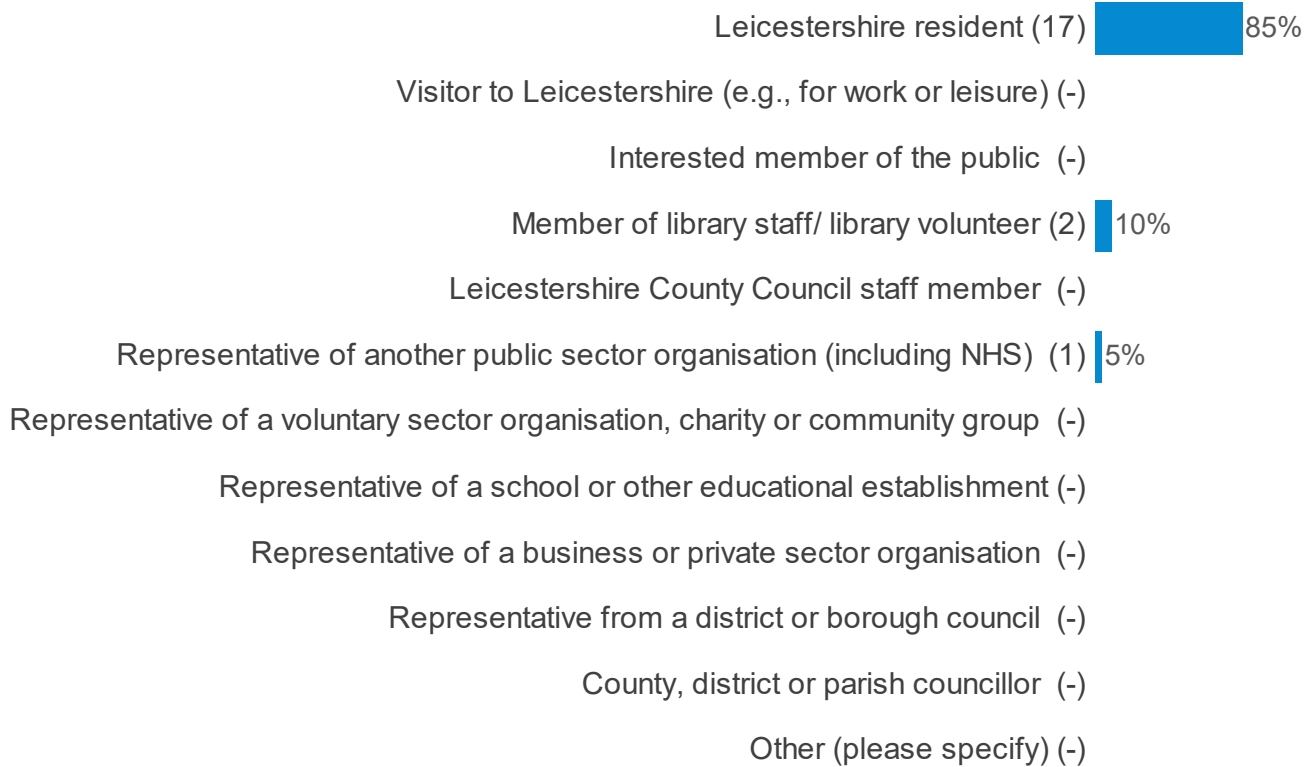


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Overall 21 respondents completed this questionnaire.

In which role are you responding to this consultation?



If you indicated that you are a representative of a school, organisation or business, please provide your details (Organisation:)

Ibstock Parish Council

Are you providing your organisation's official response to the consultation?

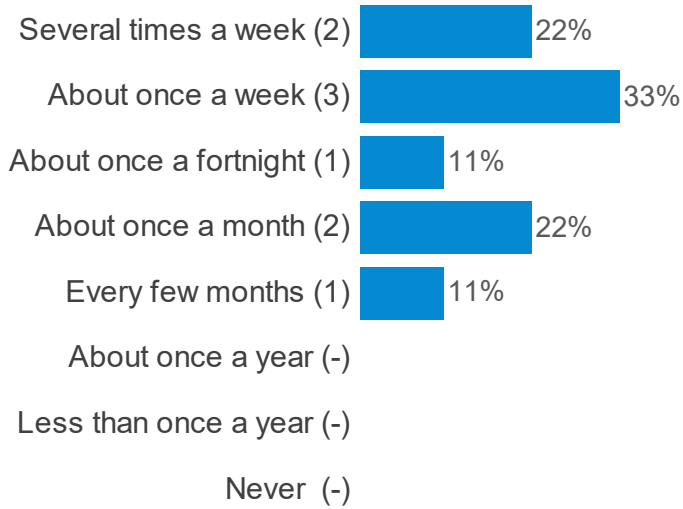


Do you use Ibstock library?

