

Wilford Community Facility Survey

Questionnaire Results

Following the closure of Wilford library, a number of groups in Wilford were thinking about where a new community facility could be created in Wilford. With the support of Nottingham City Council, a number of groups (Wilford Community Group, St Wilfrid's Church, Wilford's uniformed groups and others) came together to create a questionnaire that would determine if Wilford residents and people attending Wilford's groups thought that a new facility was required and if they did, what form it should take and where it should be located.

The survey was delivered to all residential addresses in Wilford and made available to all members of groups that meet in Wilford and the results were presented at Wilford Community Group's meeting on Monday 17th January 2011 and are reported here.

195 responses were received - 90% from Wilford addresses which represents approximately 15% of all Wilford households, the remaining 10% being from people living outside Wilford who attend groups located in Wilford.

The responses represented all age groups, split as follows:

	Quantity	Percentage
0-5 Years	37	8.1
6-11 Years	24	5.3
12-18 Years	40	8.8
19-54 Years	193	42.4
55+ Years	161	35.4
Total	455	100.00

In response to the question "do you agree that Wilford needs somewhere new where members of the local community can gather for meetings or other social activities?", results were:

	Quantity	Percentage
Yes	175	89.7
No	7	3.6
Unsure	13	6.7
Total	195	100.00

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The survey offered ten suggested community facilities that it might be feasible to provide and respondents expressed their preferences as follows:

	Quantity	Percentage	Rank
Post Office	145	74.4	1
Coffee Shop	115	59.0	2
Social Function Rooms	76	39.0	3
Older Persons' Activities	74	37.9	4
Meeting Rooms	71	36.4	5
Resource & Info. Centre	68	34.9	6
Signposting to Services	62	31.8	7
Book Swapping	60	30.8	8
Youth Club	58	29.7	9
Internet Café	41	21.0	10
Total	770		

When asked for suggestions for other facilities, a large number of responses were received, the most popular suggestions being an outdoor exercise space/gym (7 people suggested this), library (6) and a water sports base (5).

We asked people which groups in Wilford they attended. Eighteen different groups were identified, the most numerous being the Social and Bowls Club (30 people attend this), Baby and Toddler Groups (19), St Wilfrid's Church (15), Wilford Community Group meetings (14), History Society (13), Playgroup (13) and uniformed groups (12).

We asked the people who said that a new community facility for Wilford was required where that facility should be located and we gave five suggestions:

	Quantity	Percentage	Rank
Former Library Site	119	61.0	1
Social and Bowls Club	93	47.7	2
South Wilford School Victorian Buildings	86	44.1	3
A purpose-built extension to the Social Club	69	35.4	4
Church Halls	50	25.6	5
Total	417		

When asked for suggestions for other locations, a large number of responses were received, the most popular suggestions being the Maypole pub (9 people suggested this), former Youth Club (6), former Becket School site (5) and the Moderns Rugby Club (3).

Conclusions

The responses to the questionnaire show that a new community facility is wanted in Wilford and that it should be a Post Office on the former library site.

Wilford Community Group has been working with Nottingham City Council to investigate the feasibility of an asset transfer of the library site to the community of Wilford. These discussions are ongoing and constructive and will be continue to be pursued as the favoured option. The Group will also contact the Post Office to find out if they want to continue a Post Office provision in Wilford and if they do, what kind of service it will be.

Wilford's community groups would like to thank all those who returned the survey and also Councillor Andrew Price for funding the printing of the questionnaires. Thanks also go to those who distributed the questionnaires around Wilford.