

**THE PARK BENCH  
GENERAL MEETING**

**7.00 Wednesday 23 October 2019**

**Minutes**

1. **Greetings and introductions**

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

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 remains at £129.85 at 14 October.

4. **Operations**

Summary Stats for the year to date are attached.

Since our last meeting we have been holding Wednesday sessions at the Methodist Centre instead of Fridays at the Wild Goose and the stats at least show that we've been quite active, an increase over the previous quarter and the same quarter last year. Jenny tells us that one of our readers, Mark, has started a book club at St Mungos and we have offered to help him with books. Our trial at the Methodist Centre is considered a success and we plan to continue these sessions. We'll reconsider the Wild Goose sessions as and when their refurbishment is complete.

Activity at Logos House remains variable and low but we have referred a couple of residents for literacy support.

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 now they have finished their building work.

5. **Book Movements**

We have a small stock of books in storage at the Julian Trust which was boosted by a recent donation from someone who remembers us from the New Street Day Centre. We've also had a sizeable donation at the Methodist Centre where there is ample storage space.

6. **Volunteers**

Jenny has introduced Helen and Jill to our sessions at the Methodist Centre and we warmly welcome their contribution. Both have agreed to be trustees as well.

7. **AOB.**

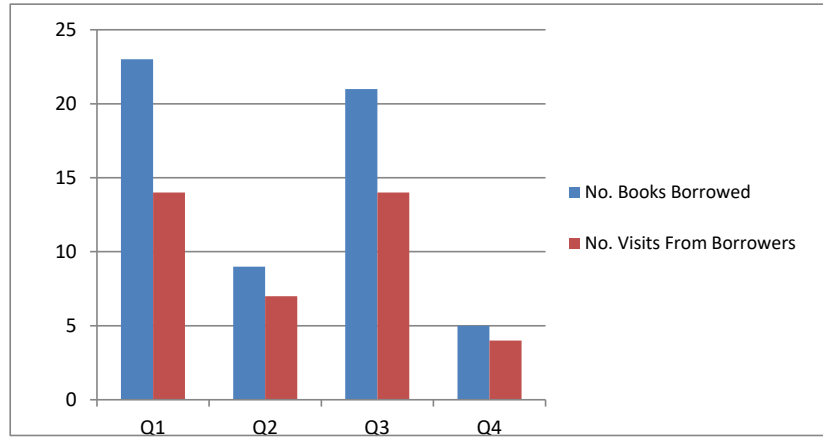
We are all grateful for Tim's hospitality & especially the hot & cold nibbles and New York lemon cheesecake.

8. **Next meeting**

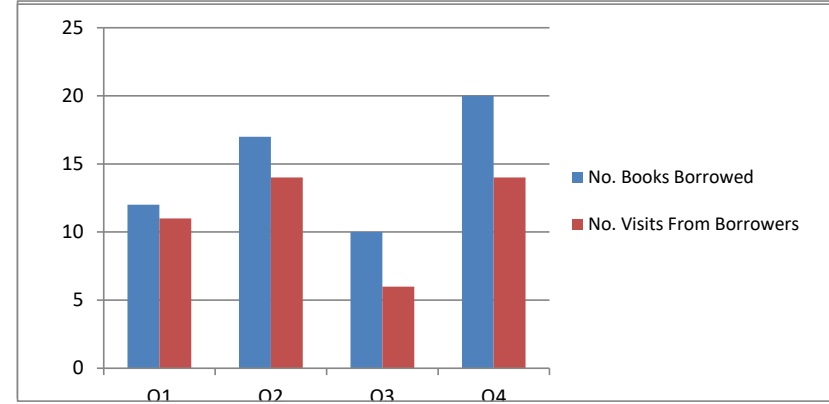
Our next meeting will be our AGM which we have agreed will be at the Volunteer Tavern on a date to be agreed in late January or early February 2020. Richard will arrange.

**Wild Goose / Methodist Centre**

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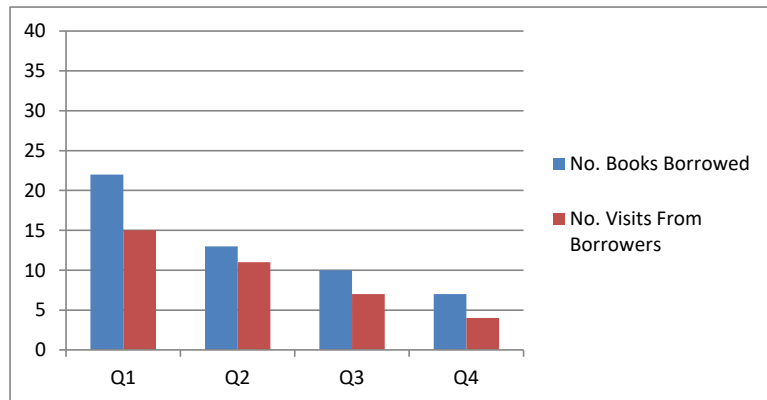


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