

## **1. Hubs Update**

As of March 2019, the following updates were provided;

### Bracebridge (Bridge Church)

- Group has the support of the Bridge Church and the library is located in a rear room, inside the church building on the main road.
- There is a volunteer coordinator.
- Has a loyal group of volunteers.
- Open 10 hours per week.
- Have links with the local primary school.
- Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- They offer free refreshments to library customers.
- Finding it difficult to engage with the wider local community to increase usage.
- People in the community do not realise there is a library in this location. They are planning on installing new signage to advertise their opening hours.

### Bracebridge Heath

- Group has the support of the Parish Council. Parish Clerk and Assistant Clerk fully involved with the library provision and are a presence in the library. There is also a Volunteer Coordinator.
- The library is located in the centre of the village.
- Refurbishment of the library took place in October 2018.
- Open 14 hours per week.
- Regular volunteer meetings take place.
- They run children's activities and events and are once again taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- The library takes part in village wide events such as the Scarecrow Trail and Britain in Bloom

### Branston

- Group has the support of the Parish Council. There is a paid volunteer coordinator on site for every session the library is open.
- Open 16 hours per week.
- Library is situated within Branston Community College. The site also houses a gym, public swimming pool and pre-school which means there are plenty of people visiting the site.
- The hub continues to flourish. The library is promoted well in the local community and via their Facebook page.
- Customers place a lot of reservations.
- There is a waiting list of volunteers; they currently have sufficient to cover the advertised opening hours.

- There are various popular activities for children including storytimes, Lego Club and craft activities.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- The library has appeared on Puffin's list of '14 wonderful libraries that will make every kid a good reader'.

### Metheringham

- The group has the support of the Parish Council. There is a volunteer coordinator and 36 volunteers who undertake various roles.
- Regular volunteer meetings take place.
- The library is open 18 hours per week.
- Located in the centre of the village.
- The building next to the library has been bought by the Parish Council at auction. This will be used to extend the library.
- The group has close links with the local schools/pre-schools and the children visit outside of scheduled public opening hours.
- Many activities take place in the library, which are suitable for children and adults.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Navenby

- Group has the support of the Parish Council. The library is in a large office, located in The Venue, a multi-use site which also includes the Parish office. This site is on the outskirts of the village.
- There is a dedicated volunteer coordinator.
- They don't have a large amount of volunteers but the ones they have are reliable and will cover sessions at short notice.
- Open for the minimum requirement of 6 hours per week.
- Due to the size of the library space, there is a limited amount of stock. Customers are into the habit of reserving books for collection from this location.
- There isn't the opportunity to offer additional activities such as storytimes.

### North Hykeham

- Group has the support of the Town Council.
- Library now situated in the Town Council's Sports Pavilion which is set within a housing development in the south of the town, away from the historical centre.
- There is a caretaker for the site. During the week the centre is used by a playgroup so the library is open once the playgroup closes. They have portable shelving to facilitate this.
- Open 10 hours per week.
- There are two volunteer coordinators.
- They have sufficient volunteers to operate the service.

- There isn't the space to offer additional activities such as storytimes. However, for the second year they are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Ruskington

- The group has the support of the Parish Council.
- There is a Chair of the Committee and Team Leaders for each session they are open. They have sufficient volunteers to cover all sessions.
- The management committee and team leaders meet on a regular basis.
- The library is located near the centre of the village.
- Solar panels have been installed on the roof to help with energy bills. An inner automatic door has been fitted.
- The library is open 12 hours a week.
- The library has a good relationship with the local schools who visit the library on a regular basis.
- They don't offer scheduled events and activities but are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge for the second time this year as it was so successful last year.

### Waddington

- The Hub is the responsibility of Lincolnshire Coop.
- The library shares the site with the Coop pharmacy and post office, located in the centre of the village.
- The Coop has a paid Volunteer Coordinator and there is also a local volunteer coordinator.
- Regular meetings are held for the volunteers.
- Open 43.5 hours per week. Volunteers are not present at each session and at these times customers use the self-service kiosk.
- There is no space to hold events or activities.

