



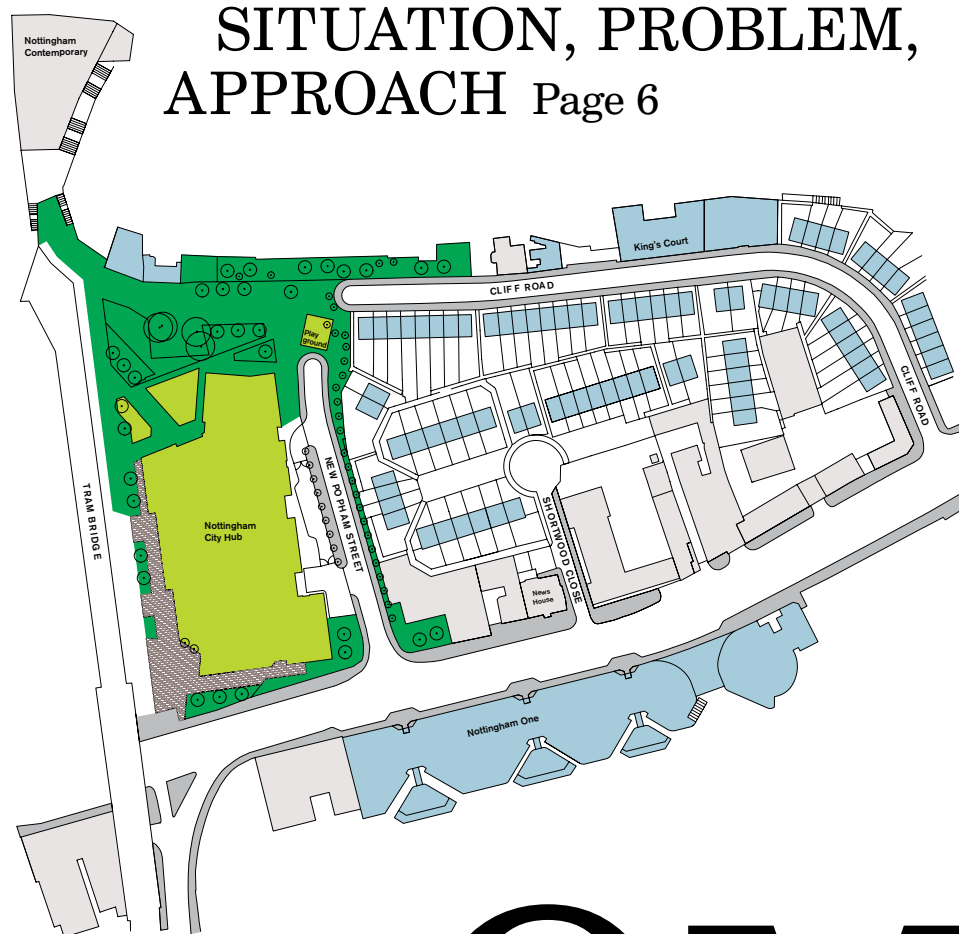
Cliff Rd. Street Party, 2017 © Bahbak H.N

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# WELCOME

Welcome to Narrow Marsh! A resident's viewpoint

By Julia W

After two decades of promises, uncertainty and altered plans, construction work finally comes to Narrow Marsh! As someone who has lived on Cliff Road for these twenty years I have been asked to introduce our first, rather timely community newsletter, which is exclusively for those of us who live and work in the Narrow Marsh area.

**So where exactly is Narrow Marsh?** It is our residential housing estate next to Broadmarsh — that is Cliff Road, Shortwood Close, Harnett Close and Pemberton Street. We are a small, diverse, unique neighbourhood, tucked away in a prime location right on the edge of the city centre.

**So what is actually going on in our neighbourhood?** A small number of those of us who live in these few streets have been getting together to talk about our changing neighbourhood, in particular the construction work happening around us, the noise and pollution, the lack of a play area for the children, and the increasing problems with car parking for residents.

We all have questions and thoughts about these issues, but often in the past we haven't done anything about them. Or when we have, it's been as an individual who can be easily overlooked. We have been wondering how to have a more impactful say in what happens and how we can improve our neighbourhood.

**So what kinds of things have residents been doing? And why is Nottingham Contemporary involved?** For the last two years Nottingham Contemporary (NC) have been directing some of their resources to support community development: OUR community development. Some of you might wonder why NC is reaching out to us





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and what their agenda is. Well, I have been to some of the meetings they have hosted, and for those who haven't yet attended I thought I would share my experience and understanding of what it's all about.

The initiative for the meetings came from a group of staff at NC who are interested in getting to know us, their most immediate neighbours, to work together to shape the proposed development near the Broadmarsh Centre. They began a process of trying to meet us. Their idea was to create a local interest group that would work together and inform and engage the local community in relation to the future of the area.

