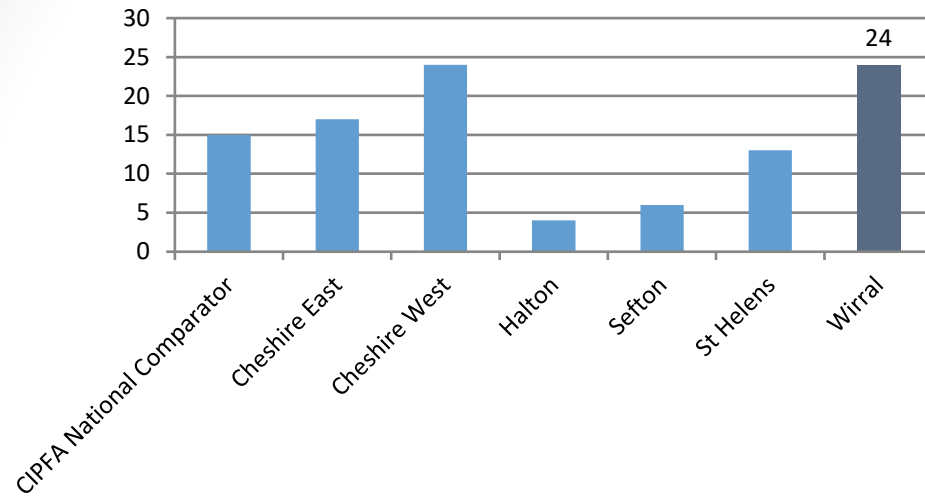


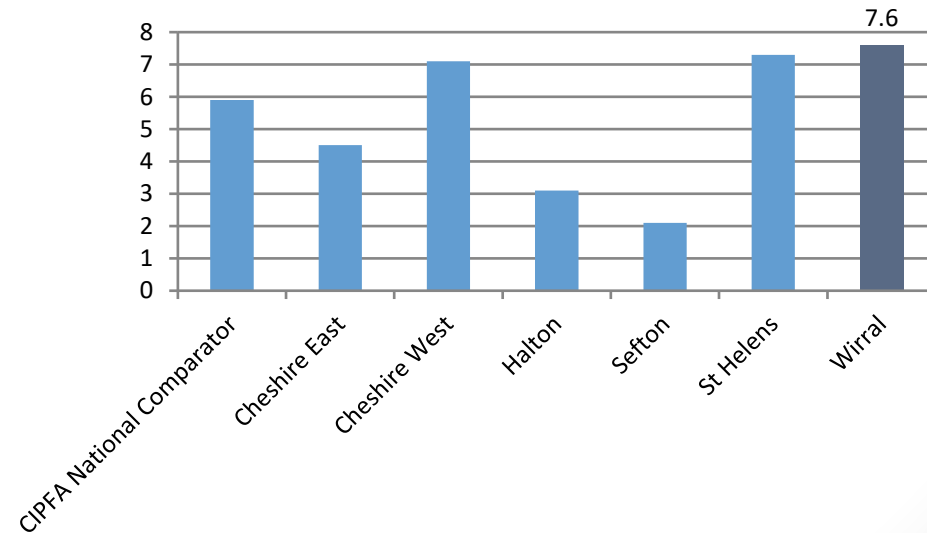
# Wirral Libraries

## Service offer comprehensiveness

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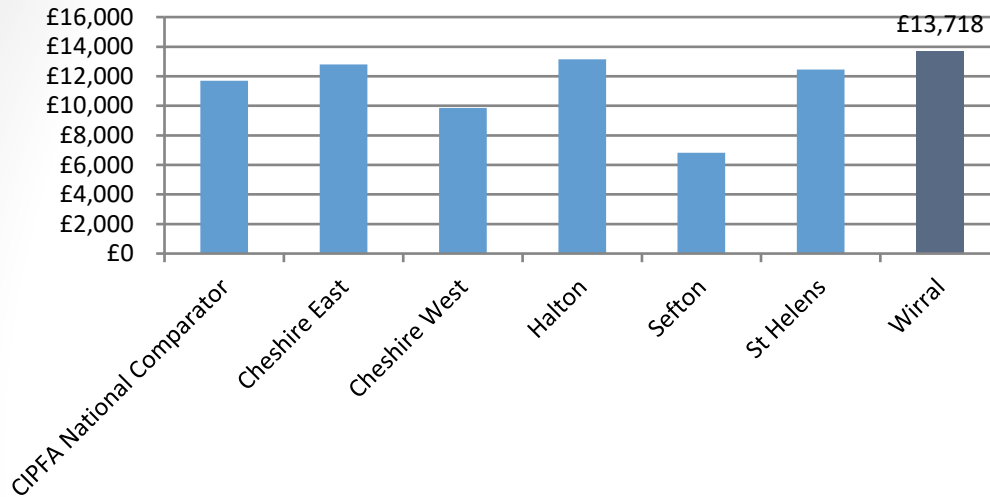


### Libraries per 100,000 pop.

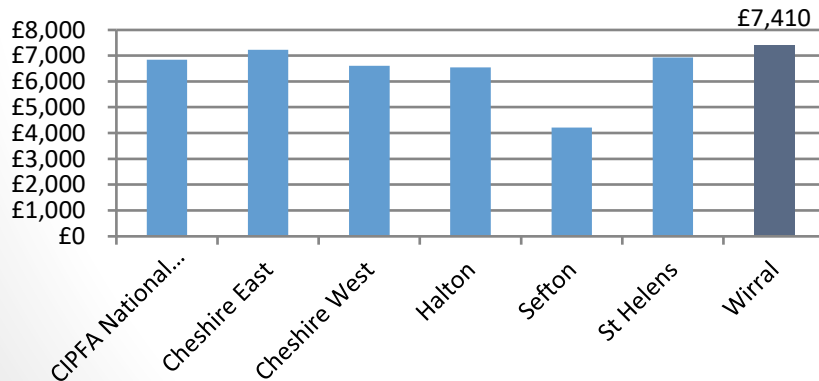


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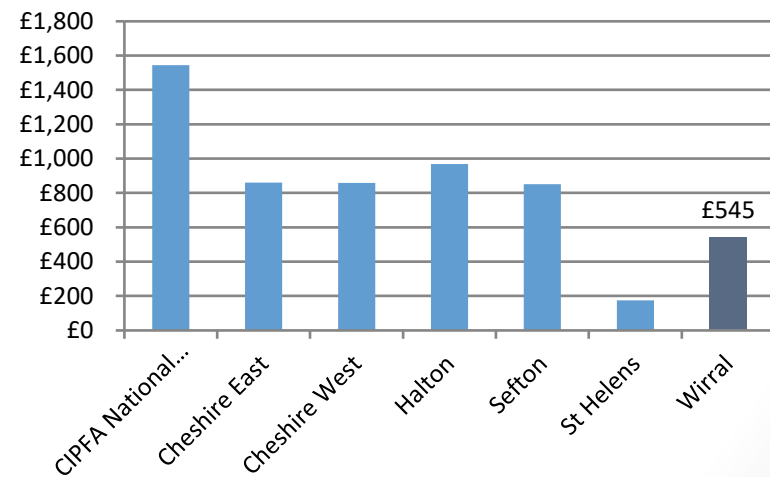
### Net expenditure per 1,000 pop.



### Library staffing costs per 1,000 pop.

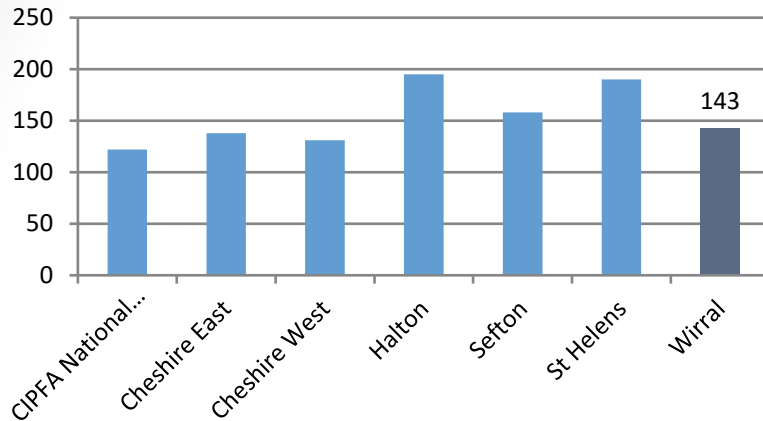


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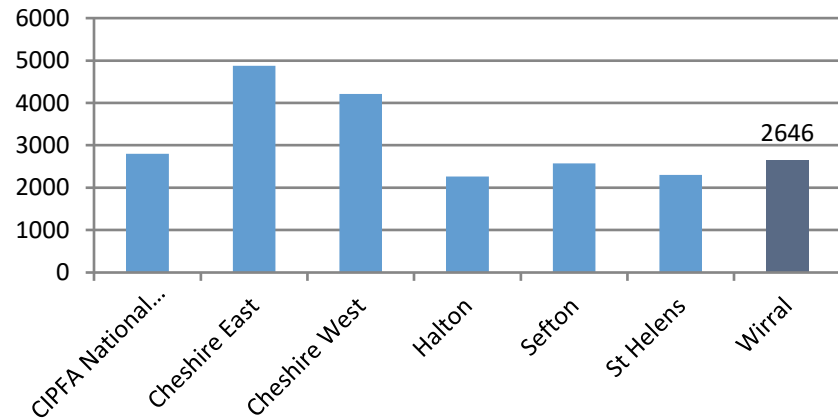


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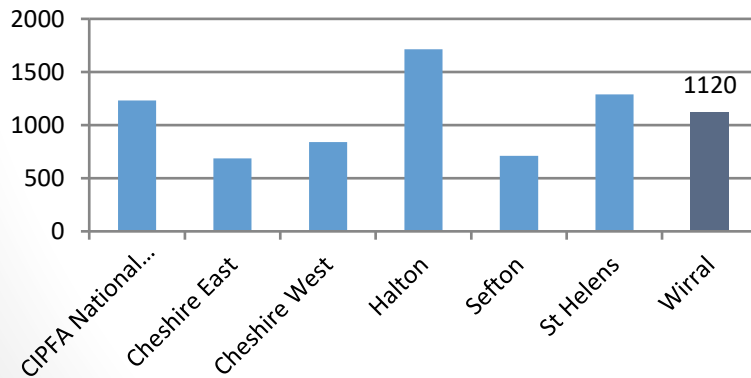
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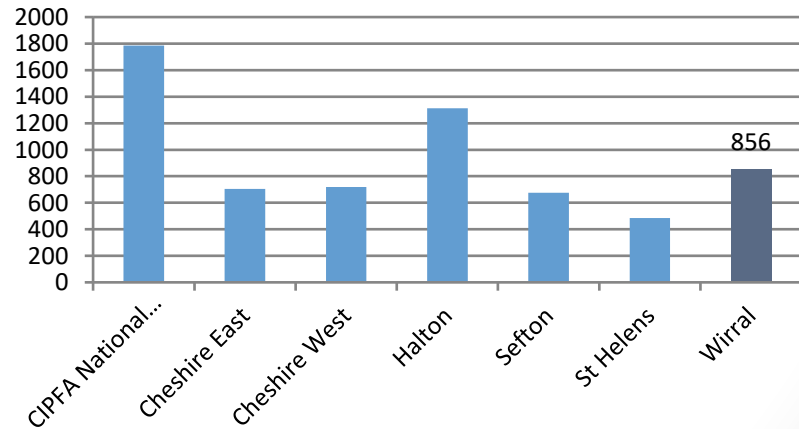
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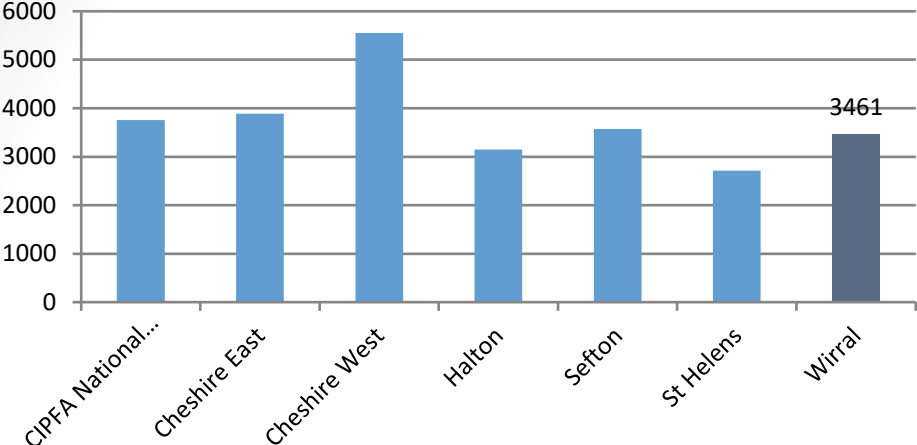
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### Web Visits per 1,000 pop.

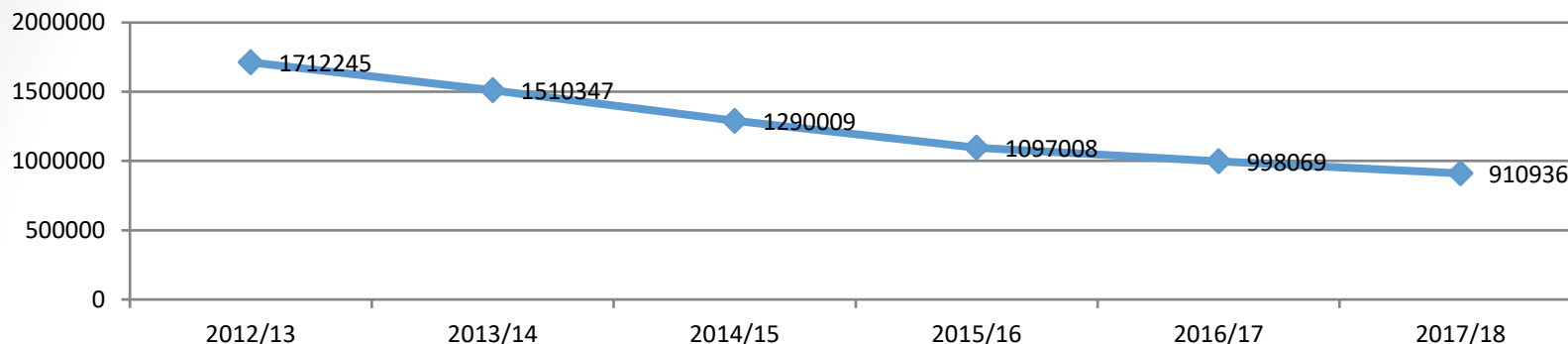


# Physical visits per per 1,000 pop.



# Wirral usage data

## Total Issue/Renewals – inc. Web, Home Reader & Call Centre

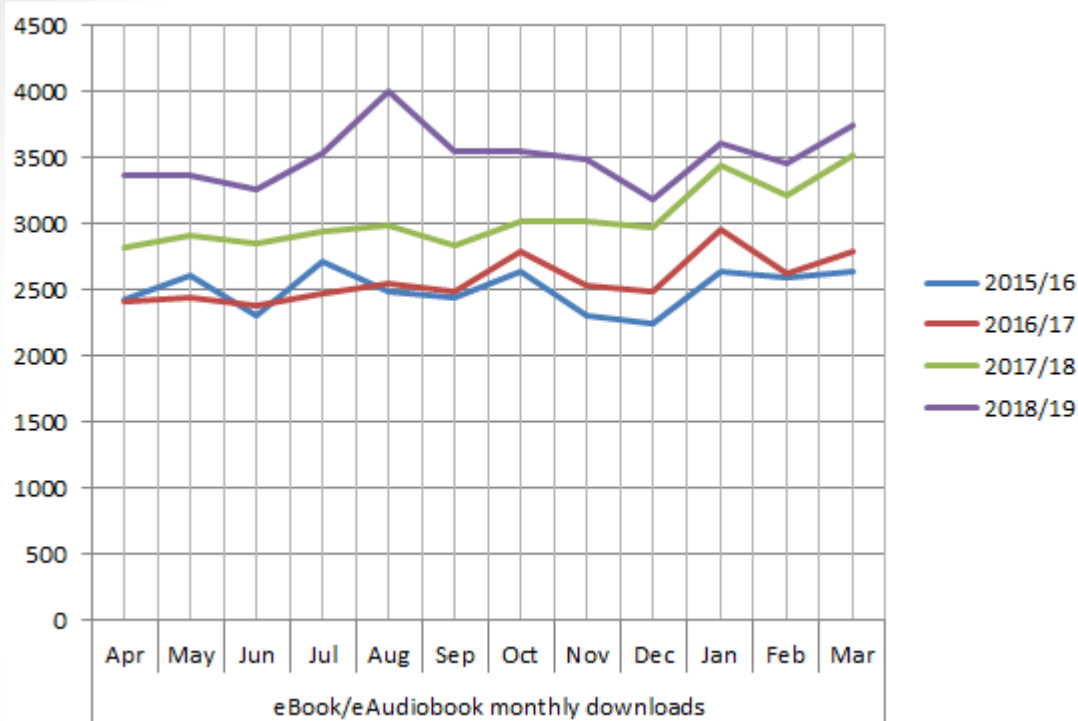


## RFID Kiosk Usage - % of transactions going through Kiosks

'- includes Issue/Renewal/Discharge but excludes AV (@all sites) - and YP too @BE, and @WC (from Feb17)

