

# Central Swindon North Parish Community Wellbeing Committee Meeting Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

## AG3: Library Update

1. I have received expressions of interest in volunteering with our library service from four individuals to date. Subject to interview, training, and DBS checks it is hoped that volunteers will join us from July to deliver storytimes, and provide assistance to library staff in routine tasks.
2. The NHS made use of Moredon & RC on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May to deliver a COVID vaccination drop-in clinic. A 'steady stream' of people visited the clinic on the day, with NHS staff administering 38 vaccinations. It is hoped that Moredon & RC Library will be used in similar vein in future.
3. Moredon Library is supporting a local Duke of Edinburgh award candidate, Martha Newton, by providing her experience of working in a library. Martha will be with us for three months, working on Saturdays. We have additionally received interest from Commonweal students asking if a work placement is possible in our libraries. Pending agreement, we hope to host one such student at Even Swindon for three days.
4. The Trust finds itself in a good financial position at year end, having remained in budget. Further to savings made entering FY21/22, additional reductions in costs have been achieved for FY22/23 by rationalising Microsoft Business Licences, and switching phone and broadband suppliers. It is forecast that savings made will result in no, or at most a marginal increase in the cost of the Library Service in this financial year. A grant request for FY22/23 will be made to the Parish shortly.