

Derby City Council

Community Managed Libraries

Internal Review

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Allenton Library

Poole Street



Opening hours

Monday - 10am until 3pm

Wednesday - 10am until 3pm

No access into the building out of opening hours

Location

- Allenton Library is located in Poole Street in the suburb of Allenton, approximately two miles south of Derby City Centre.
- Allenton is predominately a residential area with nearby Merrill Academy, Allenton Community Primary School, and a retail high street on Osmaston Road.
- St Martin's Church and Community Centre is situated just behind the retail high street. Derby Homes Housing Office is within walking distance of the library and is situated on Bingham Street. Osmaston and Allenton Sure Start Children's Centre is situated on Cockayne Street North which is also within walking distance.
- The library was constructed as an extension to the adult learning centre (Allen Park Learning Centre) and opened in May 2009.
- The Allenton Library catchment contains approximately 11,650 households and covers a population of approximately 27,801 Derby residents, or approximately 11% of Derby's population.

Community group use

Lord Street Community Nursery attend weekly visits.

STEPS Derby have returned to the library with 3 young adults and 2 support workers attending on a Monday morning to help shelve books and tidy the kinder boxes etc.

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	402
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	343
Total number of volunteers (to date)	5



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Partner/Organisation	Comments
Move More Coordinator Derby City Council	IT Support from DHA every Monday from 10am-1pm. Photocopying facilities available. Their volunteers have just cleared and tidied their garden area surrounding the library.
SNT SGT Derbyshire Constabulary	We would like to look at organising coffee mornings at the library.
Local Representative	There is little signage around the library, and when visited the library was closed. An encouragement that the provision should be accessible at least 3 to 4 days a week, it is a recent realisation that there is a library in Allenton.

Allenton Library Opportunities
Derby Homes Housing office is located nearby on Bingham Street.
The library is an extension to the adult learning centre, explore joined up working.
Lord Street Nursery attend weekly visits.
STEPS Derby volunteer at the library.
Police would like to organise coffee mornings at the library.
There is a large car park.

Allenton Library Risks
Majority of community groups and partners use St Martins Church and Community Centre, there's a café based at the community centre which is managed by STEPS.
No access into the building out of opening hours.
Low number of visitors to the library.
Poor signage, current signage obscured by a tree to the front of the library.

Outcome
The library is only open 2 days a week and there is no access into the building when the library is closed. Therefore, the footfall into the library is very low, added to this the location of the library is in a secluded area and situated on a dead-end street, the entrance is covered by overgrown tree vegetation adding to the lack of visibility and therefore footfall.
There is a Derby Homes Housing Office nearby which is situated on Bingham Street and is a few minutes-walk from the Allenton Shopping Centre which is a thriving high-street.



Allestree Library

Park Farm Centre



Opening hours

Tuesday - 10am until 4.30pm

Thursday - 10am until 4.30pm

Friday - 10am until 4.30pm

No access into the building out of opening hours

Location

- Allestree library is located next to Park Farm Shopping Centre in Allestree, a residential area to the north of Derby.
- The shopping centre is a popular retail location and has a mix of national and independent retailers. The library is located on the northern side of the shopping centre fronting Birchover Way.
- The Allestree Library catchment contains approximately 7,650 households and covers a population of approximately 17,000 Derby residents, or approximately 6.7% of Derby's population.

Community group use

Allestree steering group have meetings at the library

Knit and natter group are based at the library

The local school get involved with the library

Since covid, some of the group sessions that took place at the library have moved to St John's Methodist Church, Birchover Way. (Advised by library volunteer)

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	5,972
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	5369
Total number of volunteers (to date)	26

Partner/Organisation

Comments

Local Area Coordinator
Derby City Council

The library plays an important role in the community and is a safe space.

There are regular knitting/crafting groups/activities for babies and families. School children attend the library.



