

Library Service Delivery Review

Akroyd Library



Opening hours

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10:30 - 16:00
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	10:30 - 16:00
Friday:	10:30 - 16:00
Saturday:	10:30 - 12:30
Sunday:	Closed

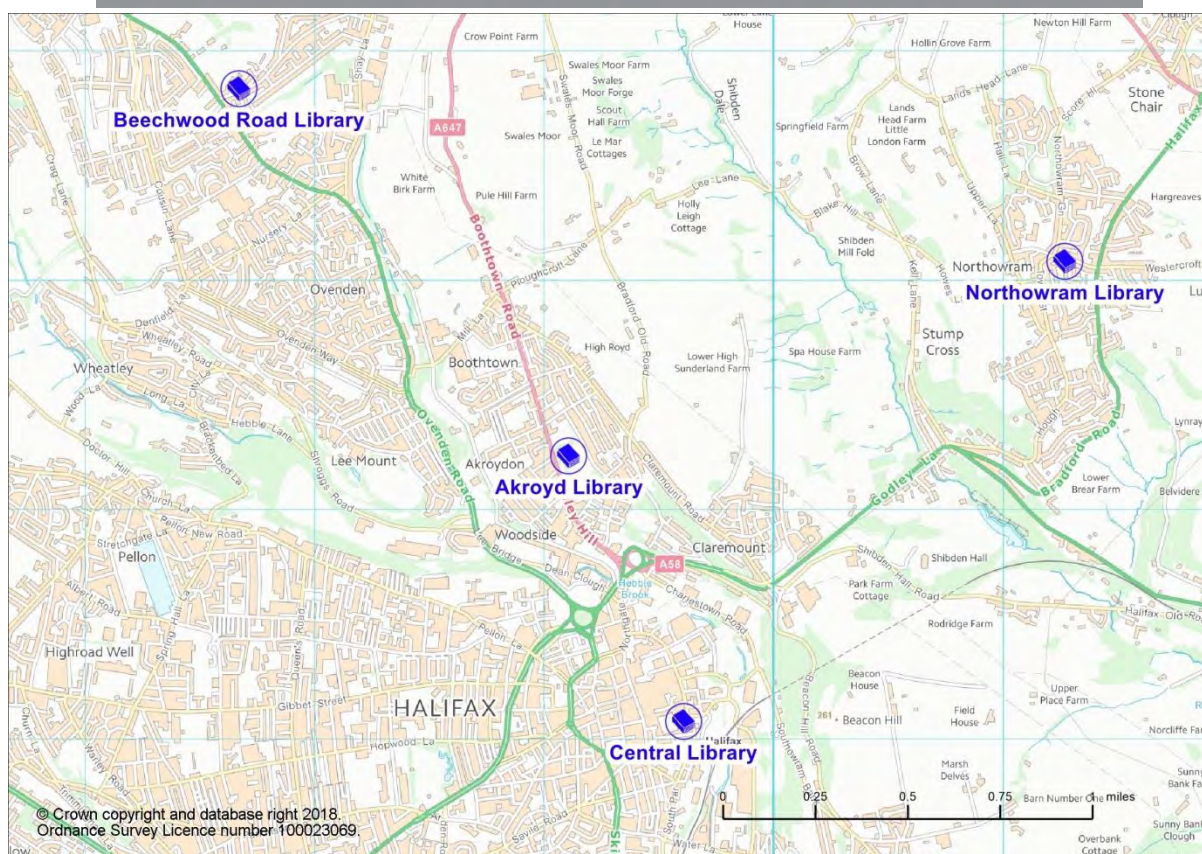
Akroyd Library is open 15 hours per week and is situated within Bankfield Museum. Akroyd is Halifax's oldest community library (c 1910). The original library fittings are attractive and in keeping, but they allow only small-scale improvements. The library has an improved children's library, including tablet for internet-browsing, as part of Bankfield Museum's wider changes to make the site more relevant to its local community. The space has been made more flexible and combines library and museum activities. The stock has been recently refreshed, including a special collection for people with dementia and their carers. The possibility of extended opening hours through self-service for lending materials with scheduled library staffing and self-supported IT use is being explored.

Library computers are relatively well used and Wi-Fi is installed. The library has a readers group, craft sessions are well attended and there is strong local history interest (weekly group). There is a connection with Boothtown Initiative outreach work as well as strong links to other community-based groups. An area to the rear of the library houses the library and administrative office of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment.

The Library shares a car park with the Museum and is signposted from main road. The library is more than adequate in terms of space, but its future is very much tied in with the Museum's.

The nearest library is Central Library & Archives, Halifax, 1 mile.

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Performance and Financial Information

Akroyd Library	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUES	4,597	3,536	2,885
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS	8,050	4,850	5,750
TOTAL ANNUAL ENQUIRIES	1,150	150	850
ANNUAL BUILDING COSTS ¹⁾ -£	Running Costs £151 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £41 Total £192	Running Costs £0 Planned Revenue Building Works £38 Reactive Repairs £1485 Total £1,523	Running Costs £0 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £864 Total £864
ANNUAL STAFFING COSTS -£	£8,712	£8,954	£9,250
TOTAL ANNUAL LIBRARY COSTS - £	£8,904	£10,477	£10,114
COSTS PER VISIT -£	£1.11	£2.16	£1.76
COSTS PER ISSUE - £	£1.94	£2.96	£3.51
STAFFING F T E	0.45	0.45	0.45
COMPUTER SESSIONS	899	644	718

For more information on the Library
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1) The Annual Building Costs at this library only relate to planned revenue repairs and re-active repairs to the library. As the library is located within of Bankfield Museum, other running costs for the building are in Museum Service budgets.

Options to consider

The context in which the library offer is delivered continues to change, this is both in terms of how the public access it and the ability of the council to fund it in a position of continually reducing budgets. It would not be possible to deliver the level of savings required without changes to the current service delivery.

There is a budgetary requirement to make savings of £30,000 in 2018-19, rising to £160,000 in 2019-20. The saving of £30,000 could be contained within the overall library budget, the successive year saving of £130,000 cannot. The review of community libraries is being undertaken to develop a clear way forward, which identifies and addresses the challenges for each site in the context of the Council's overall priorities.

Repair

- The library is generally structurally sound, although the windows need replacing at an estimated current cost of £50,000.

Relocate

- We are not currently considering relocation of the library service; however we welcome ideas from the community about opportunities for relocation which we can explore.
- In terms of distance and travel routes Akroyd Library is relatively close to Central Library, however it serves a distinct community comprising Boothtown, Claremount and Akroyden.

Revise

- The recent investment means the library area is now a more attractive and flexible space, which could be further developed.
- There is an ongoing piece of work to introduce self-service, which would help to extend library opening hours to match those of the site, and for the library to be managed as part of the museum, improving its resilience.
- There is an opportunity to build on links within the local community to increase the use of the service.
- Explore interest in community organisations and groups operating the library, as either a library or as a community venue incorporating a library offer.
- Explore interest in a voluntary group staffing the library, with the Council still providing support with stock and IT – thereby retaining as part of statutory provision.