

DEVELOPMENT & LOCALISM COMMITTEE MEETING - THURSDAY 6 JULY 2023
LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB REPORT

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

Footfall During the period 3658 June 2023 (until 29/6), the average footfall was 166 per day open.

NHS Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Integrated Care Board funding As you know we now have funding approved. Please see attached poster for our Community Day Launch on 18th July. Invites have been sent to other community partners including Food Bank, Volunteer Cornwall, Beat for Autism and Lyons.

Working with the team Our Library and Community Hub Information and Support Assistants will be taking on a small amount of ownership for certain tasks. Examples are - Summer Reading Challenge, Inducting volunteers and Safeguarding. This is something they has asked for along with further training so all staff are Orange Button Trained (ASIST and MHFS).

Past activities and events The following activities and events took place in June 2023:

- **Wednesday 21 June, 0940 and 1255:** History of Cornwall. The library was closed for the day to host fun interactive performances, full of interesting facts and stories about lesser-known areas of Cornish history. Children from Furlanesend Primary School (AM) were unable to join us, so we had 22 children and their siblings and parents join us. 20 Carbeile Junior School children joined us in the afternoon. We will also be sending out follow up books and library cards for the children who joined us.

Feedback from the home education group

'We hope we can do more like it in the future if the library thinks of us.'

'We had the best time! Thank you.'

'It was soooooo brilliant thank u all.'

'We thought that was absolutely brilliant, thank you.'

'I liked the game'

'I really liked the show it was very funny'

'It was all very well thought out, engaging and enjoyable. The play was very funny for all ages.'

'We really like the breadth of facts and the show was really interesting and funny. The amount of time given for the game and the show felt just the right amount.'

'The energy and passion for the Cornish history and spirit was infectious and inspirational. It was engaging for all ages and the activities inspired me and Barnaby to want to use the English language!'

'Such a great lead! How learning should be. The comedy, passion of knowledge and the educational aspects were all done perfectly for all to enjoy and makes us even more proud to be Cornish. Loved it.'

'The library staff were as lovely as ever, really welcoming.'

'I really enjoyed the fun facts and the comedy.'

'I enjoyed playing the board game with friends and the play was hilarious.'

'The play was really funny and I like when Rubus played King Henry VII'

'Really liked the board game, it was fun!'



- **Sunday 25 June, 1000-1400:** Sustainable Sunday in the library with the Torpoint Environmental Action Repair Café and Café Abundance was very busy again. We are hoping to invite a nursery to join us to sell plants (see attached poster).
- **Wednesday 28 June** – Learning Disability Awareness Day: Chris Burns Art Exhibition and Awareness Day (Supported by Awenek Studios CIC. Including Shaun from CHAMPS reading George Websters' – This is me at Rhyme Time (See attached poster). MENCAP were really pleased with feedback and would like us to work with other libraries to duplicate the event across Cornwall.

Quotes from parents of children at the book reading event:

'Really emotional and lovely'

'Thought provoking'

'Would like more regular visits'

'Important messages and inspiration'

'Amazing impact! Loved the written description that tell your story'

'Great work'



- **Friday 30 June, 1230-1330:** Business networking event for local businesses - **CANCELLED**

Future events and activities

- **Friday 7th July - Craft Fair:** (8 booked so far – see attached poster)
- **Tuesday 18th July - Community Day:** (as above)
- **Monday 10th July - Summer Reading Challenge:** We will be visiting 5 local schools to promote our Summer Reading Challenge which this year has a Sport Theme. We will also plan 3 x events throughout August to include a Sports Club Information Afternoon for families to discover what sport clubs are available in the local area. A treasure hunt and a book reading. We will also be recruiting some older children volunteers who are called a Reading Hack to promote and encourage younger children to participate (can go towards D of E). The younger children who complete the challenge will receive a medal and a certificate awarded in school.
- **Friday 21st July, 1000-1400 – Brew For the Crew:** Coffee morning to fundraise for Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.
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Ideas for the future

- **Lego Club** – In the Autumn we would like to open one evening per week to offer an all-inclusive activity for all the family and those with additional needs. We have found an enthusiastic volunteer.
- **Toast Station** – Self-service toast, teacakes and crumpets as part of the Community Hub, customers will buy the cold item and can then use the toaster to heat up their food.
- **Enhanced Home Library Service** – develop into a ‘check in and chat’ service also. This is to help address social isolation for people who cannot leave their home. We will be giving information to the District Nurse team, GP and Social Prescribers to hand out.

TORPOINT COMMUNITY DAY



LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

Join us for an afternoon to celebrate our wonderful Torpoint Community Hub and Library. Hear about the work we have been doing to create a safe supportive environment for everyone to enjoy.



FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TORPOINT?

Working with Community Health Around Torpoint (CHAT Link) and Cornwall Council Link into Learning we have been granted even more funding to build on the work we have been doing to support you.

GET INVOLVED

Would you like to volunteer? Come along and have a chat.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

- ✓ 1:2:1 Welfare Support
- ✓ Social Prescribing
- ✓ Bereavement
- ✓ Mental Health
- ✓ Loneliness
- ✓ Advice and information
- ✓ Safe Space to be
- ✓ Home Library Service
- ✓ Support Groups
- ✓ IT Support



INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Our Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel have been working hard to deliver a scheme that involves everyone in our community. Please come and find out more about our 'Inclusive Community Partner' scheme and sign up your business to support diversity and promote equality in our town.

BOOK BEFRIENDING SCHEME

Combating loneliness our home library service offers support to members of our community who cannot get out of their house easily.



**JULY 18TH
TORPOINT
COMMUNITY
HUB AND
LIBRARY
2PM TILL 6PM**



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Help and Support in your local Library

Help with Bills

Benefit Checks

Signposting

IT access and help

Local Groups

Family Support

Wellbeing

Housing Help

Pop in for a friendly chat

We are open Mon - Friday 0915 am - 4.30pm

1:1 Support available Tuesday and Thursday

0930am - 2pm

