

Library Service Redesign in Almondbury

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Libraries.**

We would like to thank you for participating and giving us your feedback on Almondbury Library.

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In August, Kirklees Council agreed the way forward for Kirklees Libraries service redesign, stating that libraries 'should be situated in the right building in the right place, to meet community needs and maximise the impact on early intervention and prevention' [Cabinet report 2.4]

The service was directed to maintain library services in as many communities as possible, though this may involve people using different locations and approaches. We will require community support to do this, through partnerships with local communities, local organisations and from other council services. [2.4.1]

We must engage with communities to deliver our services, working in partnership with community groups. Many of our services are already supported by Friends of Groups and volunteers and we must continue to grow this model. [3.7.2]

We maintain an open mind about the ways communities could support local library service and aim to work with people to establish community-specific service delivery proposals. Co-delivery at a local level will be key to this [2.4.2]

There is a purpose built library space in another Council building in Almondbury. The Library service preference is to move to this space:

- to provide the opportunity to co locate with other Council services and partners to maximise the benefit of joint working
- to be closer to the centre of the community
- to enable a wider range of activities to develop
- to improve usage of the library resources

Currently the library is open 15 hours per week.

There are regular activities such as knit & natter, Lego club, local history group, reading group.

There are occasional events run by the Friends group.

In the other building:

- the library resources could be made available more often, through the use of the self-issue machine and the support of colleagues co located in the building
- there is flexible space that could facilitate other activities taking place e.g. Pilates, armchair exercises, digital sessions, job club and craft clubs at the same time as the library being available
- other Council services and organisations could hold events that support wider Council priorities with the availability of space for confidential discussions when necessary

As a result of our conversation today, we want to find out what you think of this proposal and how you might become involved. Please give any feedback below.

Please let us know how you would like to receive updates in the future.

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