

## Online Survey Question 9 Answers

11. Do you have any further comments?

169 responses

It would be irresponsible of our local political leaders if this facility was allowed to collapse.

For a village classed as a "service centre", Barrow is remarkably badly resourced. No Post Office, little parking, no village hall, no community centre - and so it goes on. The Library is one of the few facilities that we do have and we should hang on to it for dear life!

We must fight to keep the library alive and flourishing

Perhaps it should change name to "library and community hub" to highlight its multifunctional flexibility.

Keep it going, however much it costs

Barrow Parish Council owes it to the villages for which it acts as a service centre as well as to its own residents. A library is a resource for personal growth and well being.

For 30p a month what's not to like it's great value for money.

The library is run by volunteers and there are many benefits to this on a personal scale for the individuals involved and for the community as a whole. At a time when many new people are moving to the villages it will help them to integrate into village life. I didn't like the atmosphere of the library when it was run by LCC as I didn't find it welcoming whereas now it has a friendlier vibe.

No.

Not now

More will use it if you provide associated parking

I think the library car park should be open 24 hours a day for the residents of Barrow to use. Put a 2 hour limit on it or something like that. Why shut it and make cars for shops and schools have to park on the roads. It is a narrow resource and should be for Barrow use as a whole. I don't agree with council resources being closed and locked. I think this is wrong - especially when the library is shut!!

Would love to get more info/leaflets. Rachjepson@gmail.com Thanks

Everyone is extremely welcoming and helpful

Losing the library would have an impact for lots of people. So many different groups use this service and it's vital to our community as a whole

With the limited opening times it is barely worth keeping, I would much rather see the building used every day as an after school club, youth club and adult learning courses, such as art classes.

Please don't close the library!

We live in Burton on the Wolds, there are no social groups for mums with babies and toddlers in Burton. The library in Barrow has honestly been a lifeline at a time when it can feel quite lonely to be on maternity leave, especially as church run baby groups are term time only. It has to stay!

The Library should be retained. To close it would be a massively short sighted decision that would do a disservice to our children and their development.

As a teacher, I would be horrified if the Barrow Library closed, denying locals the very important opportunities of reading, socialising and exercising - all needed for mental and physical wellbeing.

The library is wonderful and the volunteers are always very friendly. Definitely an important part of Barrow upon Soar

We don't use it as much as we used to as my daughter has read nearly all of the books for her age group (this is not a criticism-she averages a novel a day) but when they were younger we were there weekly. Now when we do pop in the volunteers are still so friendly and helpful - it's a lovey place to go. Well done to all who are involved.

As a volunteer I know how vital the library is for the whole community especially the young and older members. We must not lose this vital service.

Important public service.

The library is an important part of our village. We have to fight for it.

Just love the Barrow library and the volunteers .

Thank you to everyone who helps run the library!

N/A

It's such a well run library and is always clean and tidy and more than anything, welcoming. I'm really passionate about making sure the library remains and will do what I can to support it.

Please please please keep it open.

No

As the village grows bigger due to the new housing estate, the children and the elderly need a community hub.

Please please keep the library open

The volunteers and space are amazing. We love the library

I feel like the carpark should be open 24 hours for everyone, this would stop/reduce the parking on the road for the shop and chipshop, causing less accidents waiting to happen.

Please don't close the library

Car park should be open all the time to keep illegal cars parked away from shop and chip shop. Will help people cross the road more safely. Also allow visitors in the evening to park for short time more safely

No

Please keep the library.

Just a big thank you to all the staff and especially the volunteers for helping to keep this vital service going

I love the library. The volunteers are so friendly and helpful.

The car park would be more important to disabled library users.

Parking space is important to many people and it's already limited in the village

They don't have a car park!!

I didn't realise the car park was for public use. I've never seen the gates open.

Please stay open!!!!

It would be a big loss for the area if the library is closed.

Although I have not used the library I have purchased and donated books. The people running it are extremely friendly, helpful and full of ideas for the com to interact with this social area

More rainbow magic books

We've used the car park on rainy days so it's helpful to have, but mostly we walk. Thank you so much to all the kind and helpful volunteers who have kept the library open for my children to enjoy. They really love to visit.