	BE	BI	BR	GR	HE	HO	MO	PE	RF	SE	UP	WC	WV	WK
Jan-19	57%	44%	55%	59%	71%		63%	68%	63%			37%		52%
Feb-19	59%	44%	56%	57%	69%	11%	63%	66%	64%	7%	5%	36%	6%	54%
Mar-19	60%	48%	51%	55%	70%	8%	60%	61%	59%	10%	4%	35%	7%	55%
Apr-19	61%	46%	56%	61%	74%	9%	63%	59%	49%	10%	4%	34%	6%	53%
May-19	59%	43%	58%	60%	68%	6%	65%	66%	52%	7%	4%	36%	8%	54%
Jun-19	60%	44%	55%	62%	66%	10%	63%	62%	49%	7%	2%	36%	4%	54%
Jul-19	62%	41%	52%	59%	65%	9%	62%	60%	47%	5%	3%	36%	4%	53%
Aug-19	62%	37%	49%	58%	62%	9%	54%	60%	54%	5%	5%	36%	3%	46%
Sep-19	57%	43%	51%	58%	69%	10%	61%	64%	55%	7%	4%	34%	4%	51%
Oct-19	58%	41%	54%	65%	68%	9%	61%	62%	51%	5%	4%	35%	6%	53%
Nov-19	58%	42%	56%	60%	71%	15%	62%	61%	53%	1%	3%	35%	6%	53%
Dec-19	54%	44%	53%	62%	69%	7%	62%	62%	49%	3%	4%	37%	5%	54%

## E-Book/E-Audio monthly downloads



## Library Rankings

- Based on Issues/Renewals per hour by visiting the library (excludes website renewals)
- Excludes volunteer days/issues (\*)

	2018-19	
	YEAR TOTAL	
	Group Rank	Overall Rank
<b>Community Libraries</b>		
Beechwood	13	21
Bromborough	3	7
Greasby*	2	4
Higher Bebington	9	16
Hoylake	5	10
Irby*	7	13
Leasowe*	14	22
Pensby*	6	12
Prenton	8	15
Seacombe	10	17
St James*	12	20
Upton	1	2
Wallasey Village	4	9
Woodchurch	11	18
<b>Merged Libraries</b>		
Eastham	3	14
Heswall	1	8
Moreton	2	11
Rock Ferry	4	19
<b>Central Libraries</b>		
Bebington Central	3	5
Birkenhead Central	4	6
Wallasey Central	1	1
West Kirby	2	3

# Data Explained

## Library Usage

- Visits – the number of people visiting the library
- Issues – the number of individual items borrowed
- Borrowers – the number of unique borrowers
- IT Logins – the number of public access PC sessions provided. This does not include the self-serve PCs.

## Opening Hours

- “Library Express” – hours in which volunteers are able to offer some but not all of services provided by staff

## Library Costs

ation and general supplies (but does not include costs such as the book fund)

Staffing costs are calculated based on the following levels:

- Community libraries – 2 Ds x 18 hours
- Merged libraries – 3 Ds at 36 hours
- Central libraries – 6 Ds and 1 x F at 36 hours

Band B Saturday assistants replace 1 Band D on Saturdays.

Apportioned support staff costs have been added for Peripatetic, Strategic management and Support Staff (IT, Driver, admin etc)

The central and merged sites have extended opening hours and thus an increased staffing cost including peripatetic, which is reflected in the weightings of support staff costs.

Recharges relate to central support costs such as HR, IT and Finance and cannot be controlled or reduced by the library service.

Note : A reduction in sites would lead to an increase in the apportioned management and support staff costs in the remaining sites.

## Summary

- A high level overview of the library designed to provide information and data to support the library and culture review.

## User Demographics

- Information based on book issue figures, activities and anecdotal information from the library staff.

## Facilities and Access

- Information about building layout and accessibility, including what changes would be needed to ensure the library is fit for purpose.
- Information about nearby facilities which blend with the library offer is also provided.

## Asset Implications

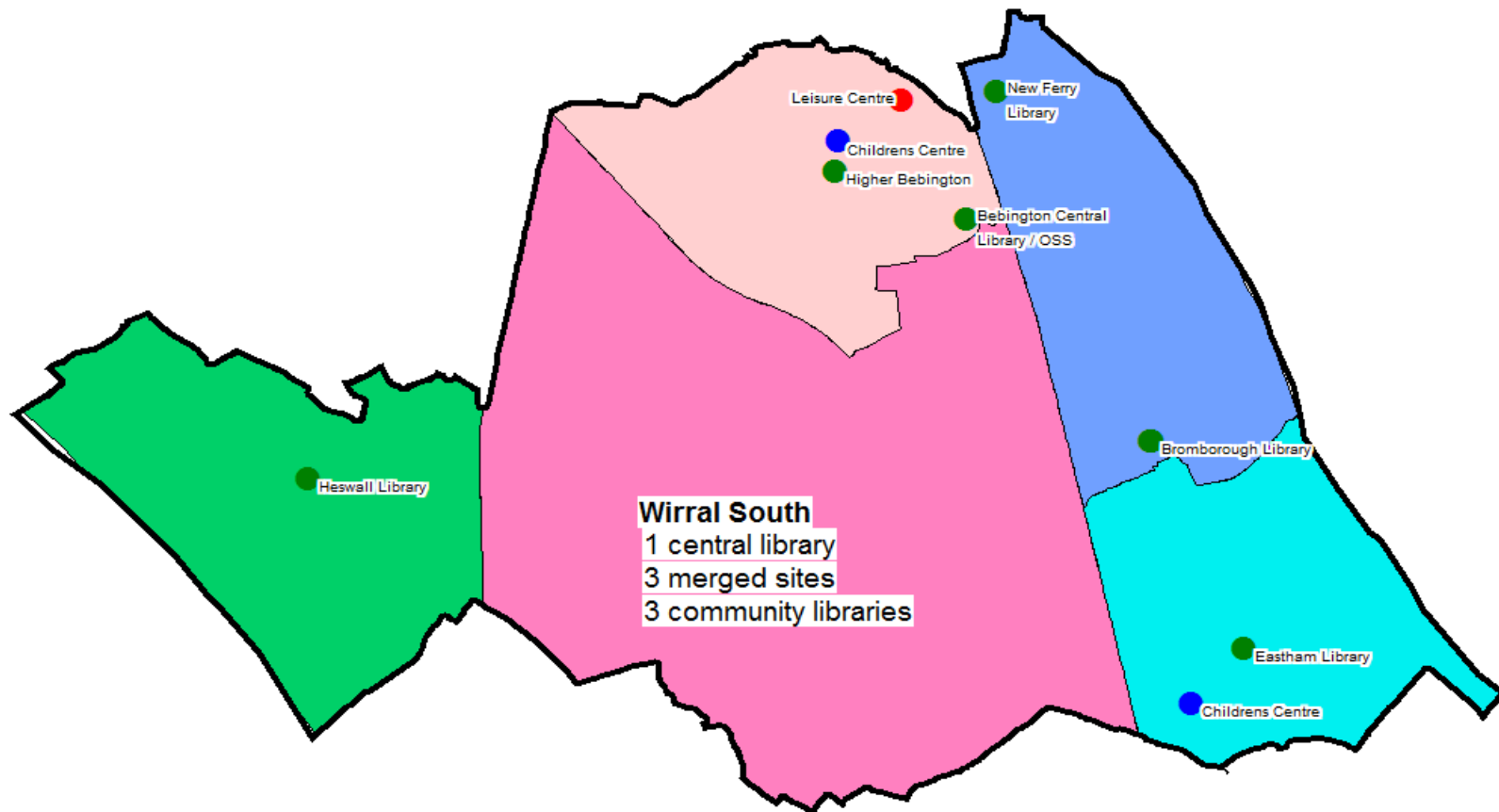
- Details of the planning restrictions, land value, lease costs and restrictions etc that may impact on any decision as to the disposal of the property.

## Options

- An initial outline of the options for alternative service delivery, which will be brought together into a strategic approach.

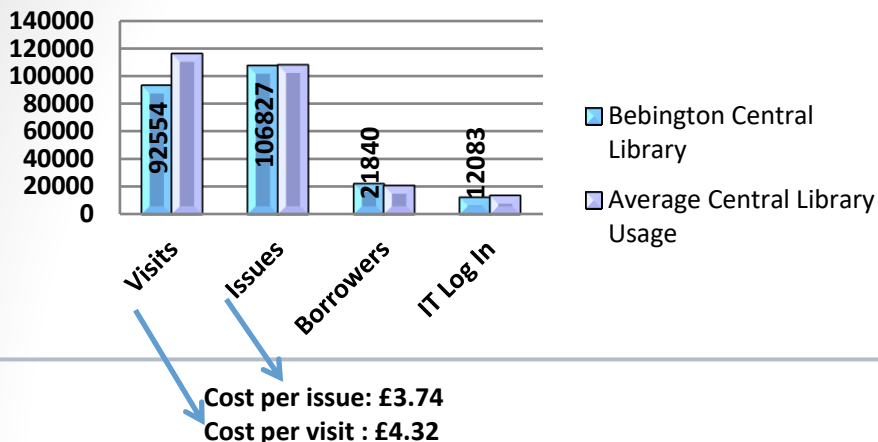


# Wirral South Constituency



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## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



## Opening Hours

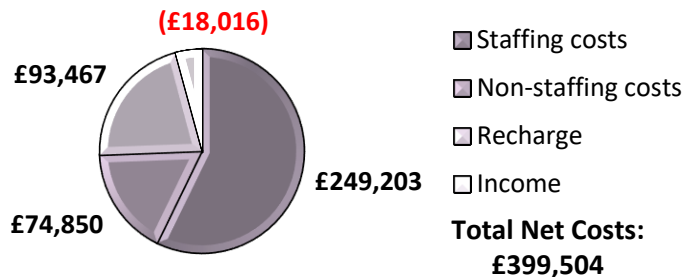
**Opening hours 55 hours per week**

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
 Wednesday: 10am - 5pm  
 Thursday: 9am - 8pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm, 2pm – 5pm  
 Sunday: CLOSED

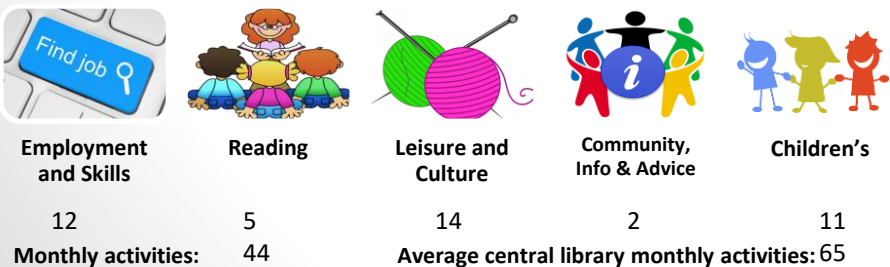
## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 20
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** 2 Kiosks (54% transactions go via kiosks)
- **Reference library**
- **Sound and Vision library**
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Activities

- Baby Bounce & Rhyme:** Thursday weekly 10.30am
- Family History Helpdesk:** 1st and 3rd Thursday 10-12.30pm
- Friends of Bebington Central Library:** meets regularly throughout the year
- Adult Reading Group:** Tuesday weekly 2:00-4:00pm
- Knitting Group:** Friday weekly 2-4pm
- Reachout:** Tuesday weekly 10am – 12noon
- Reading Group:** Thursday monthly 6:15 - 7.15pm
- Children's Reading Group:** Thursday monthly 6-7pm
- Storytime:** Monday weekly 10am
- Tai Chi classes:** Saturday weekly 10 - 11 am
- Creative Writing Group:** Saturday weekly 2-4pm
- Lego/board games :** Saturday monthly
- Film Club:** Saturday monthly 2-4pm Saturday
- Wirral Lifelong & Family Learning Services:** varies
- Reading group (HI):** weekly
- Mayer Trust :** monthly
- MacMillan Support**

### Summary

- Across the wider locality this is a popular central library, well-served by public transport, with a co-located one stop shop service. A high proportion of adult and junior library members take out an average number of books but there is comparatively low demand for ICT facilities. Compared to other central libraries, costs per customer are above average across all periods of demand. Wide range of activities available. It also has a very active friends group.

### User Demographics

- Junior borrowers and children's activities and events. Some regular older newspaper readers.

### Facilities and Access

- The library is a Grade 2 listed and is co-located with the civic centre which has community facilities. The library is wheelchair accessible, but the customer lift needs improving to increase viability of use as the current lift is not really fit for purpose. The children's library is housed in a separate (adjoining) room on the ground floor, and the one stop shop area is within the main library. There are office and meeting rooms upstairs and a large basement area with separate access. There is an adjacent car park. With regards to energy efficiency the heating system is an old oil filled system which was due to be replaced which is less efficient and minor works would also be needed to make it more energy efficient – current issues with windows etc. There are outstanding cosmetic repairs and also issues with regards to the roof which may need further investigation.

