

Save Westbury Library Campaign

An active Campaign Group has been set up by Cllr Geoff Gollop following the Public Meeting held on 26 March at Westbury Methodist Church. Reproduced below is the Group's first Newsletter, published on 19 April and circulated by email to all those who had registered an interest in being kept abreast of developments.

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This email is going to all who gave their email address at the two Library meetings in Westbury. I do apologise if there are any duplications.

To those who turned up at the consultation meeting on Wednesday [15 April at Coombe Dingle Sports Centre], thank you for playing such a positive part in getting our message across to the Head of Libraries (who wrote the report proposing that Westbury Library should close).

What you can do to help now

- We need to raise our profile. You can help by writing letters to the Bristol Post referring to the article in Friday's paper (attached) and saying why you need Westbury Library to remain open
- Talk to your friends and family. If they would like to receive our newsletters, please ask them to email me
- Visit us at the Westbury Community Fair on Saturday 9 May
- Join our protest day on Saturday 6 June – details to follow
- Follow us on twitter, like us on Facebook and encourage friends and family to do the same
- A leaflet is being prepared for delivery to every house in Westbury and Stoke Bishop urging residents to respond to the consultation process by the end of June. If you could help with delivery, please email me

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Hundreds turn out for library closure protest

DEPUTY Bristol Mayor Geoff Gollop has spoken of the "remarkable" turn out of people to protest against the threatened closure of a public library in Westbury-on-Trym.

About 250 people turned up for the meeting including four young mums who attended with their toddlers, ready for bed, to protest on behalf of their children this week.

Mr Gollop said: "The council organised this meeting as part of its 'consultation' regarding Libraries for the Future.

"The fact that 250 people attended the public meeting is remarkable and shows the strength of feeling within the Westbury-on-Trym and Stoke Bishop communities.

"The council is serious about closing our libraries and we local residents must use every means we can to make the mayor realise the strength of feeling.

"Residents must register their objections while they still have a library.

"It is only the date of the closure that has been delayed, not the closure itself."

Seven of the city's 28 libraries are in danger of being closed due to an overhaul by the city council of the library service.

The council is committed to saving £1 million from the library budget but Mayor George Ferguson has put the review on hold for a year.

The council has stressed that if viable alternatives can be found for the threatened libraries, then they need not be closed.

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City to take part in day of action

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