

Library Proposal Option One – our preferred option

We'll transfer the day to day running of Bishop's Castle Library to Enterprise South West Shropshire, who will run the service under an initial three-year service level agreement, with the intention to extend this agreement in the future.

The library will remain in its existing location in Enterprise House and maintain the existing opening hours. The existing library staff will be transferred to Enterprise South West Shropshire and Enterprise South West Shropshire will run the same range of library services currently available to users of the library.

Some alterations to the Enterprise House building will be made to improve access to the library and make it easier for customers to navigate their way around the building.

Management organisation	Enterprise South West Shropshire
Area of floor space	150 sq m
Opening hours	Monday 10am to 2pm Tuesday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 7pm Wednesday Closed Thursday Closed Friday 10am to 1pm, 2pm to 7pm Saturday 9.30am to 1pm Plus the potential for some library services to be available outside these opening times
Parking	Public parking on site
Access to IT	Public computers available free to library members (But, computers in Enterprise House IT Centre to retain a small charge)
Information and advice about other services	Provided by library and Enterprise House staff
Space for community activities	The library space will remain available for meetings of Friends of the Library group, Friends' social events, author events, children's story-times and activities and class visits from local schools.
Volunteers to support the service	Volunteers from the Friends' group organise events and fundraising activities. Library volunteers help with shelving of books
Wi-fi	Available in the building.
Impact on the use of the building	None

Direct costs for Shropshire Council p.a.	£33,000
Value of income to be generated by Enterprise South West Shropshire through library activity p.a.	£3,030
Total budget available to ESWS to deliver the service	£36,030