

June 2025

# Newsletter

## Torpoint Library and Community Hub

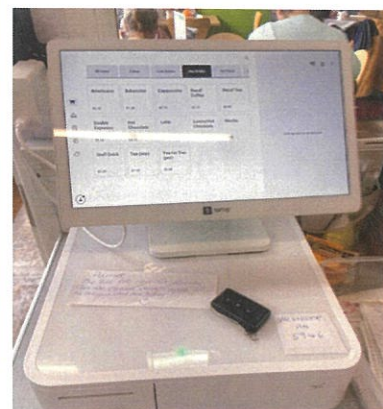


**We welcomed around 4,098 residents through the door in June!**  
**We also have worked with over 30 partners, delivered with volunteers, 32 activities. Along with hosting a NASA talk to pupils of Carbeile Junior School, Armchair Pilate and welcoming St Luke's Hospice, with their Death Positive Library Project!**

**We had the pleasure of hosting 2 full time and 2 part time work experience pupils this month. They said they had learnt how the library book system works, enjoyed doing book displays and joining in the Friendship and Memory Musical Group! Holly said she would love to come and work in the library. We also funded the pupils to do the Food Hygiene Certificate, level 2! We enjoyed having you!**



**We are now feeling very modern in our café, with our new super-fast Till!! All the volunteers and staff have been trained to use it, it will help us see what sells best and give more accurate accounts. A Huge Thank you to Harriet from Torpoint Town Council, who set it up and trained us all!**



**Sharing Gardening Skills- and Wow, look at our Strawberry Harvest! Along with a cake that Gwen made with the library strawberries!**



**Space talk from Claire, who has worked for NASA, yes NASA!!! 12 pupils from Carbeile Junior School, visited the library this month to take part in a session all about Space!**

**Claire who has worked on NASA projects, engaged children in discussions and sparked their imagination about unlimited possibilities! Thank you, Claire!**

## **Torpoint Library and Community Hub update for 2025, for the Development and Localism Committee – June-July.**

### **Saturday opening, Timetable for July.**

#### **Targeting different demographics.**

The pilot project for opening Saturdays during June, July and August, has started. The team are recording on a spreadsheet, why people have come into the library, if they are new customers and rough age. This will help us analyse the benefits, or not, of opening on Saturdays.

#### **Program for Saturdays in July/**

28<sup>th</sup> June – Quiet library – this is for anyone that needs softer lights and a quiet space to read or do homework for a few hours. Aimed at people who struggle in a noisy environment.

5<sup>th</sup> July – Aimed at young people to pop in with friends, to be shown what the library offer is for young people. For example, homework, access free Wi-Fi, do homework, start a games group.

12<sup>th</sup> July – Sensory story time.

19<sup>th</sup> July – Foods of the world (tbc)

26<sup>th</sup> July – Table tennis with your friends – aimed at 13–16-year-olds.

#### **NASA Talk for pupils from Carbeile Junior School**

A former project worker who has worked for NASA engaged with 12 pupils from Carbeile Junior School, talking all things space! Teachers that attended, also said they found the session really interesting and are looking at inviting Claire to do some more talks at the school.

#### **Pain Café**

A meeting has been held at the library with the Rame Practice Manager, Town Clerk, Library Manager and Kernow Health CIC, to discuss setting up a Pain Café for local residents in the library. The discussion focused on, what would need to be done and what could be learnt from the Pain Café that runs in Liskeard. Along with how the sessions run and what guest speakers have attended. Everyone that attended was fully supportive of a pain café. Rame Practice Manager look into promoting the group to a target group of patients. The meeting concluded with the following actions:

- The library manager to facilitate and set up the group, as well as attend the Ten Footsteps to Living Well with Pain. Three half days training.



- The library manager to meet with the two Social Prescribers to understand more about how the Liskeard Pain Café was set up and how it runs today.
- Target - to have set up mid-August September.

### Menopause support sessions

Starting on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, monthly Meno Fit sessions will be running from 6pm in the library. This is part of our Live Well, Age Well program.



### Library Outreach work

**Tamara** – Singing for Friendship and Memory Group, will soon be going into the Tamara Care Home offering an hour singing starting mid-July. This will be supported for a few weeks with a member of staff and several volunteers. The member of staff when happy that all is going well, will step back.

### Albion Court

The library manager has met again with the Concierge from Albion Court, to discuss outreach. We have agreed:

- One hour of singing on a Thursday afternoon in the common room, in the same format as Tamara.
- To have a Library Drop -In at Albion Court, to see what the need is for an outreach library service. Following the drop in an offer will be made to Albion Court.

### WI Meeting

A new team member attended a Torpoint WI meeting in June and talked in depth about the library and community hub service and what it has to offer. Particularly focusing on the online service, Borrow Box for example. Outreach to community groups, raising awareness of the library and hub services, is something we will plan more of this year.