### Planning Implications

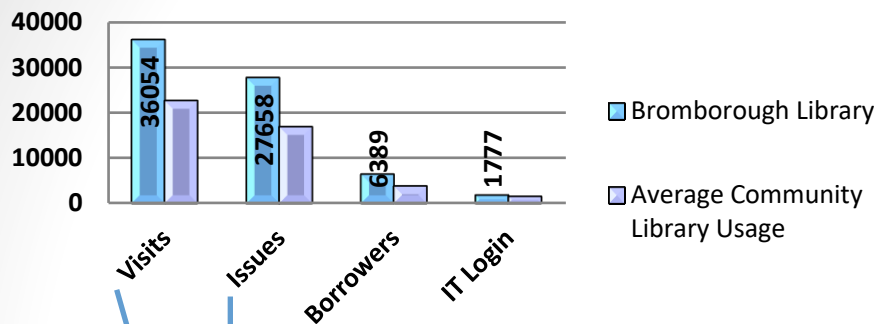
- Grade II listed building and part of UDP Primarily Commercial Area. Potential re-use for A1 retail (that would not undermine existing centres), A2 financial/professional services, B1 businesses including offices, non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities.

### Options

- There is potential for the library to be developed into the community hub for Wirral South. Asset management is leading a project to consider this development.
- Consideration could also be given to remodelling of the children's area/entrance to library – possible options are removal of certain walls to open up area with removal or replacement of staff desk in the children's area.
- There is also the potential to explore having a Café within the footprint and the service has already been approached by a local company. Current income streams for the building could be reviewed to see if smarter and better promotion would lead to increased revenue.

# Bromborough Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



Cost per issue: £4.17  
Cost per visit : £3.20

## Opening Hours

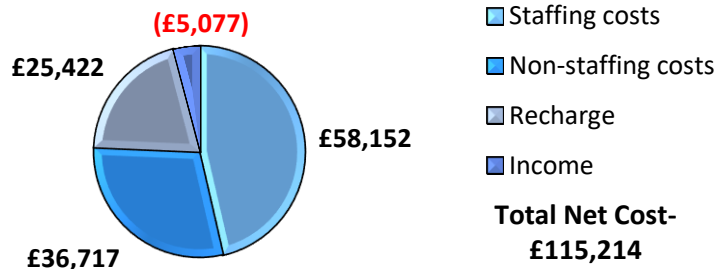
**Opening hours 22 hours per week**

Monday: 9am-1pm 2-5pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 1pm ("Library Express")  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: 9am – 1pm 2-5pm  
 Friday: Closed  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 14
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** 1 Kiosk ( 53% transactions go via kiosks)
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**
- **Talking books on cd**

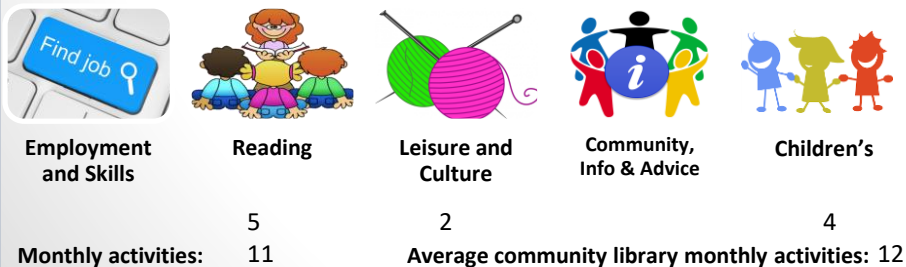
## Library Costs 2019-20



## Activities

- Reading Group:** weekly
- Storytime:** Monday weekly 2.15-2.45pm (volunteer)
- Health walks :** starting at library
- Coffee morning and book sale:** monthly
- Reading group:** monthly

## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Summary

- A popular and well-used library with above average book borrowing and ICT usage. Despite significantly high non-staffing costs, the level of demand at this site means average costs per customer remain comparatively low. Limited activities given that visits, book issues and borrowers are well above average.

## User Demographics

- Junior and senior borrowers. Older people reading newspapers and children's activities.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is located on the ground floor of the Bromborough Civic Centre, with good transport links and parking, and a range of other community facilities. There is a Children's Centre nearby.

## Planning Implications

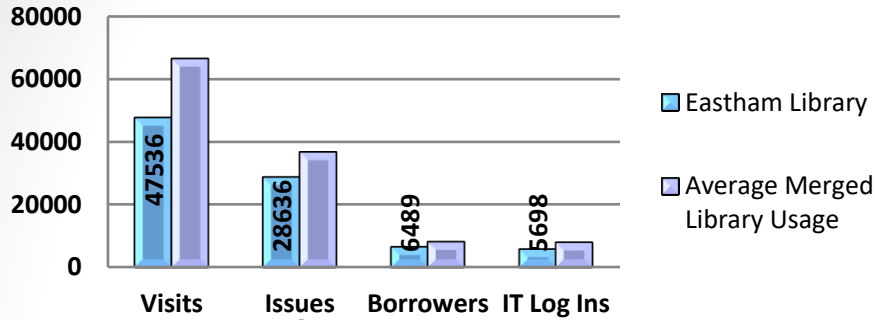
- Part of UDP Primarily Commercial Area, potential for A1 retail (that would not undermine existing centres), A2 financial/professional services, B1 businesses including offices, hot food & drinking establishments, non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities.

## Options

- The Friends could support the library opening, but the accommodation costs are high. There are retail units nearby, which could accommodate a library building.

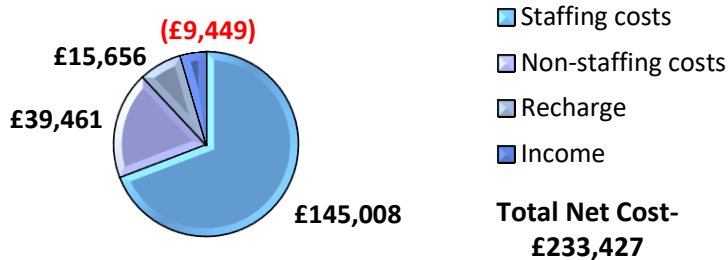
# Eastham Library (Merged)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



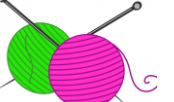




Cost per issue: £8.15  
 Cost per visit : £4.91

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot

				
<b>Employment and Skills</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Leisure and Culture</b>	<b>Community, Info &amp; Advice</b>	<b>Children's</b>
2	5		5	
<b>Monthly activities:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Average merged library monthly activities :22</b>		

## Opening Hours

**Opening hours 46 hours per week**

- Monday: 9am - 5pm
- Tuesday: 9am - 5pm
- Wednesday: 10am - 5pm
- Thursday: 9am - 5pm
- Friday: 9am - 5pm
- Saturday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm
- Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 12
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** No
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**

## Activities

- Adult Reading Group:** Monday monthly 3.45-4.45pm
- Adult Reading Group:** weekly
- Reachout Work Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 10-12 noon
- Police surgery:** varies
- Councillor:** Tuesday weekly 11-1pm

## Summary

- Within the immediate locality this is a comparatively under-utilised community library with a co-located one stop shop. There is below average demand for book borrowing and ICT facilities. Compared to other merged sites Eastham has slightly above average costs per customer. Some activities available.

## User Demographics

- Junior borrowers and families.

## Facilities and Access

- Eastham Library One Stop is a fully accessible library with parking. Eastham Children's Centre and Delamere Community Centre are nearby, offering a range of community activities.

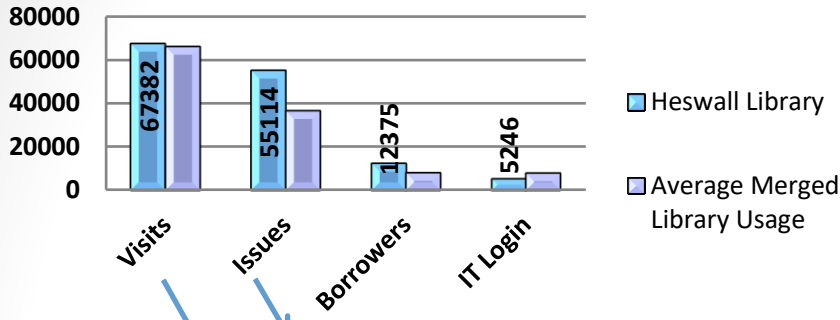
## Options

- Could be included in community transfer offer; alternatively the book stock could be offered to the children's centre and / or community centre for an honesty library. Consideration would need to be given to the provision of IT facilities should community transfer not be successful. Presently in a good state of repair but would need confirming if any planned maintenance due by Asset Management.



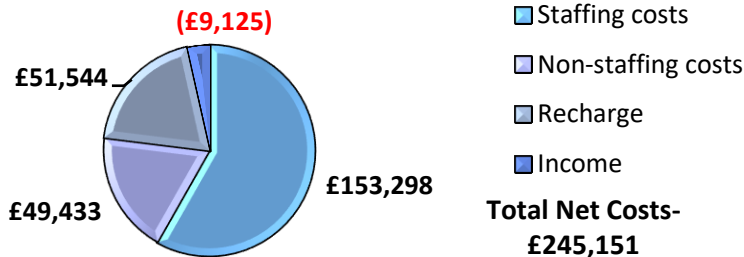
# Heswall Library (Merged)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



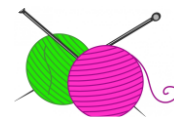




Cost per issue: £4.45  
 Cost per visit: £3.64

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot

				
Employment and Skills	Reading	Leisure and Culture	Community, Info & Advice	Children's
Monthly activities: 6	5	1	Average merged library monthly activities: 22	

## Opening Hours

Opening hours 46 hours per week

Monday: 9am - 5pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 5pm  
 Wednesday: 10am - 5pm  
 Thursday: 9am - 5pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 6
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: 2 kiosks (69% transactions go via kiosks)
- Photocopier and FAX facilities
- Talking books on cd

## Activities

**Family History Group:** drop-in session 1st Monday of every month 10-1pm  
**Exhibitions:** Heswall Library holds regular exhibitions and displays in our exhibition room  
**Craft group:** U3A Monday monthly 10-12noon  
**Knit n Knatter:** Wednesday fortnightly 10-12.30pm  
**Scrabble:** Monday fortnightly 2-4pm

## Summary

- Within the immediate locality this is a comparatively well-used merged library with a co-located one stop shop service. There is above average demand for book borrowing but below average usage of ICT facilities. Compared to other merged sites, costs per customer remain below average throughout the day. Limited range of activities but it does have a Library User Group.

## User Demographics

- Senior borrowers and regular daily newspaper readers. Small number of regular job searchers using IT facilities.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is housed in an accessible two-storey building, with the IT facilities and study space as well as a meeting room upstairs and a large room that is used for exhibitions, training events and meetings. There is a customer lift. Customer parking is to the rear of the building in a Pay and Display car park and the bus station is nearby. The one stop shop service is located within the ground floor library space. The Police are interested in moving into the building. Heswall Hall, a community venue with a wide range of activities, is located next door.

## Planning Implications

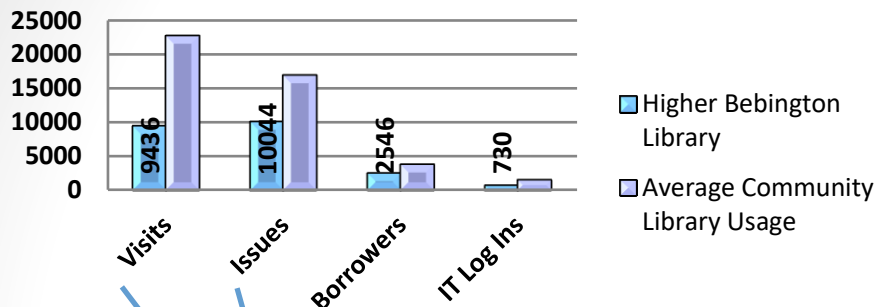
- Part of UDP Urban Greenspace and Part Primarily Commercial Area. Potential re-use for A1 retail (that would not undermine existing centres), A2 financial/professional services, B1 businesses including offices, hot food & drinking establishments, non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities.

## Options

- Potential to be included in a community asset transfer offer. Alternatively explore the possibility of co-locating a reduced service into Heswall Hall. Consideration to be given to the provision of IT facilities if the service were to close. Presently in a good state of repair but would need confirming if any planned maintenance due by Asset Management.

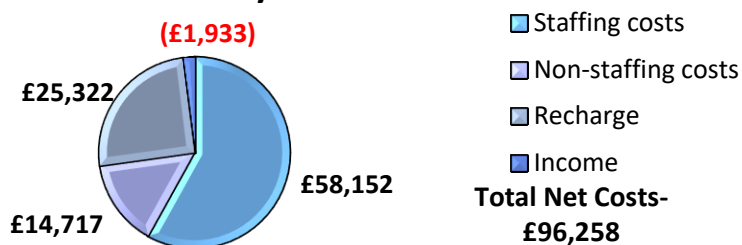
# Higher Bebington Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



Cost per issue: £9.58  
Cost per visit: £10.20

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



Monthly activities: 1      Average community library monthly activities: 12

## Opening Hours

Opening hours 18 hours per week

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 9am-1pm 2-5pm  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: 9am -1pm 2-5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 2
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: No
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

**Reading Group:** WI reading group monthly

## Summary

- An under-utilised community library with significantly below average book borrowing and ICT usage, and relatively high average costs per customer. Limited range of activities available focussing on reading.

## User Demographics

- Retired people borrowing books and bringing grandchildren to story times etc.

## Facilities and Access

- A fully accessible single storey building, this library is located within a mile of Bebington merged central library which is co-located with a community hall. There is a children's centre nearby, and the nearby fully accessible Christ Church Community Centre 'was planned as a neighbourhood facility which would bring people together for a variety of activities to build up 'community spirit' in Higher Bebington', and offers a range of community activities. There is a regular bus route to Bebington Central library.

## Planning Implications

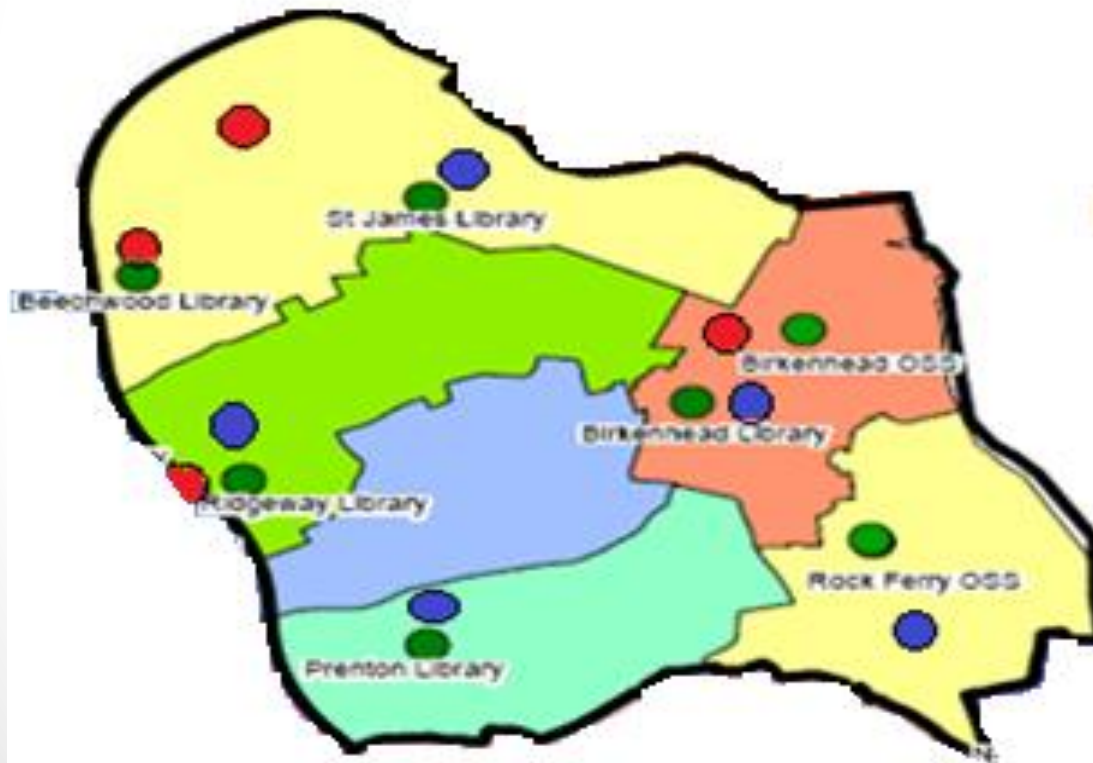
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Potential re-use for small scale non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, and other community facilities subject compatibility with residential area. Also potential for up to 2 dwellings if redeveloped. Stone boundary wall to be retained.

