

THE WILSON CENTRE

LONG NEWTON

The village hall for all occasions...



Our History

The building was built in 1886 with money bequeathed by Rev. J. Wilson, the vicar of St Mary's Church, Long Newton, as a church institute and for the education and instruction of the inhabitants of Long Newton. The Marquess of Londonderry gave the site for the building (he still owns the car park land). The building was built by Mr Kipling at a cost of £380 and named the Wilson Institute after its benefactor. It originally contained one large room, which was used as a reading room, a cloakroom and caretaker's house. It was formally opened by the Marchioness of Londonderry on behalf of her husband who was, at the time, Viceroy of Ireland and was present at the Viceregal Court.

St Mary's Church administered the Institute until 2003 when it was decided to discuss its future within the local community. A steering group of local people was set up to explore the viability of maintaining the building as a village hall. This developed into the present situation where the building is leased from the Durham Diocese of the Church of England on a 35 year lease, by The Wilson Centre (Long Newton) which is a charity and run by a Management Committee. All committee members are volunteers. A grant of £266,000 was successfully acquired from the Big Lottery Community Halls Fund in 2008. The refurbished centre was opened in October 2009.

Functions

Special Occasions

If you need your individual function to go well talk to us.

We can offer you full modern kitchen facilities big screen plasma TV. Digital projector with electric drop down screen including DVD system with stereo sound or for that leisure day or party the use of darts/pool table and table tennis are available on request.

Full disabled facilities are incorporated.

Business Purposes

Why not escape from your usual business surroundings by getting away for the day in the calm of the country.

We can cater for all your needs for up to 80 people with full use of Wi-Fi internet presentation on either LCD TV or digital projector with electric screen. Catering can be provided on request or you have full use of our modern kitchen facilities. The choice is yours.

With easy access to Durham Tees Valley Airport and Darlington railway station with the A66, A19 and A1 on the door step, travelling to us is not a problem.

Whatever your requirements talk to us and enjoy the peace and quiet of a rural atmosphere.

Weddings

We can make your after wedding party special by offering you the full facilities of our newly refurbished village hall in a rural environment that will complete your day.

Long Newton is a small village ideally located close to all major networks with a village Church local public house and a village green for that special photo.

If you need us to provide catering bar facilities or you prefer to cater for yourself whatever your needs to make the day go smooth talk to us.



Why Use Us?

Our Location

We're perfectly located as a central meeting point for businesses in the Stockton, Middlesbrough and Darlington areas. For those coming from further afield, we have superb connections to the rail, road and air networks.

