

West Berkshire Library Service

Shaw-Cum-Donnington Parish Council
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Shaw-Cum-Donnington Parish

Number of residents in the parish using the library service

Financial Year	Active Borrowers	% Change from Previous Year
2022–2023	139	–
2023–2024	176	+21%
2024–2025	196	+11%

Library items borrowed by residents in the parish

Financial Year	Active Borrowers	% Change from Previous Year
2022–2023	4836	–
2023–2024	5552	+13%
2024–2025	5734	+4%

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Residents In The Parish Borrowing Library Items

Number of Residents Borrowing Items And Where From (borrowers may have borrowed from more than one location)													
Financial Year	Yearly Individual Borrower Total	Burghfield Common Library	Hungerford Library	Lambourn Library	Mortimer Library	Newbury Library	Pangbourne Library	Thatcham Library	Theale Library	Mobile Library Service	At Home Service	Renewals via the Website or SOLUS App	Renewals via the Contact Centre
1/4/22 - 31/3/23	139	0	1	0	0	124	0	2	0	12	7	70	4
1/4/23 - 31/3/24	173	0	0	0	0	160	0	6	0	14	1	91	2
1/4/24 - 31/3/25	196	0	0	0	0	186	0	4	1	9	1	99	3

New Library Delivery Models

Costed Options for Town and Parish Councils to Consider

- ❑ Additional locally accessible library services to meet community needs.
- ❑ Increased library opening hours.
- ❑ Options available for the delivery of pop-up library or community bookshelf, where there is no library in the locality.



Pop-up Libraries

What is a pop-up library?

- ☐ A collection of resources (roughly 500 books) taken outside the physical library space and provided to the community on a regular basis.
- ☐ Enhances vacant public spaces such as community centres or village halls.
- ☐ Improved and easy access to a variety of books and resources.
- ☐ Encourages literacy and a love of reading.
- ☐ Staff/Volunteer support given to establish it.



Pop-up Library Costings

Pop-up Library Costs

2025–2026 (Oct–Mar)

- Monthly 2-hour visit for 6 months
- **£608** total

2026–2027 (Apr–Mar)

- Monthly 2-hour visit for 12 months
- **£1,217** total

Notes:

- Costs are based on staff time, travel, and support.
- Venue hire is **not included** and may increase total cost if applicable.

Community Bookshelf Libraries

What is a community bookshelf library?

- ☐ A collection of books (roughly 150 titles) taken outside the physical library space to a suitable community venue of your choice.
- ☐ Customers borrow items on trust.
- ☐ Book collections are changed and replenished quarterly. Shelving would need to be provided.



Community Bookshelf Costings

We offer a flexible model for delivering a Community Bookshelf service, based on a cost-recovery approach. This covers staff time, travel, and support costs. The bookshelf unit should ideally be provided by the parish, though we're happy to discuss options if support is needed. Any books purchased will remain the property of the parish.

October 2025 – March 2026 (Current Financial Year)

This includes **two visits**: one to set up the bookshelf and one to refresh the book stock.

Staffing & travel costs: £350

Book contribution options and total cost

Book Contribution (Optional)	Total Cost (Oct 2025–Mar 2026)
£1,200	£1,550
£1,100	£1,450
£1,000	£1,350
£750	£1,100

April 2026 – March 2027 (Next Financial Year)

This includes **four quarterly visits**: in May, August, November, and February. These visits cover book selection, setup, refresh, and return.

Staffing & travel costs: £700

Book contribution options and total cost

Book Contribution (Optional)	Total Cost (Apr 2026–Mar 2027)
£1,200	£1,900
£1,100	£1,800
£1,000	£1,700
£750	£1,450

Any Questions