## Options

- There is no Friends group at Higher Bebington, but there may be interest in community transfer. Alternatively the collection could be offered to a children's centre or Christ Church Community Centre for honesty libraries.

# Birkenhead Constituency

- One stop shop
- Children's centre
- Leisure centre

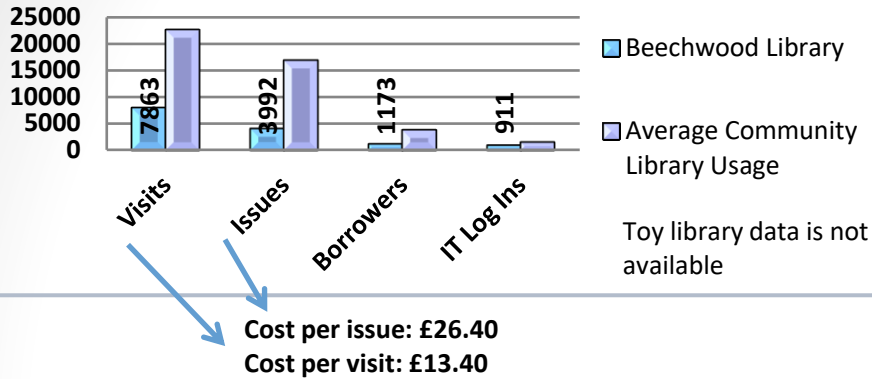


## Birkenhead

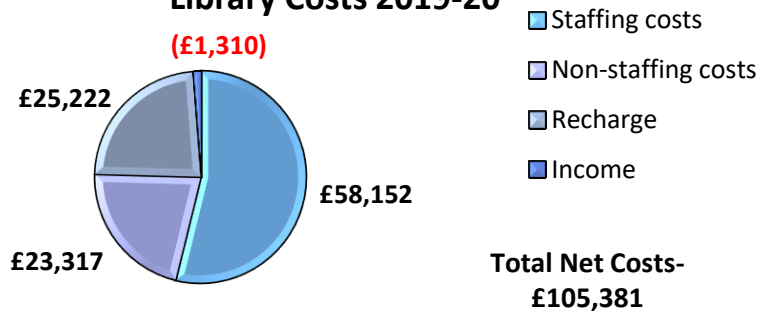
- 1 (central) OSS
- 1 central library
- 1 merged site
- 4 community libraries

# Beechwood Library (Community)

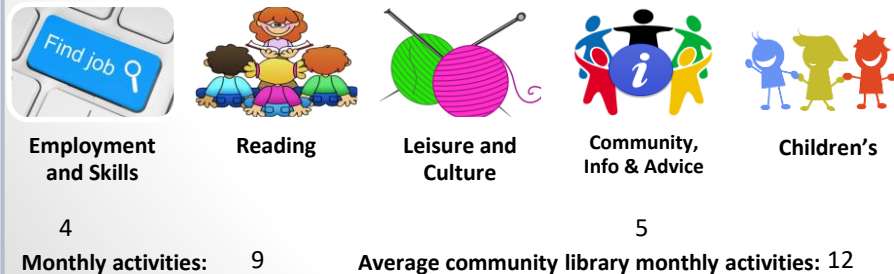
## Library Usage Jan 19 – December 19



## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

**Opening hours 18 hours per week**

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 9am-1pm 2-5pm  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: 9am -1pm 2-5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 6
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** No
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**

## Activities

**Reachout:** Weekly  
**Councillor:** 2nd Saturday of the month 10-20-11.30pm  
**Family connector:** weekly

## Summary

- An under-utilised library, despite significant efforts to attract new users. Book borrowing is significantly below average and consequently average costs per customer are significantly higher. Activities are limited.

## User Demographics

- Get into Reading group and Toy Library users are the principle users.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is on one level and there is parking available.

## Planning Implications

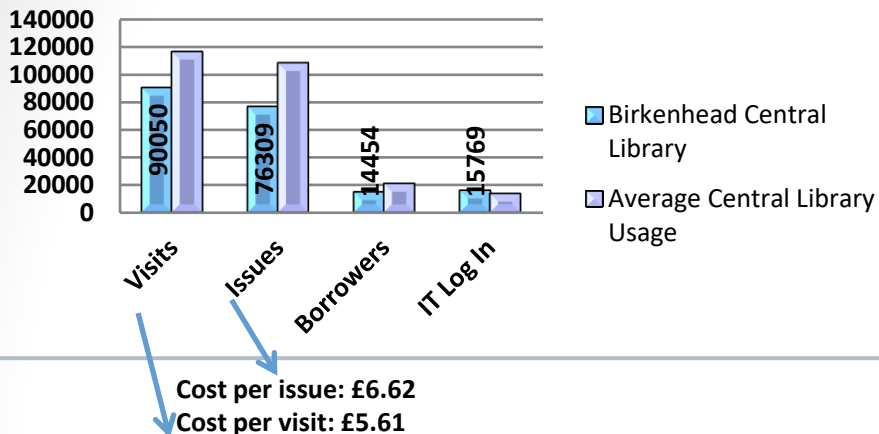
- The library building is leased by the Council from BBCHA at no cost. The 99 year lease was granted in 2005, and there is a break provision (6 months' notice is required).
- Business rates are £6100 per annum

## Options

- The library is situated on a large housing estate by Beechwood and Ballantyne Community Housing Association. The BBCHA offices are nearby, as are a co-located leisure and community centre which could accommodate a small library facility. There are limited nearby transport links.

# Birkenhead Central Library

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



## Opening Hours

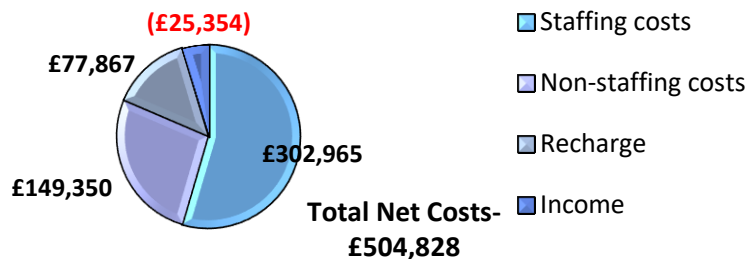
**Opening hours 48 hours per week**

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: 9am - 8pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Sunday: Closed

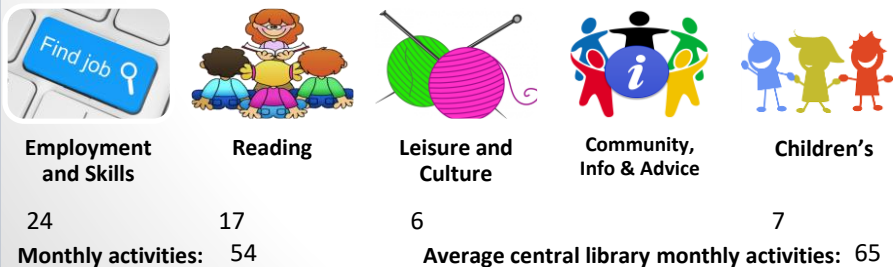
## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 25
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** 2 kiosks (44% transactions go via kiosks)
- **Reference library**
- **Sound and Vision library**
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Activities

- **Adult Reading Group (Shared) weekly:** Mondays 10.30am and 1.30pm, Thursday 10.30am, Friday 11am
- **Baby Bounce and Rhyme:** weekly 10am – 10.30am
- **Friends of Birkenhead Central Library:** meet regularly throughout the year
- **Handicrafts:** 1st and 3rd Saturday every month 10.30am—12.30pm
- **Reachout:** Thursdays 10:00am to 12:00noon
- **Reading Group:** Thursday monthly 2-.15-3.30pm
- **Wirral Lifelong & Family Learning services:** numerous courses
- **Age UK IT :** weekly
- **Mencap IT courses :** weekly
- **Baby Sing + Rhyme:** monthly
- **Macmillan Support:** by appointment daily
- **Remploy :** weekly
- **Lego Club :** fortnightly



## Summary

- Attracting active members from across the wider locality this is a relatively less-visited central library. An above average proportion of active adult members record a comparatively high demand for ICT facilities but below average book borrowing. Compared to other central libraries, costs per customer remain above average across all demand periods. Limited range of activities available .

## User Demographics

- Unemployed using IT facilities and Job Club. Vulnerable people (homeless, alcoholics, drug addicts). People from outside the immediate vicinity.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is accessible to the immediate community it serves, although is a distance from the main shopping centre and train links. Several bus routes pass the library. There is limited disabled parking adjacent to the library, but generally customer parking is located on the other side of Borough Road. The ground floor of the library is fully accessible, and there is an IT suite in a separate ground floor room. The reference library is upstairs and is not therefore accessible to all customers. There is a large ground floor room currently used for back office work space. The library has a kitchen for cookery workshops, which can also be used for meeting space; this is accessed via a small flight of stairs. There is a large basement and plenty of upstairs back office space which could accommodate agile working. A large reference section is held in back office space and made available to customers on demand. The archive service is also located within Birkenhead Ward (Cheshire Lines Building), and there are overlaps between the archive service and reference library service. The Birkenhead One Stop Shop service is housed in the Conway Centre which is due to be vacated later this year.

## Planning Implications

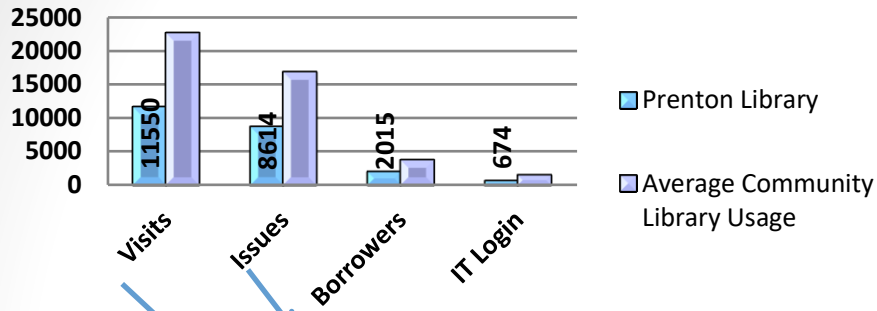
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Land mark building - potential for use as non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities etc.; subject to compatibility with residential area. Suitability for conversion could also be checked (potential for up to 28 flats). Potential capacity for up to 20 new houses if redeveloped.

## Options

- A decision needs to be made as to whether this building is to be retained as a Council asset. If so, the One Stop Shop could move into the library and the rooms should be reconfigured to create a fully accessible library facility with office and meeting space above to create the Birkenhead 'Hub'. Investing in the library could result in additional income (eg from a café facility or as a wedding venue / meeting room space). Parking issues would have to be addressed. Alternatively a library for Birkenhead could be sited in the proposed Town Centre Plan, sharing accommodation with an art gallery and museum, archive and one stop shop service and linked to the leisure centre.

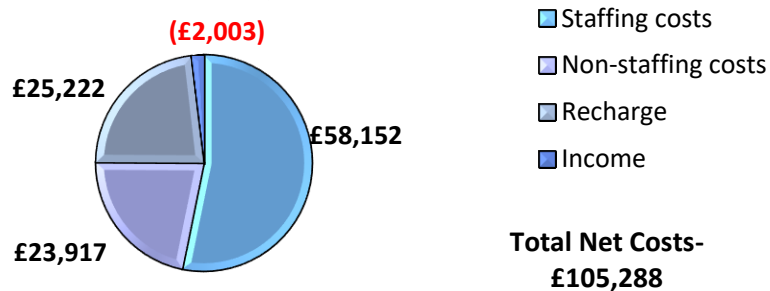
# Prenton Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 2019 – December 19



Cost per issue: £12.22  
 Cost per visit: £9.16

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



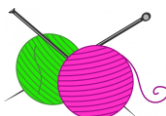
Employment and Skills

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Reading

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Leisure and Culture

Average community library monthly activities: 12



Community, Info & Advice



Children's

4

## Opening Hours

Opening hours 18 hours per week

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 9am-1pm 2-5pm  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: 9am -1pm 2-5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 4
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: No
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

**Reading Group:** Friday monthly 3-4.30pm and weekly

**Baby Bounce:** Tuesday weekly 10.30am

**Reachout :** appointment only

## Summary

- A well visited community library, with below average book borrowing, though ICT usage is above average. Good range of activities available.

## User Demographics

- Junior borrowers and reading activities.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is situated in a row of shops in a Magenta Housing estate. There is a tenants' shop in the same row. Birkenhead Library can be reached quite easily by bus, but there are few community facilities within the immediate vicinity.

## Planning Implications

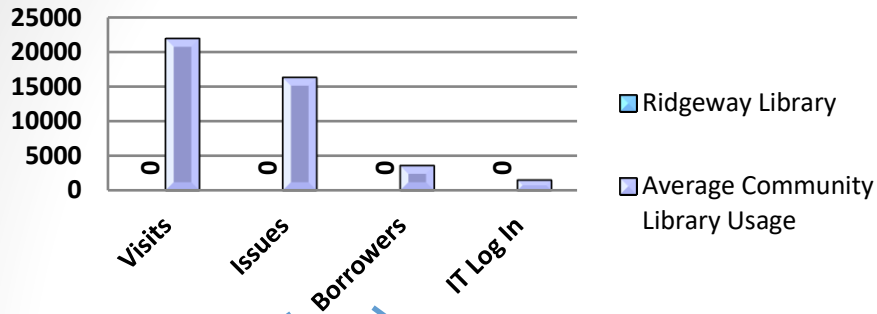
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area at end of small shopping parade. Potential re-use for compatible small scale non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, and other community facilities. Potential for A1 retail or A2 offices subject to national town centre tests.

## Options

- Potential for community transfer to the Tenants and Residents Association under shared accommodation, or relocated into the VCAW facility.

