

**Agenda Item xx - Interim Update from Friends of Tadcaster Library for
Tadcaster and Villages CEF Partnership Board**

Organisation: Friends of Tadcaster Library

Project/Grant Application: Tadcaster Library Community Development

Grant Amount: £5,000

Grant Awarded in: May 2017

'Since we received the £5000 this was matched by Tadcaster Town Council, giving us a total of £10000 to work with. It took us a while to put together a brief for the work / role we wanted. However, with the help of Selby AVS we advertised the opportunity and met with 3 providers in November. We have decided to split the work between 2 of them. One is an individual, who also happened to be one of the volunteers, so knows the library well. She will work on a more day to day basis, working initially with the volunteers to revise and do additional training. She will be working with a small number of volunteers who we are encouraging to take on further roles, organise events etc. She is also helping us with social media and promotion of the library services and activities.

We have also agreed with Selby AVS to do some of the more strategic work such as helping with the business plan and to do some "non-library" training of volunteers on a task basis.

Since the grant was awarded, we have hosted a WEA course and have had several community groups visit the library or host talks. One of our volunteers has used the experience gained in the library to help secure employment (using us as a reference) and two other volunteers have taken up additional volunteer roles, again using the library experience to help them towards this. We continue to make contacts and network with other local groups as well as the other community libraries in the district. Through our group of volunteers we have improved our connections with the local primary schools and continue to provide placements for a number of grammar school pupils on DofE.

We would like to once again thank the CEF for the grant and will always be happy to support you in any community events and activities.'

Sara Gott, Chair

Tadcaster Community Library

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