

Chair's Review of 2017/18 for FoCL.

This is the year when the Friends of Culcheth Library came into existence with its mission to support the Library Service in delivering a wide range of library-related activities and to offer practical support to promote the role of the Library as a community resource in Culcheth.

As a brand new friends group we have achieved the following things this year:-

- * Developed and realised a constituted group with a committee including a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and many other members.
- * Developed a Mission Statement and Code of Conduct.
- * Created a relationship with LiveWire in order to facilitate the development of a Library that will be sustainable and meets the needs of local residents into the future.
- * Opened a bank account through our Treasurer.
- * Consulted with local residents at several meetings in the Library with the aim to create a group of volunteers who are willing to support the work of the Library Service.
- * Fundraised within the community to support the work of FoCL.
- * Consulted with Livewire about the remodelling of the Library building in Culcheth to meet the needs of the community.
- * Through Lottery funding set up and equipped a Wellbeing hub in the Library.
- * Through Lottery funding provided Mindfulness training to approximately 20 volunteers who will take this into the community through a Mindfulness group meeting regularly in the library building.
- * Engaged with Warrington Voluntary Action to provide Safeguarding training to many of the volunteers in the mindfulness group.
- * Created policies for Safeguarding Adults & Young People and for the new data protection regulations.
- * The committee thoroughly reviewed the spending of the Lottery Grant for the Well being Hub.
- * Coordinated a book swap and cake sale to mark World Book Night.
- * Supported a Crafting Group that meets regularly in the Library.
- * Supported a Reading Group that meets regularly in the Library.
- * Financially supported a Poetry event organised by LiveWire that was attended by many School children from Culcheth.
- * Created a jigsaw group to use and loan puzzles that all Library members can access.

The fact that so much has happened in the past 12 months is down to the hard work and commitment of many people from the local community, working voluntarily to be involved in this project, thank you.

The main purpose of the Library in Culcheth is to lend books, audio books, and videos to residents. If this does not happen then we jeopardise the existence of this community educational facility. FoCL encourages you to do just this, borrow a book read it, read to your children, your partner, your parents, your pet, your neighbour then return the book to the library and repeat.