

An Update on the progress of the Future Library Services Programme

Current Position

Edenbridge

- Eden Centre opened to customers on 2 January 2013
- Issues for January to March 2013 are showing a 52% increase on previous year in the old site.

Hartley

- Parish Council considering the option of being commissioned to deliver the library service

Kemsing

- Discussions have taken place with the Parish Council and the local community but no opportunities currently identified.

New Ash Green

- Discussions underway with Parish Council the Village Association but no opportunities currently identified.

Otford

- Groups are making use of the library out of hours such as the local choir and dementia group but despite discussions with the Parish Council and the local community no other opportunities identified.

Riverhead

- Discussions have started with both Riverhead and Dunton Green Parish Councils and local members to explore opportunities. Dunton Green Parish Council doesn't think there is sufficient space in their new building to accommodate a library. Other ideas being explored include a café in the library space.

Seal

- Discussions underway with Parish Council.

Sevenoaks

- Sevenoaks already has a number of partners sharing the site including CAB, museum and gallery. Potential for other asset collaboration opportunities being explored with Town Council and other KCC services.

Swanley

- Plans for Swanley Gateway are progressing. Key to our business case for this site will be reduced operating costs and a better internal layout.

West Kingsdown

- Public meeting on the 2nd July 2013. The parish council will now consider the feedback and the option to be commissioned to run the library service on a day to day basis. Follow up meeting with KCC officers and the Parish Council to be organised for early August.

Westerham

- Discussions underway with Town Council and other local groups. Ideas about potential Heritage and Tourism opportunity being explored.