For doing so, they commissioned designer Bahbak Hashemi-Nezhad to lead on the collaboration. Bahbak is experienced with participatory community projects and is interested in and committed to the process.

The meetings are friendly, relaxed and informal. They are for US, those of us who live here, to get together and talk about how to improve our neighbourhood. A chance to voice concerns and present our ideas about the area with the goal of being able to present a set of ideas to the council in an organised way. Ultimately to have our

opinions heard. Our comments as an organised group will result in more respect for our residential area. There is more power in the group than in the individual. And with support from NC our impact is further strengthened.

These are some of the community events that residents have enjoyed with the support and initiative of NC.

### Summer party

Through listening to comments on the street, a need for a play area for the children was recognised. To provide a safe space for a day, in Summer 2017 staff from the gallery worked hard to put on a party on the bit of green space that we had on Cliff Road. They built a table tennis table and provided art materials for play, as well as picnic tables, food, drink and live music. About sixty residents called in to enjoy the event and to add their questions and opinions for information gathering.

### Christmas lunch

In December 2017 residents and members of staff from the gallery got together over a meal to discuss ideas for the neighbourhood, including



generating a newsletter so that everybody in the street could be kept informed and have the opportunity to find out how to express their views.

### Email debate

At the summer party some of us shared email addresses and we now have lively email debates about pressing issues such as noise from construction traffic and car parking problems. This email debate has triggered some action on the construction of the new road, with two residents meeting with the construction project manager and councillor Nicola Heaton. They successfully negotiated



working hours and raised issues on behalf of all of us. If you want to join in the email debate, or just read what's being said, then please do share your email address on the form provided in this newsletter. We could always meet up in the pub from time to time if anyone would prefer that.

### Are you missing out?

I've always received an invite through the door to residents' meetings, so I trust everybody else has too. But there are still many residents who are not on the email circular, or who are yet to come to a meeting or event. Maybe you are unable to make the times or you don't have email? Your opinions are important too though, and we want to know what they are, and how you would like to be kept informed. Please don't miss out. NC provide a free meeting room, refreshments, a sounding board, and, most of all, a keen enthusiasm for helping us improve our community and its resources. They are not obliged to do anything for us at all, they are not the council, they are not the housing association. They are an independent body with a sense

of community, and they choose to redirect some of their resources to support our residential area. Perhaps now that the construction work has started it might be a good time to make the most of the resources the gallery has put on offer to us.

### What now?

If we are to have any influence on what happens in this neighbourhood our best chance is as a united group, and that's where YOU come in. In order to see our neighbourhood better respected and turned into the kind of place we all want to live, please show your interest either by providing your email address or responding to a meeting invite.



# Cliff Rd. Street Party



# MARSH

## CLIFF ROAD PLAYING OUT

Reviewed by Jo L

I asked myself on Saturday 21 April what was more welcoming: the glorious sun shining upon that spring afternoon; or children racing up and down the street on their bikes? It's been years since I've seen such a sight. In fact, the lads and lasses that once larked about on Cliff Road brought their own children to the fantastic Playing Out event!

Neighbours made sure not to use their cars on Saturday afternoon so that only visitors joining the festivities required escorting through the road closure barriers. Traffic stewards re-directed plenty of vehicles to nearby parking facilities, many drivers remarking that although they had hoped to use "the cheapest car park in the city centre" they hadn't realised it was a residential area so were happy to support the children's play event.

Effy and the team at Nottingham Contemporary co-ordinated the wonderfully creative activities, including painting pots for plants sold by Hockley Homegrown. Even the lord mayor joined in, making chalk drawings on the pavement and gladly accepting refreshments from Rosa's grandchildren who took responsibility for the free cake & coffee stand.

Many residents had the chance to actually meet each other for the first time, chatting away as their children played in safety. So when the rain finally came — five minutes before the end — spirits couldn't be dampened. It was clear that the Playing Out event had been a great success and should definitely be repeated.



Play Day, 2018 © Effy Harle



Play Day, 2018 © Niall Farrelly



## MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL

By Gary M

On behalf of Narrow Marsh Residents Group (NMRG) I met with the representatives of the City Council (City) on 23 January 2018 one year after an assurance by them that Narrow Marsh residents would be treated sympathetically during the construction of the new College.

However, the noise and pollution from the site was distressing to residents, especially those living close by and the workers lacked regard for the distress they were causing. I met with the head of projects, mayor, councillor, project manager and site manager at Loxley House. Prior to our meeting I sent them a 16-page background document (See page 6) which had a list of complaints from residents and also positive ideas to make our lives better.

