



**Moretonhampstead Parish Council
Bowring Library Building Questionnaire**

Devon County Council is facing large cuts; to save money, they propose to move our library to Green Hill, where there would be less space but it should be possible to keep the library open for more hours, and sell the present library building. The proposed move would also impact on the Youth Club.

The Bowring Library building is a listed building; it is basically in sound condition but would need at least £50-80K to put it back into good external and internal repair, and would then need to generate an income to keep it in good condition, which might need more start-up funding. £35K has already been pledged, but a lot more would be needed, and people prepared to set up a trust and act as trustees.

Further information, including comments from The Friends of Moreton Library and Moreton Action for Youth, is posted on the Parish Council website at <http://www.visitmoretonhampstead.co.uk>.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to find out what you think about the library, the library building, the proposal to move the library service to Green Hill, and whether we should try to keep the Bowring Library building in public ownership.

Most of the questions start as multiple-choice questions – please tick or circle your choice. This shouldn't take more than around 5 minutes; you are very welcome to add your reasons and/or further comments in the spaces provided, and continue on another page if there isn't enough space.

PLEASE RETURN BY SUNDAY 17 JANUARY

1. Information about you

Your name? (optional)						
Your gender?	M	F				
Your age?	0-4	5-11	12-18	19-29	30-59	60+
Where do you live (please tick)	Not in the parish	In the parish but outside the town			In the town	

2. Use of the library

How often do you use the library?	Never	Less than once a year	Several times a year	At least once a month	Weekly or more often
Further comments?					
Do you think it's important for the town to have a library?	Not important	Quite important	Important	Very important	
Further comments?					
Would you use the library more often if it was open more?	No	Probably no	Don't know	Probably yes	Yes

If you would, when (day and time) would be best for you?	
Any further comments?	

3. What you think about the Bowring Library building?

How important do you think the building is for the look of the town centre?	The town centre would be better without it	Not important	Quite important	Important	Very important
Any further comments?					

4. What you think about relocating the library services in Moretonhampstead?

If funding and support for keeping the building can be found, do you think it would be better to keep the library service in the present building – or do you think it would be better to move it to Green Hill?	Much better to stay where it is	Better to stay where it is	I don't mind	Better to move the library service to Green Hill	Much better to move the library service to Green Hill
Please say why and add any further comments.					
If it is not possible for the library service to stay in the present building, would you support the proposed move to Green Hill?	Strongly support	Support	No opinion	Opposed	Strongly opposed
Please say why and add any further comments.					

5. Are you willing to help?

Are you willing to volunteer to help keep the library open for more hours each week?	If so, please give your name, and phone number or e-mail address:
Are you willing to help, with a donation, or as a trustee to keep the library in the Bowring Library Building?	If so, please give your name, and phone number or e-mail address:

How to return your filled in questionnaire

e-mail your response to moretonhampsteadpc@tiscali.co.uk, with 'Library Questionnaire' in the subject line or

post it to The Parish Clerk, Parish Office, Green Hill, Fore Street, Moretonhampstead TQ13 8LL in an envelope marked 'Library Questionnaire', or

post it in the Library letter box in an envelope marked 'Library Questionnaire.'

Please return by Sunday 17 January. Thank you for your time.