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	<p>The LAC doesn't meet service users at the library as there is no room/private space.</p>
Local Representatives	<p>Strengths: - The Allestree Library is situated within the Park Farm Shopping Centre, which means that those using the library can combine their visits with numerous other activities, such as general shopping, using the various coffee shops, restaurants, post office and other outlets.</p> <p>The library offers warmth in the winter and thanks to the air conditioning a cool atmosphere in the summer. The Park Farm Shopping centre has a very large car park with 3 hours free parking, with excellent disabled parking and the library is within easy walking distance of the car park. The Park Farm Shopping centre is used by both residents from adjoining wards and wards further afield because of the amenities within the shopping centre.</p> <p>There is a very good highway network both leading to and from Allestree and the Park Farm shopping centre.</p> <p>The local public (and disabled) toilets are situated just yards away from the library side entrance and access (again with easy disabled access).</p> <p>Local schools (Portway Infants and Jnrs together with Lawn School) use Allestree Library for reference work and reading practice.</p> <p>Derby University is nearby. The library has 8 public computers, photocopier and laminator and can offer IT support.</p> <p>Community Interest Groups use Allestree Library to hold meetings and regular information meetings.</p> <p>Such groups vary from "Knit and Natter, Book Clubs, Bird Clubs, Jig Saw Clubs, Board Game Clubs, through to Lego Clubs" "One Off" scheduled events take place with informative inputs from the ward Public Protection Officer, Police SNT, Fraud and Cyber Security experts, Fire Service Community Officers, Local Councillors, Planning Officers, and local authors. The library was a focal point during the recent Jubilee celebrations and continues to hold and plan exhibitions to further build on its reputation having held very successful Photographic exhibition.</p> <p>An up-to-date notice board gives details on local and Derbyshire interests.</p> <p>Allestree Community Library is a member of Allestree Alliance, currently the only Community Interest Company within the 17 wards in Derby City as well as being members of the Allestree Neighbourhood Board.</p> <p>The life blood of any Community Managed Library is the volunteers, and this is where Allestree Library excels, the Steering Committee of Allestree Library realise that such Libraries must adapt and become Community Hubs, offering more than just reference work or books.</p> <p>Negatives</p> <p>Funding for not only upkeep of buildings but also their improvement, signage which identifies the library position and services offered, financial independence, identifying a constant stream of volunteers and steering group members.</p>



Allestree Library Opportunities
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Highest number of volunteers and visits recorded across the 10 libraries.

Well used by community groups.

Library situated next door to Park Farm Shopping Centre.
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The Park Farm Shopping centre has a very large car park with 3 hours free parking, with excellent disabled parking and the library is within easy walking distance of the car park.

The Park Farm Shopping centre is used by both residents from adjoining wards and wards further afield because of the amenities within the shopping centre.
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Allestree Community Library is a member of Allestree Alliance, currently the only Community Interest Company within the 17 wards in Derby City as well as being members of the Allestree Neighbourhood board.

Allestree Library Risks

Small library/no private rooms.

Since covid, some of the group sessions that took place at the library have moved to St John's Methodist Church, Birchover Way.

No access into the building out of opening hours.

Funding for not only upkeep of buildings but also their improvement, signage which identifies the library position and services offered, financial independence, identifying a constant stream of volunteers and steering group members.
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Outcome

Allestree is currently the most utilised of the CML's, with most footfall and most volunteers overseeing the day to day running, also as a member of Allestree Alliance this provides the library with the necessary framework in which to expand and grow provision with the following adaptations:
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Blagreaves Library

Blagreaves Lane



Opening hours

Wednesday - 10am until 3pm

Thursday - 10am until 3pm

Friday - 10am until 1pm

No access into the building out of opening hours

Location

- The building within which the library is located is at the southern end of Blagreaves Lane, close to the junction with Stenson Road. This is primarily a residential area with a parade of local shops on Stenson Road very close by.
- The Blagreaves Library catchment contains approximately 13,150 households and covers a population of approximately 35,601 Derby residents, or approximately 13.7% of Derby's population.

Community group use

Derbyshire Community Health Services are looking to host an information stand in the car park.

Community Group, Ridgeway Ladies, are considering the possibility of using the library for their regular meetings.

Local schools use the library.

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,509
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	2,039
Total number of volunteers (to date)	10

Partner/Organisation

Comments

Police SNT
Derbyshire Constabulary

Blagreaves Library is on my policing area. I'm not aware of any groups there or that we use it.

Local Representatives

One opportunity that you probably aren't aware of is a planning application for up to 600 homes off Primula Way (just into South Derbyshire) that is about to be submitted to South Derbyshire District



