

**Purchase of German books for Tidworth library  
Cllr Williams 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**1. What is the project?**

To purchase books in German in preparation for those returning from Germany over the next 2 years

**2. Where is the project taking place?**

Tidworth Library

**3. When will the project take place?**

As soon as possible after the funding has been agreed

**4. Background Information**

Approximately 4,000 military personnel and their dependents are returning from Germany over the next 2 years.

**5. Who has been involved?**

Library manager and the Area Board Members

**6. What is being proposed**

The library has recently been granted £1000 to provide foreign language book stock for the growing Nepalese community in Tidworth. In particular the community wish to maintain their children's bilingual skills and links to their home culture. We have managed to spend just over half the fund on a range of children's and adult stock so far but, as there is not a huge range of Nepali stock widely available, we still have some of the fund left over. If possible, I would also like to provide a permanent German language collection alongside the Nepalese stock as this is also a rapidly growing group in the community. The county library service already has some German language/ dual language stock but it is at least ten years old and in poor condition- it is also thinly spread between the larger libraries. A refreshed and permanent collection at Tidworth Library would be much appreciated by the local community.

I also hope, in time, to be able to offer multi-lingual Story and Rhyme times in the library and a range of foreign language stock would support this.

**7. What are the community benefits and evidence of need**

It will provide the following benefits:

- It will help civilian / military integration
- It will help address those who are isolated
- It will improve social cohesion

**8. Who will manage/be responsible for this project?**

The Library manager

**9. Costs/quotes/ match funding?**

It is proposed that the remaining Health and Wellbeing budget of £284 is allocated to this project

**10. Additional information**

£1,000 was previously allocated to the library to provide books in Nepalese. Due to the lack of supply some of this funding will also be used to provide books in German and if appropriate, other languages