

EAST GOSCOTE COMMUNITY LIBRARY 2023-2024

Annual Review Report

April 1st 2023 – March 31st 2024

The support from the residents of East Goscote continues but we could still need more customers. We continue to have the support of East Goscote PC as well as St Hilda's Church.

Sales of various items have continued and bring in valuable income. Jigsaws are proving popular.

We continue to struggle with the size of our energy bills. Various changes have been made to try energy save but this has not worked as the unit cost has risen.

There are now regular visits from Bizzy Bees and Broomfield School. There was a good response for the Summer Reading Scheme.

We have 22 volunteers including a gardener, who work to a DIY manual rota system. Four new volunteers have been recruited and we have lost two due them moving away. We have never failed to open due to volunteer shortage during the past twelve months.

Unfortunately, Liz Pizer, the treasurer for the Trustees, has resigned but Charlotte Turlington has taken on the role.

The Coffee Mornings continue to contribute extra income. The Santa evenings continue to be successful. Santa has a new suit which has been loaned to other organisations.

Our finances are stable although there are only a few bookings and events.

Use of the standard library services is stable but footfall has dropped to 90 per week.

The sale of poo bags continue to be a useful fund-raiser although the wholesale price has increased and we may have to look at the cost to our customers.

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