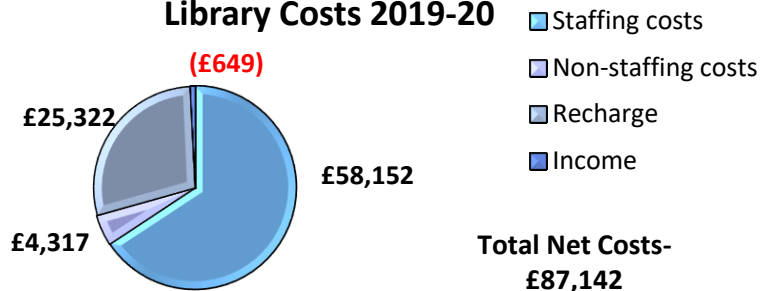
# Ridgeway Library (Community)

## Library Usage



Cost per issue: £0.00  
Cost per visit: £0.00

## Library Costs 2019-20



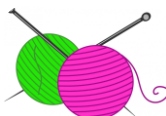
## Monthly Library Activities Snapshot



Employment and Skills



Reading



Leisure and Culture



Community, Info & Advice



Children's

Monthly activities:

Average community library monthly activities:

## Opening Hours

**Temporarily closed from 11/9/17 for building work**

Monday:	9.30am-3.30pm
Tuesday:	9.30am-3.30pm
Wednesday:	9.30am-3.30pm
Thursday:	9.30am-3.30pm
Friday:	9.30am-3.30pm
Saturday:	9am - 1pm
Sunday:	Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 4
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: No
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

## Summary

- An under-used community library with below average book borrowing and ICT usage. Compared to other community libraries, costs per customer remain significantly above average. Limited number of activities available. Staffed by High School on weekdays

## User Demographic

- Secondary aged children.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is co-located with Ridgeway High School, accessed through the school yard but with its own entrance. Outside of school hours, therefore, there is plenty of parking. There is a large IT suite.

## Planning Implications

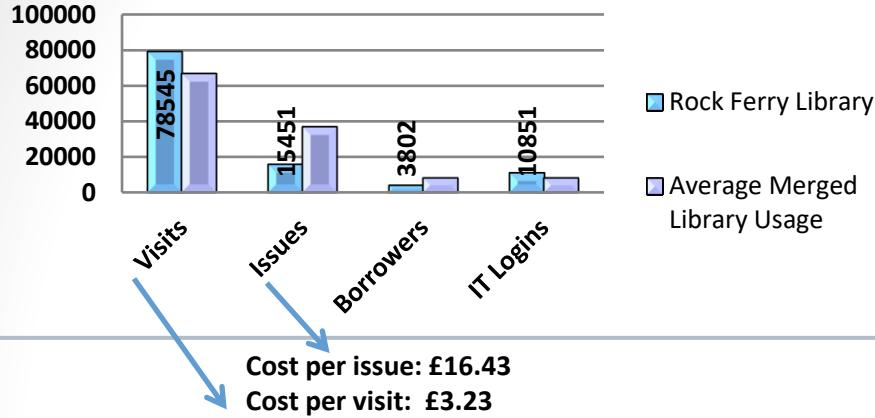
- Site designated as UDP School Playing Field in the UDP. Potential for re-use for purposes compatible with existing school.

## Options

- Ridgeway School has already taken over responsibility for the provision of the service apart from on Saturdays, and work needs to continue to complete the hand-over.

# Rock Ferry Library (Merged)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



## Opening Hours

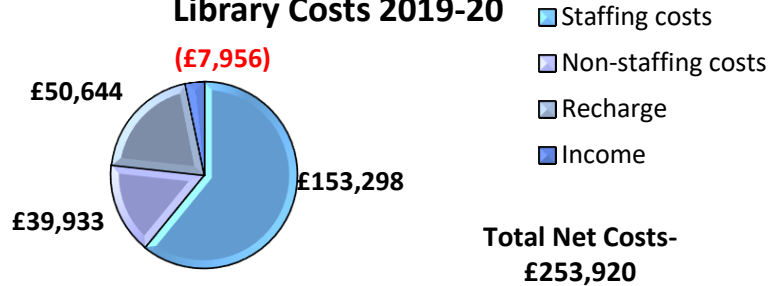
**Opening hours 46 hours per week**

Monday: 9am - 5pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 5pm  
 Wednesday: 10am - 5pm  
 Thursday: 9am - 5pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Sunday: Closed

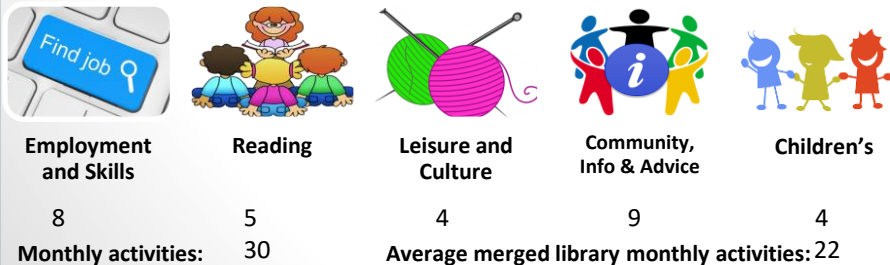
## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 12
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** 2 kiosks (49% transactions go via kiosks)
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Activities

- **Adult Reading Group:** 3rd Thursday afternoon of the month at 2pm
- **Adult Reading Group:** Thursday weekly 10-12noon
- **Ferries group:** Tuesday weekly 12.30-3.30pm
- **Career Connect:** appointment only
- **Councillor:** Fridays 4.30pm to 6.00pm
- **Residents Association :** monthly
- **Ask Us Wirral CAB :** twice yearly event
- **Wirral Lifelong Learning :** limited number of courses
- **Saturday Club :** Kids club- lego, craft and board games

## Summary

- Within the immediate locality this is a popular but comparatively under-utilised merged library,. There is a greater demand for the ICT facilities than book borrowing and a high proportion of active junior members. Wide range of available activities.

## User Demographics

- Job seekers and others using IT facilities.

## Facilities and Access

- A newly redesigned library located on the ground floor of an office building. It has disabled access with parking and is well-served by transport links. It has a co-located one stop shop service and a community room with a number of activities offered. There are a number of community centres and facilities in the Ward, but none very close to this facility. The Police have expressed an interest in relocating to the building.

## Planning Implications

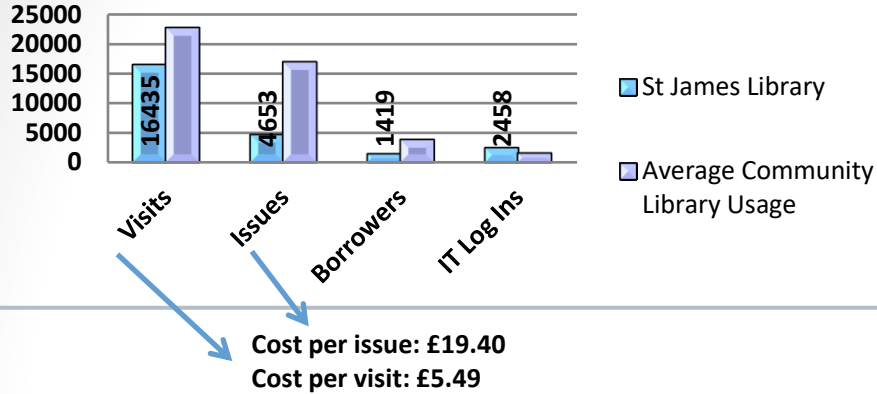
- Part of UDP Traditional Suburban Centre, potential for A1 retail, A2 offices, hot food and drinking establishment and community facilities etc.

## Options

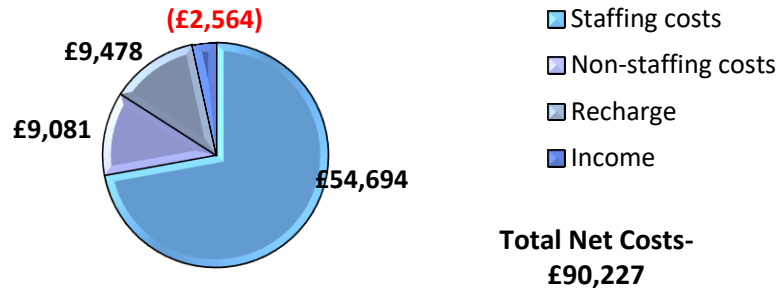
- This is a flagship site and it is therefore logical to retain it as a Council asset. Explore options around increasing income from health and government grants.

# St James Library (Community)

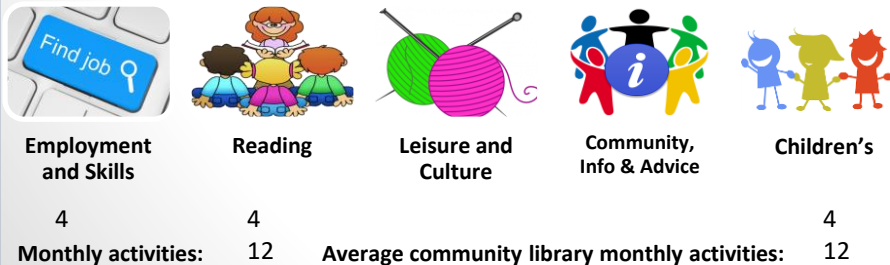
## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

### Opening hours 22 hours per week

Monday: 9am -1pm & 2-5pm  
 Tuesday: 9am-1pm ("Library Express")  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: 9am -1pm & 2-5pm  
 Friday: Closed  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 6
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: No
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

**Adult Reading group:** Thursday weekly 10-12noon  
**Jolly Tots :** Monday weekly  
**Reachout:** Tuesday weekly 9 -10am



## Summary

- An under-used library with visitor numbers and book borrowing significantly below average but ICT usage above average. Costs per customer remain above average. Available activities are limited. 4 hours per week volunteer hours

## User Demographics

- Unemployed customers using the computers, and some regular elderly borrowers.

## Facilities and Access

- Situated on the ground floor of the St James Centre. Very limited parking nearby. The nearby Gaultby Road Community Centre offers free public access PCs. Brasseley Gardens Children's Centre serves the same community.

## Planning Implications

- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Potential use for non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities etc.; or up to 8 dwellings if redeveloped.

## Options

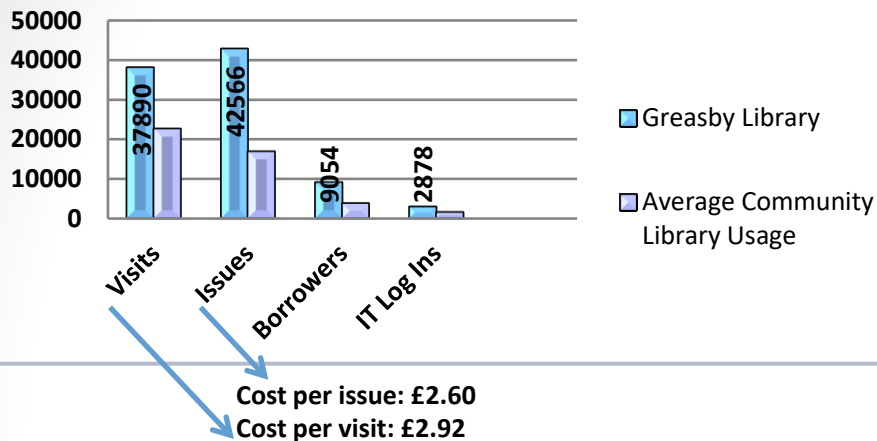
- The library is situated within the St James Centre which is managed by the North Birkenhead Development Trust which has already expressed an interest in supporting the library as part of its management of the Centre but is looking for significant funding to do so.

# Wirral West Constituency



# Greasby Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



## Opening Hours

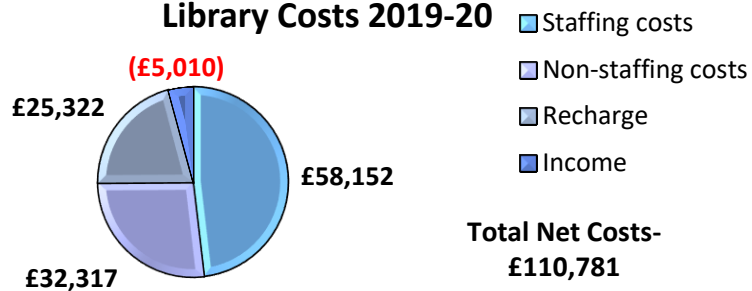
### Opening hours 26 hours per week

Monday: 9am -1pm & 2-5pm  
 Tuesday: 9am-1pm ("Library Express")  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: 9am -1pm & 2-5pm  
 Friday: 9am-1pm ("Library Express")  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 12
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** 1 kiosk (62% transactions go via kiosks)
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**
- **Talking books on cd**

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Activities

### Reading groups:

Adult reading group: Thursday weekly 2-3pm  
 U3A Reading group: Thursday monthly 10.30-12noon

**Baby Bounce:** Thursday weekly (term time)

**Knit n Knatter:** Thursday 3 times a month 10.30-12.30pm

**Friends of Greasby Library:** meet regularly throughout the year

## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Summary

- A very popular and well-used community library with above average book borrowing and ICT usage, a wide range of activities and an active Friends Group.

## User Demographics

- Older people for books, activities and IT.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is situated in a large fully accessible building. There is parking adjacent to the library although it is shared with the health centre. It is in a small retail area.
- Within the same complex is a large health centre and Greasby Community Centre. The community centre was transferred in May 2012, and is an active community asset offering a range of activities for all age-groups.

## Planning Implications

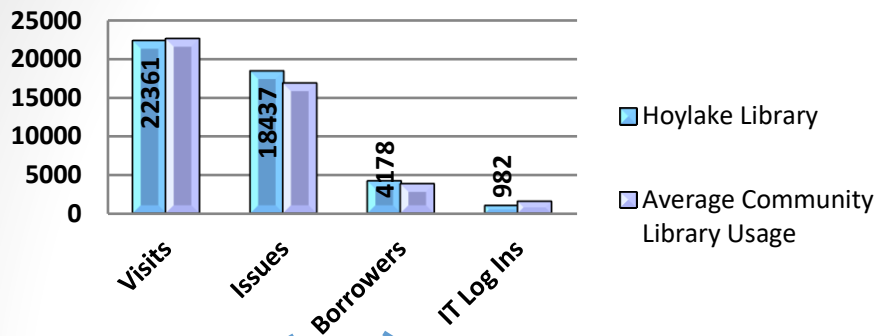
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area, also in location earmarked for future local centre in emerging Core Strategy. Potential for retail, office (subject to national town centre tests) and other community facilities. Important trees and open space to be retained.

## Options

- Community transfer or relocation of the library may be possible as the nearby community centre has expressed an interest in supporting the delivery of a library service. Consideration would need to be given to the provision of public access IT facilities in the area if the library were to close.

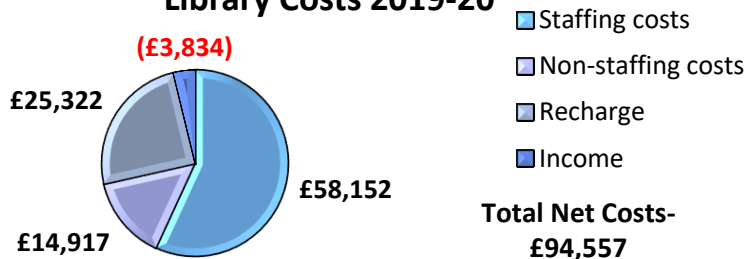
# Hoylake Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



Cost per issue: £5.13  
Cost per visit: £4.23

## Library Costs 2019-20



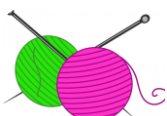
## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019 ) Snapshot



Employment and Skills



Reading



Leisure and Culture



Community, Info & Advice



Children's

Monthly activities: 8

4

Average community library monthly activities: 12

4

## Opening Hours

Opening hours 18 hours per week

Monday: 9am -1pm 2-5pm  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday: 9am -1pm 2-5pm  
Friday: Closed  
Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 4
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: Yes 1 kiosk
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

**Get crafty:** Thursday fortnightly 2-3.30pm

**In stitches:** Saturday fortnightly 10.30-12noon

**Reading Group :** shared group weekly Monday am

## Summary

- A relatively popular and well-used community library with above average book borrowing and ICT usage. Costs per customer are below average. A good range of activities are available from the library which has an active Friends Group.

