

**DEVELOPMENT & LOCALISM COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022****LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT**

**Income and expenditure.** Please access the income and expenditure documents for July and August 2022.

**August footfall.** During the period 1-28 August, the average footfall was 193 per day open.

**Ant infestations.** The café was closed to the public for three days, and the entire building for one day during August, due to ant infestations. A pest control company have hopefully eliminated for now, what has been a historic and reoccurring problem.

**Local Devolution Funding (LDF).** Six wooden backless benches for the children's play area at the rear of the building were delivered on Fri 12 August. The bird box and reading/writing sheds plus shelter (for Thanckes Park), are all due to arrive early September.

**Summer Reading Challenge.** The number of children taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge is considerably down on previous years. Despite the footfall from children 4-11 years being high, interest from those same children in taking part in the challenge has been low.

**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 Town Clerk & RFO and CH&LDM are due to attend a virtual meeting to further discuss this initiative on Wednesday 31 August.

**Torpoint Youth Club.** The CH&LDM has contacted Carla at the Torpoint Youth Club regarding arranging a date for the club to visit the library on a Thursday evening.

**Thank you email.** Please see below comments made by Sam Brown (Big's Brownies & Cakes) in an email addressed to the Town Clerk & RFO/Support Officer. Sam kindly offered to put on a cake and biscuit decorating activity in the library on Thursday 18 August:

*"Milly, Danielle*

*Just wanted to send a quick email as I know Paul's on leave, but we have just returned from our morning at the Library and Community Hub and wanted to pass on our thanks.*

*The ladies down at the library went over and above to look after my mum and I. I was in quite early to set up and Rachel was ready and waiting for me making me a coffee and offering help. We were busier than expected and my mum and I were flat out but they kept delivering us cups of tea and checking on us.*

*They have created a lovely atmosphere down at the hub with such a mixture of people and ages in attendance. They also worked their socks off today and there wasn't a spare seat at times.*

*If our thanks could be passed on to the Councillors involved with the library that would be much appreciated.*

*Kind Regards*

*Sam Brown"*

**Thank you Facebook Messenger post.** The message below was received from a grandmother who had taken her grandchildren to the cake and biscuit decorating activity:

*"I came today with my grandchildren and they loved it. Thank you so much.*

*It is the first time I have been and loved the whole experience and the intergenerational feel. What a wonderful resource. Well done to you all 😊"*

**Past activities and events.** The following activities and events have taken place in August:

- **Throughout August, 0915-1630** - Summer Reading Challenge.
- **Tuesday 2 August, 1500-1600** - Drag Queen Story Hour UK in the library.
- **Thursday 18 August, 1000-1200** - Decorating cakes and biscuits with Sam in the library.
- **Friday 19 August, 1400-1600** - 'Fake or Fortune' antiques valuation with Richard in the library.
- **Friday 26 August, 1000-1200** - Gwenda Hunt was at Thanckes Park for some messy STEM related arts and crafts with Awenek Studio CIC and the Friends of Thanckes Park.
- **Sunday 28 August, 1000-1400** - The library was open to coincide with Street Market day, and also offered train themed play sessions with Kim under the pergola, 1000-1200:
  - Footfall was 148.
  - Cash and card takings amounted to £116.50.

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

- **Ongoing until Friday 9 September, 0915-1630** - Summer Reading Challenge.
- **Thursday 1 September, 1400-1530** - Wildlife encounters with Mark's Ark. Bringing the zoo to the library.
- **Sunday 25 September, 1000-1400** - The library will be open to coincide with Street Market day.
- **Friday 30 September, 1000-1600** - Macmillan Coffee Morning.