected the pergola at the rear of the building the following day. The pergola has been extremely well received and feedback from customers very positive. With two panels fitted to the completely open side, and a heater fixed to the wall, this would create a cost effective extra room that could be erected elsewhere if and when the library relocated.

**Ops Team.** The Ops Team have recently done a magnificent job carrying out essential works to the library exterior. Paving slabs have been power washed, weeds pulled out, and a planter built to accommodate the ivy walls. A great team effort.

**Social Prescribing Clinic.** Social prescriber Jes Hirons, would like to hold a clinic in the library every Wednesday, in what is currently known as the interview room. This room is currently used as a store, so to make this happen, alternative storage and redecoration would be needed. But the cost involved would be worthwhile, as the room could be made available for other purposes as well.

**Drag Queen Story Hour UK (DQSHUK).** Publicity published on Facebook promoting the DQSHUK on Tuesday 2 August, triggered a 'Marmite' response. Some people loved the idea and some people hated the idea. Some thought it fun and entertaining, while others thought it distasteful and inappropriate. On the day, with the local Police and Ops Team providing security services, protests were peaceful and relatively good natured. The story hour itself was a great success, with children (39) and adults (32) having a fun and entertaining time.

**Warm Banks in Cornwall.** NHS Sustainability have suggested that a network of library buildings could be created to help support the community once the weather becomes colder. These "Warm Banks" would also provide NHS health checks and support services. The CH&LDM has replied to Cornwall Libraries expressing potential interest pending further information.

**Past activities and events.** The following activities and events took place in July/August:

- **Friday 1 July, 1000-1600** - An amazing 364 people visited the Summer Craft Fair, including the Mayor.
- **Friday 8 July, 1315-1530** - Library Support Assistant Gwenda Hunt was at the Torpoint Nursery & Infant School Country Dance Day promoting the Summer Reading Challenge.
- **Saturday 9 July, 0915-1230** - The library opened for children wanting to register for the Summer Reading Challenge.
- **Thursday 14 July, 1030-1045** - Library Support Assistant Viv Jewson attended assembly at Foulanesend Primary School to give a Summer Reading Challenge brief.
- **Thursday 21 July, 1430-1445** - The CH&LDM attended assembly at Millbrook CE Primary School to give a Summer Reading Challenge brief.
- **Wednesday 27 July, 1300-1500** - Exploring STEM with Awenek Studio CIC.

- **Sunday 31 July, 1000-1400** - The library was open to coincide with Street Market day.
  - Footfall was 105.
  - Cash and card takings amounted to £107.90.
- **Tuesday 2 August, 1500-1600** - DQSHUK.

**Forthcoming activities and events.** The following activities and events are planned for August/September:

- **Ongoing throughout August/early September, 0915-1630** - Summer Reading Challenge.
- **Friday 12 August, 1400-1600** - 'Fake or Fortune' antiques valuation with Richard in the library.
- **Thursday 18 August, 1000-1200** - Decorating cakes and biscuits with Sam in the library.
- **Monday 22 August, 1000-1200** - Messy STEM with Awenek Studio CIC and the Friends of Thanckes Park at Thanckes Park.
- **Sunday 28 August, 1000-1200** - The library will be open to coincide with Street Market day, and there will be train themed play sessions with Kim outside under the pergola.
- **Thursday 1 September, 1400-1530** - Wildlife encounters with Marl's Ark. Bringing the zoo to the library.