## User Demographics

- Junior borrowers.
- Senior borrowers

## Facilities and Access

- The library is situated amid retail outlets on the high street in Hoylake. The ground floor is accessible and there is only a small reference section on the first floor.
- Other well used community buildings are Melrose Hall, The Old Town Hall, The Parade Community Centre and a significant number of churches offering community activities.
- West Kirby central library is less than 2 miles away and accessible by public transport.

## Planning Implications

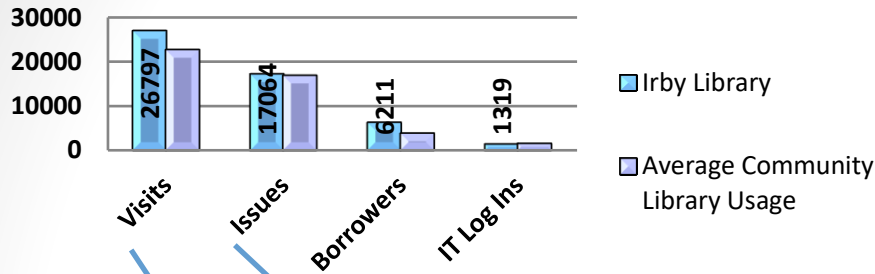
- Part of UDP Key Town Centre, potential for appropriate town centre uses – A1 retail, A2/B1 offices and businesses, community facilities etc.

## Options

- Community Transfer or alternative accommodation within an existing community facility.

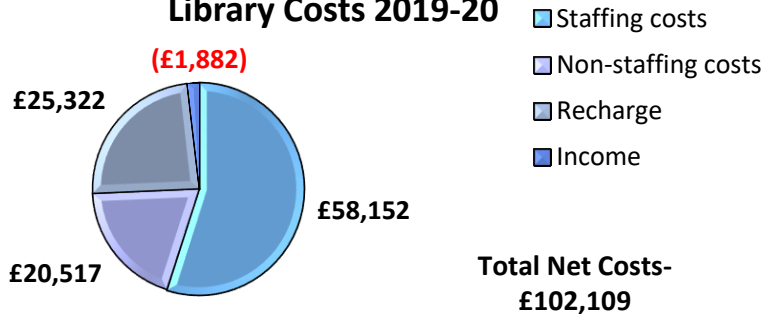
# Irby Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19

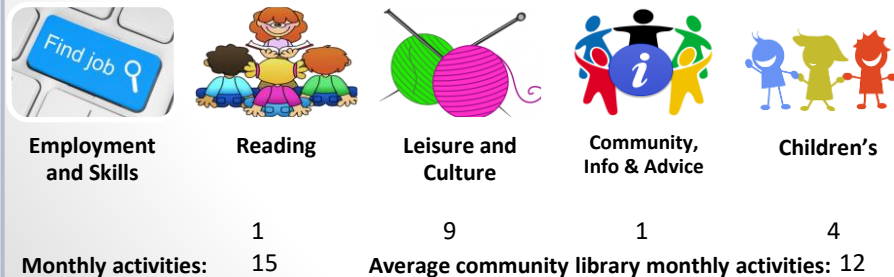


Cost per issue: £5.98  
 Cost per visit: £3.81

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

**Opening hours 27 hours per week**

Monday: 9am -1pm & 2-5pm  
 Tuesday: 9.30-12.30pm & 2-5pm ("Library Express")  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: 9am -1pm & 2-5pm  
 Friday: 9.30-12.30pm & 2-5pm ("Library Express")  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 3
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: Yes
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

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**Friends of Irby Library:** meet regularly throughout the year

**Storytime:** Tuesdays 2-3pm volunteer term time only

**Art Group:** fortnightly

**Community Coffee morning:** monthly

**Crafty Group:** fortnightly

**Dementia Afternoon:** monthly

**Flower Club:** fortnightly

**Scrabble:** fortnightly

## Summary

- An under-used community library with below average book borrowing and ICT usage. Limited range of activities available. Low non-staffing costs. Active Friends group. 7.5 hours per week Volunteer hours

## User Demographics

- Junior and senior borrowers

## Facilities and Access

- A single storey accessible building close to the Irby high street.
- Greasby and Pensby community libraries are both less than 2 miles away, and Heswall Library can be easily reached by bus. There is a Village Hall and St Chad's Church Hall (both well used) and the Methodist Church runs two toddler group sessions per week and a weekly lunch club.

## Planning Implications

- Part of UDP Traditional Suburban Centre, potential for A1 retail, A2 offices, community facilities etc. Could also have potential for residential development up to 6 houses if justified. Important trees to be retained.

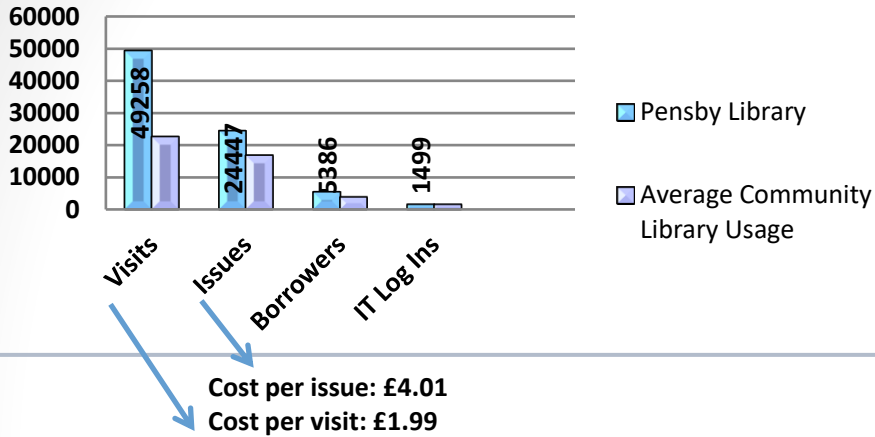
## Options

- Community Transfer or relocation to a community centre is a possibility.

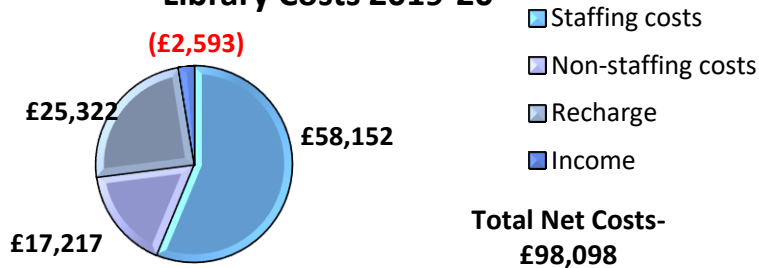


# Pensby Library (Community)

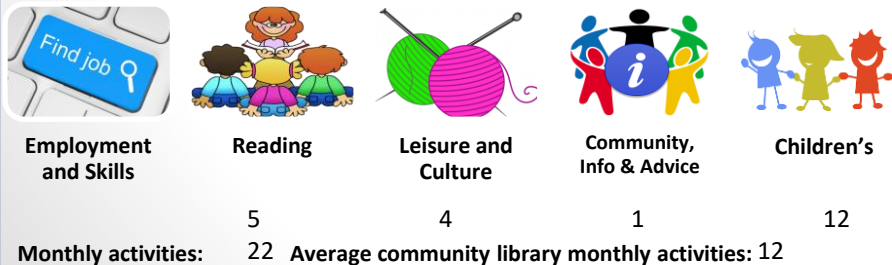
## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

### Opening hours 34 hours per week

Monday: 9am - 5pm ("Library Express")  
 Tuesday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: 9am - 5pm ("Library Express")  
 Friday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 4
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: 1 kiosk (62% transactions go through kiosk)
- Photocopier and FAX facilities
- Talking books on cd

## Activities

**Baby Bounce:** Tuesday weekly 10.30-11am  
**Storytime:** Tuesday weekly 2.15pm and weekly volunteer session  
**Knit n Knatter:** Tuesday weekly 2-5pm  
**Reading group:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 2-3pm and shared reading group weekly  
**Councillor surgery:** Saturday weekly 10-11am  
**Friends of Pensby Library:** meet regularly throughout the year  
**Volunteers of Pensby Library:** meet regularly throughout the year

## Summary

- A popular and well-used community library with book borrowing above average but below average ICT usage. Below average costs per customer. Limited range of activities available. 17 hours per week volunteer hours

## User Demographics

- Senior borrowers

## Facilities and Access

- The library is in an accessible single storey building with parking. Heswall Library can be easily reached by bus. A weekly internet café and family activities are hosted in a nearby church. Kylemore and Pensby community centres are located within the Ward, as well as the Hope Centre, and Pensby and Thingwall Children's Centre is also nearby.

## Planning Implications

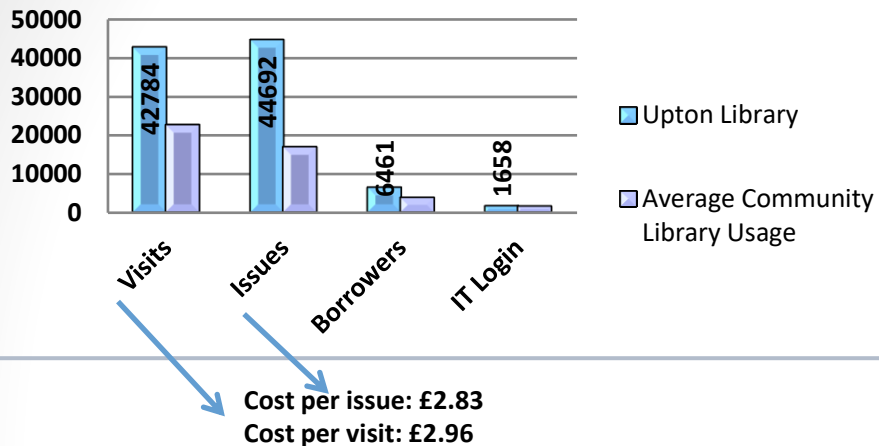
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area at end of small shopping parade. Potential re-use for small scale non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, and other community facilities, compatible with residential area. Potential for A1 retail or A2 offices subject to national town centre tests. Also potential for up to 2 new dwellings if redeveloped.

## Options

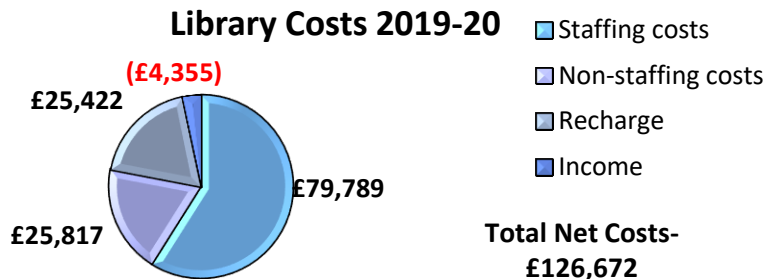
- The library could be offered out to community transfer. Alternatively a community hub could be developed by co-locating the library and the Children's Centre.

# Upton Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

Opening hours 18 hours per week

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	9am-1pm 2-5pm
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	9am -1pm 2-5pm
Saturday:	9am - 1pm
Sunday:	Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 4
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: Yes 1 kiosk)
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

- **Baby bounce:** Friday weekly 10.30-11.15am
- **Reading group:** Tuesday monthly 2-3.30pm
- **Family History Helpdesk:** Appointment only
- **Reachout :** weekly 10am Tuesday

## Summary

- A well-used community library with visitor numbers; book borrowing and ICT usage all above average. Compared to other community libraries, costs per customer remain below average. Very limited range of available activities.

## User Demographics

- Senior borrowers

## Facilities and Access

- Ground floor, disabled access with limited parking and good transport links. This Carnegie library is situated between Woodchurch Library and Overton Children's Centre.

## Planning Implications

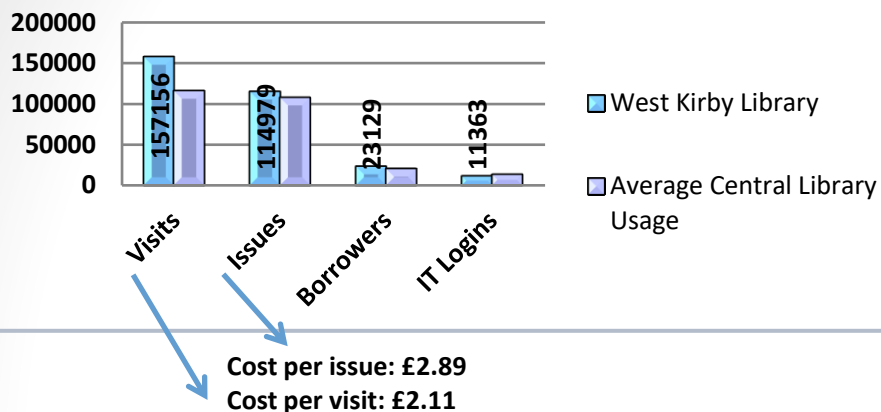
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Site could be affected by major hazard – intermediate pressure gas pipe line. War memorial on site. Land mark building - potential re-use for compatible small scale non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, and other community facilities. Suitability for conversion could be checked (potential for up to 5 flats). Potential for up to 3 dwellings if redeveloped and constraints can be addressed.

## Options

- Community delivery or community asset transfer.

# West Kirby Library (Central)

## Library Usage January 2019 – December 19



## Opening Hours

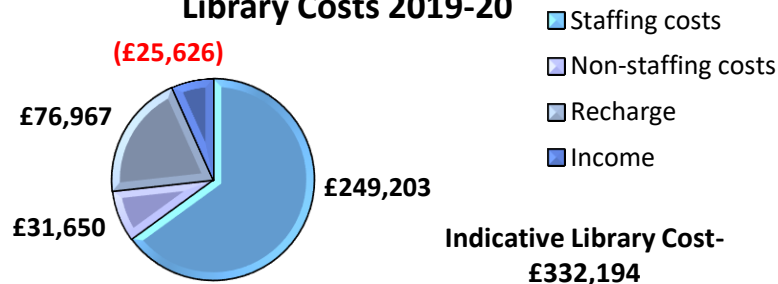
**Opening hours 51 hours per week**

Monday: 9am - 7.30pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 5pm  
 Wednesday: 10am - 5pm  
 Thursday: 9am - 7.30pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Sunday: CLOSED

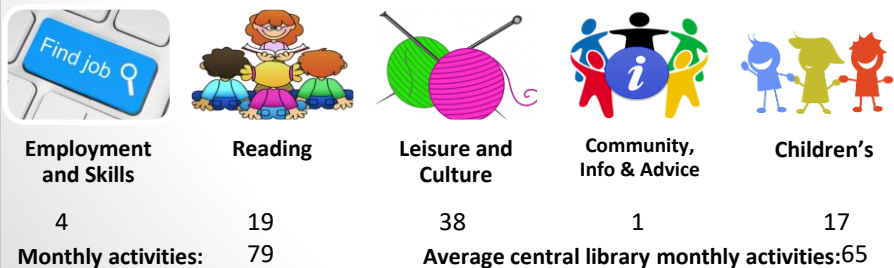
## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 12
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** 2 kiosks (54% transactions go via kiosks)
- **Sound and Vision library**
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019 ) Snapshot



## Activities

### Reading/Poetry/Play/Literature groups:

Monday weekly 10.30-12noon and 1.45-3.45  
 Tuesday monthly 2.30-4pm  
 Thursday monthly 10-12 noon (U3A)  
 Thursday monthly 10-12noon  
 Thursday monthly 6-7pm  
 Friday weekly 10am-11.30am

**Scrabble:** monthly Fri 2pm and tri-monthly Tuesday 2pm

**Knit n knatter:** Friday weekly 10.30-12noon

**Adult colouring:** Wednesday weekly 10-11.30am

**Creative writing:** Wednesday weekly 1.45-3.45, Thursday monthly 10-12noon

**Needlework:** weekly Thu 2-4pm

**Craft and Chat :** weekly Monday 1-3pm

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## Activities

**Art group:** weekly Monday 2-4pm

**Friends History Group:** Tuesday weekly 10-12noon

**Reachout:** Tuesday weekly 9-10am

**Family History Helpdesk:** Monday monthly 10-1pm

**Incredible edible:** Thursday monthly 2pm

**Discussion Group :** “What the papers say” Thur am

**Baby Bounce:** Tuesday weekly 10am

**Storytime:** Monday weekly 2.30pm

**Creative Writing (children):** Tuesday and Thursday weekly 4-5.30pm

**Dementia Friendly activity :** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday pm

**Friends of West Kirby and Hoylake Library:** meet regularly throughout the year

**Lego Club :** Saturday pm fortnightly

**Macmillan support :** regularly

## Summary

- One of the busiest sites and numerous activities/events, the library has a co-located one stop shop. There are a high proportion of active adult members with an average number of books being issued but low ICT usage. Compared to other central libraries, costs per customer remain below average. There is an active Friends group.

