

Saxilby Library 2021-22 report for Parish Council May 2022

The volunteers at Saxilby Library were pleased to come back to work last July 2021 following a detailed Covid risk assessment, setting up new bookshelves following the fire damage, and wiping and transferring back all the books – as well as the challenge of everyone needing to be trained up on a new library IT system. It is to the credit of Elaine Atkin and Margaret Cruickshanks (the library hub officer and guru) and their amazing patience, that we retained some sanity and almost all of our volunteers during this process.

We were sad in August to lose Chris Green, who continued to help at the library until his sudden death; other members have been unable through illness to help meantime, but we are gradually returning to full strength and also have new volunteers.

Opening days have been extended (as below), a change from our original morning shifts – which the volunteers do however continue to aim to return to, as the centre re-develops its services.

School children from Saxilby have been invited to visit one afternoon a week. They come with their teachers to be introduced to library services, each child borrowing a book for a week, which is proving popular. We are also trialling opening until 4pm one day a week, in response to local demand, so that schoolchildren can get to the library, and will re-assess use during that half hour at the end of the summer term.

We have done a leaflet drop to the new houses in the village, as well as using social media to publicise the library and its location. We continue to plan ways of encouraging the public to come and see the amazing resources the library offers the village.

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Library stats below (NB from May 2022 50 further books will be borrowed per week by schoolchildren!)

Opening hours: Tuesday 10.30am-3pm; Wednesday 10.30-4pm; Friday 10.30-1pm

SAXILBY 2021/2022

	Total Issues	Visitors	Active Users	New Members
April 21				5
May 21	45		9	7
June 21	93		11	1
July 21	276		83	25
August 21	386		104	16
September 21	320		88	12
October 21	389		97	7
November 21	373		95	7
December 21	299		92	11
January 22	346		88	9
February 22	317		87	12
March 22	353		101	9

