October 2026 | Newsletter

Torpoint Library and Community Hub



Torpoint Town Council

We welcomed 4,374 people through the door!

Volunteer Recruitment Event!

In October we held a Volunteer Recruitment event, in partnership with Beat4Autisim. Groups that attended, ranged from local groups such as, Friends of Thanckes Park, Torpoint Skate Park Forum, along with Jememiah's Journey and the Armed Forces, all looking for volunteers.









Our Community Cafe is not just a cafe!

We are trying out some new options at our community cafe: Jacket Potatoes and hopefully soon, some home-made pasties.

The biggest achievement of our community café is the social value it adds to the community. Giving people the opportunity to volunteer; learn new skills; build up their confidence and self-esteem; make new friends; feeling less lonely; and becoming part of our library and hub community.

Some of our volunteers have told us that now when they walk along the street, there are faces that they know and people to say hello to, helping them feel part of the community.









Half term fun and games!

This October we have had lots of fun, especially with the clay club! Lots of creepy Crawley's and pumpkins were crafted! Kate delivered a spooky story time and Rhyme Time was so busy, but with children that have just started school who came back to say hello to us and meet their friends!

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

Reviewing weekend opening.

Proposed closing the 2nd Saturday of the month, from November 2026.

Previously the library manager had reported to D&L committee, of numbers through the door over June, July and August, in 2025, on the second Saturday of the month. The results then highlighted that the majority of people through the door on the second Saturday of the month, were people that access the service Monday to Friday.

Our numbers average currently around 25 people, or less through the door on a Saturday.

The recommendation the library manager is requesting to be discussed is, due to low numbers of people that also access our service, Monday-Friday, that we look to stop opening on the Saturday. We can relocate energy and resources more effectively.

Proposed closing the last Sunday of the month in January and February, when there is no Sunday market.

The library manager would also like to propose that the library closes on the last Sunday of the month, when there is no market, in January and February. When the market is not on, in the winter months, there is lower footfall through door.

This will impact Sustainable Sundays, as they will not be able to run in the building.

Half Term Activities

The library and community hub has been a hive of activity this October half term. Our free family activities, ranged from, clay club, which saw around 25 children engage in making all things Halloween! Along with, a spooky story time, gardening session, rhyme time and Lego club. Families have filled the hub, with lots of laughter.

Pilates

The last Pilates session has now come to an end, the last for this year. Feedback has been positive; it has helped with getting more active after a knee operation, has helped with balance and reducing falls, has helped people feel more supple and able to move around more easily.

Pain Café

The Pain Café has restarted, focusing on the 10 steps to wellbeing; pain and the brain, acceptance, pacing, relaxation and mindfulness, communication, medicine and nutrition, managing setbacks, managing moods and setting goals. This group has been promoted through the local doctor's surgery, social prescriber and social media page. Three people from the last sessions are staying for the next ten sessions, to be mentors and group ambassadors. A pain café is about giving people who live with daily pain, the tools to focus on what they can control in their lives, as many people feel they have lost their confidence and parts of their lives.

Case Study and positive feedback.

Lady from Penzance visited the library and said to a member of staff, that she visits all libraries across Cornwall, and she feels that Torpoint library, is the one library she has visited that offers so much and has a wide range of people accessing all the facilities.

Lady come into the library with an injury, who was assisted by the staff who had asked her to call her an ambulance. It was decided that instead of calling an ambulance, two people would drive the lady to the doctors where she would be in a clinical environment as her medical issue needed treatment. Outcome – the doctors were able to call her a taxi out of a special fund to provide transport to Derriford Hospital.

Supporting a homeless lady, who was vulnerable. Safeguarding referral was submitted; services have been supporting this person.

Safeguarding Training

On the 10th of November, at the Council Chambers, staff and volunteers have been invited to attend a two-hour safeguarding training session. A good percentage of volunteers have accepted to attend the training and are looking forward to it.

National Year of Reading- A Cosy Evening of poetry, books and creativity

On Wednesday 18 November, 6-8pm, in the café area of the library, we are having a warm and cosy evening of creativity. People will be invited to share a book, a story, a poem or anything creative. The cosy evening might be the first of many, through the winter months.