

## Proposed Library Opening Hours – Appendix C

### Cheshire East libraries- the impact on regular activities and events of proposed changes to opening hours and mitigations

In addition to impacting when someone can borrow/return books, use a PC, or study in the library, opening hours determine when activities and events can be delivered. Many library events deliver on health and wellbeing outcomes; digital inclusion; culture and creativity and informal learning and benefit both adults and children.

Consultation feedback and anecdotal evidence from Social Prescribers and other colleagues has demonstrated the importance of these free or low cost activities to many Cheshire East residents.

It is therefore important to consider the impact of any changes to opening hours on the existing programme of activities at each site – which are set out later in this document.

Members of the library management team will meet with the staff members responsible for leading the groups/activities and the volunteers who assist them to confirm that the alternative times suggested below are suitable. If the consensus is that these aren't suitable, we'll seek to find a more appropriate time.

Following this the Library Manager will contact regular attendees of each session and arrange to meet with them at their next event to explain how and when the session will be changing.

Changes to dates and times will be communicated via the library webpages, CE Libraries News, social media, site information screens and amended on the Live Well database.

Room hirers will also be contacted individually by the Library Manager to discuss how their access may be impacted when opening hours change.

Group	Library	Opening Hours	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Proposed Hours Reduction
A	Crewe	<b>Current</b>	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09:00 - 18:00	09:00 - 18:00	CLOSED	09:00 - 13:00	09:00 - 18:00	14 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 13:00	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 18:00	10 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close Wednesday and Thursday afternoon would have impacted 5 out of 16 regular activities with the following planned mitigations;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After hours reading group Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 pm although run by a member of staff in a volunteer capacity after work it is considered unlikely they will come in if they've not been in work, potential to move to another day they are in work</li> <li>2. Baby bounce Wednesdays 10.00-10.30am, difficult to find alternative morning</li> <li>3. Crafternoon tea alternate Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm, move to Tuesday</li> <li>4. Games club for adults alternate Thursdays 2.00-4.00pm, move to Tuesday</li> <li>5. Learn My Way basic computer skills Wednesdays 2.00-4.00pm, move to Mondays</li> </ol> <p><b>Final Proposal</b> to open at 10am and close at 1pm on Wednesday only impacts activity 1 After hours reading group</p>						
	Nantwich	<b>Current</b>	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 19:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09:00 - 13:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 19:00	CLOSED	12 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 19:00	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 17:00	10.00 - 13:00	9 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> - to close Friday and Monday afternoon would have impacted 5 out of 23 regular activities with the following mitigations planned;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Book lovers group Fridays monthly 2.00-3.00pm, this group could move to Monday or Wednesday afternoon</li> <li>2. Italian conversation 3.30-4.45pm Fridays weekly, may move to another afternoon if volunteer available</li> <li>3. Stories &amp; songs Fridays weekly 11.00-11.30am could move to Mondays</li> <li>4. Welsh for beginners Mondays weekly 2.00-3.00pm, may move to another day if volunteer available</li> <li>5. Welsh intermediate class Mondays weekly 3.00-4.00pm, may move to another day if volunteer available</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> - to open at 10am and close at 1pm on Fridays impacts only activities 1 and 2 from the above list with the same mitigations proposed.</p>						

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B	Alsager	<b>Current</b>	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 19:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	N/A	
		<b>Consultation</b>	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 19:00	09:00 - 13:00	CLOSED	09:00 - 17:00	12 hours	
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 13:00	10:00 - 17:00	10 hours	
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close full day Thursday and Wednesday afternoons, wouldn't have impacted of any of the 12 regular activities run by library staff, but would impact 3 groups that hire the meeting room during the day on Thursdays</p> <p><b>Final proposal</b> to open at 10am and close on Thursday afternoon doesn't impact any library events and would just impact 1 meeting room hirer.</p>							
	Congleton	<b>Current</b>	09:00 - 19:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09:00 - 19:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 13:00	09:00 - 17:00	CLOSED		12 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10:00 - 19:00	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 17:00	10.00 - 13:00	9 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close full day Friday and Wednesday afternoon would have impacted 2 out of 14 regular activities</p> <p>Mitigations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Crafternoon tea currently alternate Wednesdays 2.00-3.30pm could move to Monday, but would clash with another event</li> <li>2. Crafty natter currently alternate Wednesdays 2.30-3.30pm could move to Tuesday, but would clash once per month with another event</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> to open at 10am and close at 1pm on Fridays doesn't impact any of the regular activities.</p>							