Keep it open,

A village as large as Barrow needs a community library to enhance the wellbeing of residents

Please don't let us lose our library!

It will be a great loss to lose the library.

It would be nice to make the library bigger and a bigger car park

No.

Let's keep a library in the village to encourage a love of reading and to be a community space

The volunteers who run the library are doing a great job - very friendly and welcoming.. Barrow is expanding and this social space should not be lost.

Please be mindful of thoughtless decisions The worst decision in my opinion as a comparison was the closing of youth clubs A trend in our present society of closing libraries, Should be strongly opposed.

You do a wonderful job, I hope it survives....its Important

Please keep our library

For a village as large as ours it would be a disaster to close such a amenity of such quantity and of such relative economy! Please listen to this council!

It would be useful to have more background information on why the survey is needed other than increasing financial pressure. How tight are things ?

If we continue to cut all public services we will not have a society to be part of, just who can buy every thing and those that cant

The volunteers are an amazing bunch of people, giving up their time to provide this amenity. They are ALWAYS friendly and helpful.

No

To lose the library would be abhorrent. After so many years of being community run by volunteers, it would be an insult for funding to be cut. Libraries are the last free commodities in the UK.

Just hopefully we won,t have to close

Please see comments in Q10.

It could be a really important village resource if left open. It's a pity it's only available to library users during opening hours. The village is short of car park space and local businesses would really appreciate the extra trade they would get if you could easily park that end of the street.

**KEEP THE LIBRARY GOING**

It sounds as if there is a potential threat to the existence of Barrow's Library. Contact our local MP. It's time they earned their keep. Barrow needs its library.

Please keep this vital service open, for local residents and for those of the future, of all ages and types.

Social place

Thanks for your service so far!

should we march through the village advertising the library more broadly, have tea and biscuits/cake , competitions, afternoon/day to get people in? Sorry but I can't run for the library, could maybe do a walk.. anything else we could do to raise money?? Make bags to carry the books for free, or for a small fee. Offer house deliveries?

The efforts of the volunteers who maintain and run the library are appreciated.

If you live by yourself, the library is somewhere to walk to, where you can have a coffee , read the paper and talk to another human being. If you are a young mother with children at home again it is somewhere to go. It does not cost money and so is available to everyone no matter what their financial position is. It is of such great value.

We have no post office and a limited transport system to Leicester, so the village (with over 6,000 residents and rapidly growing) do not need to lose another valuable service. Thankyou

You could pay say, 10p for hire of a book if that would help..

The library in barrow is really good. The people there are always so friendly.

8No

The library is hugely important to local communities and I hope that it is not in danger of closing!!

The library definitely needs funding if it is to continue

Please keep it!

My village has no library and too many have already closed.

The library and their services are amazing. The people (some of them volunteers) do so much. The library is a huge part of the barrow community and so many people including me would be lost without it...

Car park important for the disabled and less able members of community

Do some fundraising.

no

It is a great local asset with great staff and volunteers.

Closing barrow library would remove a vital social hub and resources for the village which many residents rely on

Please don't close the library- it's a lovely place for children and adults to go to

No , but I think we should try are hardest to save this essential part of our village

I love to read series of books so maybe something to highlight them classic and modern. A book circle maybe.. A talk from any local authors..

Disabled access would be great for the car park or directly from the car park. It's not very accessible.

I would volunteer if younger! Definitely needed.

No.

We would like to try one of the craft sessions for adults or children.

Thankful for the volunteers. Reiterate what the library offers in Barrow Voice. It's mentioned above about newspapers. Is that individuals bringing personal papers in or the library buys daily titles on the days it's open?

I hope the Barrow council seriously consider the impact on people's lives if they decide to close the library. It is a great asset to Barrow and the community.

Other libraries are a long way away, and the bus service is hopeless.

I would like to know what the footfall is of the library and the numbers of books, DVDs etc are borrowed and how much the personal computers are used.

To lose another local resource would be devastating to the surrounding community.

Barrow library is essential for the well being of a huge proportion of Barrow residents.

Is the library under threat? The image on the poster of burning books implies as much. If it is so, tell us and initiate a campaign we can get behind if not what do you really want.

