

Online Survey Question 8 Answers

8. Please explain why you chose your last answer

474 responses

Responses

The library is a very important social resource as well as a cultural one. In addition to enhancing children's enjoyment of reading for pleasure and learning to learn, it also provides a volunteering experience for adults that is equally important for personal growth and well being.

The cost to each household is minimal and the benefit to the village as a community is valuable.

Important social centre for a very large village with no village hall or community centre

It is a precious resource for any civilised community

The cost per month is negligible and the value of the facility far outweighs the minimal cost

The Library provides so many services as well as book loans that the community needs.

A vital resource for any village relying on Barrow as its service centre

Every civilised community should maintain a library that is free to all.

The benefits to ALL far outweigh the cost. The team of volunteers running the library are top notch. It is an absolute sanctuary for many and an asset to all the young who strengthen their literacy skills there.

The library is a wonderful, vibrant place and is a real community hub. Having access to free books and computers is important. Lots of people would be disadvantaged by not having access to these.

It's a welcoming space that encourages community interactions on top of the essential provision of books and access to information for all ages.

The library is vital as a friendly and welcoming space for all ages to be able to borrow books, use the facilities, introduce young children to reading and to meet friends to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing.

Excellent welcoming community space with lots of things on offer to suit all ages that aren't offered elsewhere in the village.

Community

Because I think they're really important for the community especially for children and those tight finances

V valuable resource for all ages. Important for social meetings classes and mental health. Esp good for young readers to establish good reading routines. And foster a love of books for all.

It is an important resource in a rural area

Important community resource especially for people on low income, older adults and people who may be socially isolated. I would happily pay more to maintain its existence even though I rarely use it myself at the moment

Responses

It's an important community asset
Vital support for fsmiliex
I think a library is an essential part of a community
It's an important service for those who use it
It's a meeting place for the elderly, a place to meet others. Important for children-we always used it when our children were young. Not everyone has the funds to buy books or access the Internet .
It provides a centre for the community. It gives a cheap activity for parents with young children. I have used it for self help type books that I wouldn't go out and buy but am interested to have a quick look at. I think books should be available for all. I think the kids book section and adult non-fiction needs to be maintained but am less convinced by the adult fiction section. These types of books are readily available at cheap prices Nearly everyone has a phone with access and I live Borrowbox and would hate to see it go. It is good to know they have printers.
It's essential for the community.
Libraries are essential to community life. Provide an inexpensive way for children to have access to a wide range of books and literature as it does for everyone. Barrow library is central to Barrow and the surrounding area.
It's essential
I think the library is a valuable community asset for Barrow and the surrounding villages.
Libraries are so important for communities and we need to keep them open.
Library's are really important. I'd love to know more about how to access it with mynuusband and kids
It's a great local service and a hub of the community
Vital for young people to have free access to books and somewhere to do homework . Also to provide free access to computers for those who don't have devices at home - essential for social inclusion and access to online services.
It's a vital part for some residents that are less mobile
Great resource for local children and families
My sister goes almost every week
I use it to get my children different books
Its a valued community resource.
It provides a great place for the community - gives people an opportunity to come together
It is. Burden to the village and I feel the money they receive could be put to better use
The library is a vital resource for the village and the people who live here and especially children as a local well stocked library can make a huge difference to children's interest in reading

Responses

The library is a fabulous resource for Barrow. My children love going to the library and choosing books. I use the library regularly to borrow books for myself. It is a hub for the community and it would be very sad for the village to see it go.

It's an essential service for the village and should be preserved.

I would be lost without them. Staff are always friendly and I love my visits.

So important for children to have easy access to a variety of books.

A community resource for all.

My children and I love the library. It is an invaluable resource for our local community. As well as promoting reading and literacy in young people it is also a fantastic social place to meet other mums with young children. It is fundamental for the social and mental wellbeing of the local community. There are very few free places where you can go and meet other people and use the resources available, the library is definitely needed!

Necessary to the community for so many reasons

A valuable educational service for our children in the past and our grandchildren now. The magic of books and reading should be there for all children. It's not all about computer games.

My children love coming to the library to choose books and do colouring and I've found that the buying books is becoming more expensive and it is more cost effective and environmentally responsible to borrow books instead

It's important for the older generation and also for families that can't afford to buy books for their children

It's a valuable resource for the community and especially for encouraging children to read

It's a vital community hub for many reasons.

Every village should have a library, but especially a village as large as Barrow!

It's a vital community resource, that support so many. It's such a lovely and friendly library.

Every village or town needs a library, important for children and brilliant for the community.

It costs too much to buy books and it's also better for the environment to borrow. Also visits to the library were loved by both my children when they were younger and contributed to their love of reading.

It provides a vital service to the community, being in the heart of the village. It offers a good choice of children's books and encourages children's literacy. It offers a social space - I visit weekly for the pilates classes and other events.

My daughter loves going to borrow the books

It is a valuable resource to many - young and old. They are great at putting on lots of varied events and drawing people in. Mostly - it is great for the kids to have local access!

Good for the community

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The library is a vital service to the bArrow community and as I don't drive it is so useful to have all these services on our doorstep. It would be a great asset lost if the library was to close.

Its an important community facility

It offers a community service that everyone in the village can access no matter what their age. It also encourages young children to love books.

It provide so much for kids and helps stimulate their minds.

It is a valuable asset to the community. A social space that people appreciate. Barrow is a better place because of the library.

Books are so important for everyones development and growth. Everyone should have the opportunity to access them. The library provides social and emotional support for the local community too.

