



**The Bridewell  
The Bury  
Odiham  
Hampshire  
RG29 1NB**

Dear Resident,

### Become a Friend of the Odiham Book Exchange

In December 2020, Hampshire County Council closed its branch library in Odiham. A band of determined volunteers, backed by the Parish Council, has opened an excellent book exchange in its place. There is a stock of some 5000 high quality books and close to 400 users, one in three under 18. We have ambitious plans to develop the Odiham Book Exchange (OBE) further for the benefit of the community, but such plans require funding, which we estimate will cost £5,000 a year.

The Friends of Odiham Book Exchange has been registered as a Community Interest Company to oversee the good governance of the OBE (all run entirely by volunteers) and to support the fundraising.

Operating the book exchange to the standards we are setting incurs a cost and we think it is very important that this is not passed directly to readers – books should continue to be freely available in Odiham as they were when HCC was offering a lending service here. And this is why we need your help to raise £5,000 a year to maintain and develop the service to:

- Offer high quality fiction, children's and teenage books, including large print and audio books
- Respond to requests to offer biographies
- Organise regular events for both children and adults to promote the joy of reading
- Form a strong link with local schools and those in surrounding villages, with under-fives facilities and with out of school activity groups
- Provide opportunities for the young - and others - to volunteer.

A regular donation from as little as £2 a month would make all the difference to the stability and quality of the service that the volunteers offer. One-off donations are welcome, but it is the small and regular contributions which will make the difference in the long run. That is why The Friends of Odiham Book Exchange is seeking supporters. Registered supporters who make regular donations will receive an annual update on progress and, unless they prefer to remain anonymous, will also be recognised in the Book Exchange.

We do hope you will feel that the objectives of the Book Exchange are deserving of your ongoing support particularly in its encouragement of young readers and we thank you for your time and consideration. Details of how to become a Friend are given overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

Jeanne Liddiard  
Chair, Friends of Odiham Book Exchange

Web: [Odiham Book Exchange](http://Odiham Book Exchange) email: [friends@odihambookexchange.co.uk](mailto:friends@odihambookexchange.co.uk)

Friends of Odiham Book Exchange is a Community Interest Company with the sole objective of supporting Odiham Book Exchange (OBE). All funds raised are used to promote and enhance the OBE.



## Donation form

Please enter your details if you wish to donate to the Book Exchange and be registered as a Friend. If you prefer to remain anonymous you do not need to complete a form.

Your details will only be used for the purpose of communication of Friends of Odiham Book Exchange matters, and will be held while you continue to subscribe to the Friends unless you request us to delete them.

Title ..... First name ..... Surname .....

Address ..... Postcode .....

Phone (optional) ..... Email .....

Please enter the donation you wish to make:

Monthly donation (please mark) £2 .... £3 .... £5 .... Other .... Date to start: .....

Or annual donation if you prefer: £ .... Date to start: .....

Or one off donation: £ ....

Signed ..... Date .....

**If you bank online or in person you can set up a payment or standing order made payable to**

Unity Trust Bank, Account name: Friends of Odiham Book Exchange, Account number: 20452528, Sort code: 60-83-01

**Please enter your initial and surname as the reference**

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM TO

Friends of Odiham Book Exchange Membership Secretary, The Bridewell, Odiham, RG29 1NP

Or email it to [subscribers@odihambookexchange.co.uk](mailto:subscribers@odihambookexchange.co.uk)

I would prefer to remain anonymous.

I would prefer not to receive periodic emailed newsletters or any other occasional emails, including possible invitations.

**STANDING ORDER REQUEST FORM**

If you would like the Friends to organise your standing order, email: [friends@odihambookexchange.co.uk](mailto:friends@odihambookexchange.co.uk)

**Many thanks for your support for the Odiham Book Exchange**

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