Library is excellent

SUGGESTION CHARGE FOR USE OF COMPUTERS, A NOMINAL CHARGE

It's good for the community

No

If you lose the Library you lose the heart of the village

Please keep it. If we value knowledge, and if we value helping children (and others) to gain knowledge and learn about the world, we should keep our library.

None

Keep the library please!!

N/a

Knock it down & build flats/apartments.

I think it's very important that the library stay in Barrow, my little boy is always very excited to go to the library to get new books and it has been enjoyable for me as his mum to have a chance to read books that I otherwise wouldn't be able to afford.

Great service

Thank you to all the workers and volunteers you all do an amazing job x

Please save our beloved library!

Used to take my children to get new books every week, they are now 24 and 26.... Still use the library to borrow books

Please please we need to keep our library its the hun of the community and keeps meeting new friends and enjoying time out of our homes especially those of us that live alone. It's a huge part for our furrow children's learning too and for those that don't have cats to be able to get to the nearest local one 🙏😞

None please keep this lovely library we need it in our village

No

Once this facility is gone, it will be difficult to get back. This should not be about profit, this is about community.

I live near enough not to use the car park but, as a facility supported by grant from the parish council, I think it should be made available to the village more than it is

Didn't realize there was a car park.

Don't get rid of it. You wallies!!

Hope this is a community resource that can be saved and supported so it can continue to support us as a community.

Please don't close!

Barrow is ever growing and we need to hang on to as many community facilities as we can.

Barrow library is the best in the area

Hope you stay open

Be nice to see it extended around the back and made into a community hub/hall as Barrow doesn't have one anymore

I joined the library when I moved to the village in 1970 and have used it continually since. All my four children came to the library from babies and still read today. Also it is eco friendly to borrow books rather than buy and dispose.

PLEASE DON'T CLOSE OUR LIBRARY

Please save our beautiful village library it's a social hub of activity, a really lovely place for our community

Is it possible to join the library if you live outside of Barrow?

Please do not close this lifeline of a service

This is a must for the community. I work in the village so use Barrow and also Quorn libraries.

No

We have been stripped of Post Office, Shops, have no real community centre a doctors that cannot cope with increase in population. If they take the Library then there will be nothing. People making these decisions should be ashamed

The huge community support the library enjoys is testimony to its importance, and its esteem.

Keep the library please. I have been attending from age 3 and although this was pre-internet where the library was the only source of information, now I think the library is more about helping people, particularly those on lower incomes, to access appropriate and interesting books and information and to provide a community space for all. I have been so impressed with the volunteers too who are all friendly. If you the local parish council want to shut the library by withdrawing funds then they are effectively saying that they no longer wish to provide basic services to their (paying) members of the public. Then where would people go for advice on British literature for example? YouTube or Google?? Keep the library well funded, and parish counsellors should consider going beyond that and offer to volunteer once a month too, perhaps even take out a book on the ancient library of Alexandria in Egypt est 285–246 BC as a starting point.

Publishing timetable of forthcoming events in Barrow News.

No

Just to say thank you to everyone involved in running it.

Disabled driver , need car park

Parking is terrible in village and puts people off going to shops

We do not want to lose this service for our village

I sincerely hope that the library continues to function and flourish.

Brilliant library - please keep it.

We are very fortunate to have the library and we must not lose it.

Feel strongly that we do not need lose this service from the village.

I didn't know there was a library car park but if it provides access to those with mobility problems then yes I would say it's very important. Please don't let the library close - so important when we have schools in the village and a whole community where the library is a valuable meeting place as well as a great resource. I would be happy to volunteer a few hours here and there to keep it going and I'm sure many others would to

Many people would miss it. There's a variety of books and some may not be able to afford to buy.

Did not know there was a car park

No

No

Keep public services available to the public

DONT CLOSE THE LIBRARY PLEASE

The library is a great resource and should be kept for an ever growing village, especially one without a post office.

Keep the library please, so many use it and it would be a great disappointment if it were lost

Please keep the library open!!

I love the library. It was one of the assets considered when I moved to the village. It is used by a lot of people. It needs to stay. It is such a precious community hub.

I think it's important to keep it open.

The staff in the library are always very friendly, helpful, knowledgeable and make it a very positive place. Please keep this thriving library going!

Please stay open

Don't close the library

It's a great asset for 30p a month.