

A SECURE FUTURE FOR THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY



The Friends of Carnegie Library have been working for many years to support and preserve Carnegie Library as a vital centre and service for the community.

Further details are given overleaf, but a practical way forward is being developed through the formation of a charitable incorporated organisation, the Carnegie Library Association.

You are invited to attend a public meeting to hear more details, to give your views and get involved – please come on either

THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

St Saviour's Parish Hall, Herne Hill Road

6.30 – 9.30pm

Or

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

Herne Hill United Church Hall, near the top of Red Post Hill

2.00 – 5.00pm

If you cannot attend, there is an opportunity to get involved through the accompanying community survey or via our website

www.friendsofcarnegielibrary.org.uk – we look forward to continue working with you to ensure our library service is secured and enhanced with wider compatible use.

THE FRIENDS OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Formed in 1999, the aims of the Friends of Carnegie Library are:



- To protect Andrew Carnegie's gift of a free public library on Herne Hill Road, including leading a vigorous campaign to prevent closure.
- To revitalise the Carnegie Library in Herne Hill Road and raise its profile within Lambeth, the Southwark catchment area and beyond.
- To liaise with Friends of Lambeth Libraries and other library friends groups working to save and promote local libraries.

As well as providing many extra facilities for the library, we were also successful in creating an Art Gallery and a Reading & Wildlife Garden. We supported Ruskin Readers adult literacy clubs, Chess Club and other groups, ran a monthly tea stall, annual Winter Fair and regular special events, from Bat Fun Days to music recitals.

The library was thriving, with membership, visits and borrowing ever increasing. The best value Lambeth library and busiest children's library, it also offered yoga, Pilates, promoted health & wellbeing and opportunities to learn new skills and to be creative.

BUSINESS CASE

Lambeth Council have said they do not wish to close the library but want it to be run in a different way. They have made funds available to research and present a business case for the future of the library, with a deadline of October 28th, and community enterprise consultants have been appointed to carry out this work

CARNEGIE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

As the basis for future community management of the library building itself and providing funds for maintaining the library service, the Friends in association with other groups have set up a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO), Carnegie Library Herne Hill Association. The public meetings in September 2016 are intended to focus community efforts on this practical approach, and to hear the first results of the business case research.

Carnegie Library Herne Hill Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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