

Library Service Delivery Review

Rastrick Library



Opening hours

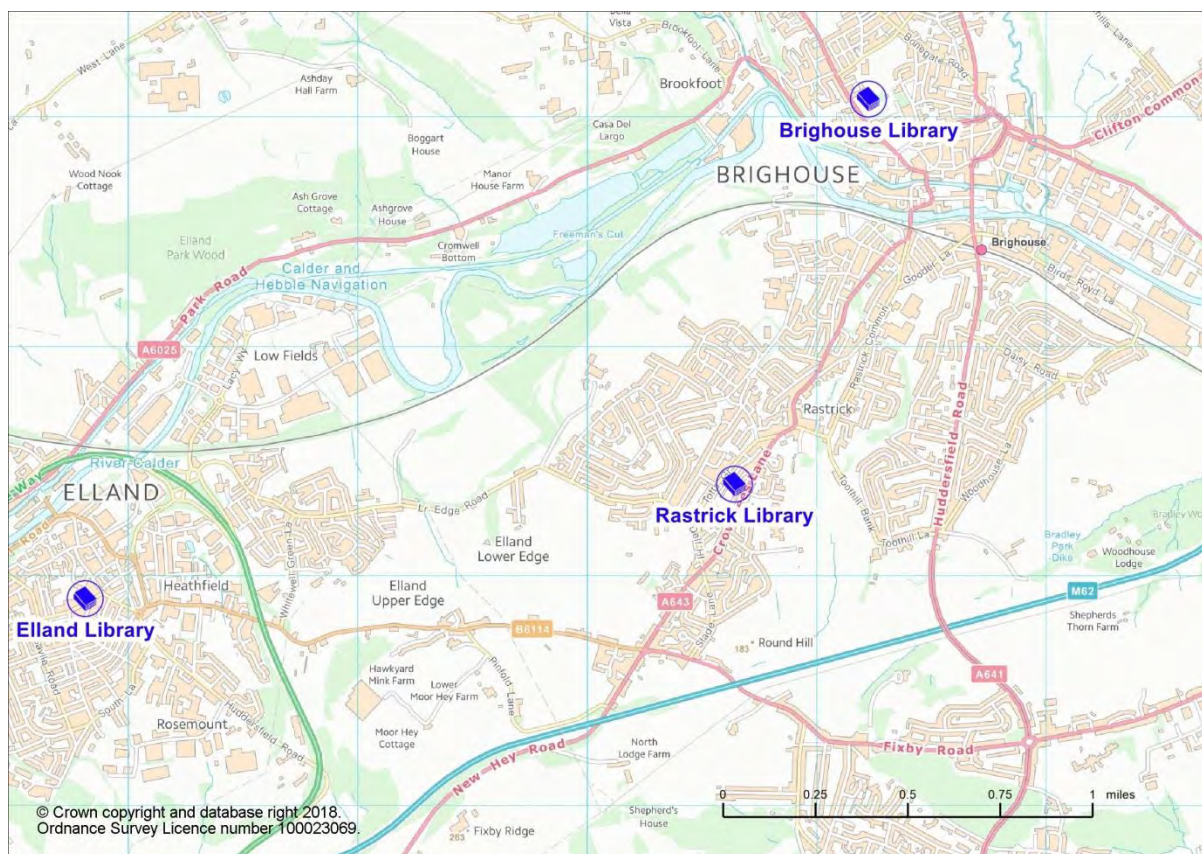
Monday:	10:00 - 17:00
Tuesday:	10:00 - 18:30
Wednesday:	10:00 - 13:00
Thursday:	10:00 - 18:30
Friday:	10:00 - 13:00
Saturday:	10:00 - 13:00
Sunday:	Closed

Rastrick Library was purpose-built in 1912; it is a Grade 2 listed building which is in good order following refurbishment in 2009. The Library is open 30 hours per week and is situated in well-maintained gardens with war memorial. There is a large children's library and a separate reading room, with Wi-Fi is installed.

The entrance does not comply with the Equality Act 2010 due to steep flight of entry-steps; we are currently working with The **Friends of Rastrick Library** (FoRL) and **Rastrick Big Local** on a scheme to provide wheelchair access. FoRL encourage the local community to make the best use of the library and its facilities and resources. A range of group activities and events are held which are facilitated by both the library team and FoRL and aimed at varied audience-demographics. There is a strong school presence in the neighbourhood. The Library has active local elected-member support, including regular surgeries. The 'Library House' (2 up, 2 down) is attached to the rear of the property with separate entrance for tenants.

There are bus stops nearby and the nearest libraries are Hub libraries: Brighouse (1.3 miles) and Elland (2.2 miles).

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Other Council or Community sites in the locality include St Michaels Church Hall.

Performance and Financial Information

Library	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
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TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUES	26,434	25,898	24,386
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS	16,000	17,826	14,750
TOTAL ANNUAL ENQUIRIES	2,050	2,200	1,700
ANNUAL BUILDING COSTS -£	Running Costs £11,695 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £1,299 £12,994	Running Costs £13,068 Planned Revenue Building Works £927 Reactive Repairs £2,503 Total £16,498	Running Costs £14,815 Planned Revenue Building Works £1,289 Reactive Repairs £5,664 Total £21,768
ANNUAL STAFFING COSTS -£	£26,573	£26,573	£27,069
TOTAL ANNUAL LIBRARY COSTS -£	£39,567	£43,071	£48,837
COSTS PER VISIT -£	£2.47	£2.42	£3.31

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COSTS PER ISSUE - £	£1.50	£1.66	£2.00
STAFFING F T E	£1.33	£1.33	£1.33
COMPUTER SESSIONS	3,540	3,159	2,620

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 building is in good condition; however there are access issues, which the service is working with FoRL to address. The cost of a scheme to improve physical access has been estimated at c. £110,000. A Grant from Rastrick Big Local of £65,000 towards the cost has been received and work is ongoing to identify possible funding for the shortfall.

Relocate

- The library serves a defined community and its current location is relatively good. We are not currently considering relocation as an option, but are keen to hear community views on this.

Revise

- Whilst library visits and issues are down on the previous two years, they remain healthy when compared with most other community libraries and cost per issue remains relatively low.
- The layout of the building and features included in the listing would make it difficult to fully adapt the building as a community hub.
- The attached "library house" offers some scope for development, but this is likely to be at significant cost and there are legal implications for the Council in doing so.
- 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.