

Torpoint Library and Community Hub update for September 2026, for the Development and Localism Committee.

The Cornwall Reading Challenge 2026

We had 119, children sign up to the Cornwall Reading Challenge, this year! The Torpoint Library was the first library in the county, to beat its sign-up figure from last year, within 4 weeks.

Certificates will be handed out at school assemblies. The schools that engaged with the Cornwall Reading Challenge, were, Carbeile Junior School, Torpoint Nursery and Infant School, Antony CE VA School, St Nicolas CE VA School and Fournalenesend CP School.

Hub Grant – over £80,000 has been received from the start of TTC applying for this grant!

Hub projects that we will be delivering are as follows:

- Stroke support group
- Art for health and wellness
- Pain Café
- Cost of living events
- Health and wellbeing event
- Gardening – learn to grow sessions for adults and children's
- Free soup from mid-October
- How to cook on a budget.

Veterans Regroup

A new Armed Forces Hub has been launched on the 8th of September and will continue to run the 2nd Tuesday of the month, at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub! The Town Mayor, Cllr Julie Martin, opened the event. Many services and members of the Armed Forces Community attended. Services to name a few were, Royal British Legion, Official China Fleet Club, Ara Recovery for All, Active Plus, Walking with the Wounded, Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise, The Chestnut Appeal, Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, The Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, Help for Heroes, DWP, Navel Children's Charity, NHS Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

As you can see from the list of partners above, the Hub will be a very busy 2nd Tuesday of the month! More importantly, the event offered so much support for veterans and service families, who can become very isolated in our communities.

Cost of living Event

The 1st of October 10-1pm, will be the first of several Cost-of-Living Events. Attending is, National Energy Action, who can support people with budgeting, looking at different energy tariffs and generally answering any questions around the cost of energy. National Energy Action, also have lots of support arms within their organisation that residents will be able to access. One of those supports, helping people claim the right benefits.

David our volunteer advisor will also be on hand, along with CAP, to support people living with debt.

The Foodbank was attending to do a pop-up session on how to cook on a budget, they are now unable to attend. Alternative options will be looked at.

Café and Volunteers

Volunteers – Two more volunteers have been recruited for the cafe and the books. Volunteer recruitment is continuous, as during the summer we lost 5 to illness. Luckily there is not a shortage of people wanting to volunteer with the library and community café.

Case Study

The Tuesday Art Group – for health and wellbeing, is ran by a volunteer. The group is going from strength to strength. There are around 14 people that attend and only a few people knew each other at the start of the year. After months of the group running, at the end of the last session, about 8 of the group, stayed in the café area of the library, talking to each other, connecting to each other in a more social way, laughter was happening, friendships had been made, and the mummering of – *I think I would like to volunteer here!*

Working with young people

Working with young people is happening at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub. We were supported in the school holidays by a number of young people; some young people are getting involved with the books by shadowing other volunteers. One young man has boosted his confidence and self esteem but setting up the children's play area each day and creating fun things to put in the children's sensory tuff tray! This young man has also completed his Basic Food Hygiene Level 2, so could also help with basis tasks in the café. Another young lady who also needed to boost her confidence, helped a member of staff each week, by singing for Rhyme Time and she also helped with our, outreach singing for friendship and memory group at a residential home. Welcoming back in October, will be two young people from Oakwood Collage, who gain new skills in the book area and café area. As well as building up their social skills. Another young man who is at university has been coming into the library; to wash up for a few hours, he is a shy young man, but keeps coming back! Along with another young lady who is starting university, who comes in when she can, to do the books and help in the café. All of the young people who have helped in the café, have all been funded to do the Food Hygiene Level 2! All ages work along side each other, teach and share skills.

Volunteers Christmas Party

It would be really lovely to thank our amazing volunteers again with a Christmas buffet. The hours that are put into the library and café to help make everything work is Amazing! If we can thank the volunteers again this Christmas, we will start to plan it.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - 30th of October, 10-12

We will be holding another Macmillan coffee and cake morning on the 30th of October. There will be stalls with cakes for purchase. Any donations of cakes would be warmly received!

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We welcomed 5000 people through the door!

A New Town Partnership with Veterans Regroup.

We had a fantastic launch of our new Torpoint Armed Forces Hub on the 8th of September! Opened by our Mayor, Cllr Julie Martin! To name a few attendees from the new hub were, Royal British Legion, Active Plus, DWP, Royal Naval Benevolent Trust, Help for Heroes, Naval Childrens Charity, The hub will run the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10-12, at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub.



We welcomed a number of young volunteers into our library and community hub this summer!

We welcomed, Paul who helped set up each morning, our outside play area, and came up with creative ideas for our Tuff Tray, which included jelly! Along with Adriana, who helped with our Rhyme Time and our outreach singing for older residents. Libby helped our volunteer Jackie with our library books. THANK YOU, PLEASE COME BACK IN OCTOBER!