## User Demographics

- Junior borrowers and audio visual borrowers

## Facilities and Access

- The library is co-located with the leisure centre and a medical centre, and has recently undergone substantial refurbishment. It is fully accessible with a customer lift and parking. It has excellent transport links. There are a number of community assets and an active volunteer network providing a range of activities for all ages in the area.

## Planning Implications

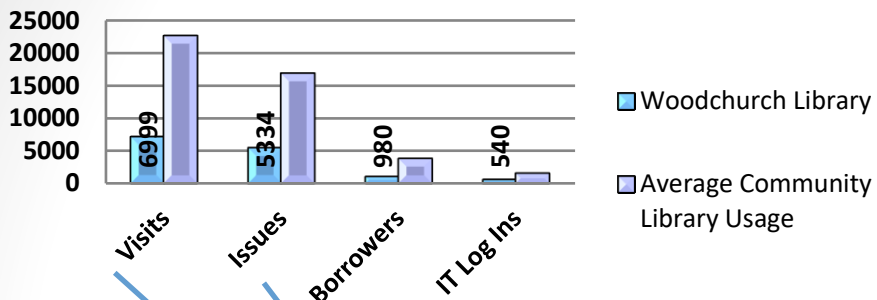
- Part of UDP Primarily Commercial Area, within existing complex. Potential for A1 retail (that would not undermine existing centres), A2 financial/professional services, B1 businesses including offices, hot food and drinking establishments, non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities.

## Options

- This building could provide a customer hub for access to council and partner services and wider health and wellbeing issues. The library service could be developed to reduce dependence on library staff through the use of ICT and volunteers. The complex is due to be considered under an asset management area review.

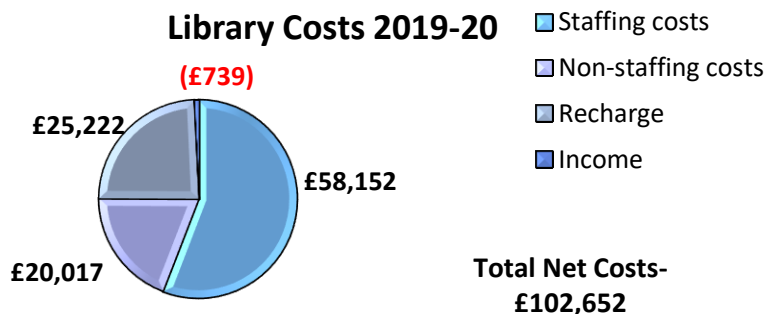
# Woodchurch Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19

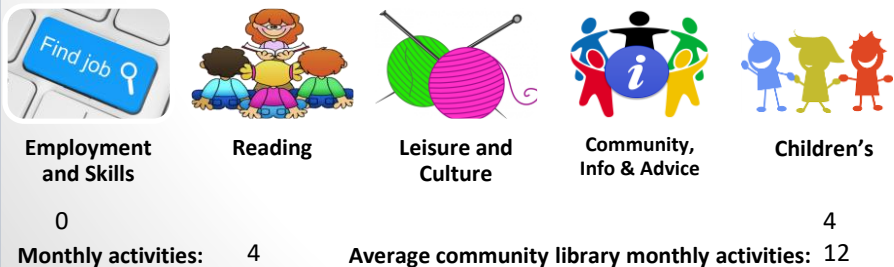


Cost per issue: £19.24  
Cost per visit: £14.67

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

Opening hours 18 hours per week

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	9am - 1pm & 2-5pm
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	9am - 1pm & 2-5pm
Saturday:	9am - 1pm
Sunday:	Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 2
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: No
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

Class Visits from school

Stories and Rhymes : weekly Friday (term time)

## Summary

- An under-utilised community library with book borrowing and ICT usage both significantly below average. Compared to other community libraries, costs per customer remain significantly above average. Activities largely centre around classroom visits for story time, some of which continue to be available without direct library support.

## User Demographics

- Children's groups and class visits.

## Facilities and Access

- This fully accessible single-storey library is co-located with Ganney's Meadow Children's Centre in the complex of Fender Primary School. The area it serves has high levels of worklessness and child poverty. The Woodchurch Leisure Centre and a community centre are nearby. Magenta Housing also provides a 'Hub' community asset, with ICT provision on the estate. There is good parking and good transport links.

## Planning Implications

- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Appears to be part of school complex. Potential for re-use of building for health services and other community uses compatible with existing school and neighbouring residential area.

## Options

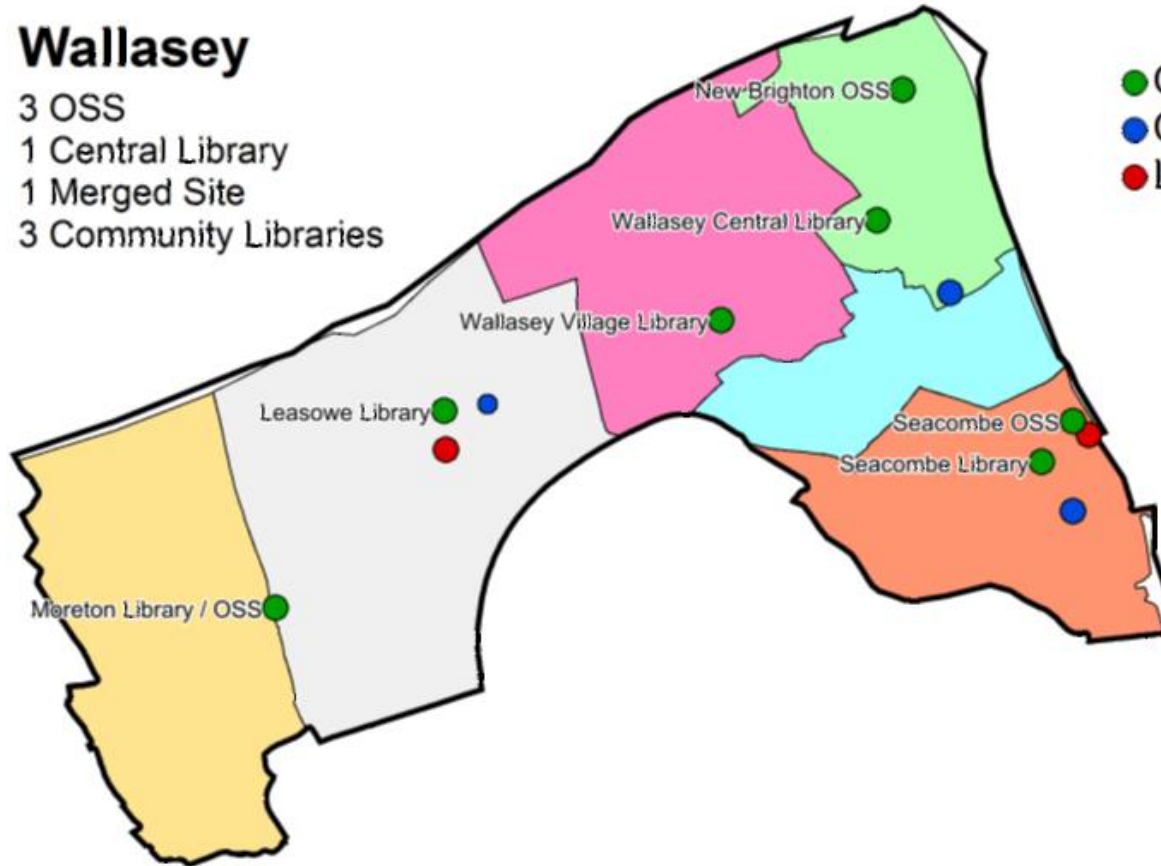
- Consider relocating the library into one of the community facilities; either Fender School which has done a lot of community work, or the Magenta community building.



# Wallasey Constituency

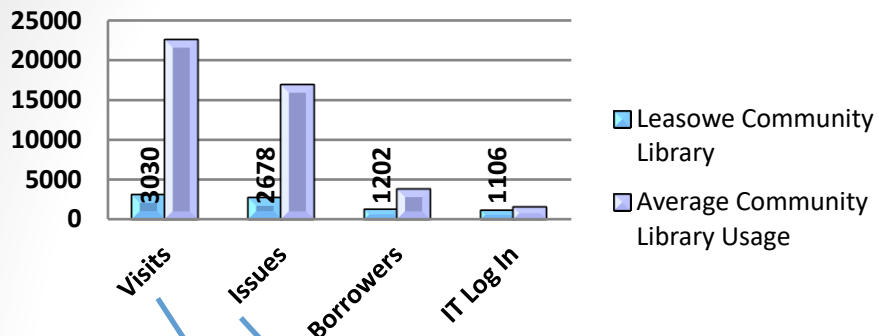
## Wallasey

3 OSS  
1 Central Library  
1 Merged Site  
3 Community Libraries



# Leasowe Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19



Cost per issue: £32.47  
 Cost per visit: £28.70

## Opening Hours

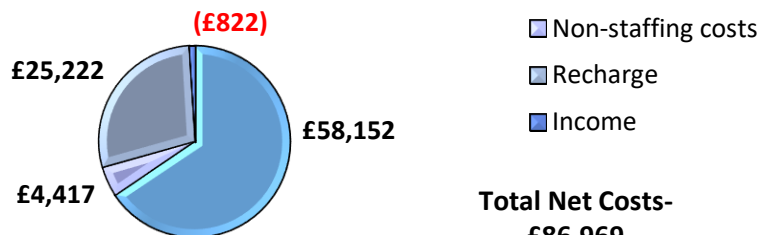
Opening hours 43 hours per week

Monday: 9am – 1pm & 2-5pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 5pm ("Library Express")  
 Wednesday: 9am - 5pm ("Library Express")  
 Thursday: 9am – 1pm & 2-5pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm ("Library Express")  
 Saturday: 9am - 3pm ("Library Express")  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 4
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: No
- Photocopier

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Activities

Craft : weekly  
 Storytime : monthly

## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot

				
Employment and Skills	Reading	Leisure and Culture	Community, Info & Advice	Children's
		4		1
Monthly activities: 5	Average community library monthly activities: 12			

## Summary

- An under-utilised library with a clear preference for ICT usage over book borrowing. Average costs per customer remain comparatively high, despite negligible non-staffing costs. A limited range of available activities because those relating to employment and skills are offered next door to the library. 32 hours per week volunteer hours

## User Demographics

- Young children for craft activities.

## Facilities and Access

- The Library is located within Leasowe Millenium Centre, which is managed by Leasowe Community Trust, and is shortly to become the 'Hub' for Wirral West. The facility is fully accessible, and the library has been opened up to enable the Connexions Service to share the space.

## Planning Implications

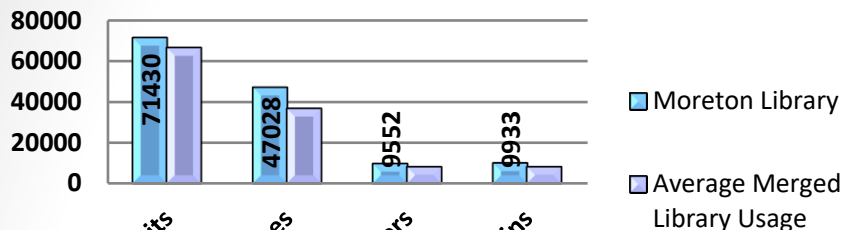
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Potential re-use for small scale non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, and other community facilities, subject to compatibility with residential area. Part of wider complex which could have potential for up to 32 dwellings if redeveloped. Flood risk and national sequential test to be addressed.

## Options

- The library service is already being enhanced by Leasowe Community Trust, and there is a possibility that this could be extended although the Trust is currently seeking significant support to do so.

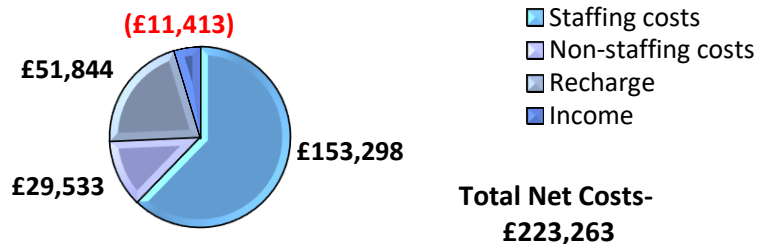
# Moreton Library (Merged)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19

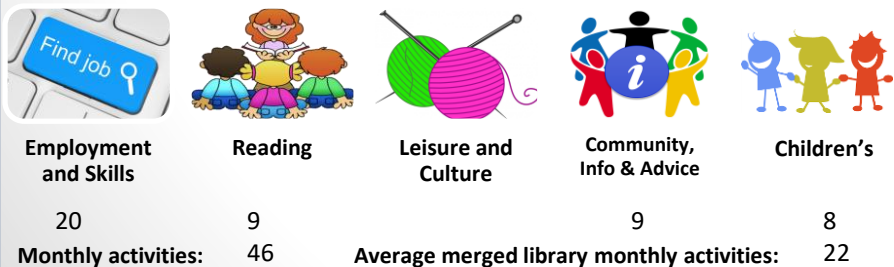


Cost per issue: £4.75  
Cost per visit: £3.13

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

Opening hours 46 hours per week

Monday: 9am – 5pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 5pm  
 Wednesday: 10am - 5pm  
 Thursday: 9am – 5pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm & 2-5pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- **Public access computers:** 14
- **WiFi:** Yes
- **RFID:** 2 kiosks (62% transactions go via kiosks)
- **Photocopier and FAX facilities**
- **Talking books on cd**

## Activities

**Reachout:** Monday weekly 10am  
**Art Class:** Age UK Monday weekly 10.30am  
**Reading groups:**  
 Moreton Day care centre group Tuesday 1pm  
 Get into Reading weekly Wednesday 10am  
 Monthly reading group Thursday 11am  
 Get into reading group weekly Friday 10.30am  
**Storytime :** Monday 9.30 weekly  
**Baby Bounce:** Monday 10am weekly  
**MP surgery:** Saturday monthly 10.30am  
**Wirral Lifelong & Family Learning services:** various courses  
**Moreton Day Centre:** Friday weekly computer courses  
**Ask Us Wirral:** x 2 weekly

## Summary

- This is a comparatively well-used merged library; there is above average demand for both book borrowing and ICT usage. Compared to other merged sites, costs per customer remain significantly below average throughout the day. Good range of available activities focussing on employment and skills.

