

Library Strategy Consultation 2024

Tier 3 Library Proposed Opening Hours

Introduction

As part of the Library Strategy Consultation 2024, Cheshire East Council is proposing new funding models and opening hours for each of the Tier 3 “Community Managed Libraries” – Alderley Edge, Bollington, Disley and Handforth. Proposals for each library are set out below.

These proposals have been co-designed through engagement with Bollington Town Council, Disley Parish Council and Handforth Town Council. Opening hours proposals have been aligned to peak periods of demand and existing community group usage wherever practicable.

Funding models for the Tier 3 libraries consist of a combination of:

- Cheshire East Council funding – 1.5 days of full staffing per week, or 2 days of reduced staffing per week, for each library
- Local Town or Parish Council top-up funding – Some local Town and Parish Councils have committed to fund additional staffed hours
- Volunteers – Some local Town and Parish Councils have committed to arrange volunteer networks to support opening hours

Information in this document is accurate as of July 2024.

Alderley Edge Library Proposals

Current and proposed hours for Alderley Edge Library are set out below.

Cheshire East Council are committed to funding full staffing for 1 and ½ days (11 hours) per week.

Alderley Edge Town Council have committed to continue to provide volunteering library provision on Tuesday afternoons.

Alderley Edge Library	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total hours
Current CE Council provision		09:30 to 13:00	09:30 to 13:00 14:00 to 17:00		09:30 to 13:00 14:00 to 17:00	09:30 to 13:00	20.0
Current Town Council volunteering provision		13:00 to 17:00					3.0
Proposed CE Council provision (full staffing)			10:00 to 14:00		10:00 to 17:00		11.0
Proposed Town Council volunteering provision		14:00 to 17:00					3.0

The Alderley Edge Library proposal retains Friday opening to complement opening hours at Wilmslow Library.

Community group impacts are as follows;

1. Lego Club, Friday each week, 3:30pm to 4:45pm – no impact
2. Lego Club, Saturday each week, 09:30am to 12 Noon – impacted but this was a duplication on the Friday session, no plans to replace
3. Rhymetime - Wednesdays weekly 10:00am to 10:30am – no impact
4. Stories and Songs, Fridays each week 2:30pm to 3:00pm – no impact

Other activities are undertaken across school holiday periods and the like which will be organised to suit the new opening hours as is practical.

Bollington Library Proposals

Current and proposed hours for Bollington Library are set out below, as co-produced with Bollington Town Council.

Cheshire East Council are committed to funding 2 days (16 hours) per week of reduced staffing. Reduced staffing means a reduction in the usual number of Cheshire East Council supplied staff, and therefore no customer service function provided at the library. 16 hours a week of reduced staffing costs the same as 11 hours of full staffing being proposed for the other Tier 3 libraries.

Bollington Town Council have committed to match this Cheshire East Council funding, through top-up funding – 16.5 hours of reduced staffing each week.

Bollington Library	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total hours
Current CE Council provision		10:00 to 18:00	10:00 to 17:00	10:00 to 17:00	10:00 to 17:00	09:30 to 13:00	32.5
Proposed CE Council provision (reduced staffing)		14:00 to 18:00	13:00 to 17:00	13:00 to 17:00	13:00 to 17:00		16.0
Proposed Town Council top-up provision (reduced staffing)		10:00 to 14:00	10:00 to 13:00	10:00 to 13:00	10:00 to 13:00	09:30 to 13:00	16.5

The Bollington Library proposal retains Friday opening to complement opening hours at Macclesfield Library.

Community group impacts are as follows;

1. Adult Reading Groups – First and Third Tuesday evenings of each month, 4:30pm to 5:30pm – no impact
2. Adult Reading Group – First and Third Tuesday mornings of each month, 11:30am to 12:30pm – no impact
3. Baby Bounce – Thursdays each week, 10:15am to 10:45am – no impact
4. Childrens Book Group, Tuesdays each week, 4:15pm to 4:45pm – no impact
5. Lego Club – Saturdays each week, 10:00am to 12 Noon – no impact
6. Rhymetime – Wednesdays and Fridays 10:15am to 10:45am – no impact
7. Stories and Songs - Tuesdays each week, 10:15am to 10:45am – no impact
8. Story and Tea – one Thursday each month, 2:00pm to 3:00pm – no impact
9. Young Adult Book Group – Tuesdays 5:00pm to 5:45pm – no impact

Other activities are undertaken across school holiday periods and the like which will be organised to suit the new opening hours as is practical.

Disley Library Proposals

Current and proposed hours for Disley Library are set out below, as co-produced with Disley Parish Council.

Cheshire East Council are committed to funding full staffing for 1 and ½ days (11 hours) per week.

Disley Parish Council have committed to open the library on Saturday mornings between 9:30 am and 1pm, through a combination of top-up funding for a Senior Library Assistant, alongside volunteer support recruited by the Parish Council. Customer service functions would not be available on Saturday mornings.

Disley Library	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total hours
Current CE Council provision		09:00 to 13:00	09:00 to 13:00	14:00 to 18:00	14:00 to 18:00	09:00 to 13:00	20.0
Proposed CE Council provision (full staffing)			09:30 to 13:00	14:00 to 17:30	14:00 to 18:00		11.0
Proposed Parish Council top-up provision & volunteering						09:30 to 13:00	3.5

Community group impacts are as follows;

1. Lego Club - Friday each week, 3:30pm to 5:00pm – no impact
2. Coffee Morning – Saturdays each week, 10:00am to 12 Noon – no impact
3. Baby Bounce - Wednesday morning each week 10:30am to 11:00am – no impact
4. Rhymetime - Thursdays each week 2:15pm to 2:45pm – no impact
5. Keen Cooks book group – first Friday of the month, 2:00pm to 3:00pm – no impact
6. Kids Craft Club – one Saturday each month, 10:00am to 12 Noon – no impact

Other activities are undertaken across school holiday periods and the like which will be organised to suit the new opening hours as is practical.

Handforth Library Proposals

Current and proposed hours for Handforth Library are set out below, as co-produced with Handforth Town Council.

Cheshire East Council are committed to funding full staffing for 1 and ½ days (11 hours) per week.

Handforth Town Council have committed to open the library on Monday afternoons between 2:30 pm and 6pm, through top-up funding.

Handforth Library	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total hours
Current CE Council provision	10:00 to 17:00	10:00 to 18:00		10:00 to 17:00	10:00 to 17:00	09:30 to 13:00	32.5
Proposed CE Council provision (full staffing)		14:00 to 18:00		10:00 to 13:30	10:00 to 13:30		11.0
Proposed Town Council top-up provision (full staffing)	14:30 to 18:00						3.5

Community group impacts are as follows;

1. Lego Club - Tuesday each week, 4:00pm to 5:00pm – no impact
2. Lego Club - Saturday each month, 10:00am to 11:00am – alternative session already operating on Tuesday 4:00-5:00pm
3. Coffee Morning – Fridays each week, 10:30am to 11:30am – no impact
4. Crochet Knit & Natter – Saturdays each week 10:00am to 12:30pm – offer alternative on Monday 4:30-5:30pm or Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm
5. IT Buddy Sessions – Fridays each week 1:30pm to 2:30pm – offer alternative slot on Friday 9:30-10:30am
6. Baby Bounce - Thursday morning each week 11:00am to 11:30am – no impact
7. Rhymetime - Tuesdays each week 11:00am to 11:30am – offer alternative slot on Thursday morning 10:00-10:30am
8. Stories and Songs - Mondays each week 11:00am to 11:30am – offer alternative slot on Tuesday afternoons 2:00 – 2.30pm

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