Not only does it provide a necessary service it is also a social, safe space

It's a vital community service

It is a lovely library our grandchildren love it. Lots of book sales we need to keep it open for our ever growing village to enjoy.

Because it's a valuable asset to the village, that myself and my children like to visit

My child really enjoys the library. I want him to carry on enjoying what the library offers and to help him enjoy books.

It us important hub in the community..

It's a very useful resource to a few villages. I have seen clubs meeting up in the library, the computers are always being used when I go in. I see children and adults borrowing books. It's a great community space. I would miss it hugely.

The library provides a vital service to local residents and beyond. Not only to borrow books but socially too!

For the children

The library is at the heart of the community and not only a place to read a borrow books but also a social space for young and old.

The Library is a community space that is welcoming, warm, free to use and much needed by everyone from Parents with pre-school kids to older people looking for company.

Its a brilliant library, really great for children, new mums, baby groups. Keeps children interested in reading. Facilities and can order books from other libraries in etc.

It's a great hub for our local community and is so important that our children have access to reading. I also love books myself, and am very thankful for the volunteers that keep the library service open so we have somewhere we can go close to home

The library is a vital resource for the community

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I would like more information on how to join Barrow Library please

The people of the village need access to the books and social aspect of this village amenity and hub!

The library is a valued resource and I plan to attend classes there when I retire

Everyone is able to use it

It is a vital to the community and the only free service provided that offers so much for all ages in the local community. I look forward so much to coming to the library and is a hobby I have instilled in my 5 year old and my 8 month old already has a library card.

My children love having a library to visit. I think it's really important to have somewhere to access books

The library is such a valuable resource. My children must take out around 5 books each week, and we use the computers for research and printing, both personal and school work. I have suggested the library to vulnerable isolated Barrow residents and they have found great joy in just reading the paper in the company of others whilst having a cup of coffee. 30p per household per month is nothing, for what it currently gives back to our community.

Libraries are crucial. My toddler loves going and choosing books, playing and reading.

It's a vital service for the community, it allows those without a home computer to gain access to the internet with all the advantages that offers, the books are free to borrow, which is very important for the less well-off in the village.

Good for children

It provides a safe and welcoming space that helps to bring the community together with its activities and events

Offers support network for me and my children. We often meet our friends there. Promotes love of reading for children and as they get older they are taking more interest in the computers.

It is an essential and very valuable part of our village community. It is a life line for many vulnerable and isolated people. The library is a crucial way for children to access a wide range of books. Many children do not have access to books at home and so the library is vital in promoting and encouraging reading. The library provides such a wide range of services and support.

My daughter absolutely loves the library we regularly visit. She loves the chess club and feels safe and happy when visiting

It's a Community Hub for the Local Community.

It's a vital community service and acts as a hub bringing the community together.

Vital for our community

It's part of the community. A valuable and useful resource, What is there going to be left for the community if social and community spaces keep closing down.

It is a community service for all.

Responses

Community opportunities Importance of reading for kids

The library is such an important place in the village. I go every week and take my 3yr old son and as a result he loves books. He also attends with his childminder each week. The services and activities on offer are such an asset to the village

My children love going to the library. Just to spend time reading there is so important, we often meet other small children there. We love the library

It's important for children to have access to books, especially if there household doesn't have them or encourage them at home

I take my grandson to Rhyme Time and he loves it. It is great to have an option for a reasonably priced activity in the village that is walkable from home

Community asset

A community hub for villagers

Brilliant community resource

I have used the library for years. My daughter completing this on my behalf as I don't use a computer. It is an essential service for elderly and disabled in the village

I also take my children and it's important for their education

The library is a friendly welcoming and free space where individuals and families can come to borrow books, use the computers and photocopier, meet friends, socialise and join groups to reduce social isolation. It's also vital to introduce children to the joy of books as early as possible, to help their reading skills and thereby boost their opportunities in life.

In my opinion the library is better for being run by volunteers. It's welcoming, it's a hub for new parents, new people to the village and older people who need a community. Reading is hugely important for children, the Barrow preschool playgroup loves to visit and show the children the wonderful facility. But it has become about more than books, the club's are great, chess club on a Friday is so busy with kids after school. I have even hired it for birthday parties. I love having a library in our village.

Small amount to pay for a vital service

It's a hub for the local Community where people can go

Great for the kids

It's a brilliant community hub, I think it's a great thing for adults and children.

It is more than a library it is a social hub

It's a great place for the kids to explore different books. I also use it for books and a social hub to meet up.

It's the heart of the village, bringing all ages together with a shared love of stories

The staff (mainly volunteers) work so hard to make it a lovely place to visit, not only to borrow books

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but to learn on the premises and take part in a wide variety of social events. There is a wide variety of books available and with the cost of living crisis, people can continue their love of reading and encourage their children too, as there are lots of events that make learning to read fun. It is also a designated 'warm space' in the winter, providing vital hot drinks and company for lonely people. It really is the heart of the community. PLEASE KEEP IT OPEN 🙏

I have recently rejoined the Library to borrow books and read information/news. I intend to use it more for social events as I head into retirement.

It is so important as a support network for pre school parents, and then for primary school pupils to read - they go through books so fast that they need a library to keep variation and also for the summer reading challenge

Because it is a lifesaver for so many people.

As we already have no post office, to lose the library in what is now a large village would be awful.

I don't know how well utilised the library is by other residents?

We love having the library in our doorstep, it provides a fun afternoon for our son who also enjoys rhyme time

The library is a lovely place for children and adults the children love going in

My daughter loves visiting the library. It really helped her in her early years of reading to get excited about books.

It's a social hub of the village

I think it's so important for people to have access to books especially children. It's also good to have a calm welcoming space for people to get together.