Derby City Council

	<p>Council. There will be a Section 106 Agreement alongside this, which I would expect to contain some money for local library facilities. Blagreaves Library is about 5 minutes walk from the application site.</p> <p>We are asking Derby City planners to make sure the Section 106 does contain money for Blagreaves Library and other facilities for the area.</p>
Local Area Coordinator Derby City Council	<p>Very few activities are ran at the library. And some are not open to the community (there's a closed book club that runs regularly as an example). It's very much seen as an "old fashion" style library by many in the community. It's very quiet and people only really go there for books and use of the computers. It could be so much more! However, I believe they struggle for volunteers and support. They are open three days a week for around 4 hours or so. The ladies there tried very hard during Covid to achieve this, and they continue to do so as well.</p> <p>There aren't many activities at all in Blagreaves. A big part of that is the layout of the ward-it's split in half by the hill of Blagreaves lane and the schools that are on it. If it were possible to get activities going on at the library (of interest to the community) I believe that the residents around the Oaklands Avenue area would jump on it.</p>
Resident	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Hope you are all well.</p> <p>I am mummy to a bookworm of a daughter who is 6 years old. Absolutely thriving and loving exploring the world of books and stories.</p> <p>My daughter is a fluent and high achieving reader at school. She really enjoyed doing the Gadgeteers challenge this summer holidays and has read 10 books now so is due her fridge magnet. I was going to take her today after school...</p> <p>Our local library we used is Blagreaves, Littleover. Which opens Weds, Thurs, Fri. 3 days a week is fine, we can make one of those days. BUT 1000 til 1500.</p> <p>When are children supposed to access this library in term time? 39 weeks of the year! I am horrified, that a child cannot access this library at all in term time. Not for casual reading, not for her hobby, not for information books to help with schoolwork.</p> <p>To be honest I am disgusted. So, every week, in term time. No children will visit this library as they are at school. It must also be a shock to you as organisers, that 0 footfall over those 3 days is a child between the ages of 4 and 16.</p> <p>I want to arrange a day, of those 3 it stays open until 4.30pm. Or it is open on a Weekend morning for a couple of hours.</p>

Blagreaves Library Opportunities

Close to the parade of shops on Stenson Road.
Section 106 funding opportunities
Ideal location for community activities to be developed from

Blagreaves Library Risks

No access into the building out of opening hours.
Struggle for volunteers and support
Requires upgrading and modernising



Outcome

The library is seen as an old-fashioned style library by many in the community. It has been reported that there are not many activities in the Blagreaves Ward and residents would visit the library more often if there were activities of interest to the local community.

The library has the potential to be a thriving community hub as it's situated on a residential area near a parade of shops. There are several schools within the locality of the library who use the facilities on a regular basis.



Chaddesden Library

Chaddesden Park, Chaddesden Lane



Opening hours

Tuesday - 9.30am until 4.30pm

Thursday - 9.30am until 4.30pm

Friday - 9.30am until 4.30pm

No access into the building out of opening hours

Location

- The Phillip Whitehead Memorial Library opened on 12 March 2013 within the attractive Chaddesden Park, and is conveniently situated close to local schools, shops, and bus routes.
- Chaddesden is a residential area with a well-established retailing centre approximately two miles east of Derby City Centre. The Park offers a variety of attractions including a children's play area, water play area, bowling greens, games courts, sports pavilion with community room, Age UK building and the Church Pavilion alongside the designated nature area which includes Mossey Yard Plantation and Chaddesden Brook.
- The old Chaddesden Park Library is situated behind The Phillip Whitehead Memorial Library which now belongs to Age UK
- The Phillip Whitehead Memorial Library catchment contains approximately 8,150 households and covers a population of approximately 19,301 Derby residents, or approximately 7.6% of Derby's population.

Community group use

Friends of Chaddesden Park regularly visit the library.

Meadow Farm Primary School regularly visit the library.

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,630
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	2,068
Total number of volunteers (to date)	13

Partner/Organisation

Comments



Derby City Council

Local Area Coordinator Derby City Council	The library in Chaddesden is a fantastic asset to the ward, both for lending books and encouraging literacy, but for the community sessions it hosts and a place for people to come together.
Chaddesden Traders and Association Board Chaddesden Member	I don't know what happens at the library, it's not very well publicised. I work with Age UK in the old library building, the centre is thriving. You would struggle to book a room for an event as it's so busy. There are lots of activities including lunch club, ladies' groups, theatre groups, exercise for the elderly, a rock choir, indoor bowls club and many more.
Local Representatives	<p>Our feelings towards Chaddesden are that given its central location to the Northeast of Derby that this library should be in fact council run. This gives everyone an opportunity in Derwent, Oakwood, Spondon and Chaddesden access to a full-time library whilst the others in those wards could be turned into Community Assets or CIC run by voluntary organisations.</p> <p>We do believe is that our libraries have a major asset to the community but not just in book lending. We think they could be used as hubs for mental health support, housing support, benefit support, advice surgeries and events. They really could be a fantastic model to be used as multi agency hubs too by partner organisations such as police, fire, and charities.</p> <p>I know whatever approach taken for Chaddesden it would be very popular, if it became a community used asset there will be organisations who would chomp at the bit to run it providing the book lending is still an accessible function. Regardless the library should stay open to as many hours as possible.</p>

Chaddesden Library Opportunities

The library is situated on a busy park which has been presented with several Green Flag Awards over the years.

Friends of Chaddesden Park are based at the library.

