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**Stalbridge Town Meeting-23 May 2018**

The library has enjoyed another successful year and we have continued to see a steady number of new patrons signing up to use the facilities-this includes a number of children. The library again ran the national summer reading challenge last year and we have been notified that the subject for this year is to be “Dennis and Friends”-a reference to the Beano comic.

Also, the customer self service machine is to be replaced with a new more “user friendly” model shortly.

We have taken steps to ensure we are compliant with the new GDPR regulations that come into effect on 25th May this year.

Currently, we have a full complement of volunteers but we are always looking for new people to join the team. This usually involves working for an average of 3 hours on one or two occasions a month. Whilst we currently have a full complement of volunteers, we are always keen to recruit more people as we do have a turnover due to various reasons. My thanks to all of our volunteers-this library could not operate without them.

Our opening hours remain as we started in 2013 but we have modified the Thursday times to open and close 30 minutes earlier-there is not much demand after 6.00 p.m. We took the decision to keep the library closed for business for 2-3 days during the extreme weather back in March but apart from this, we have been able to provide a full service throughout the last year.

Stalbridge Library is supported by The Friends of Stalbridge Library and their subscriptions are used to support the activities of the library such as author talks, etc, and also to provide equipment or material that is not provided by the County Council. In the last year this has mainly consisted of hard wearing book covers provided for books in the honesty liobrary. The Stalbridge Community Library management committee would like to express their grateful thanks for this support.

As of February 13 this year, the library had been operating as a community library for 5-years. To celebrate this achievement, a cream tea event has been organised for volunteers, Friends and partners to take place at the Hub in July this year.

A word of thanks must go the Town Council for their help and support in maintaining such a essential service to the community.

Finally, my own sincere thanks must go to my faithful and loyal committee (which includes a serving member of the Town Council) for their help and support over the last 12-months