My 2 youngest children love to visit the library. We try and go every week. My son is really enjoying the chess sessions and using the computers and my daughter loves to borrow books to read at home.

Everybody has the right to read, library provide books to those who can't afford to constantly buy and children need to learn the love of books

It is important to the community.

A valuable community resource. Not everyone has a computer at home and the library gives access/equal opportunities to people who don't.

It's a great centre for the community.

I imagine it's good for parents

It's important for my education. I need access to books, a space to do my homework and to meet friends.

Because its become a hub for the village. If we are to remain as a community with all the benefits that entails then we need our hub.

My son and partner use the library frequently and a library is an important part of a community

Responses

I have been using the library since I was a little boy at Hall Orchard.

It's a great asset especially for the children of the village. We often go down after school.

Never stop learning

Valuable resource to many, especially for promoting reading amongst children by giving them access to a vast range of books and genres to 'try' without having to commit lots of expense.

It's a fantastic community resource and my son gets so much from it. He loves to borrow books, magazine swap and to join in with the summer reading scheme.

This is the best library in the Charnwood area. Staff are helpful and knowledgeable and always happy to see you and polite.

It is part of the village community, for some people a place to go and see others, chat, catch up read a paper, learn a new skill

Don't have a personal computer or Printer at home , and can't justify buying then.

I have used this library for many years, weekly for rhyme time and borrowing books for my small children, then for the summer reading challenge as they grew older and then for reading and for help with homework as teenagers. I've also borrowed many fiction:non-fiction books for myself, used the computers and attended social events. My daughter also gained much from her time as a volunteer there. It's an invaluable community resource for so many reasons and for all ages,

Books and reading are very important

The library provides an important service to the community. Libraries are one of the few "third spaces" (I.e. not home or work) where you can spend time without having to spend money - this is something that should be protected and maintained anyway but in the current economic crisis it is essential! In addition to being a place where children and adults can read a wide selection of books regardless of their financial situation, the library was an invaluable source of respite, warmth and community during a cold and expensive winter. I don't personally attend any clubs or activities taking place in the library but there is a finite amount of space for clubs and activities to take place in Barrow and it would be a real shame if one of those precious spaces were removed.

It's a wonderful addition to our village, to be able to walk there with my children and select new books each week is great. I'd hate for it to close.

To lose such a valuable service would be devastating. It serves such a wide area. With many public services closing it is the one place that is reliable. Hours have already been cut and we do not want it to disappear. The facilities are amazing and should be treasured. AS people grow through different ages needs change so other services become important if not used presently.

Invaluable resource to the village

I concern it essential to the villager

Libraries are an important community resource particularly for families with limited income and those who are more isolated and need a friendly venue.

It seems to be a vital resource for the community and serves many interests and groups

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It provides a space for the community for families and individuals to access literature, access the Internet, get involved in the community through events, activities and volunteering.

The library is vital for the village. It supports literacy for children and young people, enables us to borrow proper books, helps people not be so isolated, helps people with IT problems, supports a lot of older people and people with mental ill health (particularly through Warm Barrow in the winter), builds friendships and connections for people in the village, it's a great venue for activities and we would be a poorer village without it. Without the library I sometimes wouldn't talk to anybody all week.

It's the hub of the community. We have already lost the post office and losing the library would have a huge impact on the local residents

I've found Nottinghamshire libraries such as East Leake have a lot more selection and more availability in reserving books online.

It's a major facility for the local community

if people are paying less than 30p they won't even realise it's going out there tax's, and how beneficial that 30p is too the community

Library's are useful to many different people in many ways old and young and has been in the village for years. People may struggle to access things they need to like books and computers if the library is closed. The library also is a place for people to socialise and may effect peoples mental health if they are unable to socialise.

Every child needs a library not every household can afford the technology thats needed. For the older generation it gets people out meeting and talking to others. So much goes of its not just about books.

It's an important service for the community, especially those seeking help, advice or a friendly spot.

It is a very important part of the village which gives all of the community a little something. Will be sadly missed if it's closed

I have used the library I the past with my children so think it should be around for other ones.

The library has Excellent facilities and brings the village together in many ways.

To many in the village it can be the only time that they get to see and talk to others. Not everyone has the access or the understanding of technology to use ebooks or they just prefer a book

we look ve yhe community and barrow families ly at the library. plus super kids books

It provides access to books for all ages, as well as being a social hub.

Fab community space.

Though I haven't actively used the library recently I have previously and feel it is an invaluable facility for a large village to hold on to. The volunteers who keep it going seem to be creative and resourceful in creating a library with lots of additional activities. I will endeavour to visit when not working to show my support.

I haven't used the library for several years, mainly because I was working, then covid. However, I think it's a very important part of our community, I'm now retired, and although currently have very

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little time free, I am considering volunteering to help keep this community essential asset. There are important social benefits, and friendships are made at the variety of groups that use the library.

My daughter loves to come and choose books. I think that libraries are important for communities, especially in a digital age where many feel isolated. A library is a hub for a chat as well as borrowing books.

The library is very important to me and I wouldn't want to lose it.

The rise of on line resources and low cost accessibility to books has rendered library services somewhat obsolete. The inception of community libraries in the Victorian era was predicated on the relatively high cost of books at that time.

It's important to the community

Tradition, Research. A safe haven for those who meet socialise etc, You do not realise how you miss some thing Untill it gone Little prospect of reversing bad decisions

As a child my dad took me to the library, both my parents were good readers and I still am I used to enjoy going to Barrow library , health reasons is why I don't now (addicted to kindle...sorry) Barrow library should definitely Saved so much is going on there , its important and not 'screen related

Libraries are essential for educational and social life. Libraries offer hope to young people for a better and happier life.