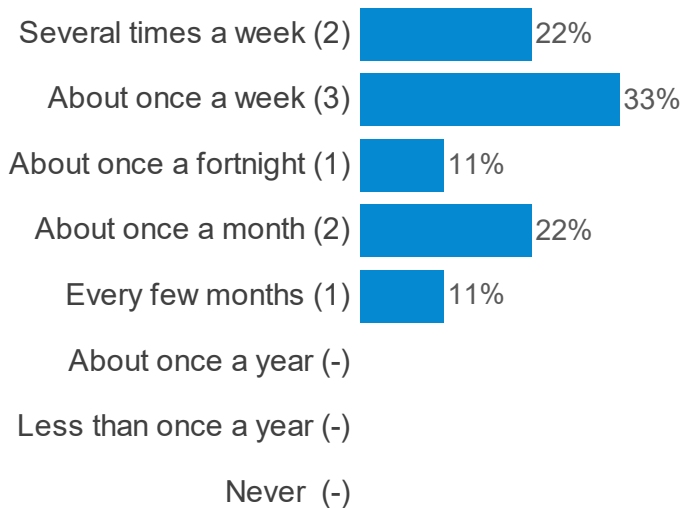


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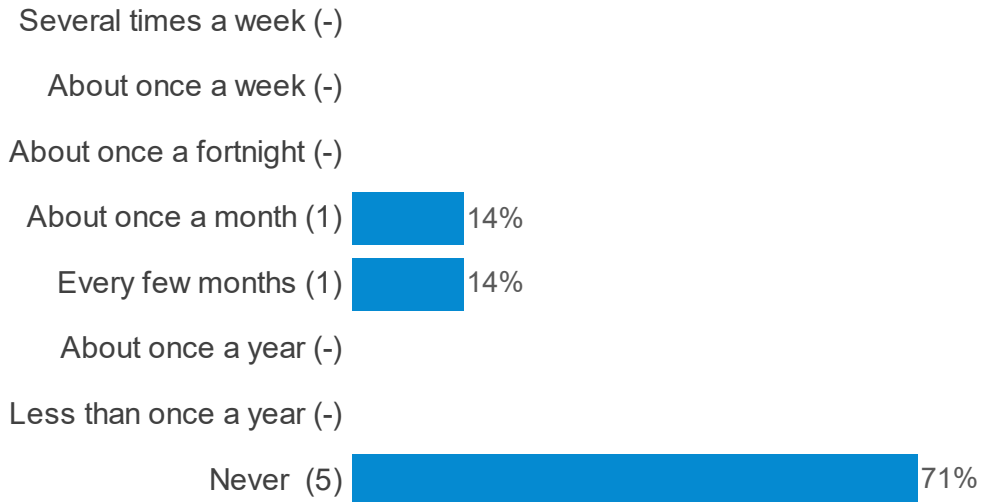


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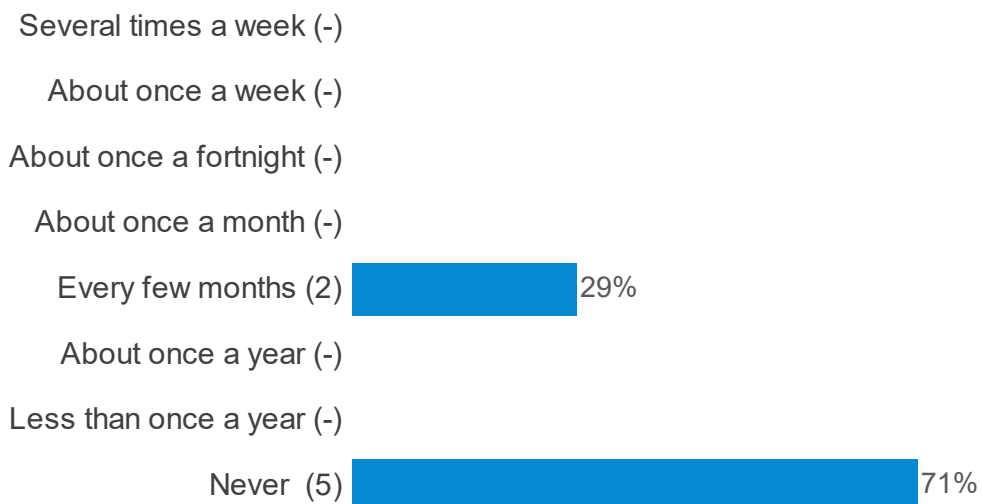