### Birchwood

- Ignite Church commenced operating from this site on 7 January 2019.
- Open 20 hours per week.
- There are a small number of regular volunteers with more currently being trained by the LDO.
- There is a café offering light refreshments,
- The Craft Group and City of Lincoln Council Welfare continue to meet weekly. There are PCSO meetings monthly.

### Boultham

- Ignite Church commenced operating from this site on 7 January 2019.
- Open 14 hours per week.
- There are a small number of regular volunteers with more currently being trained by LDO.

- Food and clothes hub collection/drop off point
- Messy mornings weekly Wednesday, 11am-1pm.

### Cherry Willingham

- The library is run by the Vine Community Church. Library and church activities are operated separately.
- The library building is located in the centre of the village.
- Responsibility for the library has transferred from the Vicar and her husband to another church member.
- Until recently they would only recruit volunteers from within the church community which meant numbers available were low but they have always been able to keep the library open during scheduled hours.
- A number of improvements have taken place at site - the kitchen and toilet has been refurbished, new carpeting in the library and a glass partition between junior and adult area.
- The library is open 7 hours per week.
- They do not offer many activities or events during library opening hours. They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge for the first time this year.

### Ermine

- For an interim period until a new provider can be found, this site is being run by GLL staff on behalf of the Council.
- The library is open 18.5 hours per week.

### Nettleham

- This is an independent group with charitable status and a committee.
- There is a dedicated volunteer coordinator for the library and sufficient volunteers to support the opening hours.
- They hold regular volunteer meetings.
- The library building is located in the centre of the village. There is a café operating at site in the same room as the library provision. There are various other rooms which are hired out to generate income. The rear of the building, which previously housed the Mobiles stack, has been refurbished.
- The library is open 18 hours per week.
- There are regular activities and events for children. They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- One of the volunteers runs a successful “Buddies” session for dementia patients and their families.

### Saxilby

- The group has the support of the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk acts as the volunteer coordinator.
- The library is housed in the sports pavilion along with the Parish Office, public bar and sporting amenities.

- The library is open 63 hours per week. Volunteers are only present for a proportion of these hours. At other times, customers use the self-service kiosk.
- They hold regular volunteer meetings.
- They do not offer any events or activities.

### Scotter

- The library is under the umbrella of Scotter Forward.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- The library is situated in the Eau Community Centre which is a multi-use site in the centre of the village.
- New shelving and furniture has been purchased to enhance the library area.
- The library is open 11 hours per week.
- They hold regular volunteer meetings.
- There isn't the space to offer library specific activities but they always take part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Welton

- The group has the full support of the Parish Council.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- The library has re-located to the Manor Park Sports Club, a facility owned by the Parish Council, which was extended to accommodate the library. This is a multi-use site.
- This new location is on the outskirts of the village and since the move of location there has been a drop in volunteer involvement and customer interactions. A new housing development nearby is now helping to boost membership and visits. The Parish are proactive in promoting the library and in recruiting new volunteers.
- The library is open 13 hours per week.
- Currently they do not offer events and activities but are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Crowland

- The library is run by the Crowland Community Group and is an independent charitable organisation governed by a board of trustees. A management committee is responsible for the day to day operations. There is a Volunteer Coordinator.
- They have sufficient volunteers to operate the library service.
- The building is located in the centre of the village.
- The group also operate a clothes charity shop in order to raise money to make the hub sustainable. This is the only clothes charity shop in Crowland and has been extremely successful.
- The library is open 26.5 hours per week.

- The group is always keen to broaden the use of the building and among other events and activities there are: regular feature film showings with a rural touring scheme, a popular Thursday craft group, two reading groups, a photography group and children's events.
- They are once again taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- A local history area has been set up in the library including local artefacts, photographs and written information.

