



NEWS

Colehill Community Library

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Chairman's Update

Christmas already seems a long time ago, but it was nice to spend a morning with sandwiches and mince pies socialising with so many volunteers. Thanks must go to the Horns Inn for their generosity in providing the facilities and sustenance to make it a most enjoyable event. Also, of course, thanks to the Andrew "trio" for their usual musical accompaniment which of course had a festive theme to it this time around. Additionally, a further nod must go to those who gave donations to the raffle prizes and to Barbara Buffton for her time in distributing and collating the tickets on the day.

The collection for the Wimborne Community Food Supply at the Allendale Centre was very well supported and I would like to join the food supply in thanking those who generously provided foodstuffs for the cause. As one of the founders of that supply (during Covid) I know how important these supplies can be to so many people in Wimborne and the surrounding area.

As we head into 2026 we hope the new year will bring further growth for the library and we need to continually look forward to see how we attract more interest locally in our facility. In this modern age, standing still is not an option for any organisation providing activities or interests to the public. We also need to ensure that we continue to keep our volunteer numbers up – something which again is always on our minds but I am sure we can rise to both these challenges.

Wishing all our volunteers and members a Happy New Year.

*Paul Gunovsky, Chair of Trustees,
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Felting demonstration

There will be a felting demonstration at the Library event on 14th February.

Responding to interest, a practical workshop to make a dormouse, materials supplied, can be arranged in the very near future. Maximum 6 places. Please sign up at the needle felting table, or leave a message with Linda in the Library. *Lynette*

Useful links

Colehill Library's Facebook page –

<https://www.facebook.com/colehillcommunitylibrary>

The Library's website (hosted by Colehill Town Council) –

<https://colehill.gov.uk/about-colehill/colehill-community-library>

Libraries West website – sign in with your Library Card number and your PIN, or join on the 'Sign In' page –

<https://www.librarieswest.org.uk>



Colehill Library

13th Birthday Books+Jigsaws Sale

Non-fiction & childrens books
Felting demonstration

Saturday, 14th February

2pm-4pm in the LIBRARY

with Music

Tea & Cake - for a donation

to Colehill Community Library
(charity no. 1151552)

Come along and
bring your friends -
we'd love to see you!



National Year of Reading 2026

Love Reading, Love Your Library

As you are reading our Colehill Library Newsletter it may be assumed that you are already committed to the idea of reading and libraries. However, even the most committed readers among us may have periods when we lose interest in reading and find it difficult to re-engage. Maybe this applies to you, or you know someone else for whom this may be so. The **National Year of Reading 2026** is looking to help change this and Colehill Library will be actively supporting it.

Just a reminder of what your Community Library has to offer –

- We are totally committed to encouraging reading and enjoyment of books with children through the **Summer Reading Challenge** and our own **100 Book Challenge** and our weekly **Rhyme Time** sessions. Our children's area is welcoming with visual "quizzes", puzzles and colouring materials, appropriate furniture and cuddly toys.
- Our library provides free access to a huge range of books through the **Libraries West** catalogue which can be searched online at www.librarieswest.org.uk or in the library with the help of our volunteers.
- Along with this is a warm and welcoming space in which you can browse our book stock, sit and read a newspaper or magazine, use the internet to write your emails. Researching family history using Ancestry is particularly popular and it is possible to book some help from Dave our family history guru and Jeff our IT expert.
- Our **Jigsaw library** with over 200 puzzles to choose from is free to borrow and with no time restrictions.
- Several **Reading Groups** are supported through Colehill Library.
- We also have events at which previously loved books are for sale to help support our funds and there are often craft items on sale, again to help with our fundraising.
- If visiting the library proves difficult, please talk to us. We can connect you with the **RVS Home Library Service** or discuss other ways we may be able to help.
Linda.

Visit the Library, bring a friend
Looking forward to seeing you soon

Quotes from the National Literacy Campaign tell us :

Reading is a way to connect, to share interests and to build on the hobbies and activities that you're already into – from sport, music and fashion to food, video gaming and films. Reading can be a social activity; it can be the lynchpin of conversations and the reason someone falls more and more in love with their hobbies. >

Reading doesn't just have to be printed books. Although many a novel, autobiography or series of short stories have been devoured in print form, today's readers are also discovering their next favourite authors, illustrators and creators through graphic novels, comics, audiobooks and e-books. And for individuals who wouldn't typically identify themselves as a 'reader' – many children, young people and adults are regularly and joyfully poring over news stories, sports reports, song lyrics or fan fiction online.

The ultimate vision of the National Year of Reading is that more people see reading as a personally meaningful, modern and social activity and, beyond 2026, more people choose to read to pursue their interests, express themselves and participate fully in life.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reinvigorate the nation's relationship with reading.

Book Sale on Saturday 14th Feb, 2-4 pm

More stock has come in recently, including a collection of Space-related books, and also:-

Peach comb binder PB200-09



This binder will bind up to 50 sheets of A4 with a plastic comb. Good condition, yours for a donation to the Library. Contact the Editor, g@gpmcs.co.uk or it will be available at the book sale if not redeemed prior.

Home Library Service

For those of you unable to visit your local library because of illness, disability, self-isolation, or because you are a carer, volunteers from the Royal Voluntary Service can deliver books or audiobooks to your home every 3 weeks.

If you are interested in using this service or know of someone who might be eligible to use it, please pick up a leaflet from Colehill Library, or contact Wimborne Library on 01202 882770. An RVS volunteer will then contact you to discuss your reading interests, and organise deliveries. There is no charge for this service.

Jennifer Holman, Local Home Library Service Coordinator