

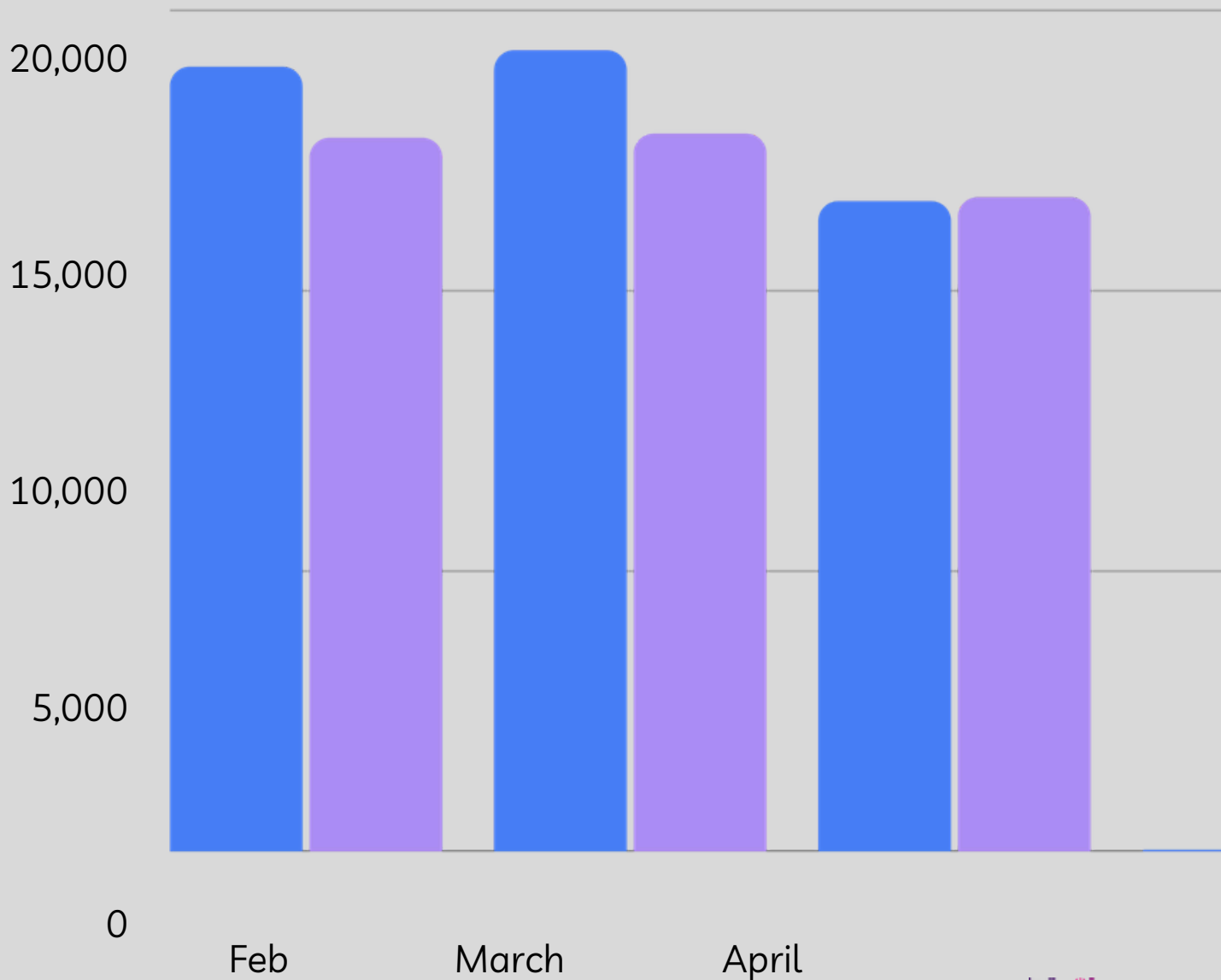
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FEB - APRIL 2026 REPORT



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Library Visitor Figures Feb - April 25/26



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Customer Service Enquiries

We continue to have the highest number of Customer Service enquiries across Cheshire East library services.

Enquiries include DBS applications, blue badge applications, bus pass renewals, council tax and waste enquiries amongst many others.



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Staffing Updates

Long serving staff member, Amanda, retired in March after 43 years of service. We are pleased to welcome a new member of staff, Fran to the team. Two VIC Saturday staff, Sheila and Jackie retired in May.

Luminate 3.0

Our Arts Council England-funded STEM initiative Luminate 3.0 concluded in April with a wonderful display of the finished light up artwork in the market hall.