Because of location could become a "full-time" hub to serve the community

Age UK have a thriving hub behind the library, possibilities of expanding their provision and running the library as a CML.

Chaddesden Library Risks

Age UK is situated behind the library, it has been noted how busy the centre is with various community groups and activities taking place across 7 days of the week, it has been raised that this maybe taking away footfall from the library.

No access into the building out of opening hours.

Outcome

Increased signage and publicity required for services provided and to increase usage and popularity.



Chellaston Library

High Street



Opening hours

Tuesday - 10am until 4.30pm

Thursday - 10am until 4.30pm

No access into the building out of opening hours

Location

- Chellaston Library is situated off the main A514 Swarkestone Road, adjacent to Chellaston Community Centre, recreation ground and a variety of established retail units, with Chellaston Academy on the opposite side of Swarkestone Road.
- Chellaston is a predominantly residential suburb of Derby, approximately eight miles south of Derby City Centre, and with good access links to the A50 and M1.
- The Chellaston Library catchment contains approximately 4,400 households and covers a population of approximately 11,201 Derby residents, or approximately 4.4% of Derby's population.

Community group use

The Derby Polio support group also continue to meet once every 2 months

The Knit & Natter group meet weekly on Thursday afternoon.

Chellaston Scout Group

The Art group continue to meet weekly

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,512
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	2,554
Total number of volunteers (to date)	9

Partner/Organisation

Move More Coordinator
Derby City Council

Comments

There is a desire to open another day, though would need support from more volunteers.



Derby City Council

	<p>Lots of sessions taking place such as, Rhyme Time, Coffee Mornings, Knit and Natter and Reading groups.</p> <p>Looking at setting up a Jigsaw Library.</p>
<p>Local Area Coordinator Derby City Council</p>	<p>The library here only opens on two days a week which is a shame, but this is due to lack of volunteers I believe. There are a couple of groups that run here, we have a knitting session on Thursday afternoons which is well attended, and I have introduced people I work with to this group, I also try to go along as it is a good opportunity for me to meet residents.</p> <p>They have an Art class on a Thursday morning and are now also offering a jigsaw puzzle swap. The library is well located in the ward, it never seems overly 'busy'</p>
<p>Safer Neighbourhood Team Derbyshire Constabulary</p>	<p>Before covid I'd heard that there was a room dedicated for our local police neighbourhood team at the library in Chellaston and that there may have been computers in there for us to use. I spoke to staff at the library who confirmed it, but no one seemed to know who may have a key or if indeed we were still allowed to use the space.</p> <p>I wondered if this was or could become a thing again- the team is based at Ascot drive and one of our areas is Chellaston- which is quite some travelling time, I know myself, and others would be Keen to have a base in Chellaston with the growing ASB and open drug dealing around the library, High Street, and the churches.</p> <p>I think it would be beneficial for the team, who ultimately would be able to spend longer patrolling the area if we had a base that far up and provide more of a deterrent and focal point for the community to raise their concerns.</p>
<p>Friends of Chellaston Library</p>	<p>Keen to be included in the review and consulted upon about the future of the library.</p> <p>Concerned about the retention, recruitment, and training of Volunteers. Concerned about who will manage the provision and the retention of current staff.</p> <p>Chellaston Library is one of the Lottery-funded libraries. As such there remain 10 years during which the Lottery retain an interest in the operation of our library. Our group was founded as part of the Lottery project, and we have continued to promote and support its use for our community.</p> <p>Since the last library review in 2016 there has been considerably more housing development in the Chellaston area. The library has good footfall and is being well run but needs to be open for more days and longer hours, with clear booking systems and public liability insurance for use both in and out of opening hours by groups such as ours.</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Officer</p>	<p>Is located on Barley Croft, just off the High Street, but you can also access it from Swarkestone Road (main road through Chellaston). Next to the library is Chellaston Community Centre, which is well used by the local community including community organisations / groups.</p> <p>The library is near to a number of amenities / mini district centres. Close by there are also two churches, St Peter's Church, and the Methodist Church (they also host a number of community groups / events). There are the usual groups at the library, story time / rhyme time groups, knit and natter groups. No other partners work from the library, the police used to be based there but this was a number of years ago, (a decision made by the police, not due to funding / budgets).</p>



Chellaston Library Opportunities

There is a desire to open another day

The library is adjacent to Chellaston Community Centre, the recreation ground, and a variety of established retail units, with Chellaston Academy on the opposite side of Swarkestone Road.

Police would like a base at the library, previously were but withdrew.
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Chellaston Library Risks

No access into the building out of opening hours
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The library is well located in the ward, it never seems overly busy.
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Lottery funded provision with lottery interest for the next 10 years.

