

# Library Service Delivery Review

## Hipperholme Library



### Opening hours

Monday:	14:00 - 17:00
Tuesday:	10:00 - 17:00
Wednesday:	10:00 - 13:00
Thursday:	10:00 - 18:00
Friday:	14:00 - 17:00
Saturday:	10:00 - 13:00
Sunday:	Closed

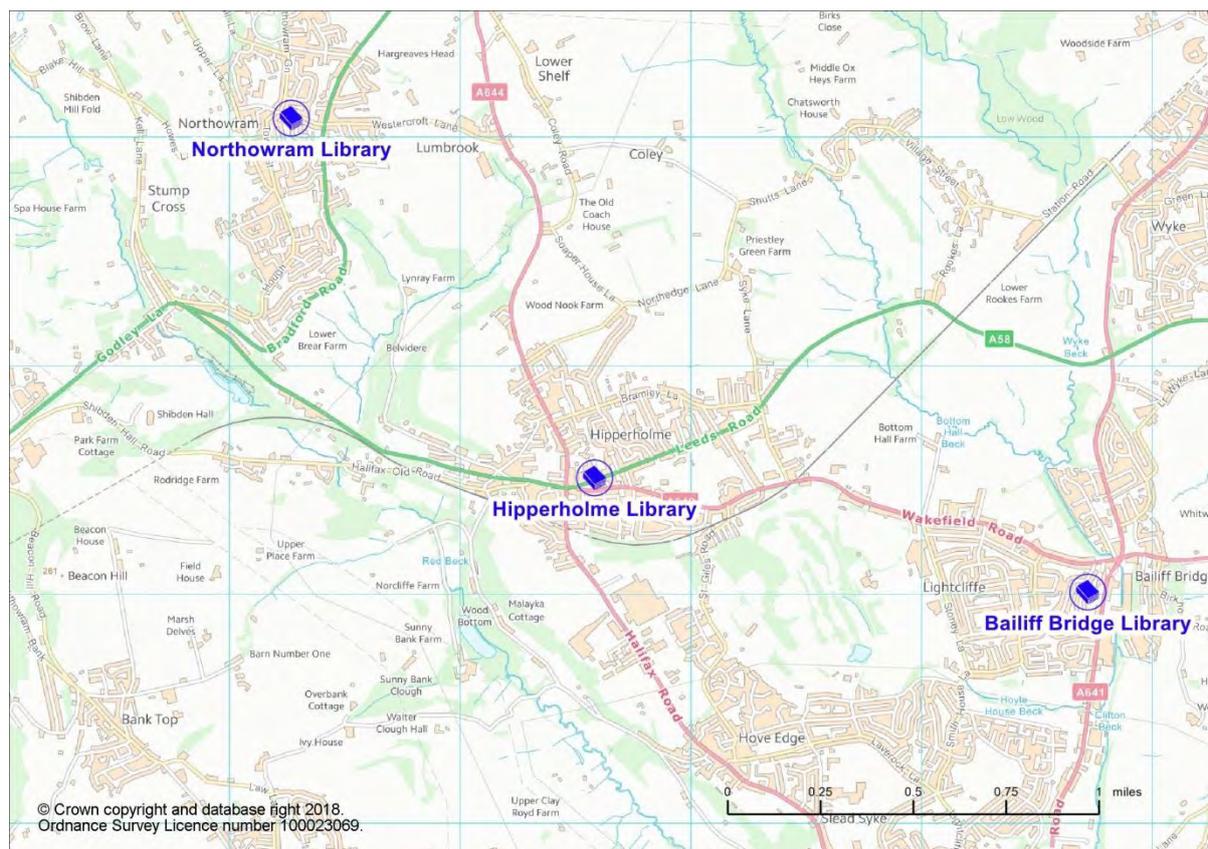
Closed between 13:00 and 14:00 on Tuesday and Thursday.

Hipperholme Library is located in the ex-Hipperholme Urban District Council building and is open 25 hours a week. The first floor of the building was converted in 1937 to house the library and the ground floor comprises two commercially let units. The building is located in the centre of the community, situated at the end of a parade of well used shops (including retained Post Office). Bus stops are nearby.

Library space in reasonable decorative order with minor cosmetic changes in 2016/17, but it needs remodelling and new furniture. The building has been recently re-roofed and rewired. The building's lift is old and confined, and the steps up to main entrance thus not easily accessible. There are also two small flights of steps in split level entrance. The building has CCTV internally and Wi-Fi is installed

There has been some specific community support and interest in the library and the library supports an offsite readers group. The nearest libraries are Bailiff Bridge (1.7 miles) and Northowram (1.6 miles).

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Other Council or Community sites in the locality include the Methodist Church.

## Performance and Financial Information

Hipperholme Library	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUES	10,942	10,837	9,108
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS	9,950	7,900	8,500
TOTAL ANNUAL ENQUIRIES	3,050	1,100	1,050
ANNUAL BUILDING COSTS -£	Running Costs £11,172 Planned Revenue Building Works £ Reactive Repairs £1,528  £12,700	Running Costs £11,173 Planned Revenue Building Works £517 Reactive Repairs £1,836  Total £13,526	Running Costs £13,252 Planned Revenue Building Works £404 Reactive Repairs £123  Total £13,779
ANNUAL STAFFING COSTS -£	£15,127	£15,127	£15,627
TOTAL ANNUAL LIBRARY COSTS - £	£27,827	£28,653	£29,406
COSTS PER VISIT -£	£2.80	£3.63	£3.46

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COSTS PER ISSUE - £	£2.54	£2.64	£3.23
STAFFING F T E	0.76	0.76	0.76
COMPUTER SESSIONS	2,080	1,507	1,420

## 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 in a good location, but is not without its problems e.g. access issues, fittings are over 30 years old and a new lift is needed - the estimate cost of replacement appliances and a new lift is £150,000.

## Relocate

- We are keen to hear from the community about opportunities to relocate the service to an alternative venue locally which will provide better access and options to develop a community hub.
- Merge provision with that of Hipperholme Library in a location suitable to serve both communities

## Revise

- Issues were down in 2016/17, but visits were up and computer use is relatively buoyant. The library area needs re-modelling and new furniture. With this work the library could be made more flexible for community use, but the size and structural layout out mitigates against the library becoming a community hub.
- 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.