Library Events

Cheshire Rural Touring Arts' Ling Peng performed 'Between the Two Strings -Storytelling Through the Erhu' on 30th April. Feedback was fantastic and included: 'It felt rare and special to be able to watch this warm, fascinating storyteller perform in our local library' and 'Great to attend such a high quality performance so close to home'

We look forward to our next event on Sat 6th June, History Wardrobe 'Divine Deco' featuring clothes from the 1920s. This is always a popular event and is once again sold out.

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May Half Term

Half-term activities include picture trails, games drop in session and Lego club

All of our regular pre school groups (Rhymetime, Stories and Songs and Baby Bounce) will continue throughout half-term, as well as our sessions for adults (book groups, colouring etc)

Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme is musical and is called *Read to the Beat*.

We are currently advertising for volunteers to help us with the challenge which will start on Saturday 4th July and end early September.

This is always a busy time of year; in 2025 nearly 800 school aged children took part at Macclesfield library - the highest in all Cheshire East Librarries.

Building update

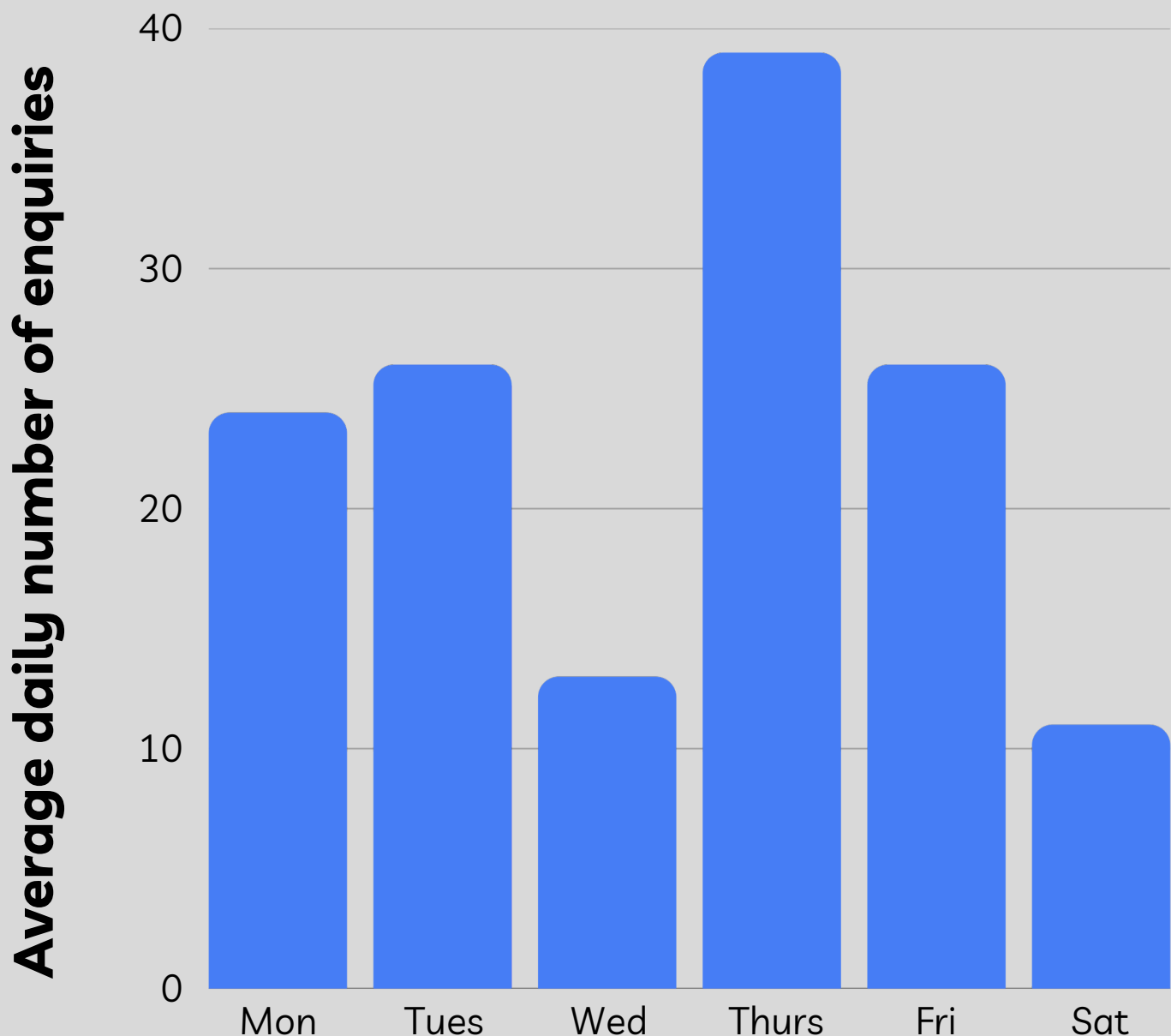
The long awaited, extensive roof repairs, are due to start mid June.

