

**THE PARK BENCH
GENERAL MEETING**

7.30 Thursday 9 October at 9 Nottingham Street Bristol BS3 4SS

Minutes

1. Greetings and introductions

Present at meeting: Stella, Heather, Linda, Richard

Apologies: Steve, Cherry Harris, Carol, Lucy, Annie

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the meeting on 10 July were read and approved..

3. Treasurer's report.

Richard reported that there have been no significant movements since the last meeting. The balance in the bank account stands at £443.80 at 08 September 2008.

There are some expenses not yet paid.

4. Operations

Figures for this quarter are attached to these minutes.

New Street

nothing new to report. We have 6 volunteers for this session.

The Salvation Army hostel.

Heather has still been unable to meet with Andrew Kellett but there are no operational issues and staff remain welcoming. We now have 5 volunteers for this session and we need to consider a rota to be published in advance. (**Action Heather**)

Other libraries & bookshelves

We have, or are planning, a bookshelf at

- a. The Big Issue offices
- b. Townsend House (women's hostel)
- c. The Well
- d. One25

Heather continues to make regular visits to all these places..

- e. Southmead Hospital

We've provided some books for their psychiatric centre (mostly spare women's reads)

- f. Compass Centre (night centre, Jamaica Street)

No further contact has been made with Mark Bearcroft.

We have provided details of how the library was set up to 2 other interested parties.

We've also heard of some interest from the Wild Goose Café, but no further contact has been made and we're cautious about the suitability of the venue.

Book movements

We've had several donations from staff at New Street and regular donations from the Amnesty bookshop. We have also been invited to come & select books from Trinity Road Library following refurbishment.

5. AOB.

We have been contacted by a band in Derby called The Park Bench and have arranged for them to perform at Caring@Christmas on December 28th. More details from their website <http://www.myspace.com/theparkbench2006>

We've just celebrated our 3rd anniversary at New Street with a cake for the library users.

6. Next meeting

Our next meeting is our AGM on Thursday 15th January 2009 and we will need

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| - an annual report | Heather, Stella & Linda to produce |
| - a venue | Richard to discuss with Julian Trust & Logos House |
| - formal notice etc | Richard to draft & agree with Linda |

Other arrangements will be discussed between us nearer the event.