



Survey Final Results



What's on in 2023
at your Community
Library Building

Thanks to so many of you for taking part in our survey!

THE FIGURES:

We had almost **200** responses!
That's **10%** of our community

70:30 responses on paper to online.

80:20 Denby Dale to surrounding villages.

72:28 library members to non-members.

(**80%** over 50s, **17%** 30-50 & **3%** under 30s).

99% of you think it's important for us to have the community library building, **31%** use it regularly, **52%** occasionally and **16%** not at all.

40% of you added comments to your response which were overwhelmingly positive. "**Welcoming**", "**friendly**", "**helpful**" and "**thank you**" are repeated often. For more of your comments and the detailed survey results - see our website.

Not surprisingly 'borrowing books' are what you most want from the library!

We're proud to partner with **Kirklees Library Service**, one of the best in the country, providing a professionally run service supported by our volunteers

Currently we have over 500 library members - one of the best supported village libraries in Kirklees - but we're keen to recruit more of you to join. Here's why you should.

Once you're a library member you can borrow:

- A wide range of books for all ages, with fiction from latest releases to old classics and non-fiction from cookery to travel guides
- From other Kirklees libraries, by ordering them to be delivered to DDCL
- e:books and audio books online
- Access free digital newspapers and magazines

If you're not a library member, **please join - it's easy!**
Either pop-in to the library or do so via our website.

You can borrow books even if the library is unstaffed when the café and the community building are open, using the self-issue and return machine and:

- We've recently extended the library's opening hours as Thursday mornings are now staffed by volunteers
- Some of you requested that we extend our opening hours after school. We already do this on Mondays & Wednesdays. Other local libraries cover this on other weekdays: Kirkburton until 6pm on Tuesdays and Shepley until 5pm on Thursdays and Fridays

opening times

	community building	the library	kirkwood cafe / shop
Mon.	10am - 6pm	1pm - 6pm	10am - 3pm
Tues.	10am - 3pm	10am - 1pm	10am - 3pm
Wed.	10am - 5pm	1pm - 5pm	10am - 3pm
Thur.	10am - 3pm	10am - 1pm	10am - 3pm
Fri.	10am - 3pm	10am - 1pm	10am - 3pm
Sat.	10am - 12.30pm	10am - 12.30pm	closed

Accessing information in the community library building is the 2nd most important thing you want from DDCL. We already have lots available to you (but want to improve this further), including:

- A wide range of free leaflets with well-designed local walking trails
- Local bus timetables
- Local newspapers
- What's On Locally posters
- Lots of local history books to borrow

As a library member you can access Kirklees Library Services' subscriptions FOR FREE via our wi-fi or PCs:

- ancestry.com, to explore your family history
- British Newspapers Archive, to explore 65million pages
- Digital magazines, including Which

If you want any information about Kirklees' services, pop into the library and let's see if we can help.

Our car park is also highly valued by you, ranked 3rd most important of all that DDCL provides:

- You'd like the car park to be bigger – us too! It's often full during the day. Some people wanting to visit the library or use local businesses are not able to park
- We need to prioritise parking for those who want to use our community facility, especially the elderly, parents with young children and those with limited mobility. So we've installed new signage to say 'no all-day parking' and this has helped

The café is your next ranked most important service:

- We're also proud to partner with The Kirkwood, who lease and run the café as part of all the great work they do in the community across Kirklees to support those suffering from life-threatening illness, and their carers
- Over the last 12 months Molly, the Cafe Manager, and her volunteers have re-invigorated the café and it's now open again Monday to Friday, between 10am and 3pm, and well used thanks to its improved café area and delicious refreshments
- We've had requests for the café to open longer hours, especially after school and on Saturdays. Molly and DDCL would love to extend the cafe's opening hours, so:
Can you volunteer after school or on Saturdays?
Are you interested in finding out more?
We hope so. Please pop into the café and have a chat with Molly

You also see the library as important for your children and grandchildren:

- We're lucky to have a fab children's area and books, weekly Rhyme Time for under 5s and various children's events in school holidays, including storywalks and Lego club
- We're open after school on Mondays until 6pm and Wednesdays until 5pm and, as already mentioned above, other local libraries remain open after school on other weekdays

If you, your child or grandchild are not yet members of the library, **please join - it's easy!**

Either pop-in to the library or do so via our website.

A third of you already value highly our groups and lots of you also said you're interested in joining one:

- Our wide range of groups meet either weekly or monthly, and are nearly all free to join. You'll receive a warm welcome from others who share your hobby/interest/passion
- See an overview of our current groups on the next page
- Find out what's on and when by regularly checking our noticeboards, website and Facebook page

A warm, welcoming, safe and accessible place - you can always be sure of this! Come in and have a tea or coffee, put in some pieces of our jigsaw, use our free wifi or simply enjoy a chat!

How likely are you to support your community library?

Our finances are healthy but we need to raise over £4,000 every year to run and maintain the building and car park

- Over 90% of you said you'll donate to us occasionally. Thank you to all those who supported last Christmas's raffle, from which we raised over £1,000
- We also have a Supporters' Club for those who want to donate regularly - thanks to those who help in this way and raise annually over £1,500. If you're interested to join, see our website or complete a form in the library
- DDCL is a charity entirely run by volunteers, some of whom are trustees. If you are interested in volunteering any of your time in the library, or to help us run DDCL and/or help maintain and repair the building (as one of our team of caretakers), then please pop into the library and have a chat about it with one of us. We're a friendly bunch and get together regularly for training and socially.

FINALLY, YOU ALSO SAID THIS:

We find it a warm, welcoming place with friendly, helpful staff and volunteers. Very fortunate to have the Community Library in Denby Dale. Thank you for running so successfully.

The library is a wonderful facility for the community.

A key part of the locality, important to so many.

Groups meeting **WEEKLY**

FREE TO ATTEND

ALL WELCOME

No booking required (unless otherwise stated)

GROUP NAME	WHEN	COST
Crochet Corner	Mon 1-3pm	Free
Jewellery Club	Tues 10.30-1pm	Free
Meditation & Positive Thinking	Term time, Tues 7.30-9pm	£7 per session
BOOKING ESSENTIAL		
Craft	Wed 1.30-3.30pm	Free
Rhyme Time for Under 5s	Wed 2-2.30pm	Free

Groups meeting **MONTHLY**

FREE TO ATTEND

ALL WELCOME

No booking required

GROUP NAME	WHEN (TYPICALLY)	COST
Non-Fiction Reading	Mon mid-month 10.30-12noon	Free
Jane's (Fiction) Reading	2nd Tues. of month 10.30-12noon	Free
The Kirkwood Support Drop-In Session	2nd Thurs. of month 10.30-11.30am	Free
Hands On History	3rd Thurs. of month 1.30-3.30pm	Free
Later At The Library	Last Fri. of month 7.30-9pm	Free
Social Chats	First Mon. of month 6.30-8pm	Free

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