No community partners work from there.
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Outcome

There is the desire to explore opening for an additional day to support opportunities for increased service delivery, however this would require more volunteers from FoCL, who are keen to be involved in the review and best placed to be supported to take on the CML model of delivery.



Derwent Library

Revive Centre, Roe Farm Lane



Opening hours

Wednesday - 11am until 3pm

Friday - 11am until 3pm

There is access into the building Monday to Saturday.

Location

- The library is located within the Revive Healthy Living Centre which is a thriving community building. Derwent Community Library is located on Roe Farm Lane, approximately 1.5 miles east of Derby City Centre. The library is situated on the ground floor of the Revive Healthy Living Centre, which also includes an NHS clinic, dental practice, and a community hub.
- The surrounding property is predominantly residential, with St Albans Catholic Church located next door to the Centre as well as Roe Farm Police Station. There are a variety of shops in close proximity on Wiltshire Road.
- The Derwent Library catchment contains approximately 8,250 households and covers a population of approximately 19,800 Derby residents, or approximately 7.8% of Derby's population.

Community group use

Not aware of any community group use

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	136
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	313
Total number of volunteers (to date)	2

Partner/Organisation	Comments
Neighbourhood Officer Derby City Council	The library is not well used, it is a small room at the back of the Revive Centre. Hardly anyone know that the library exists.



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Local Area Coordinator Derby City Council	<p>I have had very little to do with Derwent Library over the years, only calling in a handful of times to show people where it is due to it being tucked away and open part time.</p> <p>I am aware of residents who have no internet access so would benefit from this being available at the library with support and guidance on usage to use computers there to update universal credit journals, and use internet to access help with cost-of-living crisis, comparison sites etc.</p>
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Derwent Library Opportunities
Derwent Library is located within the Revive Healthy Living Centre which is a thriving community building, there is a clinic, dental practice and community hub located at the building. There is a church and police station next door as well as on the doorstep of a variety of shops on Wiltshire Road
Revive Healthy Living Centre are open 6 days a week.

Derwent Library Risks
Derwent Library is in a thriving building and are only open 2 days a week (4 hours per day)
This library is situated in the most deprived ward out of the 10 libraries. There are high levels of ASB, Crime, unemployment, health inequalities, children not achieving academically etc. Why is this library not being used more? (Could be an opportunity to think about how to get the library used more by local schools etc)
Not well used, the library is a small room at the back of the Revive Centre and not many people know that it exists.

Outcome
Footfall is very low, the location is not well advertised, few people know about the library which is situated in a small room at the back of the Revive centre and so therefore signage and comms need some development to support growth should the library remain in situ.

Mackworth Library

Prince Charles Avenue



Opening hours

Monday - 10am until 5pm

Tuesday - 10am until 4.30pm

Thursday - 10am until 1pm

The Police have a community office at the library and have access to the building when the library is closed, no one else has access into the building out of opening hours.

Location

- Mackworth Library adjoins the Prince Charles Avenue Shopping Parade, a popular and well-established retail location with a range of regional and independent traders.
- Mackworth is a predominantly residential suburb approximately four miles to the west of Derby City Centre. The library is close to the centre of Mackworth, with good access links to the A52 and A38
- The Mackworth Library catchment contains approximately 4,100 households and covers a population of approximately 9,501 Derby residents, or approximately 3.7% of Derby's population.

Community group use

Students from Murray School attended at the library to clear up and tidy the garden area to enable customers to use the area in the warmer weather.

Crafty Chat is held weekly every Monday morning and is well attended. This group was set up with the help of a lady from Mackworth Church, and a craft expert leads these sessions.

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,047
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,119
Total number of volunteers (to date)	6

Partner/Organisation

Comments

Local Representative	I suppose it goes without saying that I would rather keep the library open but appreciate that libraries use has changed significantly with technology.
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	<p>I'm not sure that the Mackworth library has yet recovered from the pandemic, so it's not a good time to assess its value to the public. In the short term, the library should be considered as a warm hub for the Mackworth public to survive the cost-of-living crisis over the winter.</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Officer Derby City Council</p>	<p>Is located at Prince Charles Avenue district centre, the heart of Mackworth! There is a large car park as part of the district centre and a number of amenities near-by. There are the usual groups here too, story time / rhyme time groups, 'chatty crafters'. The police still have an office at the library, but they aren't based there full time. No other partners work from the library.</p> <p>One comment made by a Cllr was that the library would make a good venue for a doctor's surgery, as there is currently no such service provided in Mackworth. This is a big issue currently for Mackworth and is often raised.</p>
<p>Local Area Co-ordinator Derby City Council</p>	<p>In my opinion, although Mackworth Library is in a key place at the centre of Mackworth Estate, close to the main shops, it is not a place used by many of the community. When I have spent time there, which in honesty is not very often, it has been very quiet. I don't believe that it is still being used by Derby Homes or Police Support Officers.</p> <p>I think there is a Knit and Natter group based there on a weekly basis, but I am not aware of any other activities currently running. It is potentially a good resource currently underused.</p>

Mackworth Library Opportunities

Mackworth Library adjoins the Prince Charles Avenue Shopping Parade.

