



A Word from St Wilfrid's

Helping homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded adults in Sheffield since 1991



We've done it! St Wilfrid's Place opens its doors

We're so pleased to have held the Grand Opening of St Wilfrid's Place.

It's a £2 million housing project which provides 20 brand new apartments to adults with a history of homelessness, giving them a safe place to stay alongside the chance to pick up important life skills.

Great Places Housing Group now manages the facility, with residents allowed to stay for up to two years. During their time there, as well as being able to come to St Wilfrid's Centre, they will join tenancy, employment and life skills courses, helping them to work towards independent living. Great Places will also provide each tenant with tailored one-to-one support.

All of the apartments are completely self-contained, alongside communal rooms where residents can interact with other clients and a training kitchen on the ground floor where

they can learn basic cooking skills.

Dozens of those most closely involved in the development of the centre including staff, volunteers, donors and local businesses joined the Lord Mayor of Sheffield Cllr Anne Murphy and Rt Rev Ralph Heskett Bishop of Hallam at the Grand Opening event in October. Former St Wilfrid's Centre Director Kevin Bradley, officially opened the facility at a ribbon cutting ceremony.



The facility then held an open morning which was attended by more than 80 people from the local community, who enjoyed the opportunity to view the facilities and talk to staff members from St Wilfrid's Centre and Great Places Housing Group.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who helped to so generously support this ambitious project, making our dream a reality.

"St Wilfrid's Place is a lifeline for me. I need to learn how to live in a tenancy because all I have ever known is being homeless or being in-and-out of prison. It's a vicious circle. I want the opportunity to change my life."

ST WILFRID'S TENANT



Welcome to our refreshed newsletter. Whether you are a new supporter or an old friend of St Wilfrid's Centre, I hope you find interesting news and updates within these pages.

2017 has been another active year. Our biggest celebration was the opening of St Wilfrid's Place in October (see front page). However, we celebrate individual development and success every day at St Wilfrid's Centre. It's a joy to work somewhere which supports around 500 people each year and to see their self-esteem and skills grow.

In October we said goodbye to Angela Satur who retired, having been involved with St Wilfrid's since we opened our doors in 1991. Angela will be much missed by clients and staff alike and we wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

As we move towards the end of the year, please continue to keep our clients and future clients in your thoughts. Christmas and winter is a stressful and lonely time for many. For those who enjoy the warm and safe welcome of St Wilfrid's Centre, there are many who haven't found us yet, so please spread the word about the Centre and what our wonderful staff and volunteers achieve.

**Josie Brooks, Director,
St Wilfrid's Centre**

Back our work by taking on a fundraising challenge



THE COPHTHORNE HOTEL STAFF & WILFRID BEAR

A massive thank you to all of our supporters who have helped raised money for St Wilfrid's Centre this year. It costs £450,000 each year to keep the Centre running, allowing us to provide our service to more than 500 homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded adults. We need your continued support to help us keep our service going.

Could you help us by fundraising for St Wilfrid's Centre? Maybe you could hold your own event or you could raise money from sponsorship or a challenge event. So, get your heads together with a group of friends and think about ways that you can raise money. Contact our Fundraising Manager Madeleine if you're planning an event and we can help you to spread the word to even more people- and remember to send us photos too!

Email: mads@stwilfridscentre.org



SINEAD O'DOHERTY –
YORKSHIRE MARATHON



LIZZY DAVISON –
YOGA-THON



Bishop's Walk around the Dams

An enthusiastic group of walkers including priests, head teachers, business people, volunteers and clients from the Centre joined Bishop Ralph Hesket and former Bishop of Hallam John Rawthorne on a 15 mile sponsored walk around the Derwent reservoirs in the beautiful Peak District in September. The magnificent effort raised a fantastic £7,300. It was a wonderful sunny day and a great chance for a much needed catch up with our valued supporters. Look out soon for details of the 2018 Bishop's Walk.

Art at St Wilfrid's

Our art group has been building on the theme of the 'natural world.' Clients have been busy using a wide variety of techniques including collage, drawing with charcoal to painting.

The popular twice weekly group provides an opportunity for clients to build self-esteem and confidence

in a safe space, where there is no expectation and where everyone's work is valued. It is tailored to meet the varied, complex needs of our clients, all of whom have either physical and or mental health issues including learning difficulties, autism and Parkinson's disease.

'WHAT ART CLASS MEANS TO ME'

Kath, Client

Kath has been coming to St Wilfrid's Centre for many years. She is a regular attendee of the weekly art and pottery groups.

'I like drawing and colouring, as it keeps me happy because it helps me concentrate. I like the art class, as I really like talking to everybody and having fun.'



Diary 2017 – A year at St Wilfrid's

JANUARY

Workshop ventilation is installed, following the award of two grants.

FEBRUARY

A table tennis table is donated by St Patrick's Primary School.

MARCH

A new front door is donated and fitted by Sheffield Window Centre and we have our annual pantomime which is a huge success- 'Snow White and the Seven Hills'.

APRIL

While student hitchhikers from University of Sheffield raise money for St Wilfrid's Centre through a charity hitchhike to Riga, our clients, staff and volunteers celebrate St George's Day with Morris dancing, a quiz and cake.



MAY

'Christmas Day In May' is held to use up Christmas leftovers and have some seasonal fun.

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JUNE

Clients enjoy a trip to Blackpool.



JULY

Everyone enjoys the annual sports day and BBQ.

AUGUST

We hold our first Afternoon Cabaret where clients serenade their audience with poetry, singing and dancing.

SEPTEMBER

Our allotment group wins three prizes at the Heeley City Farm autumn show.

OCTOBER

We hold our annual penalty shoot-out where clients join Owls or Blades teams to try to score a goal past goalkeeper Josie.

NOVEMBER

More than 80 volunteers enjoy a special day of recognition, interacting with other volunteers.

DECEMBER

Clients enjoy the Christmas Party on 22 December before the Centre closes over Christmas to re-open on 3 January.



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St Wilfrid's Centre 524 Queens Road,
Sheffield S2 4DT.

Can you help?

Please make a donation today to help St Wilfrid's Centre's work with homeless, vulnerable and socially excluded adults. Your donation will have a direct impact on the work that we do.



pays for five hot meals a week



enables us to run two allotments each week



covers the cost of heating the centre for one day



allows us to run an art class for five clients with a specialist trained teacher

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