I take out books as I like to read a lot. I usually visit the Library every third week and in that time I read 3 books. Without the Library I would buy books as I did during the Covid lockdown.

Very valuable asset for the village

Just because I don't use it does not mean that it is not a useful facility for many other villagers. Libraries provide more than just book loans.

For a village as large as Barrow it would be a disaster to close it! Reading is the most essential skill for children to learn, it underpins all other skills and subjects! Schools cannot do everything, they need support and our library does that wonderfully!

Essential that everybody has access to books from early to old age

Although I very rarely use the library I feel it's very important to have the library as it adds so much to the life of the village

Provides essential facilities for a range of activities for residents of all ages from the village.

The library is one of the few multigenerational focal points and resources for the village. It enables children with parents, grandparents a place to explore a huge range of reading material. Equally the same resource is there for teenagers and adults. The computers and useable space add to the benefit of books.

It is a community hub that will be essential for some people wellbeing

I buy cheap used books through Amazon mostly as but I know people who use the library a lot.

A very useful public amenity. Children can be encouraged to read from birth... using the books or

Responses

attending rhyme time. A social place for older people to meet or speak with friendly staff if lonely. It is accessible by all villagers, without the need for cars. Computers available for those without, or who need to print off things.

It is a valuable service for people who like to read books especially if they do not have the facilities for downloading e-books.

It is a vital asset to the community from birth -rhyme time, introducing children to books, availability of books for children or adults who can't afford to buy them, to social activities for all generations . It also provides access to computers and was a warm welcome environment last winter when fuel bills were so high.

The library is an extremely important factor in the Barrow community, not only for provision of free books and resources but also as a hub for people to socialise.

Important to the community

Important to the community

Although I personally only rarely use the library, I know it is there when I need it, and certainly know it brings much happiness to all generations. Lots of people rely on its services to help them through their day. It is a centre for people.

Although I don,t use the library i lost my husband and it finding hard to mix with strangers on my own but when I get the courage I will definitely be using it don,t spoil all the children mornings and game days Barrow needs a Library and when i am stronger I will be coming

If it's that small an amount it's a bargain. The books are full of information which can be enjoyed by all ages. Crucial for students doing O & A levels who need some assistance. The PCs function as they should, should say only used one once as I have one at home, but many don't, and rely on the library service. What I do find very useful is the availability of a printer to print A3 size copies, very useful when required. I have attended several presentations by local people which were very interesting, let's have more. I have to say the coffee is very good especially with a current newspaper. We should all say a very big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who do a sterling job.

The library is becoming increasingly a focal point of many activities. It's a safe neutral space to hold events. Although personally I don't read many books it's an important place to encourage children to learn to read and in today's world of climate concerns re-using books rather than everyone having a new copy at home is good for the environment

It is more than just a library, it provides an amazing safe space for adults and children. It also provides a great place for community events to take place outside of library hours.

It's an important community resource.

its good for the younger generation and young kids to understand the value and importance of books in the modern day, the library has been there for years and it would be such a shame to see it go.

It is very important for the Community to have a library & space for community activities.

How will anybody obtain books to read if there is no library? Not everybody can afford to buy books. Books are very important for children's development and education. Not everyone has, or wants, or can afford to buy a computer. Every citizen should have access to a library in their locality. Every village or city suburb should have a library. Tory spending cuts have resulted in the closure of many libraries. It

Responses

is only thanks to the efforts of volunteers that Barrow still has a functioning library. Do not let anyone close Barrow's library.

A library is an essential service in every community and in a community like Barrow with a population of 7000+, plus surrounding villages, provides a space and resources for literacy, education, social contact and many forms of communication.

Where else can you get so much information for £3.60 per year. You can't even top up your phone for 1 week for that amount.

Love of reading and for children to learn to read a book instead of on line

It provides a great service to the community

It is an essential service for the community, for all ages but particularly for the children who get so much pleasure from their visits.

The library is a good place for children to learn the value of reading and for people to meet to discuss village matters.

It's a lifeline, I love reading novels, often they help me to brush off the days problems too. It is also a social place , to meet old friends and new.. What would I do without the library. !!

It is a brilliant community hub for the children of barrow to use inside and outside of school times.

Every community should have access to a library. It is regrettable that the County Council does not see fit to cover the full cost of providing a library in Barrow. The County Council ought not expect to retain ownership of the Library site and buildings if it is not prepared to fund the service.

It's a great place to socialise and meet new people. It also provides people with a large selection of good condition books that they can take out and read whenever they want. It educates people of all ages and is a fun place for kids.

Because it's a service to the community that is essential My daughter has been with pre-school.

I can't buy a book for 30p so the library is good value

It is really important for the village community both for children and adults alike.

A library is very important, not just for books but as a community service / access to the internet. I don't use the library but I want to see it stay open.

It is a much-needed community facility given that the village does not have a village hall.

Valuable service and important part of the community

Essential community service

Meeting place 4 groups

It is an important community asset. People visiting the library speak to each other and that may be the only opportunity to speak to another person all day. The library volunteers also take books to the housebound residents including my mother. We think the service is invaluable. Please do not close.

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Even though I do not use it myself, it is a very valuable resource for the small town and community. Especially school children

The library has a brilliant selection of reading materials, access to printing, books to buy, it's well used by all ages for different activities and the staff very helpful. It's a clean and welcoming space. Losing the library would be another blow to the village.