The Police have a community office at the library and have access to the building when the library is closed.

No Dr surgery in Mackworth, could provide an ideal base for a satellite service.

Small groups meet at the library

Potential 106 development funding

Mackworth Library Risks

Only the police have access to the building when the library is closed.

Still in recovery to reach pre pandemic usage levels

No community partners operate from the library.

Outcome

In a potentially good location but seems not to have bounced back post pandemic. Opportunity for increased community use as Police use the building outside of opening hours. Community expresses a need for a health provision in Mackworth, which is currently lacking – location would suggest this is an ideal venue.



Sinfin Library

District Centre, Arleston Lane



Opening hours

Monday - 10am until 4.30pm

Wednesday - 10am until 4.30pm

No access into the building out of opening hours

Location

- The library is located approximately three miles south of Derby City Centre in the District Centre of Sinfin. The library is very close to the Asda store and to a parade of shops. There is a large area of housing to the north of the library. Vehicular access is from both Arleston Lane and Grampian Way.
- The Sinfin Library catchment contains approximately 17,000 households and covers a population of approximately 44,701 Derby residents, or approximately 17.7% of Derby's population.

Community group use

The Asian Ladies self-help group commenced at the library and meet weekly on Monday's.

Move More continue to use the facilities of the library in connection with the new outdoor table tennis table at Sinfin Moor Park.

The LAC commenced meeting clients in the library on a weekly basis.

There were 6 (six) school visits scheduled during July 2022.

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,340
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1590
Total number of volunteers (to date)	9

Partner/Organisation	Comments
Local Area Coordinator Derby City Council	I use the library regularly to meet people I am working with; I have used the computers with them to look up things with them as needed and have encouraged them to use the library themselves. I also use it to catch up on admin in between appointments. I have also seen other professionals meeting people (Princes Trust for example).



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Neighbourhood Officer Derby City Council	There are plans for an NHS Building/Community Hub to be built on the shopping precinct. It was mentioned that it would be a super community hub and the library would relocate into the new building.
Local Representative	<p>Sinfin is a strange shape so it's difficult to define central. It is in the district centre so accessible by bus and free parking. Footfall has been low since it became Community Managed. They reduced opening hours.</p> <p>Mostly older people use the library. It closes at 4pm and doesn't open on Saturdays so school age children don't use it anymore. There was a weekly toddler story time but I'm not sure if that still runs now.</p> <p>It's not attractive, it's dark and tired, but there are hopefully plans for it to move into a new Health Centre behind where it is now. This would transform the usage and the feel of the library. I'd strongly encourage the library service to move. It will transform it.</p> <p>I have for many times for surgeries events pre covid I was on the library steering group which started very positively but they scrapped it and library became very insular. We get no communication from them now. When the community were involved in the outcomes of the library it felt more vibrant.</p>

Sinfin Library Opportunities

The library is very close to the Asda store and to a parade of shops.

BME groups regularly meeting at the library as well as various other community groups.

1000's of houses being built nearby belonging to South Derbyshire (Garden City Village). Will they have their own library? could this be an opportunity to link up with South Derbyshire as residents from Stenson Fields (South Derbyshire) next to the Asda Store use the local library service.

Plans for a new NHS/community hub building at the shopping precinct to cater for thousands of NHS patients.

The Sinfin Library has the largest catchment which contains approximately 17,000 households and covers a population of approximately 44,701 Derby residents, or approximately 17.7% of Derby's population.

Sinfin Library Risks

Library very well used by community groups but only open 2 days a week.

No access into the building out of opening hours

Library is not attractive, dark, and tired.

Outcome

The library is unattractive, dark, and tired. It closes at 4pm and doesn't open on Saturdays so school age children don't use it anymore, however 6 school visits were scheduled in July alone.