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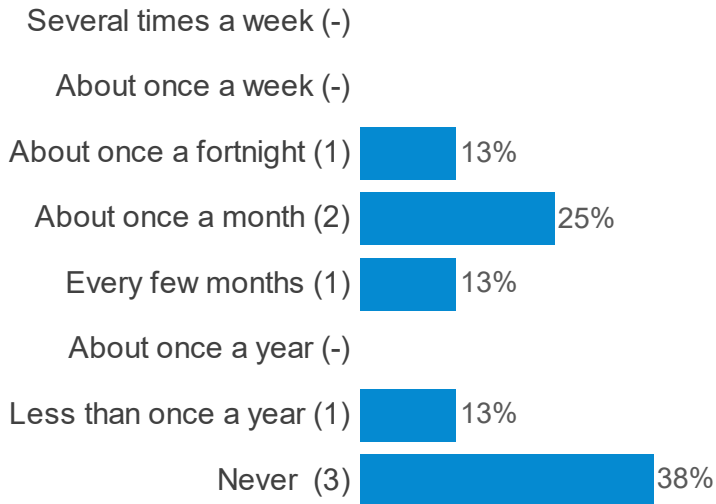


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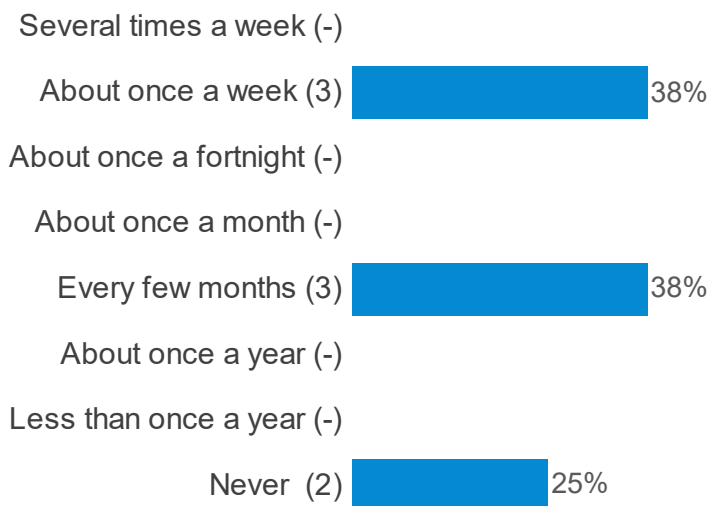


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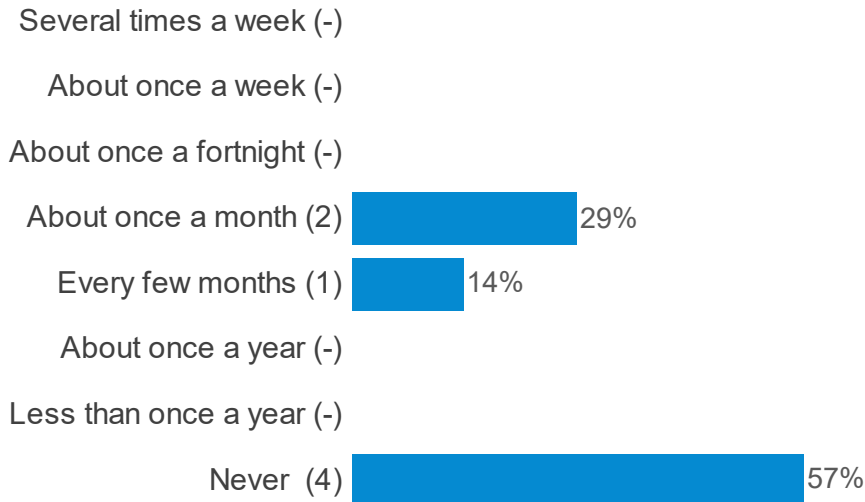


