

# Library Matters

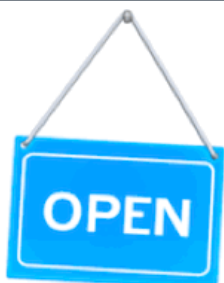
The Newsletter of Friends of Honley Library

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*We hope that you all weathered the storm, and are delighted to have the opportunity to be in touch with you again.*



## Library Opening Times

Monday:  
CLOSED

Tuesday:  
13:00 – 18:00

Wednesday:  
10:00 – 13:00  
*This session is run by FoHL Volunteers*

Thursday:  
CLOSED

Friday:  
13:00 – 17:00

Saturday:  
10:00 – 13:00

Sunday:  
CLOSED

## Honley Library

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### Library Update:

Kirklees Libraries all closed in March 2020 in line with Government directives to help combat the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus. Although a very limited service was reintroduced in spring 2021, FoHL support and the involvement from volunteers only restarted in June, initially as part of an evaluation exercise. With appropriate caution on the part of KLS staff, volunteers and library users, it was really good to be back.



During the break work on the Community Asset Transfer process continued, although necessarily slower than had been hoped. Communications continued via e-mail, including issues of 'Library Matters' to help volunteers maintain contact. Managers and trustees also embraced the challenges of Zoom meetings. The time was also used by the Holme Valley Parish Council and Friends of Honley Library for the consideration of plans in respect of some proposed changes to the building in the future and to address the eventual need for building management.

### ***The BIG news is that we are nearly there!***

After over four years of planning and hard work, Honley Library is finally to be managed by local people for the benefit of local people as a warm, welcoming, vibrant, friendly community space. The FoHL management and trustees, together with the HVPC, will be responsible for managing the building and will continue to support and work with Kirklees Library Services, whose service will remain as it is at present.

During 2022 we have plans to improve the building and the surrounding space and will be sharing these with you. We are also launching a new 'look'; with a proposed new website and a new logo, which you may have noticed above. The previous logo has, sadly, had to be retired in favour of one that can be replicated digitally. With thanks to Caroline Page's granddaughter Katie Marsden, who designed the original, and who is now studying graphic design at the Edinburgh School of Art, we also now acknowledge and thank Craig Noble for his excellent work in creating the new one.

We have also increased our media profile; please don't forget to like, share and become involved in our social media channels. We're now on Instagram @honleylibrary, Twitter @friends\_honley and Facebook (Friends of Honley Library). We will also be linking with local publications, including the Honley Flyer and Honley Info website, to ensure wider publicity for events.



Look out for details of a **GRAND OPENING** during summer 2022 to celebrate the major changes taking place to YOUR community library!!



## New opportunities for the use of the building outside library hours...

We want to hear from YOU what YOU would like to see in the building. Do you have any ideas for activities or time and talents that you can bring to support us in achieving our goals for the benefit of the village?

**Children's events and craft activities**

**Story-time sessions**

**Painting & decorating**

**Helping with and bringing new ideas for events**

**Minute taking**

**Building management**

**Gardening**

**Baking**

**Supporting Kirklees Library Services to maintain a high quality service that allows continued and regular access to books and computers**

It is intended that the library will be a community hub that can be accessible to all; a safe, friendly environment for those facing loneliness, dementia and many other challenges.

We need enthusiastic, community-focused people to join the Friends of Honley Library; you might be able to offer your support as a library volunteer, an events volunteer, a Committee member or a Trustee.



### **FoHL Events:**

Despite the challenges presented by Covid, some children's events still took place during 2021, albeit out of doors. There were activities to coincide with the Open Gardens weekend in early July and, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers and funding from the Holme Valley Parish Council, some Children's Book Festival events took place during the summer. The theme was 'All Creatures Great & Small', and included 'pond dipping', making bird feeders and some 'Animal Boogieing'.



As part of the 'Honley Together' Christmas event on 4<sup>th</sup> December Ian Pollitt brought his fabulous 'Village at Christmas' Lego display, along with a 'what can you find?' quiz.

Children were also able to find Wally, taking part in several 'Where's Wally' themed activities provided by Ash and Tom Ragsdale.

On 9<sup>th</sup> December Steven Thorpe, 'The Cheese Shop Man' from Thongsbridge, brought his own unique style of presentation, along with a selection of cheeses for an evening of information, entertainment, tasting... and some wine!

## **Cheese Please**

### **'Regular' FoHL Events:**

The 'Knit & Natter' group is up and running again (13:30 on Tuesdays); a Poetry event is planned for 9<sup>th</sup> March and the Reading Groups are restarting. Friday's Story time has returned and, hopefully, the monthly Pop-up Café will also be reintroduced during the coming months. However, FoHL needs more volunteers to help organise this.

In the past two years, Honley has shown itself to be an extraordinarily community minded village with many people volunteering to support those who have been shielding or who are vulnerable. Local people have stepped up to garden, tidy up and litter pick as well as to provide support for the valuable work of the hugely successful vaccination clinics. If you want to become involved in any of the many FoHL activities, such as helping to provide the library service, organising or supporting events for adults or children please ask in the library or register your interest on the website and we will try to put you in touch with the most the relevant member(s) of the Management Committee.

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