

**Wilford  
Community  
Group**

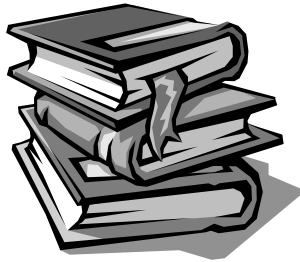
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# Wilford Library

## *The Fight Goes On!*

Following the successful publicity drive by Wilford Community Group, local residents and library users, a number of options are being considered to retain a library service in Wilford. Meetings with the City Council and Nottingham Library Service have not proved encouraging but this will not dissuade local people from keeping up the pressure and from exploring imaginative ways of keeping our well-loved library. We have had great support from Alan Simpson MP who has given us many good and new ideas to consider.



### **Action Group**

Everyone wants to keep our popular, well-used facility and to that end, Wilford Community Group has created an Action Group to concentrate efforts on the campaign, which – at this stage – requires a solution to be found by September.



### **Elderly, Young and Disabled**

A significant proportion of people who contacted Wilford Community Group to complain about the closure of the library were elderly (who find it difficult to travel), young people who attend pre-school activities

*"I have a 1 year old son and we have been going to the tots time sessions regularly since he was about 5 months old. It has been a fantastic opportunity for him to have a positive experience of what a library can offer and has meant that I have met a few other mums in the area and received guidance in book choices from the excellent library staff." - AY*

and parents of disabled children. The library is more than just a place where books can be borrowed – it is the only place where library users from Wilford and the surrounding area can make use of the various advice and services on offer.

*"Elderly people like the library. It is sometimes the only contact with the outside world & often just go for a natter with the ladies...and they don't need transport of any kind." - PC*

The community of Wilford is being strangled to the point where it will become just another anonymous suburb of Nottingham that people pass through on their way to other places.

### **Silverdale, Compton Acres**

Thankfully, there remains a core of residents who, with the support of local people in Silverdale and Compton Acres, strive to maintain and improve the amenities of Wilford. We are very grateful to those who have supported us.

### **Can You Help?**

Firstly, we need to keep the pressure up on the City Council – regardless of where you live, if you support the campaign to keep Wilford Library, please complete the form overleaf and send it Councillor David Trimble. Secondly, the Action Group does not have funds for seeking any advice it might need for its campaign. Are you in a profession (architect, builder, legal, charity, etc) who might be able to provide some brief, ad hoc advice to the Group? If so, please email your details to **WilfordCG@hotmail.com**.

**Councillor David Trimble, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Customers, Nottingham City Council, Old Market Square, Nottingham NG1 2DT**

Dear Councillor Trimble,

I object strongly to the closure of **Wilford Library**, which is a well-loved, well-used and vital part of a local community that is gradually losing its community facilities. I insist that the City Council and the Nottinghamshire Library Service rescind its decision to close the library and inject the necessary funding to repair the building and enhance the facilities.

Name:

Signature:

Address:



## ***Other Wilford News***

### **Wilford Community Group Annual General Meeting**

**It seems a long way off (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7:30pm), but this year's Annual General Meeting promises to be the most important ever, with choices for Wilford library coming into sharp focus as the September deadline for a solution to the library issue closure approaches. The meeting is to be held at Wilford Social and Bowls Club, Main Road, Wilford and all residents are encouraged to attend. This is an ideal opportunity for those residents who wonder what they can do to help maintain and improve Wilford's amenities, and have an influence on the objectives of the Community Group to join the committee.**

**More details of the meeting, including how you can become a committee member, will be published nearer the time and on the Wilford website.**

### **Ruddington Lane Recreation Ground**

The City Council's Area 9 (Wilford, Silverdale and Clifton) Committee has committed to spend £50,000 on improvements to the recreation ground at Ruddington Lane. Few details are available at the moment, but as soon as more is known, it will be publicised on the Wilford website.

### **Iremongers Pond Goes From Strength to Strength**

Since a group of local residents and other interested parties formed the Iremongers Pond Association (see their website at [www.iremongerspond.org.uk](http://www.iremongerspond.org.uk)), much work has been carried out by them and the Environment Agency to transform the area. There is now a path around the pond as well as picnic benches and pond dipping platforms. Local groups and schools now use the pond for educational trips and fishing licences can be purchased from the group.



***Iremongers Pond  
Association  
"Recreation,  
Education,  
Conservation"***

### **Local Footpath Improvements**

Nottingham City Council recently gave Wilford the opportunity to have its footpath and cycle path network extended by creating a link between Bader Road and the cycle route on the eastern side of the former railway embankment. When consulted, the residents there voted against the improvements, but the Community Group was keen to keep the funding within Wilford and offered the residents of Vernon and Holly Avenues the chance to improve the footpath at the rear of Vernon Avenue with its access to the Coronation Allotments. Residents there readily accepted the opportunity and they now have a resurfaced path that links to the cycle path at the northern end of the railway embankment. (Local parents are happier too, because school uniform is coming home less muddy!!!)

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