

**WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**



**SHEILA ROPER**

It was with sadness that the start of this year began with news of the death of Sheila who was a regular community representative sitting on the Area Committee. Tributes have been paid by neighbours in the Lenton Abbey community and by local councillors to a "wonderful woman" who helped with clubs in Lenton Abbey for more than 40 years.

Sheila, who was 80, died last month after a short illness, but was still helping out with various groups until a few days before going into hospital. Having lived on the estate since the 1950s, she was perhaps best known for her work with the 15th Nottingham (Lenton Abbey) Scout Group, where she had helped out since her son joined in the 1960s.

Sheila also helped to run the Baslow Drive community centre, organised keep-fit classes and bingo sessions for older people, and campaigned for improvements to the estate – and all without claiming a day's wages.

Many in the community agree that she will never be replaced and have remarked on her dedication and loyalty to the community and residents in Lenton Abbey.

Councillors on the Area Committee paid tribute to Sheila at the funeral and a short silence will be held at the start of the February Area Committee meeting in her memory.