

Library Service Delivery Review

Bailiff Bridge Library



Opening hours

Monday:	14:00 - 18:00
Tuesday:	14:00 - 18:00
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	14:00 - 18:00
Friday:	Closed
Saturday:	10:00 - 13:00
Sunday:	Close

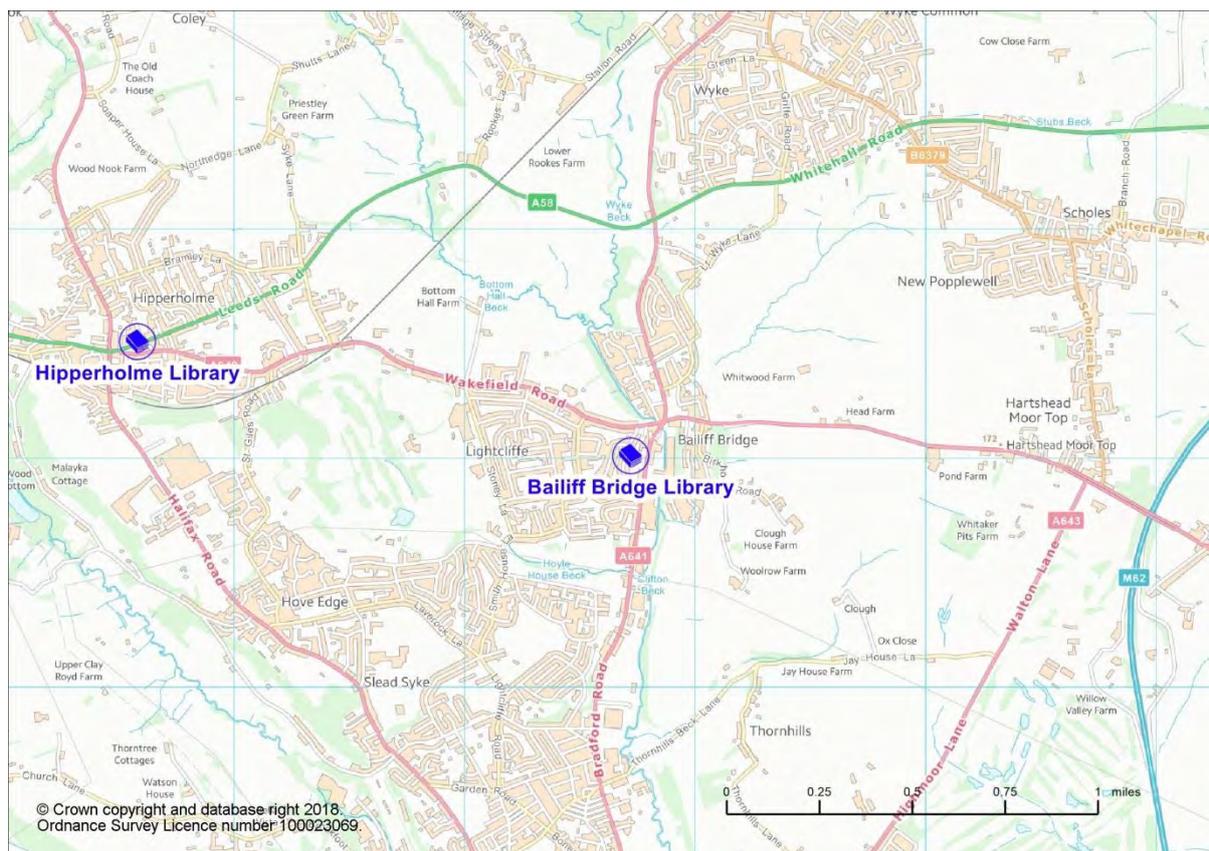
Bailiff Bridge Library is open 15 hours a week and is situated within a local housing estate, some distance away from new housing developments which are centred along the A641 village centre.

The building is in poor order – both internally and externally. There have been problems over the years with the flat roof (now considered at the end of its life) and underfloor electric heating. Only reactive repairs/minor works have been carried out, including replacement of missing ceiling tiles.

An opportunity to move into the community centre failed in 2012, with the space being hired out to other groups; it's unclear currently if this option can be revisited. The library has a readers group, a range of events and activities are occasionally held and Wi-Fi is installed; however computer provision is restricted by bandwidth capacity.

The nearest libraries are Hipperholme (1.5miles) and Brighouse (1.6 miles). Other Council or Community sites in the locality include Bailiff Bridge Community Centre and Bailiff Bridge Junior & Infant School.

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Performance and Financial Information

Bailiff Bridge Library	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUES	5,866	5,360	6,025
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS	3,300	2,650	3,750
TOTAL ANNUAL ENQUIRIES	1,150	1,200	1,100
ANNUAL BUILDING COSTS -£	Running Costs £7,487 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £1,979 Total £9,466	Running Costs £6,904 Planned Revenue Building Works £75 Reactive Repairs £310 Total £7,289	Running Costs £7,443 Planned Revenue Building Works £716 Reactive Repairs £655 Total £8,814
ANNUAL STAFFING COSTS -£	£9,555	£9,555	£9,866
TOTAL ANNUAL LIBRARY COSTS - £	£19,021	£16,844	£18,680

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COSTS PER VISIT -£	£5.76	£6.36	£4.98
COSTS PER ISSUE - £	£3.24	£3.14	£3.10
STAFFING F T E	0.47	0.47	0.47
COMPUTER SESSIONS	587	407	399

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

- Unfortunately the library building is in poor state of repair. The cost of repairs and refurbishment are estimated to be quite large, i.e. over £500,000. Demolition may be required.
- Even if the building was refurbished or re-built, its potential to be successfully developed as a community hub is limited, given its location and the fact there is already a community centre in the area.

Relocate

- The library is not currently located in the best place to properly serve the community, but there are cautious signs of increased library usage nonetheless.
- We are keen to hear from the community about opportunities to relocate within existing community provision locally, which we can explore.
- Merge provision with that of Hipperholme Library in a location suitable to serve both communities

Revise

- Whilst visits and issues were higher in 2016/17 than in the previous two years further development is hindered by the condition and location of the building.
- The comparatively high cost of continuing to run the library in the present building, in relation to the level of use, highlights the need to seek alternative ways to deliver the service locally.
- 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

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