Spondon Library

Sitwell Street



Opening hours

Monday - 10am until 4.30pm

Tuesday - 10am until 4.30pm

Thursday - 10am until 4.30pm

Saturday - 10am until 1pm

No access into the building out of opening hours

Location

- The library is centrally located within the ward, in the Village Centre area. It sits North of the A52, alongside Spondon Village Hall on Sitwell Street. The village hall is council owned but managed by Spondon Community Association and is very active with a wide range of activities taking place. The rear of the library is currently being developed into a community garden via the Spondon Village Partnership, which includes a bench, planters, and a newly planted flagpole. This has been positively received by many residents and is encouraging people to visit the area. There is a car park to the front, side, and rear of the Village Hall, that serves both buildings. The car park and land is owned by DCC parks department. There is seating to the front of the library and access can be via steps, or a disabled friendly ramp, so the library is user friendly to all.
- There is also a designated disabled bay and drop off parking bay to the front of the library. The land to the rear and side is maintained by DCC's grounds maintenance team, with the trees being maintained by DCC's trees department. The library is within the main shopping area of the ward and within 5 minutes walking distance of both The Village Club and Liberal Club, both who host weekly coffee mornings, on Tuesday's and Thursdays respectively. It lies on the main A6096 Derby to Ilkeston route, with good access routes in and out of Spondon.
- When the post office first closed within the Chapel Side Precinct, the library provided a location for a post office service one day a week. This continued until a full-time service was installed back up in the precinct, within the Premier store. This showed not only flexibility in the use of the library, but also support to those residents who couldn't travel to another post office out of the Spondon area.
- The library takes part in the annual Spondon Alight event, hosting family activities and a book sale as well as getting involved in village centre initiatives such as the Halloween and Easter Bunny trails with the businesses.
- The Spondon Library catchment contains approximately 5,150 households and covers a population of approximately 11,701 Derby residents, or approximately 4.6% of Derby's



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- population.

Community group use
The Craft Club group meet weekly on Monday afternoons and is well attended.
Two classes from Borrowood Primary School continue to attend at the library on the 1 st Thursday each month in the morning and afternoon.
Partners including the LAC and Safer Neighbourhood Team have used the library for community working, including cuppa with a copper sessions and meeting residents who are requiring support with socialising.

Library use statistics	
Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	3,856
How many books and audio books were loaned out Between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	3,540
Total number of volunteers (to date)	23

Partner/Organisation	Comments
Neighbourhood Officer	<p>Footfall within the library has been affected by the removal of the Spondon Flyer bus service, with some residents no longer able to access as they would before, however with a large percentage of the ward's residents being of pensionable age, there continues to be a great need for the library and its services.</p> <p>The bus service is being looked at with the possible introduction of a new service, that will enable those residents to once more be able to access the village centre and in turn the library. There have been a number of businesses unable to continue trading, to remove the library would be the loss of a much-needed community asset, service and resource for the residents and schools within Spondon.</p>
Local Area Coordinator Derby City Council	<p>The Spondon library is in an excellent position, right in the heart of Spondon. Spondon is a very 'centre-facing' area, as in it has a definite 'middle' and most things gravitate towards it. People still view the area as a village, and it seems to operate that way. The library is also joined to the community centre which is a very busy and well-used building.</p> <p>However, despite this, I see the above more as a <i>potential</i>, rather than an advantage. I'd love for Spondon library to modernise and bring its offer more in line with what people need these days. The fact is, not many people need books anymore. I think Spondon library needs to realise its own potential and grow into it. It has some serious limitations; the space is not ideal. However, it could be divided up or set out differently. It needs to give people a genuine reason to 'hang out' and spend time there, instead of simply offering books or computer lessons. The social element could be key, particularly after the pandemic, many people in Spondon would like places to meet others, perhaps informal mental wellbeing spaces.</p> <p>I visited a local library in York a couple of years ago and found that the local community consider it the absolute focal point of the area. There were things for all ages to do, support, socialising and even a coffee shop. Things just seemed to 'start at the library' and grew outwards. Books were way down on the agenda, still a big part of it, but the main message was 'you can come here to spend time and be with others' – this really works.</p>
Local Representative	<p>The library represents the only Council provision for the village! The opening hours are not what they were prior to the introduction of CML's but the community has worked hard with volunteers to keep something going.</p>



	Evening and Saturday morning opening has been missed. Library services are important to various sections of the community and represent the only place where assisted internet services are available. An enhanced version of the current service is vital to the community and needs to be retained.
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Spondon Library Opportunities

High number of volunteers

3,856 visits over a 3-month period.

The library is in an excellent location.
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The library is joined to the Spondon Community Centre.
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Spondon Library Risks

Footfall within the library has been affected by the removal of the Spondon Flyer bus service.
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Springwood

Inside Springwood Leisure Centre, Springwood Drive



Opening hours

Tuesday - 10am until 4pm

Wednesday - 3pm until 7pm

Thursday - 10am until 4pm

No access into the library out of opening hours.