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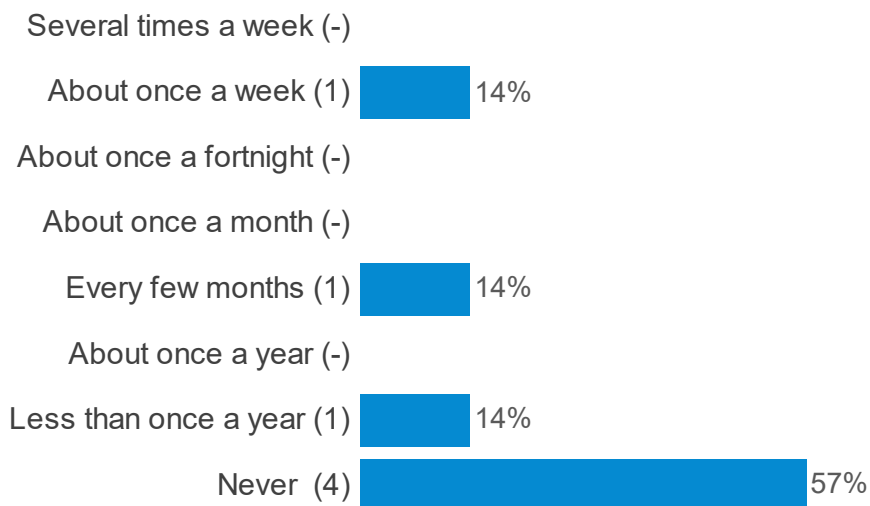


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How often, if at all, do you do the following at Ibstock library? Please select one option per row. (Access information)

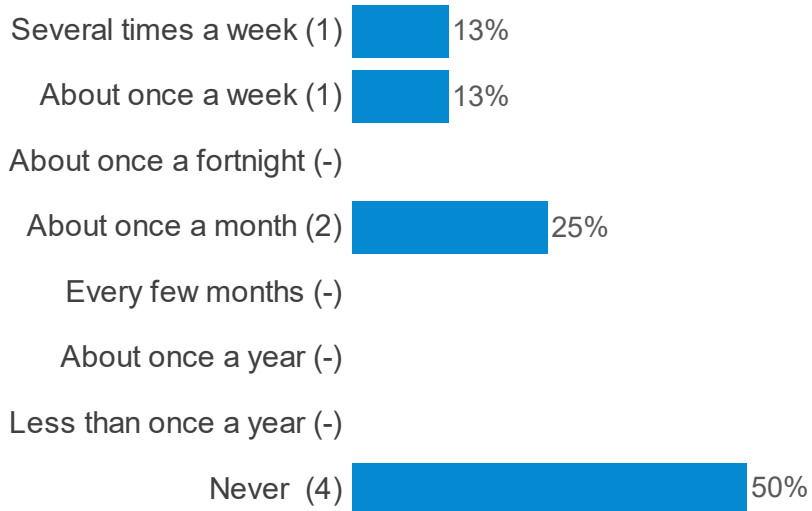


How often, if at all, do you do the following at Ibstock library? Please select one option per row. (Access face-to-face advice)



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How often, if at all, do you do the following at Ibstock library? Please select one option per row. (Use the library space to meet people)