There are lots of activities run for the community in the Library and important to have a library ooennyii on cater for everyone particularly older people who may not be able to get out of the village easily

I read books all the time and enjoy the choir. It would be a great loss to me and the village, also my grandson likes to visit with me.

Is a useful resource for those who look for access and connectivity to information, particularly those who don't this via a workplace

It's an important part of the community. They do so much to help both young and old.

Essential service

It's a great resource for many families and individuals. It provides community and companionship not just books.

Benefits large number of people in Barrow and surrounding villages

In a time of increasing cost of living the library provides a free service and a welcoming space

Because Barrow needs these senses of community. Our transit is awful and useless, we don't have a post office. We will be losing ervi for sending and receiving parcels in our local coop. And the Barrow express store may be ending their contract with Yodel. These may not seem like they have much to do with the library but we are losing more and more reasons for surrounding smaller villages to come into our village. They may be dropping off a parcel at barrow express and then returning a few books. Maybe stop for coffee in one of our coffee shops and grab a few things from the coop. But we will be losing more and more people coming through or having reasons to move to the village without offering these small incentives of community. Maybe the library can take over the contracts for ervi (Hermes) and yodel. Will certainly help fund them.

A valuable asset to the village. A friendly team who looks after everyone so well.

I may not visit often, but when my daughter was young, we were in the library every Saturday, for children's books it is invaluable resource!

Useful community resource for many

Essential service for young and old

Its an essential resource especially for older people who are nit as mobile and for young children to encourage reading outside of school.

Fabulous service to encourage children's reading

Families need access to books/computers/social opportunities especially if they don't have transport

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Although I have access to plenty of reading material so only occasionally borrow books I know many people do wish to do that. This is especially true for children and young people. My grandchildren were taken to the library regularly when they were young and lived in Barrow. But so many other things are available at Barrow Library and well used. Because Barrow does not have a Community Centre the Library performs this service in some ways.

It is so important for the community, for all age groups. A very valuable service - and run by volunteers thank goodness.

It serves the community

It is a place for people to meet and interact as well as a source of knowledge and learning.

It is a vital hub for the whole community.

Although I do not use the service, it's vital for children in the area as well as the groups there

I have mental health issues and barrow has been and is a lifeline for me. They have been so supportive and I have learnt new skills on the computer as I don't have Wi-Fi or a computer at home.

My 9 year old loves taking out books and it would be a huge shame for the children in the village not having access to this.

It is a necessary facility for people books are too expensive to buy

It's important for the children of barrow and their education, well-being and sense of community

Having a local library is enriching for mental health, the enjoyment of reading and chatting with the lovely local volunteers, who generate a warm and welcoming environment.

It should be essential for all villages for learning, social interaction etc

The library is the community hub and provides vital service and social environment for all elements of the community. When my children were younger we would visit the library twice a week for books and for social. As a result of this encouragement to read, they have developed a love for reading. All individuals should have the opportunity to access books. Our library offers something for everyone.

The library offers many useful facilities, e.g. computers and printing as well as books. Residents would have to travel to Loughborough if there was no library, adding to traffic on the roads and increasing pollution.

A valuable resource.

It is great to have a small, local library that my children can choose books from after school.

community facility

It is a great community space. I intend to continue to use it and hope to use more. I have used it for various reasons over the years, with my children, for work and social.

Libraries are important community hubs and provide services which people may not have access to otherwise, particularly those who find it more difficult/too costly to leave the village for these services

It encourages people to read, come into the centre of the village. Offers a friendly service. Part of the community

The library is an essential part of the village and it also acts a community hub

For children especially books and learning to love them so important. Used the library a great deal whilst mine was growing up

A library is an important part of a community. It allows children to have opportunities to thrive when they don't have access to computers and books and chess at home. It gets people to feel a part of their community and helps with older people who feel lonely.

Lending books, information re. the village, meeting place, essential for children, computer information and access. resting place and refreshment available, sale of books, jigsaws etc., ad infinitum

It is important that all children learn and enjoy reading. It brings the community together.

The library has failed to keep pace with the needs of modern society.

Libraries provide such a vital resource to communities and help improve opportunities to develop children's literacy- especially during a cost of living crisis. They also provide other vital services to members of the community who are usually the most vulnerable.

We go to borrow and read books with my 3 year old daughter. Reading has a huge impact on a child's education so being able to access different and new books is important for their development.

Not everyone has access to books they can be expensive and it is also a social place for many of barrow residents who wouldn't meet people otherwise.

The library be a great community asset allowing social interaction and is a great place for our two children to learn and socialize.

because it's a nice relaxing place to go to escape 🧘

Its a great asset to the community

It's essential resource for community

Important community asset particularly for the elderly

I don't think £4 a year is a financial burden for Barrow residents. However, if the library is funded by Barrow households- shouldn't those that attend from outside the village pay a supplement to contribute/raise revenues?

This library is essential to the community. Here is why - - so many groups benefit from meeting there - I have 2 young daughters who love reading and they would be devastated if it was closed - the library helps people with mental health problems, through the services it provides, eg chess, the rhyme time It would be a very sad day if the library closed and it isn't just about how profitable a business is as to whether you should keep it!!

I have a Kindle, but nothing beats the look and feel and convenience of a real book. I am home educated, so I don't have access to a school library. I also attend the sewing group once a month.

I believe in public libraries.

A library is a useful local resource for all the residents in the surrounding area or living locally.

The library is so much more than a library. It is a social space enjoyed for so many purposes. A very welcoming environment for all age groups.

