



HIGH STREET BOOK STALL

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Project description

Billericay Lions does not have a charity shop or a permanent clubhouse in the town, so a weekly presence in the High Street was created by having a book stall in the same location outside a supermarket every Saturday morning between 10:00 and 12:30. This enables residents to find us to discuss needs or just for a chat.

The books are donated by the public – we hold about 1500 and about 300 go out on the book stall each week in rotation.

Any donated books above the 1500 are saved and donated to Leigh-on-Sea Lions for their charity shop.

The books are available free to the public but we accept donations for them.

Why a book stall? The project helps the environment by recycling second-hand books and it encourages people to read too.





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What went well?

The book stall has been a regular fixture in the High Street for over 30 years and has met all the objectives. People know we are there, many books are recycled every week and many conversations take place.



Lessons learnt

Being visible to the public helps in many ways – publicity, recruitment, recycling, literacy and fellowship.



1000 people served a year

(based on 15 people taking books and 5 donating so 20 per week)



312 volunteer hours a year

(based on 2 members each week for 3 hours each)