



Lostwithiel Library

Lostwithiel Library will transfer to Lostwithiel Town Council in early February in a new agreement with Cornwall Council.

The arrangement, which is part of Cornwall Council's devolution programme, means the historic Taprell House building will continue to provide all the key services essential to a modern library.

Following the transfer Lostwithiel Library will remain part of the countywide service meaning customers will keep their existing library cards and will still be able to visit, borrow and order books online from other libraries in Cornwall.

Mayor of Lostwithiel Councillor Pam Jarrett, said: "Lostwithiel Town Council has ensured the continued provision of the Library Service in Lostwithiel not only for the residents of Lostwithiel but for all those residents in surrounding Parishes. By accepting the devolution of the delivery of the library service in Lostwithiel, the Town Council is reflecting the views of the majority of the local community who when responding to the Town Council's consultation said they wanted the Town Council to run the service."

Deputy Mayor Tim Hughes, said: "Lostwithiel Town Council has worked hard with Cornwall Council to develop a unique model of keeping our community library open, while minimising costs for local Council taxpayers. We have retained a vital community asset which we intend to run with community volunteers."

Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, said: "We have been working closely with town and parish councils and community groups to find the best custodians for local libraries through our Library Transformation Programme. Our aim has always been to work with partners and communities to create sustainable services aligned to local needs. As a result of our agreement with Lostwithiel Town Council, local residents will be able to continue enjoying their library for many years to come."

In preparation for the new arrangements, Lostwithiel Library will close for refurbishment from Monday 14 January and re-open week commencing 4 February. Customers will be able to borrow items for an extended loan period before the library closes.