

Buckby Library & Hub Vision - August 2019

Our current community group has applied to become a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

We hope to take over as a community managed library and hub, in conjunction with Northamptonshire County Council; projected for the beginning of 2020.

Our aims are:

1. To keep a library and information service for the community and offer a raft of complementary services aimed at reflecting the diverse needs of the broad demographic of our community.
2. To provide a focal point for the community making it a non-exclusive space for people to come together, to avoid social isolation.
3. To provide a cultural and educational base accessible to all.

Buckby Hub - Some Projected Activities

Website and Newsletter for sharing information about village activities in and near Long Buckby.
www.buckbylibraryhub.org

Small refreshment area and improved kitchen facilities

Fully accessible toilet facilities

Young children's activities with rhymes and stories

Activities for children in the school holidays and a children's reading group

Liaison with the Reading Agency for provision of Bookstart, Summer Reading Challenge and other reading schemes

Adult learning and skills, depending on demand and availability

Free internet access - valuable for job seekers

Printing and photocopying facilities

Reading groups for adults

Knit & Natter group and Sewing group

A welcoming environment and activities for people in the early stages of dementia and carers.

Help with form filling e.g. blue badges and bus passes

A meeting point for health walks

A social space for older people for meeting, reading newspapers and having refreshments

Access to bus timetables

Computer training

Parish Council Meetings

A bookable space for other meetings

A venue for film nights, presentations, shows and choir performances

Art exhibitions by local artists

Art and Craft courses and demonstrations

A venue for Twinning Events

Improved insulation and other energy-saving modifications for warmth and comfort

Links with Long Buckby Surgery for talks and drop in sessions on health issues

Links with the Co-op community liaison, the new Post Office and Parcel Service

Links with the Police, Neighbourhood Watch and Buckby Angels

Recycling point

Language clubs for children, depending on demand and availability

Other possible clubs for all ages: such as Lego, Jigsaws, Mah Jong, Dominoes, Bridge, Scrabble.