

# Library Service Delivery Review

## Mytholmroyd Library



### Opening hours

Monday:	14:00 - 16:30
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	14:00 - 16:30
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	13:30 - 18:30
Saturday:	10:00 - 12:00
Sunday:	Closed

Mytholmroyd Library is located in a small two storey stone building outside the village centre and is open 12 hours a week. The library occupies the ground floor room (1-step access). Countryside Services occupy the upper floor on a peripatetic basis; they also have a garage/store attached. The building was narrowly unaffected by the 2015 floods – however in February 2018 works are being carried out to strengthen the upper floor of the structure and enable its resilience as a flood hub as necessary.

There was some community interest in 2010 to open a TIC (Tourist Information Centre) in the library at weekends, but no appetite at that time to run the library service with volunteers. There was also some interest, linked to the above, from Hebden Royd Town Council in 2010, which resulted in an unsuccessful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for development funds.

The library space is restricted for wheel chair users despite some internal refurbishment in 2014 to make the layout more flexible. Wi-Fi is installed; computer provision is restricted by space.

The nearest library is Hebden Bridge (1 mile).

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Other Council or community sites in the locality include Mytholmroyd Community Centre Church Hall.



## Performance and Financial Information

Mytholmroyd	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUES	6,669	5,387	4,815
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS	5,350	2,559	2,950
TOTAL ANNUAL ENQUIRIES	400	400	400
ANNUAL BUILDING COSTS -£	Running Costs £3,327 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £267  £3,594	Running Costs £3,208 Planned Revenue Building Works £643 Reactive Repairs £230  Total £4,081	Running Costs £3,595 Planned Revenue Building Works £306 Reactive Repairs £0  Total £3,901
ANNUAL STAFFING COSTS -£	£7,414	£7,414	£7,657
TOTAL ANNUAL LIBRARY COSTS - £	£11,008	£11,495	£11,558
COSTS PER VISIT -£	£2.06	£4.49	£3.92

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COSTS PER ISSUE - £	£1.65	£2.13	£2.40
STAFFING F T E	0.36	0.36	0.36
COMPUTER SESSIONS	304	237	204

## 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

- Although strengthening works are underway to the upper floor, additional works are required e.g. significant repairs to/replacement of the roof, windows and pointing; current estimate is £50,000.

## Relocate

- The library area is too small to be redesigned as a flexible community space or to accommodate other services to form a community hub.
- We are keen to hear from the community about any opportunities to relocate the service to an alternative space that would enable us to develop more of a community hub.

## 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.