

Library Service Delivery Review

Shelf Library and Village Hall



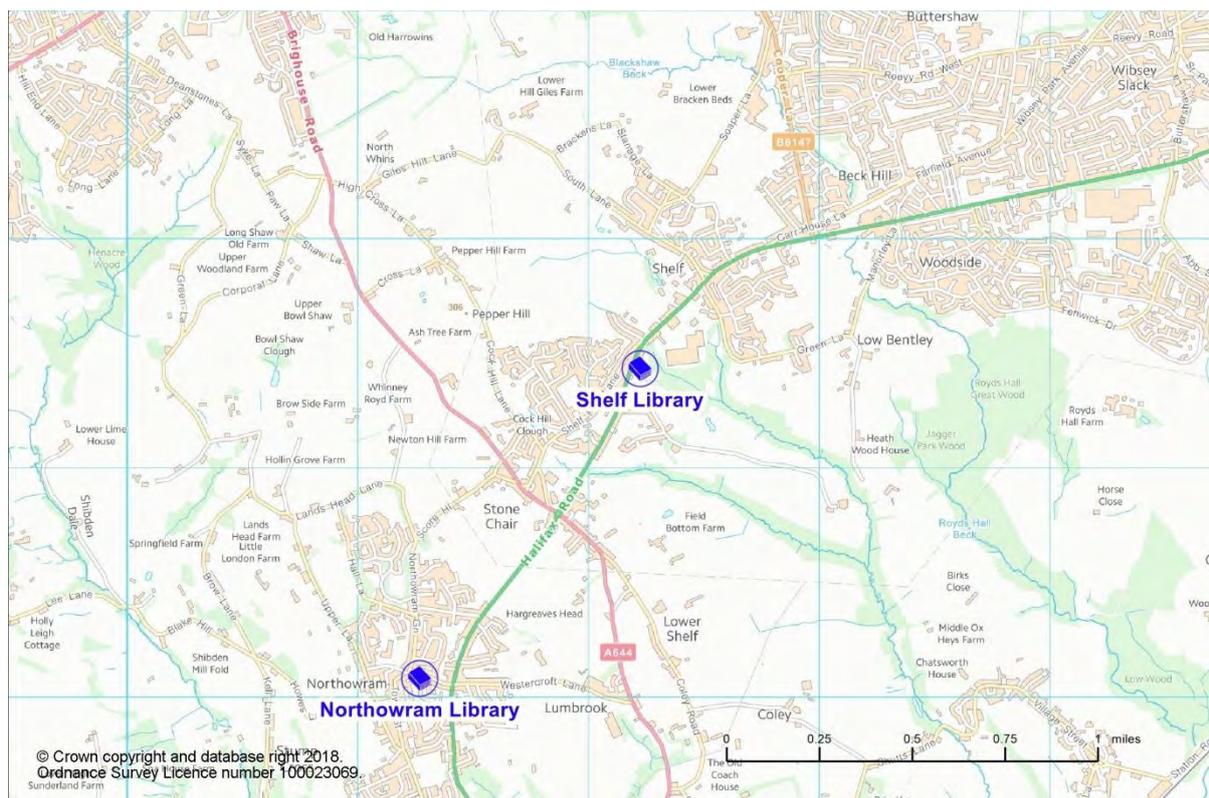
Opening hours

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	14:00 - 18:30
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	10:00 - 18:30
Friday:	14:00 - 17:00
Saturday:	10:00 - 12:30
Sunday:	Closed

Shelf Library is open 17.5 hours a week and was purpose-built in 2009 as an eco-friendly design extension to Shelf Village Hall. The library is constructed of straw bales, with a sedum roof. It has an attractive internal space; with flexible movable shelving units and Wi-Fi is installed. Its future is therefore very much tied to that of the Village Hall. The site also includes an independent day nursery (charitable status). Services have been successfully clustered. The Village Hall hosts various social and commercial functions plus blood donor sessions. The Village Hall has a challenging income target.

The library is located in a prominent roadside position with its own car park and an adjacent bus stop. A thriving reader's group regularly meets at the library with a number of successful author visits resulting from strong staff-support. There are good links with SureStart (Northowram and Shelf Hub) and there is an opportunity for developing activities out of opening hours, as well as regular class visits. The Neighbourhood Team have used the Village Hall to promote the site as a social hub and provide daytime activities. The nearest libraries are Northowram (1.1 miles) and Hipperholme (3.6 miles).

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Performance and Financial Information

Shelf Library	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUES	8,944	10,988	8,894
TOTAL LIBRARY VISITS	7,050	7,150	5,050
TOTAL ANNUAL ENQUIRIES	1,000	1,200	750
ANNUAL BUILDING COSTS -£	Running Costs £3,707 Planned Revenue Building Works £0 Reactive Repairs £63 £3,770	Running Costs £3873 Planned Revenue Building Works £75 Reactive Repairs £38 Total £3,986	Running Costs £602 Planned Revenue Building Works Reactive £76 Repairs £1484 Total £2,162
ANNUAL STAFFING COSTS -£	£10,476	£10,476	£10,821
TOTAL ANNUAL LIBRARY COSTS - £	£14,246	£14,462	£12,983
COSTS PER VISIT -£	£2.02	£2.02	£2.57
COSTS PER ISSUE - £	£1.59	£1.32	£1.46
STAFFING F T E	0.52	0.52	0.52

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COMPUTER SESSIONS	1,129	884	857
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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

- Shelf is a modern library, which has an attractive and flexible internal space. Services are already clustered on the site, but more work would be needed to fully develop the site as a community hub.

Relocate

- Given the reasonable state of repair, we have not considered any relocation options to date, however we are keen to hear from the community, any opportunities that we can explore. –

Revise

- Services are already clustered on the site, but more work would be needed to fully develop the site as a community hub.
- The future of the library is very much tied to the Village Hall's future. Both issues and visits were down in 2016/17, but cost-per-issue and per-visit remain at the lower end of the scale and computer use remains relatively good.
- 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.