

**THE PARK BENCH
GENERAL MEETING**

7.00 Wednesday 17 July 2019

Minutes

1. Greetings and introductions

Present at meeting: Heather, Lucy, Richard, Stella, Jenny, Carrie, Andy,
Apologies: Tim, Michelle

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of previous meetings have been circulated and are taken as read and approved. Matters arising are dealt with under the appropriate agenda item.

3. Treasurer's report.

Richard reported that the balance in the bank account stands at £129.85 at 12 June.
£20 donation has been received from UWE Students Union and a regular CAF donor is paying the monthly bank charges of £5.

4. Operations

Summary Stats for the year to date are attached. Wild Goose figures for the last quarter are particularly low reflecting the many dates they were closed at short notice due to lack of volunteer teams.
Given the possibility that the Wild Goose will be closed for refurbishment (Sprucing the Goose) later this year, Jenny has made arrangements to start holding sessions at the Methodist Centre on Wednesday mornings instead. The books and trolley have been relocated and Jenny & Andy ran the first session today, which was a great success. On the basis of this 1st visit it seems a more positive environment for the Library and we will consider the long term future of the venue at our Autumn meeting.

Tim's proposal to 'seed' a bookshelf for guests at the 365 Shelter is still under consideration; Tim & Heather to look at ways to suggest this to Central Quaker Meeting.

Richard & Lucy have prepared leaflets to use for publicity & promotion for fundraising and new services and these were on display during Homeless Action Week. These have now been updated for the Methodist Centre and Richard will add to website for anyone to download and print as needed.

5. Book Movements

We have a small stock of books in storage at the Julian Trust; we are reminded to share any requests by email; Carrie is going to approach the Amnesty bookshop in Gloucester Road.

6. Volunteers

We seem to have sufficient volunteers at present and are able to cover for each other at short notice when life gets in the way.

7. AOB.

Lucy has been in touch with Sharon from the University (Bristol Poverty Institute) who offered support but this has not yet been followed up further.

We are all grateful for Jenny's hospitality & especially the lemon cake and the views.

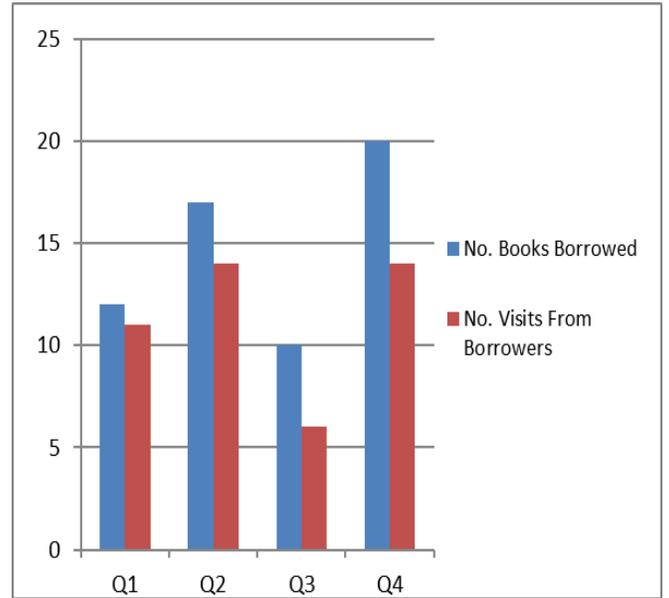
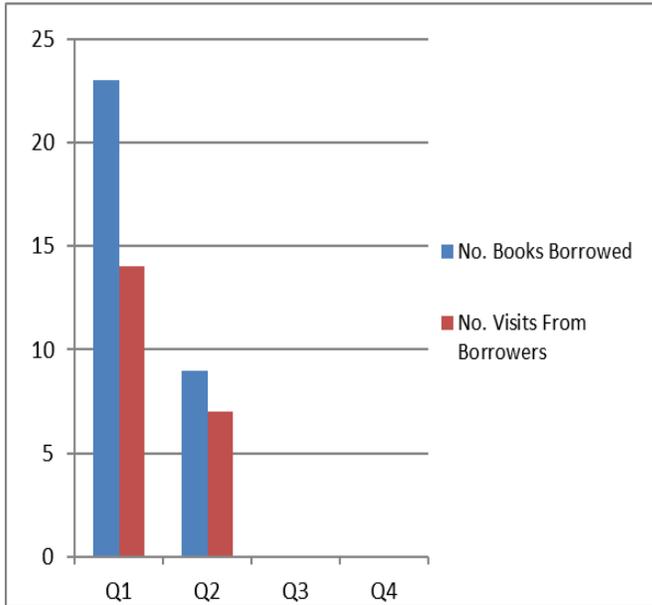
8. Next meeting

Our next scheduled meeting was agreed for 7pm 23rd (or 30th) October 2019 at Tim's.

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