Because it is a local hub and we need community bases now more than ever. When my children were younger I visited every week so for parents with young families I think it is also such an important service to have in the village

I value the library but don't understand the reference to the cost. How and why is the question tied to the cost of 30p per month? It implies that there is a single funding stream for the community library but gives no indication of where this money comes from nor what it is you are asking. I might think that having a community library is important and want to support its continuation and therefore happily tick yes but I am unclear as to what else is being asked. If the result of the survey is designed to enable you to put pressure on the undeclared source of funding it should have been presented as a separate and clearer question.

Books are brilliant and everyone should have access to them.

A village advantage

integral part of the village

Not just about the books, it helps with maintaining social contacts

Community hub

It is a service for everyone and anyone in the village of all ages

It is an important educational, social and wellbeing resource to the village.

To keep it open

Reading is so good for adults and children. The library makes books accessible to those who can't afford to buy them new. Barrow library is also a community asset with so much going on.

Really useful to have a library close by in walking distance to take children and to build positive relation for my children with the library. Also helps mentally to take my own books out. If this library wasn't here it would have a negative impact on my life

The library is a place for the community to come together and for people to expand their knowledge and gain access to reading materials for personal enjoyment. The library also provides the use of computers and printers to those not fortunate enough to have their own, this could be used for anything from gaining knowledge, staying up to date with current affairs or keeping up to date with school work.

Libraries are essential

A great resource. Hoping to have more time to use it when retired

It's a welcoming, friendly place with lots of social activities

It's a brilliant resource for the village and has benefits for young and old.

Because it's an important place for people in the village who use it. Books (and reading) are the key things in life for people to be able to access to learn.

It's a much needed service for many barrow residents

Such a nice community thing to have in the village. Love that we can borrow children's books that we have not read or can not afford to buy.

Our young boys love the library and it has given them a joy and love for reading

Library's are such an important aspect to any village but especially Barrow. Its a place where young children and adults can borrow books to read which they might not be able to purchase without a Library, especially with the current cost of living crisis. It would help the library to have more advertisement to families with children who might not understand how Library's work because I know quite a few people who unfortunately didn't have a clue until I told them, especially the computers and printing!

Do not close our library it's a very important place for our village a place that many people visit. The library is run expertly by the coordinator and volunteers.

Barrow library offers a great service it's an important part of our village.

Barrow library offers excellent services. The library is run brilliantly.

Valuable community hub... used by all ages, young & old

The Library is an important facility for the village. Although I only use it occasionally now I used it frequently when my children were young

My children really enjoy the library and have done since they were babies, attending regular events: Rhyme Time, Christmas events, etc. They love reading and would dearly miss the library and the friendly welcome we receive every time we visit.

Losing access to books and the other facilities would be a huge loss to the village

It's always busy so needs to stay

It's such a small price for a place which provides such a wide range of useful services for those who need them. Although I haven't used it, I am fully in support of the library staying open. Libraries are very important to every community and Barrow should have one too.

I have only lived in Barrow a brief amount of time and have yet to be able to use Barrow Library, but libraries are a very important part of a community, promoting welfare, literacy, and community to all. Even if only one person benefits from the library existing, it should be kept open.

The library is an essential hub in Barrow. Not only can one borrow books and use the computer and printing services but the atmosphere is welcoming and inclusive to all users. I can't think of anywhere else in Barrow which provides such a diverse and comfortable environment.

Because Libraries are integral to learning and development

I think the community space should be protected, I think more advertising of its activities and maybe modernisation would be beneficial. You could ask for volunteer tutors to help students with homework and exam revision but it needs to be advertised in schools. I am a secondary school maths teacher and I would love to volunteer and do tutoring lessons at the library.

Because it's great and brilliant service

The library is well run and is a functioning part of our community.

As it is beneficial for the community, especially people who find it hard to socialise

It's an essential part of the community.

It's an invaluable community resource for multiple reasons

Never use it, it's always empty.

It is central to the community for young and old.

It's a no brainer! A valuable asset to the community. Just need to advertise its services a bit more. Wish I'd have known about printing services earlier!

While I don't use it I have only just moved to village and may do in future. It is also a great resource for those who are less mobile. I also don't object to paying for those who want to use it.

It's great for encouraging a love of books and reading for children and it's a cost efficient way of sharing books for adults for entertainment and information. It's an important part of the community.

It's a vital part of our village and provides a service for so many people young and old. There's nothing like it in the area and it'd be a huge loss to our community if anything should happen to it.

It helps young children to develop their reading skills and enjoy multiple books at once

When my daughter was younger we visited regularly. A fantastic place for families

Essential community service for young and old. Support, meeting place.

It's an important asset in the community

My kids love books and they can be expensive and you only read them once, so the library is a great resource, reading is essential for my kids at their age

Amazing and friendly service for all families in the village who get a lot of enjoyment from all that the library has to offer. We are extremely lucky to have this facility available to us and we would be lost without it!

The library is vital to our community. It would be a travesty if we were to lose it.

Community hub; somewhere to sit quietly and read or to meet others. Great for lonely people. Variety of activities available

Valuable community resource Essential to encourage children to read a variety of books

community librarians are a thing of the past, there are probably better uses for the building

The library is fundamental for all children and the older community

It is a valuable part of the community for all ages .

Helps get me out and is a huge part of our community. It also gives us the chance to get local exercise groups together at good rates and also is my hub

When my children were younger we went every week. It provided a valuable service for us and inspired my children's interest in reading. The kids activities were always much appreciated in school holidays as well.

Barrow library provides a social hub for all ages to use. I would use it more if my work was not so hectic but do use it occasionally now. I often see groups advertised for it but as I work during those hours I am currently unable to attend but believe it is important to help provide an escape from isolation for old, young and people on their own.