## User Demographics

- People looking for advice and support (Job Club, CAB, Health, OSS etc.)

## Facilities and Access

- The library has good parking and is well-served by transport links, with a co-located one stop shop service in a ward with a limited range of other community facilities available. Moreton Community Centre is nearby and offers a wide range of activities.

## Planning Implications

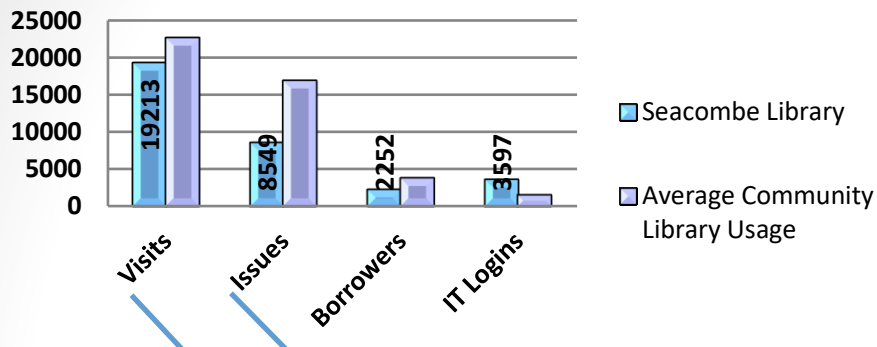
- Part of UDP Primarily Commercial Area, potential for A1 retail (that would not undermine existing centres), A2 financial/professional services, and B1 businesses including offices; hot food & drinking establishments, non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities.

## Options

- Could be considered in community transfer offer. If this were not to succeed consideration would need to be given to the continued provision of IT and reading and learning facilities, especially given the profile of the neighbourhood it serves. Presently in a good state of repair but would need confirming if any planned maintenance due by Asset Management.

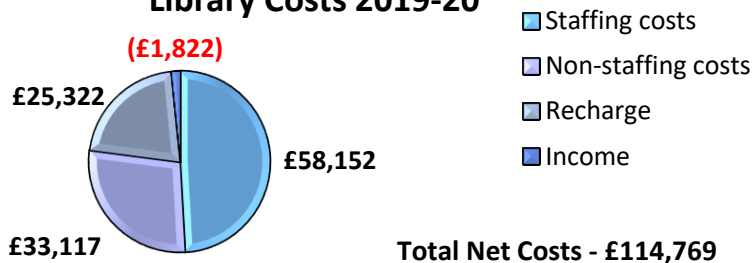
# Seacombe Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19

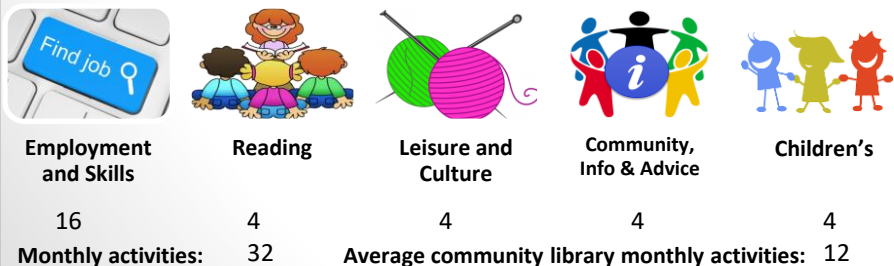


Cost per issue: £13.42  
 Cost per visit: £5.97

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

Opening hours 18 hours per week

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 9am – 1pm & 2-5pm  
 Wednesday: 9am – 1pm & 2-5pm  
 Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: Closed  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 12
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: Yes
- Photocopier

## Activities

**Reachout:** Tuesday 9.30am weekly  
**Connexions:** Tuesday and Wednesday all day  
**Knit n Knatter:** Tuesday 2.30pm weekly  
**Book and Breakfast (GIR):** Wednesday 10am weekly  
**Bounce & Rhyme :** Tuesday 10am weekly  
**Friends of Seacombe Library:** host a selection of daytime activities  
 Additional activities held outside staffed opening hours including Age UK and Wirral Lifelong Learning  
**Energy Projects Plus :** Weekly

## Summary

- Within the immediate locality this is a popular and well-utilised community library with above average visits and particularly high demand for ICT. Compared to other community libraries, costs per customer are significantly below average. Good range of activities available and there is a Friends group.

## User Demographics

- Junior borrowers and job seekers and others using IT facilities.

## Facilities and Access

- The library is a single storey accessible building with good parking and good transport links. Wallasey Town Hall, including Seacombe One Stop Shop, and Guinea Gap Leisure Centre and Seacombe Community Centre are nearby. Seacombe Children's Centre is a little distance further.

## Planning Implications

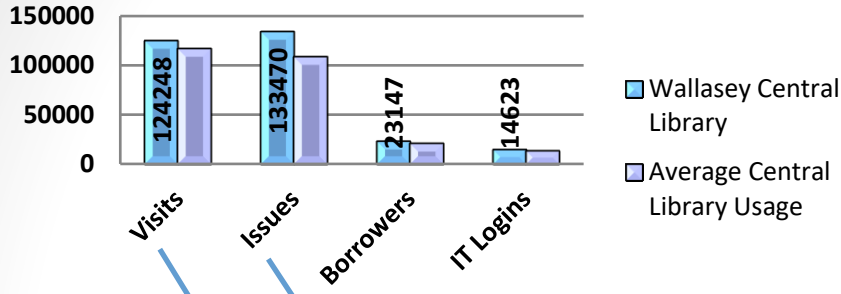
- Part of UDP Primarily Commercial Area, potential for A1 retail (that would not undermine existing centres), A2 financial/professional services, B1 businesses including offices, non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities. Could also have potential for residential development up to 8 houses if justified.

## Options

- This library could be co-located with the Children's Centre or the community centre. It is important that consideration is given to the provision of a library service and digital facilities in this deprived area.

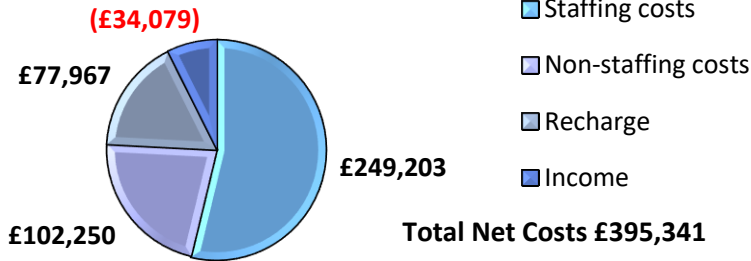
# Wallasey Central Library

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19

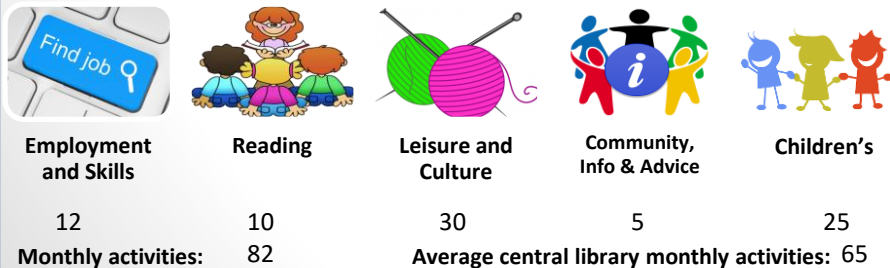


Cost per issue: £2.96  
 Cost per visit: £3.18

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

Opening hours 48 hours per week

Monday: 9am - 8pm  
 Tuesday: 9am - 8pm  
 Wednesday: CLOSED  
 Thursday: 9am - 8pm  
 Friday: 9am - 5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
 Sunday: CLOSED

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 19
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: 2 kiosks (37% transactions go via kiosks)
- Reference library
- Sound and Vision library
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

### Adult Reading Groups (Shared)

-Get Into Reading 1.30pm weekly

### Reading Groups:

- First Monday of every month 6pm - 7pm
- First Tuesday of every month 6pm - 7pm
- First Thursday of every month 2-3pm
- Last Thursday of every month 6.45
- **Family History Help Desk:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month

**Friends of Wallasey Central Library:** meet regularly throughout the year

**Wirral Lifelong & Family Learning Services:** various courses

**Reachout:** Thursday weekly 10-12noon

**Baby Bounce and Rhyme:** every Thursday 2.30-3pm cont. over..



## Activities

**Storytime:** every Thursday 10am -10.30am

**Wallabies (craft and play):** every Monday 11.00am - 12.00pm

**After school storytime:** every Friday 3.45-4.15pm

**Spanish for children:** every Thursday 4.15

**Code club:** 8 sessions per month (Thursday 6.30 / Saturday 11am)

**Board games club :** monthly

**Macmillan :** daily by appointment

### Other regular groups at Wallasey Central Library:

- **Mondays**
  - Crafty chatty weekly 1-3pm
  - Art Group weekly 10-12noon
  - Art Group weekly 1.30-3.30pm
  - French weekly 6.45-7.45
  - Friends of Rake Lane 1st Monday of the month
- **Tuesdays**
  - Bridge weekly 10-12noon
  - Remploy weekly 1-2.30pm
  - Film club fortnightly 7.30-9.30pm
- **Thursdays**
  - U3A art class fortnightly 10-12noon
  - U3A art group monthly 2-4pm
  - Wallasey Historical Society 7.30-9.30pm twice monthly
- **Fridays**
  - Wallasey Leisure painters weekly 10-12pm
- **Saturdays**
  - Wallasey Arts monthly 9.30-12.30

## Summary

- Across the immediate locality this is the most popular and best-utilised central library. There is a significantly high proportion of active adult library members and consistently above average book borrowing/ICT usage across available opening hours. Wallasey records lowest average costs per customer for any central library. Wide range of activities available, focussing on leisure and culture and including a film club, and an active Friends group.

## User Demographics

- Most sections of the local population. A lot of local elderly residents attending for cultural activities and groups. Busy Bounce and Rhyme group in the Children's Library. Popular audio visual library.

## Facilities and Access

- This Carnegie Library building has a separate children's library with historical significance. It is fully accessible with a customer lift to the upstairs rooms. Free Parking opposite the library. New Brighton One Stop Shop and community centres are located at a distance from the library in a more accessible and less affluent area.

## Planning Implications

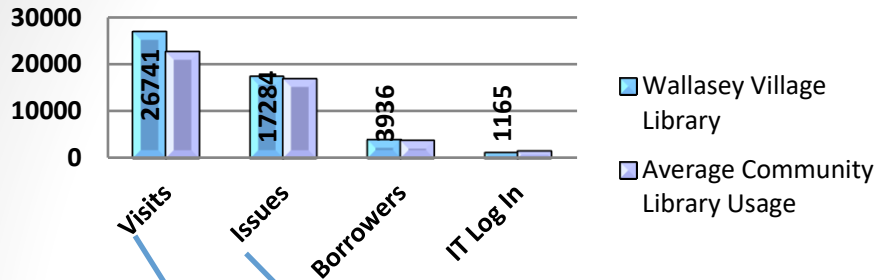
- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Land mark building - Potential use for non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities etc; subject to compatibility with residential area. Suitability for conversion could be checked (potential for up to 24 flats). Potential for up to 8 new houses if redeveloped. Archaeological issues may need to be addressed.

## Options

- The building is not ideally located to become a hub, and is too large and important to be offered for community asset transfer. Therefore income generation should be considered, and the library would make a good venue for weddings and meetings and there is space for a café facility.
- Consideration could be made to relocate the children's section into the main library to remove lone worker issues and also a review of reference section to remove items of interest/value would leave the ability to run unstaffed with customer queries redirected to lending counter.

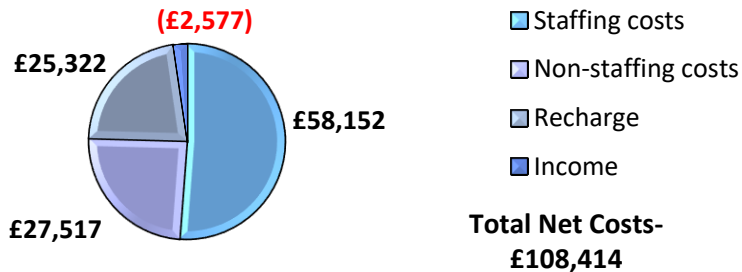
# Wallasey Village Library (Community)

## Library Usage January 19 – December 19

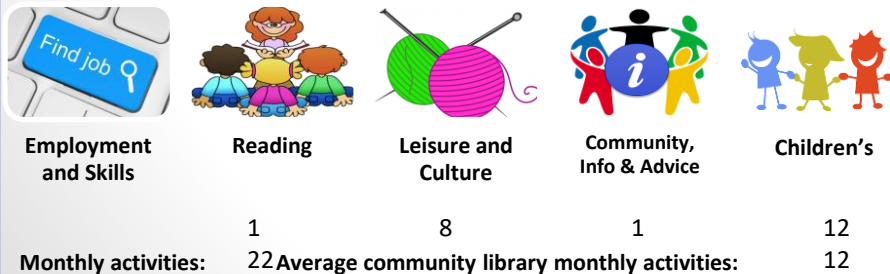


Cost per issue: £6.27  
Cost per visit: £4.05

## Library Costs 2019-20



## Monthly Library Activities (December 2019) Snapshot



## Opening Hours

**Opening hours 18 hours per week**

Monday: Closed  
 Tuesday: 9am – 1pm & 2-5pm  
 Wednesday: Closed  
 Thursday: Closed  
 Friday: 9am – 1pm & 2-5pm  
 Saturday: 9am - 1pm  
 Sunday: Closed

## Facilities

- Public access computers: 3
- WiFi: Yes
- RFID: Yes
- Photocopier and FAX facilities

## Activities

**Baby bounce:** Friday weekly 10-11am  
**Storytime:** Monday weekly 2.30pm  
**Book Club :** Friday monthly 11-12noon  
**Friends of Wallasey Village Library:** meet regularly throughout the year and hold activities on days the library is not staffed. Also organise health walks from the library  
**Volunteer led groups:** yoga, mini yoga, tai chi, gardening club, cross stich, parents together, coffee mornings

## Summary

- Within the immediate locality this is an under-utilised community library with book borrowing and ICT usage both significantly below average. Compared to other community libraries, average costs per customer remain relatively low. Limited range of activities available but it has a newly re-formed Friends group.

## User Demographics

- Mainly elderly residents. Children for Bouncing Babies and storytelling.

## Facilities and Access

- This fully accessible library has good transport links. There are a range of community venues nearby including a community café with free Wi-Fi and churches with community outreach. Wallasey central library is less than 2 miles away but is not easily reached by public transport.

## Planning Implications

- Part of UDP Primarily Residential Area. Land mark building. Potential use for non-residential institutions e.g. day nursery, medical services, education, church and other community facilities etc.; subject to compatibility with residential area. Suitability for residential conversion could be checked (potential for up to 6 flats). Potential for up to 6 new houses if redeveloped. Important trees to be retained.

## Options

- Consider community asset transfer.