

Whittlesey Library Re-Opens.

I am writing to inform you that the works to decarbonise and update the library in Whittlesey are now completed, and the library will be reopening on Friday 25th July. It has been a complex project, involving removal of asbestos, and it proved more extensive than originally thought. Rewiring, solar panels and insulation have also been installed. The only remaining task is to replace the large street facing windows to greatly improve insulation and further reduce running costs. This will involve a short closure from 13th – 15th August.

Attached is a presentation of the technical details of the decarbonisation of libraries project, the Whittlesey element of which will be on display in the library for the public to see (slides 22 and 23).

The service has been maintained throughout thanks to the hospitality of our colleagues at Scaldgate CFC who gave the library offer and the Community Banking partner a home to carry on service delivery during the closure. Now it's their turn to get their decarbonisation works done, and they are planning how to manage their interim service delivery. The library will be part of the solution for them, offering venue space for parent and child activities and office space upstairs in the library.

Although this was not a library refurb, we have been able to refresh some of the furniture and are especially pleased to be planning a comfortable social area with our warm hub offer.

We will be holding Welcome events and doing outreach in the Town later in the summer.

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