Group	Library	Opening Hours	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Proposed Hours Reduction
C	Holmes Chapel	<b>Current</b>	09:30 - 17:00	09:30 - 17:00	09:30 - 13:00	09:30 - 19:00	09:30 - 17:00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09:30 - 17:00	09:30 - 17:00	CLOSED	09:30 - 19:00	09:30 - 13:00	7.5 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 17:00	6.5 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close full day Wednesday and Friday afternoon would have impacted 3 of 9 regular activities with the planned mitigation as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stories &amp; songs Wednesdays 11.00 – 11.30am move to Tuesday morning</li> <li>2. Make friends with a book Fridays 2.00-3.30pm would struggle to find another afternoon</li> <li>3. Barclays room hire impacted by closure on Friday afternoon</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> to open at 10am and close on Wednesday impacts only activity 1 from the above list with the same mitigations proposed.</p>						
	Middlewich	<b>Current</b>	09:30 - 17:00	09:30 - 17:00	CLOSED	09:30 - 19:00	09:30 - 17:00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09:30 - 13:00	09:30 - 17:00	CLOSED	09:30 - 19:00	09:30 - 17:00	4 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 17:00	CLOSED	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 17:00	3 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to remain closed on Wednesdays and close additional Monday afternoon would have impacted;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn My Way computer course, Mondays weekly 2.00-4.00pm, difficult to find an alternative afternoon</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> mitigates the impact on activity 1 above so this can continue unaffected. The 10am opening time impacts the 3 pre-school sessions starting at 10am, Mini Builders, Rhymetime &amp; Stories and Songs. These sessions will now start 30mins later and run from 10.30-11.00am</p>						

Library	Opening Hours	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Proposed Hours Reduction	
C	Sandbach	<b>Current</b>	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 19:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 17:00	09:00 - 19:00	CLOSED	09:00 - 13:00	12 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 17:00	10:00 - 18:00	10:00 - 13:00	10:00 - 17:00	10 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close full day Thursday and from 1pm on Friday would have impacted 1 of 9 regular events;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Story &amp; craft for pre-school children Thursdays 10.30-11.00am, difficult to find another morning slot</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> to open at 10am, reduce evening closing from 7pm to 6pm and close at 1pm on Thursdays doesn't impact any regular library activities</p>						
D	Alderley Edge	<b>Current</b>	CLOSED	09.30 - 13.00	09.30 - 17.00	09.30 - 17.00	CLOSED	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	CLOSED	09.30 - 13.00	09.30 - 17.00	CLOSED	09.30 - 17.00	0 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	CLOSED	09.30 - 13.00	09.30 - 17.00	CLOSED	09.30 - 17.00	0 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to change Thursday opening to Friday instead to complement pattern of hours at Wilmslow. This impacts three regular activities with the following planned mitigations;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stories &amp; Songs currently Thursdays 10-10.30 would move to Fridays</li> <li>2. Baby Bounce currently Thursdays 2-2.30 pm would move to Fridays</li> <li>3. Reading Group currently Thursdays 3.30 -4.30 pm would move to Fridays</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> has no impact on the above.</p>						



D	Library	Opening Hours	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Proposed Hours Reduction
	Wilmslow	<b>Current</b>	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 13.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 19.00	CLOSED	12 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 19.00	10.00 - 13.00	9 hours
<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close Friday and Tuesday afternoon would have impacted on 2 out of 12 regular activities, as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Buddy sessions Fridays weekly 1.30-3.30pm could move to Mondays if volunteer available</li> <li>Wilmslow Wordsmiths, creative writing Fridays monthly 10.30-11.45am could move to Wednesdays</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> to open at 10am and close at 1pm on Fridays impacts only activity 1 of the above list with the same proposed mitigation.</p>								
E	Disley	<b>No changes being proposed</b>						0 hours
	Poynton	<b>Current</b>	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 17.00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	CLOSED	09.00 - 13.00	12 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 18.00	10:00 - 13:00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10 hours
<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close Thursdays and on Friday afternoons would have impacted 2 out of 4 regular activities a follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lego/Duplo Club Fridays monthly 1.00-2.00pm</li> <li>Rhymetime Thursdays weekly 10.30-11.00am</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> to open at 10am, reduce evening opening from 7pm to 6pm and close at 1pm on Wednesday doesn't impact any regular activities.</p>								

<b>F</b>	<b>Bollington</b>	<b>Current</b>	CLOSED	09.30 - 19.00	09.30 - 17.00	09.30 - 17.00	09.30 - 17.00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	CLOSED	09.30 - 19.00	09.30 - 17.00	09.30 - 13.00	09.30 - 17.00	4 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	CLOSED	10.00 - 18.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	3 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to remain closed on Mondays and close additional Thursday afternoon impacted 1 of 11 regular activities as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Story &amp; tea currently Thursdays 2.00-3.00 pm would move to Wednesday or Friday afternoons</li> </ol> <p><b>Final proposal</b> to open at 10am and close at 6pm on Tuesdays instead of 7pm impacts 2 evening reading groups with the following planned mitigations;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First Tuesday evening reading group Tuesdays monthly 6.00-7.00pm, option to move forward by 1 hr</li> <li>2. Third Tuesday evening reading group Tuesdays monthly 6.00-7.00pm, option to move forward by 1 hr</li> </ol>						
	<b>Macclesfield</b>	<b>Current</b>	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	N/A
		<b>Consultation</b>	09.00 - 19.00	09.00 - 17.00	09.00 - 13.00	09.00 - 17.00	CLOSED	16 hours
		<b>Final Proposal</b>	10.00 - 19.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 17.00	10.00 - 19.00	10.00 - 13:00	10 hours
		<p><b>Consultation proposal</b> to close full day Friday and Wednesday afternoon produced no impact on 11 regular activities. However, Janitor will be required to let Barclays customers in on the afternoon they've hired the meeting room if library closed.</p> <p><b>Final proposal</b> does not have any impact on regular activities.</p>						
	<b>Prestbury</b>	<b>No changes being proposed</b>						0 hours