### Deepings

- The library is run by Friends of the Deepings Library (FoDL) which is a constituted group, within the Community Trust. They work in close partnership with Market Deeping Town Council and Deeping St James Parish Council.
- There has been a paid Volunteer Coordinator since the library opened and an assistant, working 5 hours per week, has recently been appointed.
- There is a dedicated team of volunteers.
- A significant amount of refurbishment work has taken place at site.
- The offices on the first floor are being rented out and generate revenue for the group.
- Opening hours have recently increased to 33 hours per week.
- The library is actively promoted through various mediums such as Facebook and monthly newsletter.
- Since opening they have made a number of changes in the library area to try to enhance the customer experience.
- They hold a significant number of popular events for adults and children.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.
- In 2018 the library entered the Bookseller magazine Library of the Year Awards.
- A Library questionnaire was sent out in June 2018 asking residents for their ideas and opinions of the library. After receiving feedback, opening hours were changed from autumn 2018 to include Tuesdays 10am-5pm and Saturdays until 3pm (increased from 1pm).

### Donington

- The group has the support of the Parish Council.
- The library is located on the main road in the village.
- The group have been given permission to extend the library into the empty area of the ground floor and are working closely with LCC Property.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient dedicated volunteers to operate the library.
- Recently increased their opening hours to 13 per week.
- Events and activities take place at site including a wide range of craft activities for children. They also run a successful jigsaw library and take part in village events. Money has been raised for the hub through a book stall at the local Co-op.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Heckington

- The group has the support of the Parish Council.
- The library is located within the Parish Council building in a central location in the village.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient dedicated volunteers to operate the library.
- The library is open 16 hours per week.
- There isn't sufficient space to hold events in the library but they do support the many local events and activities held in the village.
- The pre-school children visit on a regular basis.

### Holbeach

- The Hub is the responsibility of Lincolnshire Coop.
- The library shares the site with the Coop pharmacy and post office, located in the centre of the village. The food store is in the adjacent building.
- The Coop has a paid Volunteer Coordinator.
- Open 49.5 hours per week. Volunteers are present at nearly every session. At other times the customers use the self-service kiosk.
- There is little space to hold events or activities but volunteers run children's craft activities during school holidays.
- The library has taken part in the national Summer Reading Challenge each year with great success. Over 100 local children took part in 2018.

### Kirton

- Library is run by New Life Community Charge which has a board of four trustees and have been operating as a registered charity in the local community for over 30 years.
- The library is located within the entrance of the Church Building which is situated outside of the village, across the A16 road.
- The Church wish to build another building on the current site but closer to the road. It is not known when this work will commence.
- During the week the main room in the building is used by Home Start and is regularly hired out for training and conferences by local groups.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- There library is open 7 hours a week.
- Due to the size of the library space, events and activities cannot be run but volunteers attend local village events and have a good working relationship with Kirton Primary School.

### Pinchbeck

- The group has the support of the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk acts as the Coordinator.
- The library is located in the building along with the Parish Office. This has a central location in the village.

- A number of improvements have been made at the site to enhance the appearance of the building and there are current plans to upgrade the kitchen and men's toilet.
- They have sufficient dedicated volunteers to operate the library.
- This is a vibrant and busy site with a large number of groups using the building for activities which generates revenue.
- The library is open for 11.5 hours per week and on the first Saturday of the month opens for 3 hours.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge and hosted the South Holland District Council Activate Day during the summer holidays with 250 attending.

### Sutton Bridge

- Library is run by Sutton Bridge Community Hub Committee.
- The library operates in a room within the Curlew Centre which is a multi-use building.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- The library is open 17 hours per week.
- A craft group and family history group meet in the library. There are also a large number of activities going on in the wider building including Parish Council office, Citizens Advice and various other events.

### Swineshead

- The group has the support of the Parish Council.
- The library occupies one room in the Methodist Church and pays a minimal amount per month in rent.
- The Church is not in the centre of the village but a new Coop Foodstore has just opened opposite.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library. They are in the process of trying to recruit more volunteers.
- The library is open 6 hours per week and additionally opens for two hours on the first Saturday of the month.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge for the first time this year.

