

Boroughbridge Community Library and Resource Centre



In partnership with



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View from St James Square



View from York Road

BOROUGHBRIDGE AREA COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (BACLA) came into existence in 2011 when NYCC was debating whether to close the local library altogether or reduce the number of opening hours.

While County were deliberating, the community asked a small group of people (mainly members of local councils) to get together as a kind of “action group” to see what could be done to maintain a full range of library services in the town, for the benefit of Boroughbridge and the Lower Ure Valley.

In June 2012, BACLA volunteers began to work in the library on Wednesdays, following a period of induction and training, and that situation continued until December 1, 2016, when BACLA took over the running of the library, working in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council who provide support through two members of their professional staff. BACLA is now a registered charity.



Entrance Foyer



The Library

Currently (August 2017), the following local people are the **trustees** who make up the BACLA committee:

Judith Burton, trustee responsible for recruitment and training
Helen Chester, library administrator
Mike Collins, trustee responsible for facilities and the Jubilee Room
John Helliwell, secretary
Ian Hick, chair
Nic Holmes, treasurer
Barbara Horner, trustee responsible for activities and events
Robert Windass, trustee representing Boroughbridge Town Council

The library is staffed by around 28 volunteers who work at least three hours per fortnight (many work on one day every week)

In addition, there are other volunteers who assist with a variety of activities in the library

The **opening hours** of the library are:

Mon & Tues: 2-5 pm; Wed & Thurs: 10 am -1 pm;
Fri: 10 am -1 pm & 2-5 pm; Sat: 10 am -12 noon

Above the library, the floor space is divided into two parts: **Boroughbridge Community Care** (BCC) has its office there; but the larger part comprises the **Jubilee Room** which is an income-generating part of BACLA available for hire by both local groups and commercial organisations (bookings are made through the Town Council Office, 1 Hall Square, Boroughbridge)



Jubilee Room

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