

BECOME A LIBRARY PATRON

We would be so grateful if you would consider becoming a library patron to help us carry on Thomas Poole's valuable community work today.

YOU CAN BECOME A PATRON FOR £250 PER ANNUM

OR, YOU CAN BECOME A PATRON FOR THREE YEARS BY GIVING US £750

Your support as a patron of the library will be acknowledged in the library's Annual Report.

Or, if you prefer, it can be kept confidential, with only the Chair of the library trustees and the treasurer being aware of the details.

There will also be a Roll of Honour in the library, on which the names of our patrons will be listed (your name included only if you wish it to be).

FILL IN THE BANKERS ORDER FORM OR SPEAK TO OUR CHAIR FOR MORE DETAILS

You may wish to fill in the Bankers Order Form and become a patron straightaway.

However, you may prefer to discuss your possible involvement with our Chair, Nigel Phillips.

To contact him, send a letter c/o of the library, or telephone him on 01278 732266

The Thomas Poole Library

Castle Street, Nether Stowey TA5 1LN

Tel: 01278 732741

Website: thomaspoolelibrary.org.uk

BANKERS ORDER FORM

I wish to become a library patron

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

To the Manager (name of your bank with address and postcode)

Please pay to The Thomas Poole Library the sum of £250 now, and annually each year on 15 January until further notice.

Library bank account details

Please tick box if you are eligible to Gift Aid

The Co-operative Bank

Account: Thomas Poole Library

Sort Code: 08-92-99 Account No: 65865617

Signed

Date

Account Name

Number

Sort code

Important: Please print out this Bank Standing Order and send the completed form to your bank.

Please email Nigel Phillips to confirm that you have made your payment: chair@thomaspoolelibrary.org.uk



HELP PROTECT OUR VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSET

Become a patron of Nether Stowey library



We have ambitious plans for our village library, and would welcome your help and support

YOU CAN HELP US CARRY ON THOMAS POOLE'S WORK

We are proud that our library is sited in the building that Thomas Poole built as a pioneering school for the Stowey poor.



He was a benevolent and an untiring benefactor, setting up the Savings Bank and the Women's Friendly Society.

He was revered and respected by important figures of his day – these include Coleridge and Wordsworth, the essayist Charles Lamb, the scientist Humphry Davy, and the Wedgwood potter brothers Josiah and Tom.

We owe Thomas Poole so much, and believe it is incumbent on us to continue to make the most of the building he gave so generously. The library not only benefits Nether Stowey, but also several surrounding villages, all of whom value its services highly.

A DEDICATED TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS

Following a proposal by Somerset County Council to shut down Nether Stowey library, we set up a charitable trust to keep it running. Since 2019 the library has been run by a dedicated team of volunteers. We regularly win praise from Somerset Library Services for our achievements.

WHAT WE DO

For a village library we offer an excellent range of books on all subjects. We organise reading sessions for our children to encourage them to make books an important part of their growth and development. Local societies hold their meetings in the library. We have well-attended monthly talks that double as friendly social occasions. Villagers use our computers and the free wifi. And we are fortunate to house the special collection of valuable books by and about Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

BUT THIS IS JUST THE START

We believe these services are only the beginning, and we can do so much more to make the building a vital community hub for both residents and visitors.

A PROFESSIONALLY RUN CHARITABLE TRUST

All of our plans, of course, cost money!

We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Reg. Charity no 1181213.

We regularly seek grant aid for special projects, but your patronage would help guarantee the core costs that keep this vital community asset thriving in the village – and make it possible for us to expand our activities.

- ◆ *The library is administered by a Management Committee consisting of seven Trustees and five additional members*
- ◆ *The Treasurer reports on the finances at each meeting*
- ◆ *The Budgeting/Planning sub-committee report regularly*
- ◆ *There is a written Governance and Management Framework*
- ◆ *A three-year Business Plan has just been drafted and approved by the Trustees*

HELP US MAKE OUR LIBRARY A COMMUNITY HUB TO BE PROUD OF

