

**THE PARK BENCH
GENERAL MEETING**

7.30 Thursday 16th April 2009 at 9 Nottingham Street Bristol BS3 4SS

Minutes

1. Greetings and introductions

Present at meeting: Stella, Heather, Linda, Richard, Lucy

Apologies: Cherry Harris, Charlotte, Annie, Candia

2. Minutes of the last meeting (AGM) and matters arising

Minutes of the AGM on 15th January were read and approved.

Nothing has yet been heard back from Nicola Harris about her research.

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 £408.44 at 09 March 2009.

4. Operations

Figures for this quarter are attached to these minutes. Generally it seems that New Street is getting quieter whereas the Salvation Army is getting busier. Heather commented that the more familiar people are with us the fewer books they borrow at any time.

New Street

Heather reminded us that The Wild Goose café is still considering running sessions at New Street and this may have an impact on library operations.

The Salvation Army hostel.

It's ticking along nicely and appreciated by all. We often get donations of books from staff and residents.

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.

There are 3 more places where we are considering supplying books

- e. Naomi House – a mother and baby home
- f. Julian Trust – a nightshelter for the homeless
- g. Compass Centre (Jamaica Street)

Book movements

Still getting books from many sources.

5. Volunteers

Some of our volunteers are unable to continue their current level of commitment and we may need to look at recruitment for the Autumn, particularly for the Salvation Army where we run a smaller rota.

6. AOB.

none

7Next meeting

Our next meeting is 7.30 16th July at 9 Nottingham Street .