

# Library Service Delivery Review

## Greetland Library



### Opening hours

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	10:00 - 18:00
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	14:00 - 17:00
Friday:	Closed
Saturday:	10:00 - 12:00
Sunday:	Closed

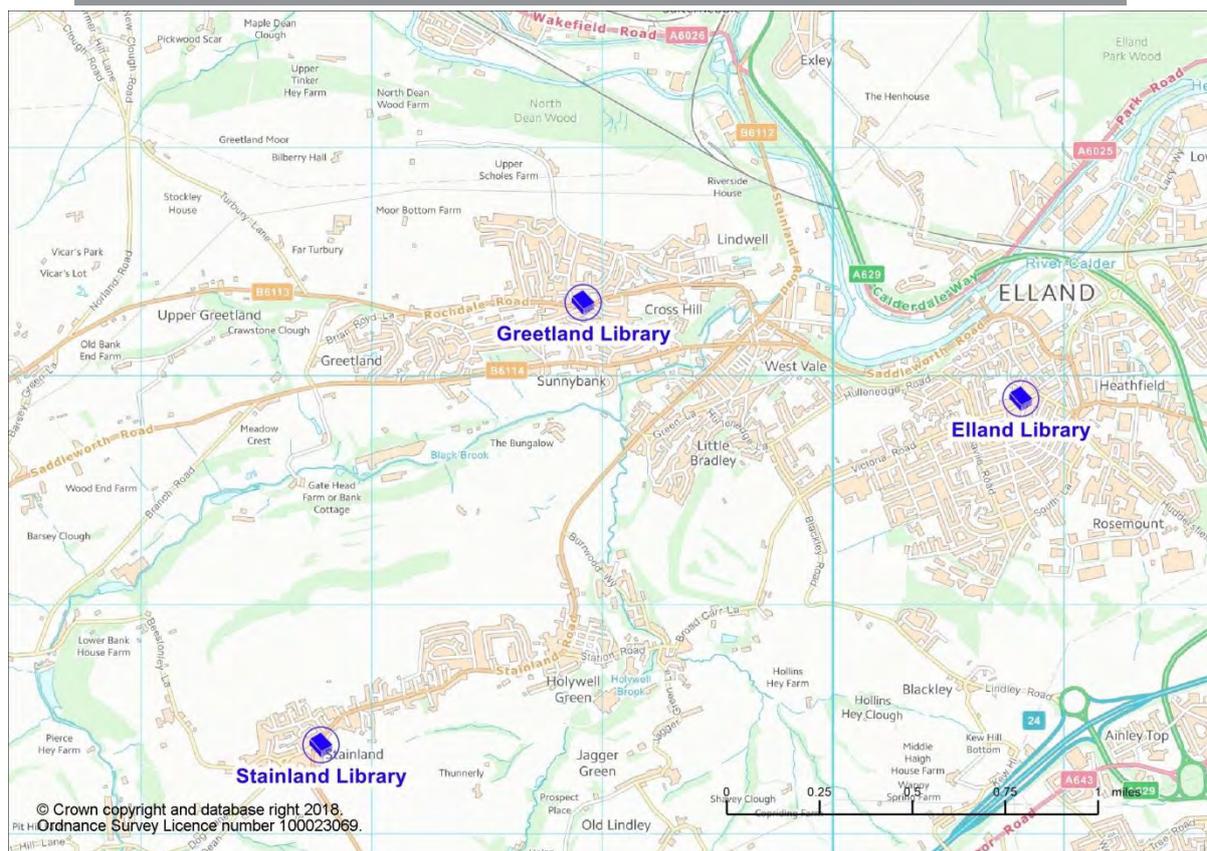
Greetland Library was built in 1964 and is a small prefabricated timber on brick-base building, with attractive gardens to the front and rear. The library is open 12 hours per week, is in a good main-road location and looks in relatively good order. It is situated close to post office and local shops, with bus stop nearby. There is ramped access externally. Decorated internally and externally about 5 years ago, the roof was repaired and heating upgraded, with security lighting installed to the front. Wi-Fi is installed.

There is occasional contact with the local church. The library supports a readers group and some children's activities. There has been past interest in the plot as residential development.

The nearest libraries are Elland (1.5 miles) and Stainland (2 miles).

Other Council or community sites in the locality include Church and Church Hall

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## Performance and Financial Information

Library	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
<b>Greetland Library</b>			
TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUES	4,675	4,232	5,249
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS	3,250	1,450	2,950
TOTAL ANNUAL ENQUIRIES	800	400	150
ANNUAL BUILDING COSTS -£	Running Costs £2,173 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £100 <b>£2,273</b>	Running Costs £2,038 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £114 <b>Total £2,152</b>	Running Costs £2,152 Planned Revenue Building Works £75 Reactive Repairs £0 <b>Total £2,227</b>
ANNUAL STAFFING COSTS -£	£7,286	£7,158	£7,458
TOTAL ANNUAL LIBRARY COSTS -£	£9,559	£9,310	£9,685
COSTS PER VISIT -£	£2.94	£6.42	£3.28

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COSTS PER ISSUE - £	£2.04	£2.20	£1.85
STAFFING F T E	0.36	0.35	0.35
COMPUTER SESSIONS	289	280	357

## 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

- It could be said that "looks deceive" as externally the Greetland Library looks in good order and it is in a good location. However, the frontage is rotten and needs large scale work prior to painting, and recent low level vandalism may result in additional costs in future: the current estimate for works is a minimum of £20,000.
- The electrical installation is approximately 20 years old; ideally the electric heaters need replacing with more efficient units and the lighting needs replacing/upgrading. The estimated cost of the work is between £70,000 and £100,000.

## Relocate

- Both visits and issues were up in 2016/17, enquires were down and computer use is relatively modest (2 PCs only is a limiting factor). There are few permutations to significantly revise the internal layout and the size of the building mitigates against it being developed a community hub.
- We are keen to hear from the community about any opportunities for relocating the service to an alternative venue within the locality, which we can explore.

## Revise

- 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.