

Library & Community Hub Report – May 2023

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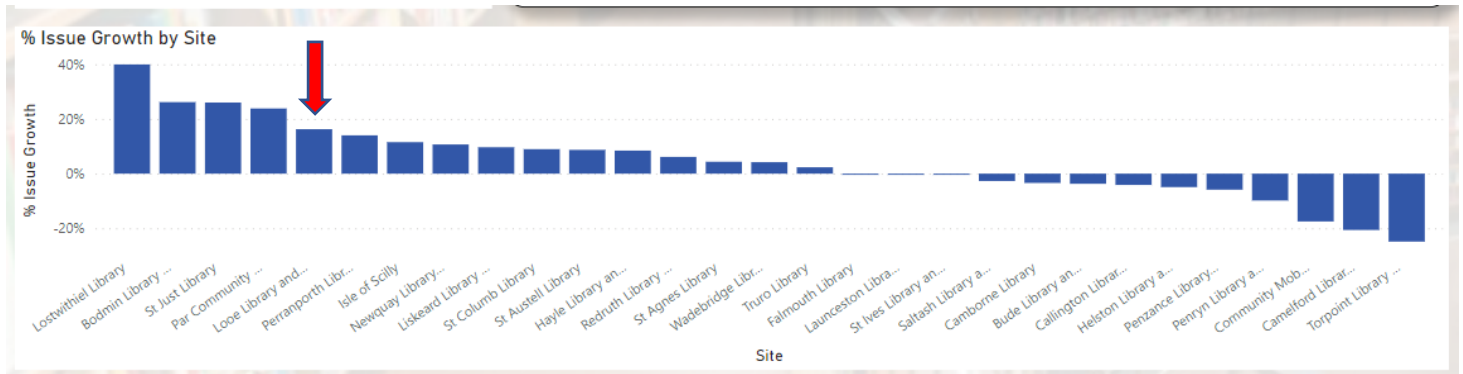
Statistics

All Cornwall libraries - Issues and % Growth (April)

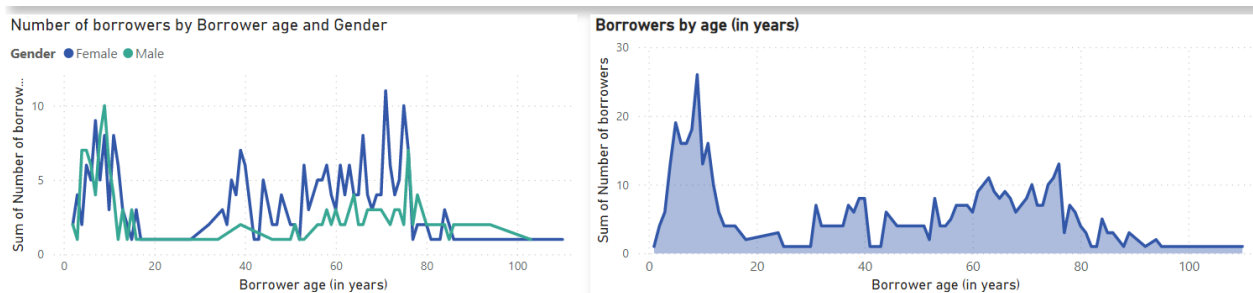
Site	April 2019 Issues	April 22 issues	April 23 issues	% Issue Growth
Lostwithiel Library	938	403	564	39.95%
Bodmin Library and Information Service	5187	4434	5594	26.16%
St Just Library	1581	1211	1526	26.01%
Par Community Library	60	516	639	23.84%
Looe Library and Information Service	1924	1107	1287	16.26%
Perranporth Library	1216	1435	1636	14.01%
Isle of Scilly	528	382	426	11.52%
Newquay Library and Information Service	5042	4655	5152	10.68%
Liskeard Library and Information Service	4218	2910	3191	9.66%
St Columb Library	1385	1117	1217	8.95%
St Austell Library	13148	9790	10641	8.69%
Hayle Library and Information Service	4845	3595	3898	8.43%
Redruth Library and Information Service	6914	6733	7145	6.12%
St Agnes Library	2674	2573	2685	4.35%
Wadebridge Library and Information Service	4690	3860	4022	4.20%
Truro Library	14202	10635	10883	2.33%
Falmouth Library	7550	6762	6748	-0.21%
Launceston Library and Information Service	4817	4232	4222	-0.24%
St Ives Library and Information Service	2647	2316	2309	-0.30%
Saltash Library and Information Service	4881	3600	3503	-2.69%
Camborne Library	3957	3438	3321	-3.40%
Bude Library and Information Service	5774	5639	5430	-3.71%
Callington Library and Information Service	3384	2727	2614	-4.14%
Helston Library and Information Service	5547	4728	4495	-4.93%
Penzance Library and Information Service	10238	7409	6974	-5.87%
Penryn Library and Information Service	1464	1231	1110	-9.83%
Community Mobile Library	4460	2892	2386	-17.50%
Camelford Library and Information Service	1257	1014	805	-20.61%
Torpoint Library and Information Service	393	1794	1348	-24.86%

😊 In April, we ranked 4th (out of 28 library sites) in the amount of book issues with an increase of 16.26% from last April.

