

**DEDDINGTON  
LIBRARY**

1921–2011

**DON'T R.I.P. THE**

**HEART OUT OF OUR  
COMMUNITY**

**THE LIBRARY NEEDS  
YOUR SUPPORT**

**TELL OCC COUNCILLOR  
JUDITH HEATHCOAT  
WHAT LOSING THE LIBRARY  
MEANS TO YOU!**

**(see back page for contact details)**

## Did you know that:

- OCC believes that ‘rural isolation affects older, younger and poorer people more seriously than others’ (*Closer to Communities*, 2010)
- Deddington has the highest proportion of people age 85+ in the county (4.8%)
- Deddington has the 2nd highest proportion of people age 15 and below in the county (behind Banbury Ruscote Ward which is not a rural community)
- Deddington has the 3rd highest proportion of people at or beyond retirement age in the county
- Deddington has the lowest proportion of working age people in the county - therefore our dependency on a local library is greater.
- Bus Users UK has identified that, in the event of library closures, Deddington tops a survey of worst hit rural communities - a child’s return bus fare to Banbury is £3.60, cost for adult + 2 children is £12. Journey time from Deddington to Banbury is 29 minutes, ignoring any journey time to the Deddington hub in the first place.
- 85% of householders in the county have to be within two miles of a static library. Does the County really think they can close the rural libraries and still maintain this level of service?

- **OCC says:** ‘only three static libraries have less borrowers than Deddington’
- **We say:** ‘but 15 have fewer issues and 10 have fewer visitors’
  
- **OCC says:** ‘our borrowers represent only 0.6% of static library users in the county’
- **We say:** ‘our population is just 0.35% of the county, yet our issues account for 0.85% of all issues across Oxfordshire’

## **BOOK A FUTURE FOR OUR LIBRARY**

These are just some of the facts and figures we are assembling in our fight against the threatened Library closure

You will find more on the Deddington News website: <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/> and Deddington OnLine: <http://www.deddington.org.uk>

Please use some or all of them in your letters of support  
(see over for where to send your letters)

# SAVE DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

What you can do to register your support and express your opinions:

1. Please send OCC Councillor Judith Heathcoat, who is in charge of the library closures, a polite and concise email stating what the closure of Deddington Library will mean to you and your family; write 'Save Deddington Library' in the subject box.  
Email address: [judith.heathcoat@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:judith.heathcoat@oxfordshire.gov.uk)
2. Or write to Cllr Judith Heathcoat, Community Services, Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND
3. Copy your email to: [futurelibraries@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:futurelibraries@oxfordshire.gov.uk)
4. And to Deddington County Councillor, Ray Jelf at [ray.jelf@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ray.jelf@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or snailmail to the County Hall address above
5. Copy your email to our MP, Tony Baldry, at [baldryt@parliament.uk](mailto:baldryt@parliament.uk)
6. And to Keith Mitchell, leader of OCC, at [keith.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:keith.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk)
7. And even to Prime Minister David Cameron, who is an Oxfordshire constituency representative, at [camerond@parliament.uk](mailto:camerond@parliament.uk)
8. Register your support on the Save Deddington Library ePetition on the OCC website at <http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/mgEPetitionListDisplay.aspx>
9. Join the Save Deddington Library Facebook group which will keep you informed of our progress and activities, go to <http://www.facebook.com> and enter Save Deddington Library in the search box. This will direct you to the dedicated page and allow you to join (you have to be registered on Facebook). See also the Deddington News website: <http://www.deddingtonnews.co.uk/> and Deddington OnLine: <http://www.deddington.org.uk/>