

Final Report – The Fitzhugh Library Expansion

1. Name of Project

The Fitzhugh Library Expansion

2. Funding allocation

£1,188

3. Short introduction to the project

The aim of the project was to raise awareness of the library and provide equipment to encourage use and improve storage.

4. aims and objectives of the project and how they have been met

- *To develop a website to improve public awareness of the services provided by the Library*

A simple website was created with basic details to help raise awareness. This has since been updated after the library relocated. www.thefitzhughlibrary.co.uk. 200 promotional leaflets were also printed, although these became obsolete after the relocation of library.

- *To purchase 3 tables to enable users of the library to undertake research themselves*

These were purchased along with an Ipad and two appropriate apps to aid trustees with purchases when away from library.

- *To purchase a map chest to provide safe storage for large items such as O.S maps, field plans etc.*

The trustees requested that instead of a map chest, they wished to purchase the ipad and leaflets as mentioned above. Heart of Teesdale gave consent to this amendment.

5. Additional achievements and legacy – community involvement/benefits

The library now has a new secure home in Middleton in Teesdale with a website, new research tables and new technology to aid the library in purchases when travelling. It is a fantastic FREE and local research facility for the local community.

6. Lessons learnt

Unfortunately there was a big disruption in the project when the library had to relocate with little notice. This affected the impact of the raised publicity when the location of the facilities was unknown for a time. Moving the huge amount of material put significant stress on the project.