

**THE PARK BENCH
GENERAL MEETING**

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

Minutes

1. Greetings and introductions

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

Apologies: Andrew, Charlotte

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the last meeting on 16th April were approved. Heather reported that Nicola Harris has completed her research which is lodged with the Welsh Library.

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 £409.73 at 13 July 2009.

4. Operations

Figures for this quarter are attached to these minutes. The variation in numbers continues to create speculation, but numbers are still up on same time last year and busy enough to demonstrate a clear interest in the service.

New Street

.No news about Wild Goose at New Street. Linda suggested that we could consider changing the hours as there seems to be less interest in the early part of the session and often a last minute flurry. We agreed to experiment with a later start and finish for a trial period provided it suits the volunteers.

The Salvation Army hostel.

Ticking along nicely.

Other libraries & bookshelves

We have bookshelves at

- a.** The Big Issue offices
 - b.** Townsend House (women's hostel)
 - c.** The Well
 - d.** One25
 - e.** Naomi House – a mother and baby home
 - f.** Julian Trust – a nightshelter for the homeless
- Heather continues to make regular visits to all these places.

5. Book movements

Lucy has kindly offered some women's books which Heather will find useful at One25 & The Well and we continue to get regular donations.

6. Volunteers

We're open to new volunteers if we suit each other but don't have any desperate needs to fill apart from the inevitable shortage of cover during August. However we are able to remain open at both New Street and Logos House with some sessions being run single-handed.

7. AOB.

No other business was raised

8. Next meeting

Our next meeting is 7.30 15th October at 9 Nottingham Street .