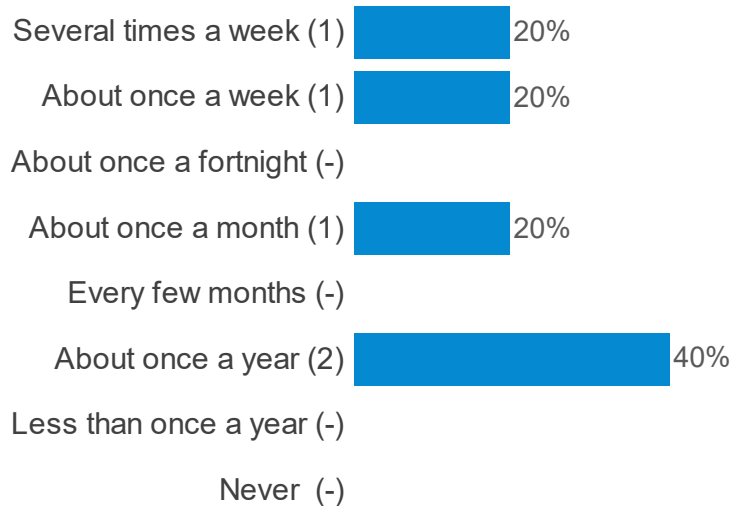
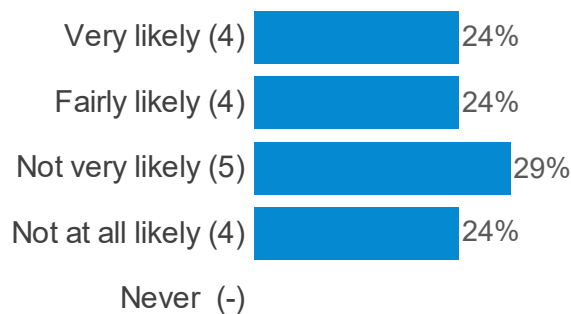
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Do you use any other libraries? Please tick all applicable.

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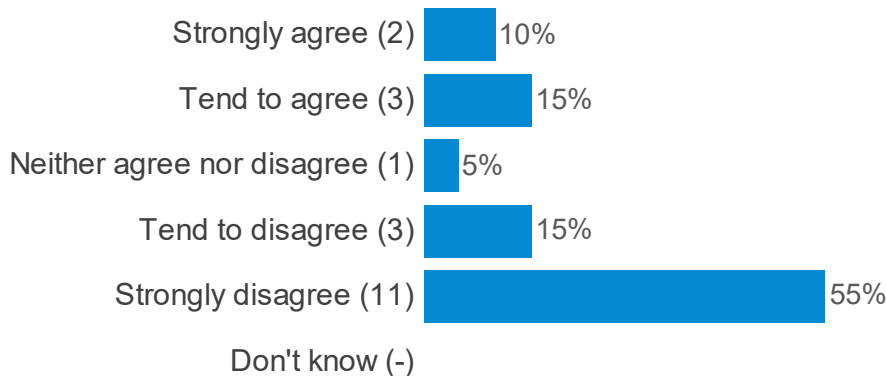
Anstey (-)	
Ashby de la Zouch (4)	25%
Barrow upon Soar (-)	
Birstall (-)	
Blaby (-)	
Bottesford (-)	
Braunstone Town (-)	
Broughton Astley (-)	
Burbage (-)	
Castle Donington (-)	
Coalville (8)	30%
Cosby (-)	
Countesthorpe (-)	
Desford (-)	
Earl Shilton (-)	
East Goscote (-)	
Enderby (-)	
Fleckney (-)	
Glenfield (-)	
Glenhills (-)	
Great Glen (-)	
Groby (-)	
Hathern (-)	
Hinckley (-)	
Ibstock (4)	25%
Kegworth (-)	
Kibworth (-)	
Kirby Muxloe (-)	
Leicester Forest East (-)	
Loughborough (1)	6%
Lutterworth (-)	
Market Bosworth (-)	
Market Harborough (-)	
Markfield (-)	
Measham (1)	6%
Melton Mowbray (-)	
Mountsorrel (-)	
Narborough (-)	
Newbold Verdon (-)	
Oadby (-)	
Quorn (-)	
Ratby (-)	
Rothley (-)	
Sapcote (-)	
Shepshed (-)	
Sileby (-)	
Stoney Stanton (-)	
Syston (-)	
Thurmaston (-)	
Wigston Magna (-)	
A non-county council library (e.g. in Leicester City, in another county, or a school library) (-)	
Mobile library (1)	6%
No (5)	31%

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Are you aware of Leicestershire County Council's digital library services which offer free e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines and e-newspapers?**Have you used these digital library services before?****How often, if at all, do you use these digital library services? (Visit the library)****How likely, if at all, would you be to use Leicestershire County Council's digital library services in the future?**

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Within the context of reducing council budgets, if Ibstock library were to close, to what extent do you agree or disagree that our proposals provide an adequate alternative to the current service?



