

Volunteer Co-ordinator's Report September 2020

Everything was continuing to go well until the Library closed in March. However, several volunteers had left for various reasons and we were looking for replacements. In fact we put an advertisement in the *Goring Gap News* – but of course this has been overtaken by events.

We are very much hoping that the Library will re-open within the next month or so and are working towards that goal. It has involved asking all the volunteers whether they want to return to the library, either now or in the future. As a result some people have seen this as a good moment to stop volunteering, while several would prefer to wait for a vaccine before returning.

We do still have a good number who would like to come in once the Library is open and we anticipate that the opening hours will be reduced, at least to start with. Once I know exactly what is happening I will draw up a timetable and ask each volunteer which hours they can fill.

I am working closely with Kate and Jacqui and it has been very valuable to be able to draw on the excellent relationship we have forged over the past year or so.

We must all remain patient and adaptable in the face of the huge changes, which have taken place and are continuing to do so, and I am delighted that so many volunteers are ready to return.

I would like to reiterate my appreciation to **all** those who have been part of the team over the past 18 months – you are a wonderful group who show unfailing reliability, cheerfulness, loyalty and commitment. Thank you!