

Porlock Community Library
Report for Porlock Parish Council Meeting
12th February 2025

In mid-January the Community Library Partnership met for its quarterly review. I can report that the Library Service is pleased with the continued increase in the number of people visiting the library, the amount of events it puts on and the number of hours the public network computers are used. As a result of the new Management System not yet fully functioning the figures for book issues and new members are not available. The Library Service have viewed with positivity our ideas for the library's re-developed children's area and the extension into the middle room with the Lovelace Resource Centre. We now look forward to Council hopefully allowing us to implement the plan.

The touch screen monitor supplied by Citizen's Advice currently will not connect wirelessly. It requires an update which, as it is password protected, needs to be completed by the IT expert from Citizen's Advice. This is in hand.

The first meeting of the "Writing for Pleasure" group was attended by six interested people. The group will meet on the last Thursday afternoon of every month at 2pm. The Cribbage Club has a strong nucleus of seven people as does the Knit and Natter group.

The library continues to purchase books, within its approved budget, recent publications and is also grateful to borrowers who kindly donate other titles giving the library a wide range of genre.

The Winter Coat and Food Cupboard schemes have both been well used this last month. Also the blood pressure monitors, ipads and thermal imaging cameras - the latter must be ordered - have been issued on several occasions. All these devices are available free of charge.

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