

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Annual Review Report

April 1st 2022 – March 31st 2023

The past twelve months have been easier than past years now that we are more accustomed to the way we should work. We continue to have the support of East Goscote PC as well as St Hilda's Church.

Sales of various items have not raised as much as expected but is better than last year and we are happy with the income.

To reduce energy usage we have replaced the heaters but this has not worked as the unit cost has risen.

Broomfield School continue to have regular visits to the library and we have appointed a School Liaison Officer. The village playgroups are attending the library on a regular basis..

We have 19 volunteers including a gardener, who work to a DIY manual rota system. We have never failed to open due to volunteer shortage during the past twelve months.

The Coffee Mornings continue to contribute extra income.

The Santa evenings continue to be successful.

Due to grants to cover us during COVID, we are in a comfortable financial basis.

We have purchased an amount of Adult and Childrens furniture using our S106 grant from a development at Queniborough.

Use of the standard library services is stable but footfall has dropped considerably more since COVID.

We are developing a plant swap in the library grounds

The sale of poo bags continue to be a useful fund-raiser although support has reduced a little since December 2022.

The Romp and Rhyme sessions for youngsters have restarted and parents are able to bring their children to the playgroup sessions.

Broomfield School now make frequent visits to the library. Rearsby School now have forged a link with the Library. Their school choir came to the library just before Christmas to perform carols for residents of the village.