My daughter loves choosing a book from the library. She enjoys the crafts too. Staff are lovely too. We often go straight from school.

Although I don't use the library now it was a valuable resource when my children were younger and we would use it all the time, it's also a community space for older residents in the village and offer more than just book hire

Because it helps meeting all kinds of people young, old, making friends and a fab social place

I am sure when retired I will use the library. It's an asset to community.

It's a great asset to our small community, it's used by a diverse population.

It's the heart of the community

Children of all socioeconomic backgrounds should be able to access the wonderful world of books free of charge and not just at school, where the curriculum is rigid and prescriptive. This should not be a privilege but a right. Reading is good for wellbeing and the soul. Regardless of if it is running at a loss, the library should remain and evolve. It's also an important social centre where vital groups for the community are run. Let's ensure we don't make short term decisions that adversely impact long term.

The library provides many useful community functions including book loans, somewhere for the elderly to meet, quiz nights and where children can find interesting books to gain a passion for reading.

Barrow is a large village with limited services and amenities - the library is an important part of that.

It's an essential service for the village

Whilst I don't currently use the library I know others who really value their library. I have previously used libraries and may again in the future. I think they provide a brilliant service.

Without the Library the sense of community will be lost. A lovely group of people and that diversity of shops, train station, pubs, restaurants, and library, fantastic place to live.

It's a useful and vibrant community hub, that not only allows my children's love of reading to flourish, but gives me and my partner access to opportunities like crafting events and quizzes and a cup of coffee / somewhere to quietly work when at home. The thought that it wouldn't be there, is quite frankly preposterous.

A valuable community service that is an inclusive environment

It's very useful having a local library available it also is good for local activities and stuff for children

It is an amazing local resource for all ages. There is always a friendly welcome & provides a warm space when necessary. It encourages children to use and respect books. I like being able to order books from Leics library services & being able to pick them up locally. I have also sourced many books on my 'to read' list from the Community Library section, which is also invaluable. I just love visiting!!! The volunteers do a great job!

Its an essential part of the village, supporting a huge range of people, including the most vulnerable. My mum comes to play scrabble there and has made connections in the village from that. My kids have used it to borrow books over the years. But it is there when you need printing or scanning and can't do it at home. And we enjoy the events there.

It's imprinted for children to keep the library

The library is such an important hub in our village. Times are getting harder but I know that my 3 year old and 11 month old will always have books to enjoy no matter how tight money gets. My 3 year old absolutely loves visiting and having the opportunity to explore a huge variety of books before choosing. We'd be utterly gutted if the library closed. It's vital.

It's a place for people to meet. Councils are too keen to close these kind of places and use them for cost cutting

Books are important and everybody should have access to a library

My children love it. It's a central part of the community. We love spending time there & choosing books to borrow.

Important community service

Important for all sorts of parts of the community, even if I don't personally use it.

It is such a welcoming place to visit, has fantastic books for children and adults. Helps my children engage with reading and learning. It is a hub of the community. We would miss it if Barrow no longer had a library.

Our grandchildren are moving to the village and we'd be sad to see it disappear

It's a great reading facility but also a community hub for all ages.

An Important hub for the whole community

I use the library loads and is a great community space

Lots of us would be lost without it. It is the heart of our community

It is used by many people, young & old. It is a vital service to the village & I may need it as I get older.

It provides a service to the community

It's part of our community as well as a place to find a good read.

It's a fantastic resource and can be used to bring the community together

Although I don't use it personally I know lots of people that do from young to older people

I think that libraries are helpful resources for the community

Its not just a library its the committee hub as we dont have a village hall we need this service to continue and its easy to access for the elderly too.

I think the library is an important resource, especially for children. Providing them with wider resources than they may be able to access otherwise and greater learning opportunities

The library is the hub of Barrow and has information and a good range of books

It is part of the community, so many diverse people use it, for many reasons , we need to keep it.

It's an invaluable resource and meeting place for the community of Barrow

It is an excellent resource for the village, for all ages and interests. The village is expanding greatly, therefore the library will be needed and used more than ever. It provides a meeting place for lonely people. It is staffed by enthusiastic, passionate volunteers, and provides computer availability for those who don't have or can't use for themselves- this alone is a great resource and lifeline. It provides a variety of books for children, which some parents may not be able to afford.

Barrow library is the key to the village. We would not be a village without one. It has to stay.

The Library is an essential part of any community and at 30p per household it represents good value for money. You can't put a price the value of books and reading. The activities that are run at the library to encourage children to enjoy finding the magic of stories is priceless.

Because me and my 50 Pilates clients need this venue to improve our wellbeing and promote better health. Socially we need the library in our community to achieve this

Value for money

I wish I lived in Barrow - the library is fabulous space. The volunteers should be congratulated on how well they run it.

Needs a local meet up place that is free, warm clean and tidy and welcoming to all. Plus my kids love the selection of books

It is a lifeline for the community. A lovely calm space to go and sit or choose a book. Very important for everyone's mental health to have somewhere to go. Especially the lonely/ bereaved or pre school parents to take the children

The library is a critical service to the residents of Barrow and surrounding villages. Many parents use the service as well as people who live alone. So many people rely on this essential service.

Fabulous community space

The library is an essential part of the village. I have used the computers, attend social & fitness classes, borrowed books & taken part in the reading challenge. It's a service we cannot do without in the village.

My weekly Pilates sessions are invaluable to my mental health and I would hate to lose access to this locally

This is a large village which is steadily expanding but at the same time being stripped of its community services

The library is a vital part of the community - for residents of all ages. It provides a wide variety of functions that enrich the community and help people with stimulation, and to combat loneliness. Staff are always friendly.