Why do you say this?

had to use mobile library previously, but limited supply of books

You cannot replace books with digital there is no comparison

A library is a vital service to the community. Whilst having access to digital services or libraries in nearby towns is better than nothing, we are still at a disadvantage. Cuts to public transport mean that those who cannot drive cannot easily access the libraries in Coalville and Ashby. Having access to digital services may help this but it doesn't support those who need physical books, or parents who cannot afford the rising cost of baby and toddler groups so visit the library to get out the house. Literacy is so important to a civilised society!

The lack of printer and computer facilities for those who don't have access at home. No place for people to meet on a book bus. No opportunity for a book group, as has been run at Ibstock for many months now.

Not the same experience for children as actually going to a library and physically handling books.

Mobile library service once a month is not adequate. It does not offer computers or other services such as the book group. I live in the next village to Ibstock that does not have a bus service to Coalville. Ibstock library volunteers provide a friendly, helpful service which I appreciate as a retired, isolated person.

I use the library weekly with my children and it's a wonderful service. We attend after school and having the library so local to the schools, means my children's love of reading has increased. They are excited each time we come and to have this service stopped or taken away would be a travesty. A mobile library that arrives once a month, would not feed the appetite of my children's reading needs

Ibstock is a large village which benefits from having a library. It particularly benefits children who live in the village as it is inexpensive to access and no transport costs are required to get to the next closest local library.

Mobile libraries are a poor substitute and public transport links to Coalville and other towns are not great, are an additional cost to families and an inconvenience ...deter people from using libraries.

I think everyone should have access to their local library

Providing a mobile library would be the best option to both library users and the council in these difficult economic times. I personally would be willing to wait for and meet the library van but not so keen to travel to Coalville I would probably revert to getting my books from charity shops.

A mobile service wouldn't provide the same frequency of service as the static library. Opening hours are already restricted and difficult for working people to access. Bus services within the village have been severely cut already.

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Why do you say this?

There is no comparison to a physical book, mobile libraries will provide a smaller range. Also, digital resources only go so far as its easy for children to be distracted by apps etc, to confirm this is coming from someone who works in cyber security so this is not a biased view. I have a five year old who uses this library from the age of three frequently and its been fantastic, suffice to say its terrible news that the council isn't supporting what is essentially a valuable community source for education.

The library should be a book lending service. A mobile van does not provide the same service and the trip to access services in Coalville is not suitable for all

Are there any alternative solutions for a replacement service that you think the council should consider?

not really

No keep libraris open they are so useful to kids and children and families that cannot afford to purchase books

I appreciate that cuts to funding make it very difficult for services like community libraries to continue and something needs to give. It is a very sad and disappointing situation. Perhaps the opening hours of the library are hindering things at the moment? More people may be inclined to help if the library were open later in the evening or later on a Saturday to accommodate those of us who work but wish to volunteer? As for the cost, would a mobile library be beneficial for serving the smaller villages? Would the cost of this be cheaper than the cost of renting and heating a venue?

Mobile library, including Heather.

Share an existing community resource in Ibstock

Allow the schools to run the library together

A local story time with a book reader for the kids

Mobile library which visits the village daily

IF the community library in its current location cannot continue then partnering with other social hubs in Ibstock might be considered.

A volunteer library

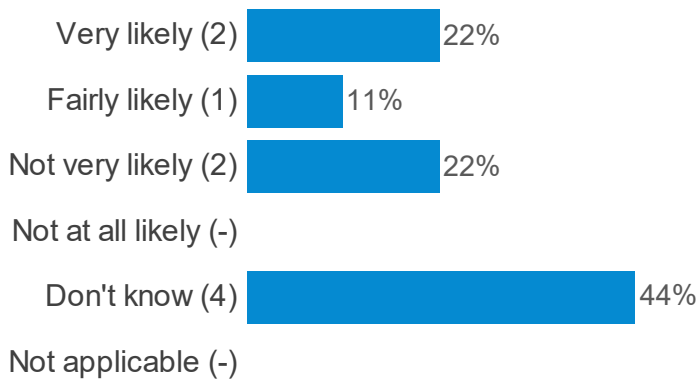
I can't think of anything.

A consortium where trustees run several volunteer run village libraries and pool their expertise.

The council should cover costs and keep it going, terrible that they are abandoning such resources to save money. Councils receive significant budgets and money could easily be taken from elsewhere.

If Ibstock library is closed (which seems sensible) it would be good to see any budget that has previously gone to Ibstock library re-allocated to Coalville & Ashby de la Zouch Libraries. To extend their stock & (crucially) the staffed hours at these libraries.