### Alford

- The library is run by Alford Focal Point.
- The library is located in the centre of the village. The library occupies the ground floor of the building and there are rooms for hire on the first floor.
- The building has undergone improvement works including a new disabled toilet downstairs and improvements to the upstairs rooms.
- There is a volunteer coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- They are open 14.5 hours per week.

- They run children's activities and are once again taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Burgh-le-Marsh

- The group has the support of the Town Council.
- The library has recently re-located and is in a new build along with the Town Council office. This is just off the main road running through the town.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient dedicated volunteers to operate the library.
- The library is open for 9 hours per week.
- They offer limited activities at site.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge for the first time this year.

### Caistor

- The library is run by Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre (CAHC) a social enterprise, created with a Big Lottery Grant and has been operating since April 2011.
- This is a multi-use site which includes a café, library and heritage centre.
- The Centre Manager has the additional role of Volunteer Coordinator.
- They have sufficient volunteers to operate the library. As this is a multi-use site, only one volunteer is present in the library during each session.
- They are open 46 hours per week.

### Ingoldmells

- The group has the support of the Parish Council.
- The library is situated in the community centre adjacent to the Council offices.
- The Parish Clerk has the additional role of Volunteer Coordinator.
- There are a limited number of dedicated volunteers which dictates the number of hours they can be open to the public. They have recently recruited some new volunteers.
- They are open 8 hours per week.
- There are now links with the local primary school and the Reception class children have been visiting on a regular basis during the school term.
- The library tends to be busier in the summer months when people holiday in the area.
- There is no space to offer events or activities to the public.

### Keelby

- The group has the support of the Parish Council with one councillor actively involved with the library.
- The library is situated in a building along with the Youth Centre. The Youth Centre has just re-opened after a considerable amount of time being closed.
- This is an old building and tends to have a number of property issues.

- There is a volunteer coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- The library has recently increased their opening hours to 8 hours per week.
- A local school visits the library once a month.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Spilsby

- The Hub is the responsibility of Lincolnshire Coop.
- The library shares the site with the Coop foodstore and is located near the centre of the village.
- The Coop has a paid Volunteer Coordinator and there is also a local coordinator.
- They have sufficient volunteers to operate the library; only one volunteer is in the library for a session.
- The group hold regular volunteer meetings
- Open 43 hours per week. Volunteers are present at nearly every session. When no volunteers on site, customers use the self-service kiosk.
- They are taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge.

### Sutton on Sea

- The library is run by Sutton on Sea Library and Community Supporters, a Community Interest Company. There is a management committee and a paid member of staff to undertake administration duties.
- There has been a change in the directors.
- There are sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- The library is located slightly out of the centre of the village.
- Eight local groups meet in the library and this is provided for free.
- They are open 12 hours per week.
- There are no regular library events or activities.

### Wainfleet

- The library is run by the Wainfleet Magdalen Museum and Library group.
- The library is situated on the ground floor of Magalen College, a Grade 1 Listed Building and a Scheduled Ancient Monument. A museum occupies the first floor.
- There is a newly appointed Volunteer Coordinator. Sadly, the previous coordinator who was involved with the library and museum, passed away.
- There are a limited number of dedicated volunteers who manage to operate the library.
- The groups are actively trying to promote the library. Last year they attended the Friskney Show and held their own summer fete.
- The library is open 8 hours per week.
- They do not offer additional events and activities.

## Wragby

- The library is run by Wragby CGC - a constituted group established since 2003.
- The library is located on the ground floor within the Fire and Rescue building on the outskirts of Wragby. Due to this location customers tend to have to drive to the venue. However, the village is expanding and a new Coop foodstore and additional housing has been built in this vicinity.
- There is a Volunteer Coordinator and sufficient volunteers to operate the library.
- Opening hours recently reduced from 12 to 9 hours per week as they were struggling to get volunteers to cover the scheduled opening hours.
- They run a lunch club for local elderly residents on alternate Fridays. To accommodate this a room next to the library has been converted into a kitchen.

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