

# SAVE SOMERSET'S LIBRARIES

## **Raise your voice to defend Somerset Libraries!**

**Our message is clear: libraries matter.**

- Somerset County Council no longer plans to run all the current 34 libraries and 6 mobile libraries.
- Unless the local community takes on the cost and running of a threatened library then it will close.
- Once closed, we will never get the library back.

**Their proposals are:**

- To cut the public library service in Somerset by 25%.
- 20 libraries will have County Council funding removed – close to a 60% cut.
- The fleet of mobile libraries will be reduced from 6 to 2.
- Most of the remaining libraries will have a 10% cut in opening hours.
- The most vulnerable members of the community will be particularly affected by these cuts.

**What can you do?**

- Take part in the consultation by 14 January
- Sign the Save Somerset Libraries' petition by 14 January
- Tell the council what you think
- Use your local library
- Please also write to Christine Lawrence (the cabinet member responsible for libraries), your MP and local county councillor.

**For more information, show your support or offer assistance:**

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