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How likely, if at all, would you be to use this mobile library service?**Why do you say this?**

difficult to visit other local libraries with my granddaughter after school

We would use this as paying for parking is a hassle when travelling further. However, books are loaned on a three weekly basis. Most people would surely go to the library every 3 weeks and not every month (this wasn't an option on the first page where we have to say how often we use the library. We visit every 3 weeks).

It depends on the day and time it's available- would it suit working people for example?

It depends on the day

We would like access to a library and it's books a lot more often than once a month

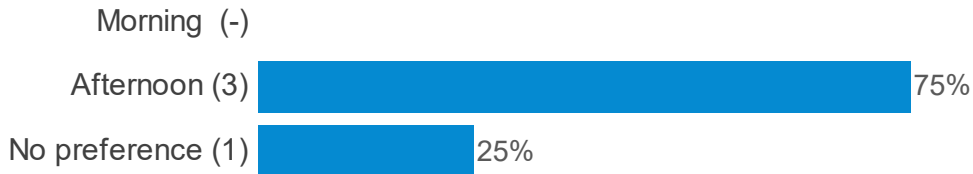
It would be the next best thing to a library. We would still be able to browse through the books and interact with the driver. My only comment would be that I have experienced times in the past when the library van hasn't turned up or has been very late. There is no shelter outside the Community College at Ibstock. It would be a great help if there was a 'bulletin board' on the Leicestershire libraries web site warning about late or 'no shows' if that could be possible.

Limited access, reduced range of materials, reduced operating times.

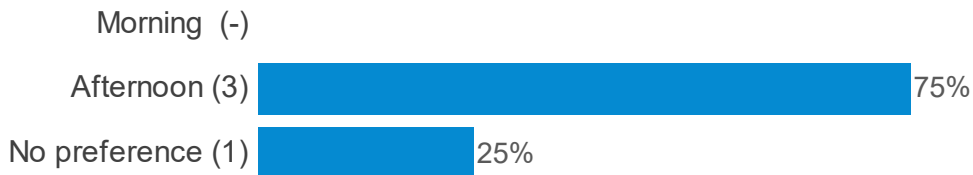
What day(s) and time(s) of the week would you prefer to use this mobile library service? Please tick all applicable. (Monday)**What day(s) and time(s) of the week would you prefer to use this mobile library service? Please tick all applicable. (Tuesday)**

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**What day(s) and time(s) of the week would you prefer to use this mobile library service?
Please tick all applicable. (Wednesday)**



**What day(s) and time(s) of the week would you prefer to use this mobile library service?
Please tick all applicable. (Thursday)**



**What day(s) and time(s) of the week would you prefer to use this mobile library service?
Please tick all applicable. (Friday)**



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If Ibstock library were to close, which other libraries, if any, would you use? Please tick all applicable.

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Anstey (-)	
Ashby de la Zouch (1)	13%
Barrow upon Soar (-)	
Birstall (-)	
Blaby (-)	
Bottesford (-)	
Braunstone Town (-)	
Broughton Astley (-)	
Burbage (-)	
Castle Donington (-)	
Coalville (5)	63%
Cosby (-)	
Countesthorpe (-)	
Desford (-)	
Earl Shilton (-)	
East Goscote (-)	
Enderby (-)	
Fleckney (-)	
Glenfield (-)	
Glenhills (-)	
Great Glen (-)	
Groby (-)	
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Kegworth (-)	
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Kirby Muxloe (-)	
Leicester Forest East (-)	
Loughborough (-)	
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Market Bosworth (-)	
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Markfield (-)	
Measham (-)	
Melton Mowbray (-)	
Mountsorrel (-)	
Narborough (-)	
Newbold Verdon (-)	
Oadby (-)	
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Ratby (-)	
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None (3)	38%

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Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

no

Need to stop cutting back and actually find services that are useful to people we loose more and more every year to more takeaways and beauty Parlours

If a mobile service is introduced, please consider weekends. Many people simply cannot go in the week unless it is open late in the evenings.

None

No

No

None other than it is a great shame that Ibstock Library may have to close as the staff there have done a wonderful job . It's a sad sign of the times. Good luck as you go forward.

Source council funding elsewhere, don't shut down a useful educational resource.

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