Although I haven't used the library as much as I could have- now that I have young children we can pan to use it much more to access children's books

I enjoy reading books

It is so important to keep access for all the community, especially those who would otherwise not have the means to buy books or to attend community activities

Community hub that would be a loss to the village

I attend weekly pilates and it's a great venue

It provides a vital community hub for all ages by: 1) promoting literacy and education with reading challenges, games and competitions 2) supporting well-being by providing activities and groups to combat loneliness and isolation 3) providing access to the internet for those with no broadband or home computers 4) fostering a real sense of community

This is not just a library but a well used and appreciated community hub. It hosts a wide range of activities, and is a nice place to spend time in. At 30p per household per month I can think of no other council facility which offers such exceptional value.

It's an essential place for community social events.

Very helpful

Many people use the library regularly and it is a real lifeline for them

Library excellent and lovely choice of books.

We are losing services in Barrow on Soar very quickly for goodness sake protect this great library

Essential community asset Village has no village hall or post office

A library is essential for the community and supports my child's learning and education.

It's lovely having a local library especially for my young children

Important social interaction benefits

It's a valuable resource for the community

The library is a social hub. People come for books but also to see others and be part of the community. I regularly take my grandchildren, read books, colour and see how much books mean to them.

In principle I believe in the existence of libraries, even if I do not use one. As a former teacher, I always had alternative sources of information and nowadays there are so many available options. However, not everyone has access to online resources and anything to encourage young (and not so young) to read is to be encouraged.

Much needed in our village for all activities and facilities.

We have a shortage of community spaces. Also the library sells books from donors - great for recycling ideas - and it accepts books for stocking community shelves. Great experience for children.

It is a great place for the community. Excellent location. Good for donating and buying secondhand books.

Libraries are a central part of British tradition and provide much needed social interaction for many people. For many years they have been a key part of the community and provide a central reservoir for the exchange of information for village residents. Attending a library provides an experience that seldom can be beat, especially not by the likes of modern technology.

See above answers we also take our grand children in

I don't use the library often but when I had young grandchildren I borrowed books regularly to encourage them to read and we came to story time when they were staying with us.

See answer above - I do plan to start using it and have for some time but never seem to get around to it - I know that one I start I will keep using!!

Asset to the village

Libraries are absolutely essential! It's unthinkable that such an important resource would be taken away

Because it is a valuable asset to the village and a means of social interaction for many.

Whistory I don't live in Barrow, I am so impressed with what it provides and the valuable community space that it provides

Key community service

We use the library to borrow books for our children. It's so important for them to learn to read and a library holds so many different books making it easy to find books they will enjoy and get them enthusiastic about reading.

A variety of books. Friendly place.

Essential village resource

Excellent facilities and availability for people. Covers diverse age groups and provides indoor space/activities.

It is a good resource for the community.

So others can use it.

Libraries are an essential part of a flourishing community.

It provides great access for me and my children to a wide range of books, encouraging their reading skills to develop. Borrowing rather than buying books allows them to 'take a chance' on a book they might not want to buy, thereby widening horizons. It's conveniently located for us to go straight after school. Borrowing rather than buying books is environmentally more sound.

Essential for the village!

I think a library is a valuable resource for the whole community and helps the vulnerable and lonely to have a place where they can feel less alone

I think it's a small cost to pay for an important community service

Essential hub of the community

Community space that is essential to the villagers of Barrow Upon Soar.

I think literacy and enjoying books is important

It has a multitude of use in the community

Many people do not have the resources or don't know how to use the resources without the help that it provides

Important for community

Local service. Probably a lifeline for pensioners and avid readers. We do not need any more empty shop fronts in Barrow as this is highly likely to discourage investment in the High Street.

I believe the library is a real asset to the community of Barrow upon Soar, this was shown to be especially important during the recent pandemic.

I love reading love libraries

Because it is a great value facility for the village and if it continue to grow we need more facilities not less

It's a bit cringe

I am 22 and love reading, when I was younger I used to love going to the library and the community it provides. Even though I don't use it now I want it stay open for the people that do.

It is a great hub for education, social events and other things for all ages

It's a vital service for some people for a very insignificant collective cost

Community facility

It's a good community space and vital for children of underprivileged backgrounds to access books over summer, when away from school.

It is important for the community

Libraries and other community spaces are essential for vibrant towns.

Because it's a valuable resource

It is an invaluable community asset. It is somewhere to go for a chat, drink, rest and to read papers/magazines that I can't afford. Also, I don't have my own printer so I use the library printer when I need something printing. Everyone there is so friendly and helpful. It is a welcoming place. Some people don't see anyone to talk to from day to day. It helps combat loneliness.

I don't use it, but I'm aware that other people use it, and really value it.

Obviously a vital service as it's always full whenever I go in. Local use by social groups or children. Not everyone likes or can use digital. Printing and computer service useful especially if you need help. I like books

The library is a vital resource and provides a focus and service for the whole village, and other villages nearby. It is a community and offers lots of opportunities for people.

Absolutely, it's such a wonderful resource! Great for children to build their excitement in books and reading

Gives the chance for children to explore new books

It's a great asset to the community and it's much easier to get to than Loughborough Library. It helps the environment as people can effectively share books, for example.

My kids enjoy going to the library

I think it's an important part of the community and I prefer reading books rather than reading stuff on a screen.

Extremely important community hub.

Every child should have access to books!

Free access to publicly owned books and a community meeting place is more important than ever before.

It is important that the books and services provided by the library remain available for everyone if they require them.

We enjoy bringing our children to the library