



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

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Review Change in Library Opening Hours

Report to: Full Council 23-10

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

1. Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
2. Improve the well-being of residents

Consideration on carbon reduction:

No change - same opening hours

Public Sector Equality Duty (*Consider or think about how policies or decisions affect people who are protected under the Equality Act*)

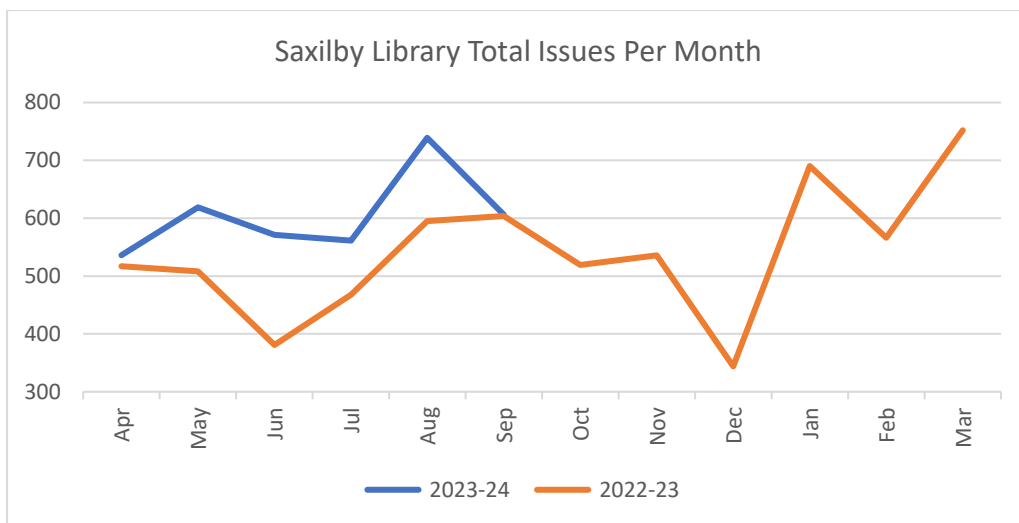
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Following a request from library volunteers, the library opening hours were changed so the library was open Tuesday to Friday mornings.

It was agreed at the July meeting for the item to be brought back to full council for review in October, to feed into the budget setting process, with the library to share the latest usage statistics.

The latest statistics have been shared by the library and are shown below, with 2023-24 having a higher rate of library book issues compared to 2022-23 to date.



SAXILBY	Books issued 2023-24	Books issued 2022-23
Apr	536	517
May	619	508
Jun	571	381
Jul	561	468
Aug	739	595
Sep	606	604
Oct		519
Nov		536
Dec		344
Jan		690
Feb		566
Mar		752

The library volunteers are keen to add two further sessions Monday morning (10.30am-1pm) and Tuesday afternoon's (1-4pm) – adding another 5.5 hours provision.

Recommendation: Note the report and consider whether to increase provision as part of the budget setting process during autumn.



Appendix 1: July Paper

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Change in Library Opening Hours

Report to: Full Council 23-07

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

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Consideration on carbon reduction:

No change - same opening hours

Public Sector Equality Duty (Consider or think about how policies or decisions affect people who are protected under the Equality Act)

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A paper was brought to full council in May, following a request from library volunteers to change and extend their opening hours.

Full council requested the finance committee examine the financial implications and report back to full council (Ref FC096/23) with a recommendation.

The item was discussed, with a library volunteer speaking at the meeting. It was proposed that the library changes its opening hours to drop the Wednesday afternoon (as per volunteer paper) and pick up opening on a Thursday. This would be required to start in a months' time (as LCC need a month notice to change systems)

“Wednesday afternoons: little general work remains, and there are fewer visitors. The half hour extra opening to meet the needs of school children’s needs is very little used (NB figures shown are frequently adult users).”



Proposed revised (V2) opening hours (opening hours to remain 13 hours per week)

Closed	Monday
10.30-16.00	Tuesday
10.30-13.00	Wednesday
10.30-13.00	Thursday
10.30-13.00	Friday
Closed	Saturday
Closed	Sunday

Current opening hours

The library is currently open 13 hours per week, with the following opening times:

Closed	Monday
10.30-15.30	Tuesday
10.30-16.00	Wednesday
Closed	Thursday
10.30-13.00	Friday
Closed	Saturday
Closed	Sunday

A review date was not agreed at the finance committee meeting. It is proposed to review in October to feed into the budget setting process.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Full Council notes the report and:

- 1) Agrees to the finance committee recommendations of the library opening Tue-Fri
- 2) Add to October full council to review the change in opening hours, with the library to share the latest usage statistics