😞 Still working towards the number of book issues prior to the Covid pandemic.



Looe Borrowers - Age & Gender (April)

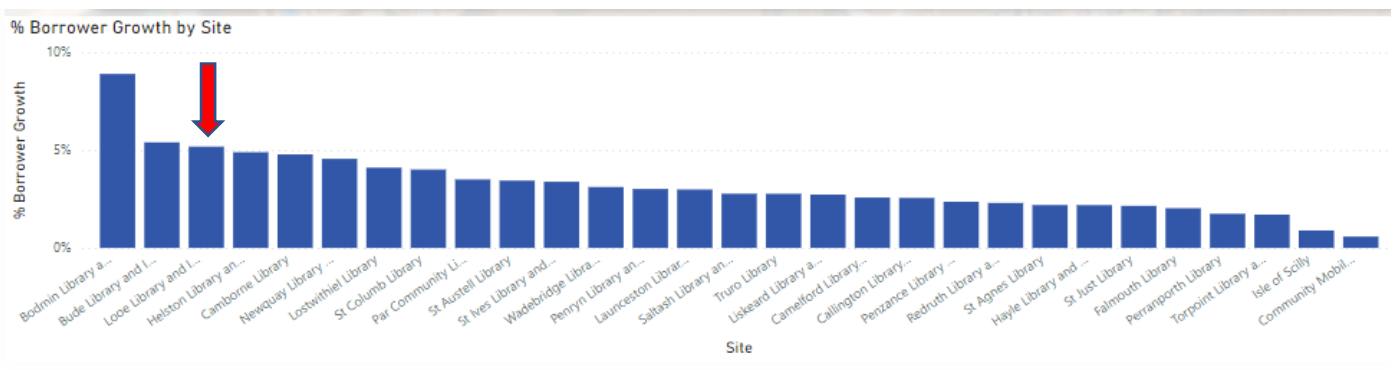


Looe Library - New Borrowers (April)

Site	Active borrowers in the past year as of 01/04/2023	April 23 New Borrowers	% Borrower Growth
Bodmin Library and Information Service	2002	178	8.89%
Bude Library and Information Service	2039	110	5.39%
Looe Library and Information Service	560	29	5.18%
Helston Library and Information Service	1738	85	4.89%
Camborne Library	1401	67	4.78%
Newquay Library and Information Service	2327	106	4.56%
Lostwithiel Library	195	8	4.10%
St Columb Library	524	21	4.01%
Par Community Library	257	9	3.50%
St Austell Library	3922	135	3.44%
St Ives Library and Information Service	1005	34	3.38%
Wadebridge Library and Information Service	1573	49	3.12%
Penryn Library and Information Service	664	20	3.01%
Launceston Library and Information Service	1640	49	2.99%
Saltash Library and Information Service	1514	42	2.77%
Truro Library	4731	131	2.77%
Liskeard Library and Information Service	1247	34	2.73%
Camelford Library and Information Service	466	12	2.58%
Callington Library and Information Service	743	19	2.56%
Penzance Library and Information Service	2755	65	2.36%
Redruth Library and Information Service	2608	60	2.30%
St Agnes Library	1140	25	2.19%
Hayle Library and Information Service	1370	30	2.19%
St Just Library	604	13	2.15%
Falmouth Library	3104	63	2.03%
Perranporth Library	630	11	1.75%
Torpoint Library and Information Service	822	14	1.70%
Isle of Scilly	336	3	0.89%
Community Mobile Library	1032	6	0.58%

😊 In April, we ranked 3rd (out of 28 library sites) in the number of new borrowers joining the library - an increase of 5.18%.

😞 Low number of 'active borrowers' – although this does indicate that the active borrowers come regularly for the issues to be so high.