We Love People

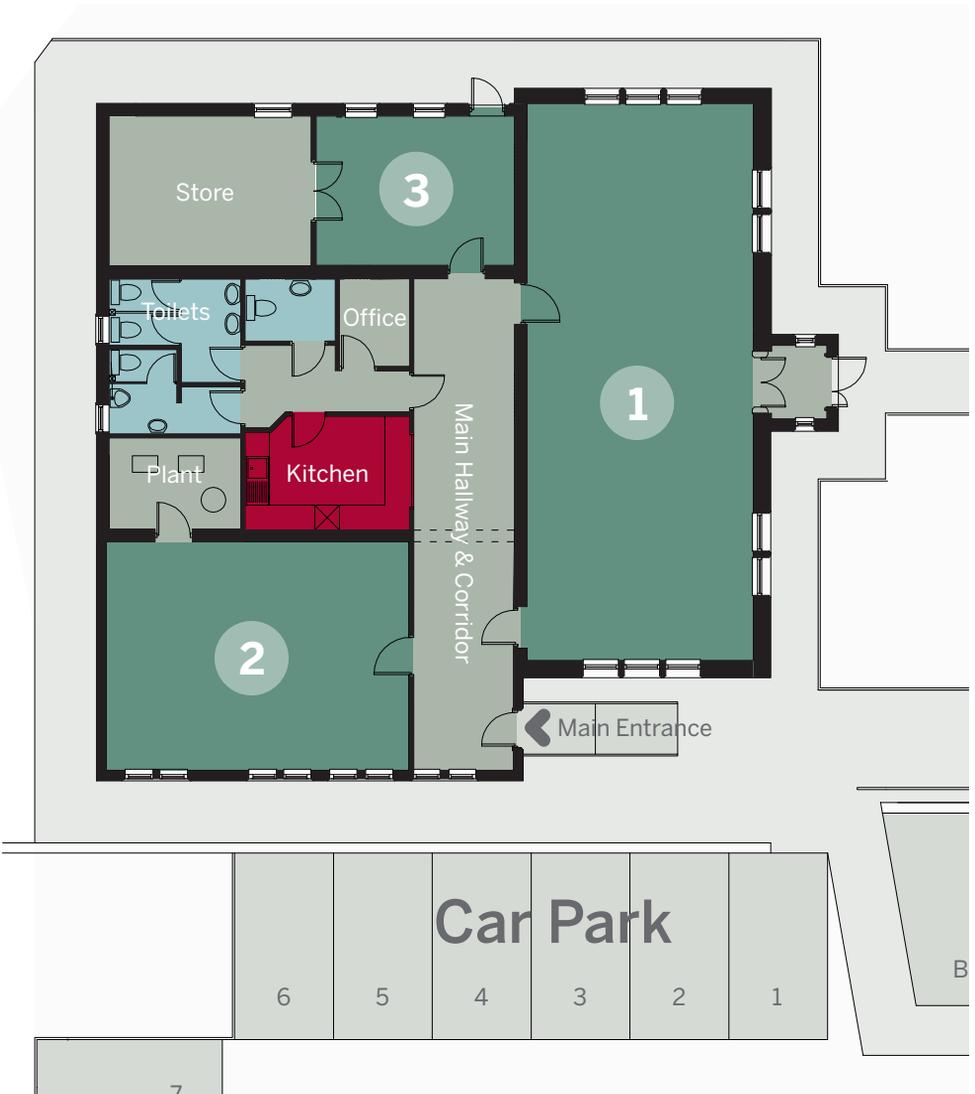
The Wilson Centre is all about people, and bringing people from our local community together... as well as those from further afield!

We Love The Environment

The newly refurbished Wilson Centre has been provided with funding from the Lottery Commission, and as a result, we have an environmentally friendly heating system, state of the art audio-visual equipment and fabulous cooking facilities.

Building Plan

- 1 = Main Hall for up to 80 people
- 2 = Room 2 for up to 40 people
- 3 = Room 3 for up to 15 people



Facilities

→ **Seating for up to 80 people:**

Main Hall - has a large remote controlled drop-screen, fixed digital projector, stereo sound, music centre, DVD player and personal microphone.

→ **Seating for up to 40 people:**

Room 2 - has a 42" wall mounted LCD screen.

→ **Seating for up to 15 people:**

Room 3 - has a dual use as an activities or meeting room with a large wall mounted dartboard.

→ The building is fully setup for Wi-Fi internet access.

→ Ethernet cabling in the main rooms.

→ There is a state of the art underfloor heating in the main room, provided by natural eco-friendly ground sources.

→ Fully modern kitchen with commercial dishwasher.

→ We have a hearing loop in the main hall and a ramp entrance with disabled access toilets.

→ Staging and screens are available for use or for outside hire.

→ 11 car parking bays plus 2 disabled bays, and a dedicated bicycle park.

Something For All

From small groups to large events, the Wilson Centre is more than capable of accommodating almost any social or business event. View our list of facilities and building plan opposite so you can see what we have to offer.



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Location Map

The Centre benefits from excellent communication links to Durham Tees Valley Airport, with the A1, A66 and A19 all within easy access, and Darlington Station on the east coast main line, situated only six miles away.



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