

FAQs – Atherton library

Why is Atherton library closed from 22nd - 29th October?

Atherton library is being moved to Atherton Town Hall. The town hall has undergone a £1m transformation to bring a range of services together under one roof for residents.

When will it open?

The current Atherton library will be closing from Monday 22nd October until Sunday 28th October. The new library will open in Atherton Town Hall on Monday 29th October.

My book is due back this week, what should I do?

You will not be able to return any book due back on the week that we are closed. If your book is due back week commencing Monday 22nd October when the library is closed, you can extend your loan period online via this link:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries/Renew-library-books.aspx>

or return your book the following week, commencing Monday 29th October. There will be no late fees applied.

How do I contact the library?

Atherton library's phone number will remain the same: 01942 404817

Why is the library moving to Atherton Town Hall?

It will mean a new, improved offer for the community where people can access lots of services in one building.

What will happen to the building it was in?

Expressions of interest from the community about the future of the building are currently being explored.

Can I see Atherton Town Hall?

Yes – please come and have a look once it's opened on the 29th October!

What facilities will be on offer?

Alongside the library, there will be a Life Centre service where you can speak with a Customer Services Advisor for assistance with your Benefits, Council Tax, Housing and Welfare Support needs.

The Welfare Rights Team will have a surgery every Tuesday 9am till 11am.

If you want to improve your IT skills or are just getting started, we have 'Be Online' sessions every Wednesday 10:30am till 12noon and Customer Services staff can also provide you with digital support.

There will be access to health services for example stop smoking services, a tea room serving refreshments and afternoon tea, and a range of community rooms which can be used by residents for meetings.

What will be opening times be?

Opening times will remain the same:

Monday to Wednesday 9am - 2pm

Thursday and Friday 12noon - 5pm

Saturday 9am – 2pm

How do I join the library?

You can join the library online with the link below:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Libraries/Services.aspx>