Looe library – Public Network usage (April)

Site	April 2019 Usage	April 22 Usage	April 23 Usage	% Growth
Looe Library and Information Service	124	25	56	124.00%
St Columb Library	40	10	16	60.00%
Wadebridge Library and Information Service	326	131	197	50.38%
St Just Library	149	70	101	44.29%
Camelford Library and Information Service	70	20	28	40.00%
St Agnes Library	86	36	50	38.89%
Penryn Library and Information Service	160	66	87	31.82%
St Austell Library	901	236	302	27.97%
Saltash Library and Information Service	292	135	151	11.85%
St Ives Library and Information Service	730	256	286	11.72%
Liskeard Library and Information Service	347	80	87	8.75%
Redruth Library and Information Service	305	235	255	8.51%
Helston Library and Information Service	288	68	71	4.41%
Launceston Library and Information Service	368	100	104	4.00%
Torpoint Library and Information Service	55	136	139	2.21%
Falmouth Library	922	364	371	1.92%
Newquay Library and Information Service	876	457	459	0.44%

😊 In April, we ranked 1st (out of 28 library sites) in the amount of use from our public computers with an increase of 124% from last April.

😞 In 2019, Looe Library had 3 public computers, now we only have 2, so it is not a fair comparison.

Library & Community Hub Total Footfall – April = 2620

Our Clubs & Groups

Numbers continue to rise for the groups we run; Stories & Songs on Mondays, Knit & Natter on Thursdays and Lego Club on Saturdays. Our regular Facebook posts encourage new members and word continues to spread.

Other Groups We Support

Rob from WAVY and Emma from Health Works for Cornwall are grateful for the regular use of the little office. The space works well for the services they provide and offers an opportunity for clients to visit the library.

Computing Course & IT Support

Sharon successfully taught our first Basic Computing Course last month. We also provide computing and IT assistance to members of the public when we can. This can be quite demanding of both time and skills as needs are very diverse.

Tourist Information

The Team have completed updating our tourist information leaflets – including a new addition, Beyond Paradise, which has proved to be very popular. The trailer is also in good use. We also have made new mini ‘Visit Looe’ cards to support enquiries for the website.

The new noticeboard in the foyer is proving very popular and working well to promote local, non-commercial events and community groups.

An Ongoing Plea to New & Existing Councilors

Please can councilors consider becoming library members as every new member and item issued will help maintain our high statistics 😊 Also. it means you can use the PressReader App for free (you can read the daily papers and magazines).

Finally, please 'like' & 'follow' our FaceBook page and posts (Looe Library & Community Hub).

Upcoming Library Events

Local & Community History Month

Throughout May, and thereafter, we will be inviting our borrowers and local residents to contribute to a 'Shared Memories of Looe' Scrapbook which will be kept in the library.

Theatre

Monday 12th June - we have invited Looe Primary School to come to the library for a History of Cornwall production and Workshop. This will take place in the library during the afternoon when it is closed to the public.

Summer Reading Challenge

Launch date is 8th July. We are liaising with our catchment schools to see how we can work with them to promote the challenge. As last year, this will involve some sort of visit to the school sites, an assembly, a stall at the summer fair or a pop-up stall at the entrance at the end of the day.

Breast Cancer Afternoon Tea Event

The library has signed up for this charity event which we hope to hold in our private Car Park on an afternoon when the library is closed to the public on a date during August (date tbc).

This is the 2nd Looe Library Newsletter which now features on the Cornwall Council Website – Libraries, Museums & Archives – Looe Library. It will also feature on the LTC website.



JUNE 2023

LOOE LIBRARY

MONTHLY UPDATE

LAST MONTH AT LOOE

As the sun shines down on Looe, reading continues to flourish as another month of exciting performance data from Cornwall Libraries HQ confirms that our numbers of issues and new borrowers continue to rise.

We have fun with our Facebook posts and try and make links between seasonal activities and books. Our Blossom & Grow display (see picture) is one example of this - check out the animated post on our Facebook page.

The Coronation Storytime & Workshop Sessions were enjoyed by all. Sparkling, jeweled crowns processed out of the library perched on proud little heads in honor of our new King.



CORONATION CROWN FUN WITH SHARON, DONNA & OUR VOLUNTEER, MARY-ANN



BLOSSOM & GROW WITH BOOKS



For Local and Community History Month, we invited our residents and borrowers to contribute to a scrapbook of memories which we will keep in the library for locals to enjoy.

The first entry was from one of our housebound borrowers; delightful stories of her childhood in Looe and memories of her late father who died in WWII.

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SMALL BUT PERFECTLY FORMED - OUR JUNIOR LIBRARY

THERE'S A BOOK FOR EVERYONE...



...AT LOOE LIBRARY

PAWS FOR THOUGHT - EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT LOOE LIBRARY

CLUBS & GROUPS

STORIES & SONGS EVERY MONDAY 10:30-11AM

KNIT & NATTER EVERY TUESDAY 2-4PM

LEGO CLUB EVERY SATURDAY 11AM-12PM