Location

- The library is situated inside Springwood Leisure Centre which a thriving sport and leisure facility located in Oakwood.
- There is a gym, classes, indoor cycling, sports courts, and pitches. There is a great variety of activities available for young people including sports coaching courses and school holiday programmes.
- The Springwood Library catchment contains approximately 9,900 households and covers a population of approximately 23,601 Derby residents, or approximately 9.3% of Derby's population.

Community group use

Park View Primary School visit the library

Library use statistics

Visits recorded between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,184
How many books and audio books were loaned out between 1 st April and 30 th June 2022	1,921
Total number of volunteers (to date)	9

Partner/Organisation	Comments
Local Representative	The Leisure Centre is also the location for three of Oakwood's five polling stations at local, regional, and national elections, which again increases footfall traffic. The location is almost in the centre of the ward and would struggle to be better.



	<p>The library has seating and an array of books, providing much in the way of reading material but also a location where residents can arrange to meet, escape from cold or hot weather and relax in a good book.</p> <p>The library is manned by a dedicated team of volunteers who have a real passion for the library and the service it provides. I have met them on several occasions and speak very highly of their dedication to the role. They are a life blood of our community.</p> <p>The library volunteers are striking up and have struck up very good relationships with various partners from across the neighbourhood, including the local school and local youth organisations (beavers, brownies etc) which is encouraging more people, especially children, young people, and their families, to come and visit.</p> <p>The library is served by ample free parking at the Leisure Centre Car Park and is easily accessible for the vast majority of residents.</p> <p>The library and leisure centre are situated just off one of Oakwood's four main roads, are well served by public transport (with a stop just a few hundred metres away) and the Community Centre and Oakwood Park are on the doorstep.</p> <p>The only school in Oakwood Ward, Parkview Primary School, is situated just over the road, and relationships are being built up between the two partners.</p> <p>Oakwood has an aging population, many of which are regular attenders of the library.</p> <p>The library has computers and other technical equipment, as well as people who can assist residents in using them, which is again beneficial for an increasingly digital age and an ageing population in the ward.</p> <p>Oakwood is not in possession of a number of facilities that other wards may cherish or take for granted, the library is one of few we do have.</p>
DCC Employee Leisure Staff	<p>Leisure Centre colleagues would like to open a book café inside the library space at Springwood Leisure Centre. The library space has a private room sectioned off which could be used to prepare simple food such as hot drinks, paninis, cake and snacks. When the café is closed there are several vending machines available, the vending machines currently make profit so show there is a need for drink and food at the leisure centre. The Leisure Centre hosts children's party's at the moment but do not provide catering as parents bring their own food. The café could provide the catering for the parties. This would generate income.</p> <p>To look at reducing the book offer due to lack of space, reorganise the room and look at additional seating areas and sofa's. Open the space up as it's enclosed by windows at the top half.</p> <p>Look at a click and collect system where service users scan their books in and out or this service could be provided at the main entrance reception desk. The reception desk has a turn stile where gym members have a card which lets them into the building. Could programme the library card to let users in automatically and they can also let themselves into the library by scanning the card. The entrance is DDA compliant and the doors can be adapted the same as the gym entrance system.</p> <p>Springwood Leisure Centre is open 7 days a week, Saturday is their busiest day with parties, gymnastics and gym users, to increase the footfall into the book café by opening at peak times.</p>



Oakwood Library Opportunities
Library situated inside Springwood Leisure Centre.
Springwood Leisure Centre is open 7 days a week.
Given the expected Boundary Change, Oakwood's Local Area Co-ordinator's base (St Philip's Church on Taddington Road) will now be well into the Breadsall Hilltop Ward, rather than Oakwood itself.
Additional signage advertising the library would no doubt bring in extra footfall.
Thriving group of volunteers running the current provision.
Potential management from the Leisure Centre and the opening of a community café.
Oakwood Library Risks
There is no access into the library out of opening hours.
The library is not advertised on any local signage I am aware of, which inhibits new and existing residents from knowing where it is.
Relationship building stalled between the library and Park View Primary School due to the changing in Head Teacher, but this is being repaired.
The vacant 'Oakwood Children's Centre' opposite the Community Centre (both a little further up Springwood Drive) does not bring in any footfall to the area at all.
The library is not particularly well served by a café or other food and drinks provider in the immediate vicinity, as such facilities are not abundant in the Oakwood Ward. While there are vending machines in the gym, these have obvious limitations.

Outcome
Increased signage and publicity required to increase footfall. Possibility of increased opening hours linking with the Leisure Centre. Possibility of opening a community café to serve the community and increase footfall.