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Visitor Information

The data below shows the average number of Visitor Information enquiries in a month. We have recently changed our method of recording this data to improve accuracy.

The busiest day overall is Thursday when we are open until 7pm.



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Types of Visitor Information Enquiries

We have requests for maps, parking and transport information and recommendations for places to visit. Many customers help themselves to leaflets from our well stocked display.

Sales in the VIC shop are included in the figures above.

VIC shop

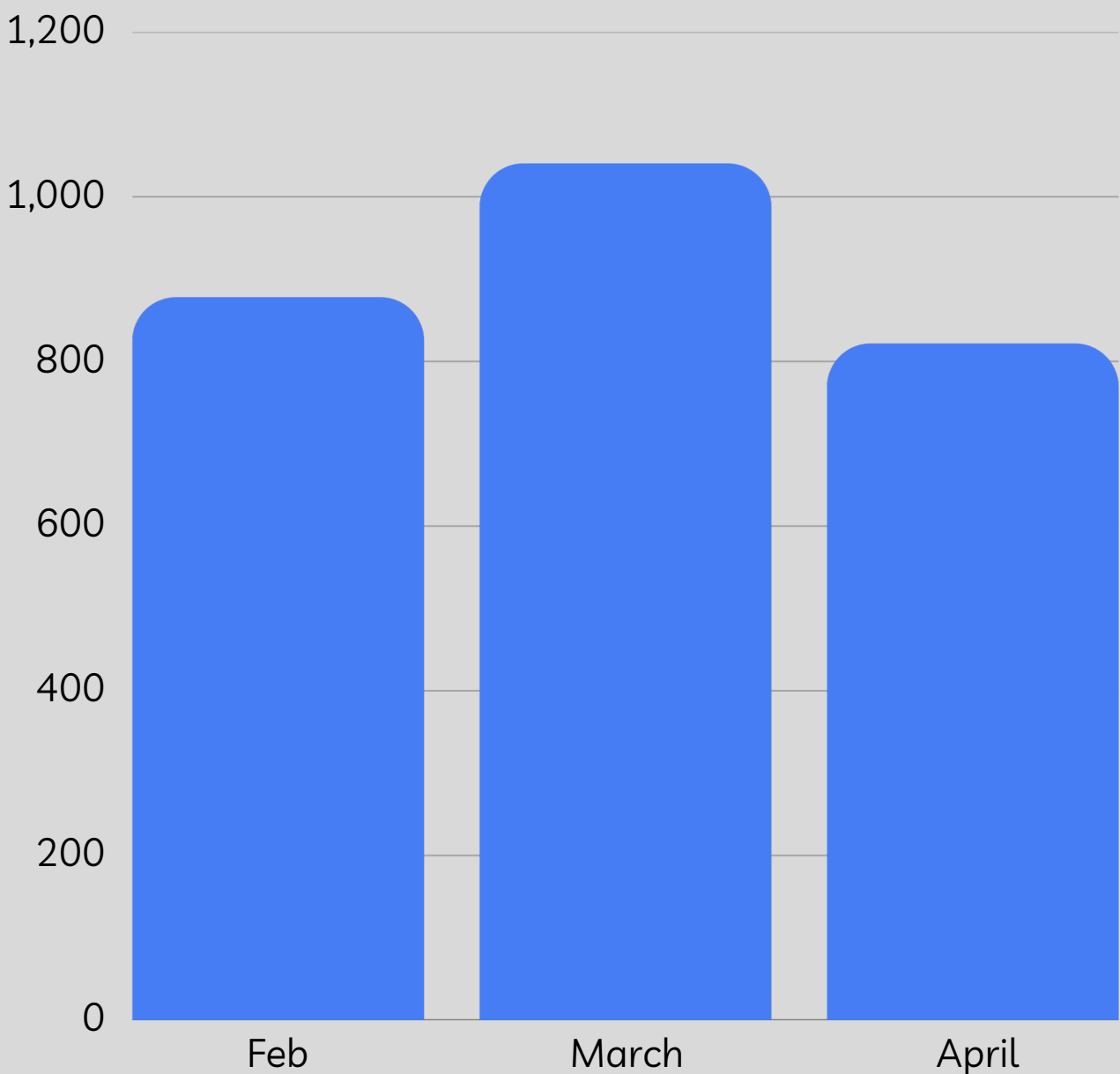
Customers continue to enjoy browsing in the VIC shop. We aim to refresh the displays when possible and ask suppliers to do the same.

The local honey is our bestselling item and local artists Ruth Lear, Adam Francis and Ian Coppack continue to be popular.

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Visitor Information Sales

February - April 26



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Leaflets



What's on posters in entrance