We, the NMRG, had three objectives in mind: stop the noise and disturbance to residents, agree a future plan of work, and create a better residential neighbourhood. On the first objective, the City were constrained by having to provide parking for Broadmarsh Shopping Centre after the demolition of the car park. They had no planning approval or demolition certificate for the new road. There were instances when they were using Cliff Road from 5:30am, seven days a week and using a crusher on site, causing vibration and potentially damaging neighbouring properties. We agreed that working hours would be 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am–2pm on Saturday with no working on Sunday or Bank Holidays. Noisy work would start after 9am. It was the environmental enforcement officer that imposed these times.

We also found that the fencing around the site was not satisfactory for the neighbours who felt invaded. To resolve this issue a few sheets were erected near their properties, although these still need improving. Abdul Ghaffar was appointed to our neighbourhood to liaise with the City and residents. We look forward to seeing him. The Canal Street entrance was to be opened on 11 February so traffic could be removed from Cliff Road but we are still waiting for that to happen.

We are trying to hold the City to the agreements we made in the meeting and there has been some success. We are working with the City to develop a plan for the new college development which starts this summer. We hope that Wates, the contractor for that project, are more accommodating to residents – we will be sure to communicate closely our needs.

Regarding the future, Narrow Marsh is a residential community in the heart of a commercial redevelopment area and we have some great ideas about making this a quiet and welcoming place to live, so get involved!

## AN ARTIST'S IMPRESSION

by Bahbak H-N

In architectural developments, the artist's impression — whether illustration, painting or 3D rendering — is used as a device to depict a scene when no other accurate representation is available. These multi-layered scenes of contented denizens against novel buildings amidst full trees, set against pleasant weather offer a preferred future, and one that you could be a part of.

In the local context of Narrow Marsh rumours of development have become a reality and such images of the college and the new Broadmarsh Centre have long been circulating, acting as placeholders for a memory to come.

When invited by Nottingham Contemporary to develop a project in the context of the immediate neighbourhood, I looked no further than this future vision, asking not only how will the development impact the community, but how the community can impact the development.

Initially, through door-to-door invitations to local residents, we facilitated with the newly formed Narrow Marsh Residents Group (NMRG) monthly meetings to discuss the present and future of the neighbourhood. These

gatherings have produced a series of feedback loops involving housing associations, local authorities and residents to share concerns, resources and ideas to positively intervene within the immediate developments.

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This publication would not be possible without the support of the active residents of Narrow Marsh who have been involved from the beginning, the support of the team at Nottingham Contemporary, Nottingham City Homes, Nottingham City Council, Nottingham College, Robin Robinson (Hyson Green Development Tenants' Association) for providing inspiration and working methods, and Studio Ard with their thoughtful approach to the material and design of this publication.





### XMAS LUNCH & WORKSHOP

On 4th December 2017, the gallery hosted a Christmas networking lunch and publication workshop. The day started with clusters of tables, each with an activity directed at generating material for this very publication, which ranged from oral histories and childrens' drawings to rethinking the recent urban plan and public realm of the neighbourhood. The lunch was also a chance to meet new residents and invite some external guests, including Guillaume Chuard, the graphic designer who has helped design and produce this publication, and Robin Robinson, an active resident working in community development in Nottingham since 1965. The day ended with us joining the working surfaces into one long dining table, where the conversations continued, albeit with mouths full.



### NARROW MARSH STOOLS

The Narrow Marsh stool was designed and made on the occasion of the Cliff Rd. Street Party 2017. The indoor/outdoor stools are made from the same twin-wall drainage pipes and hoarding plywood found on the construction site. We have 5 Narrow Marsh Stools to give away to those new members joining the residents group (see page 11).



Knotted Alley, circa 1890 © Nottingham City Council, picturethepast.org.uk

## KNOTTED ALLEY

Accounts of a lace drawer of Narrow Marsh

By Maria S

Good morning, I nearly didn't see you there, you'll have to excuse me, I'm on my way home to Narrow Marsh from the warehouse. You know, the new one Mr Thomas Adams has built on Stoney Street. My Alfred works there, he says they treat the workers ever so well. They've got heating and lighting, and they've even got a chapel. Mr Adams likes everyone to go to the morning service, he goes himself after he's walked to work, walks all the way from Lenton. Alfred says he's the best boss he's ever had, no airs and graces. Oh yes, and they've got a tea room. Treats them like royalty he does. I'm still working from home, I can keep an eye on the little ones like that. I have had a bit of a promotion though. I'm now the new mistress of our street, I collect the netting from the factory first thing in the morning, and bring it back and share

it out amongst the other women. We do the finishing you see, all the embroidery. I've got the knuckles of an eighty-year-old and I'm only thirty! Still, being the mistress I get a little more money, which helps. I shouldn't really have had the job, it belonged to Mrs Crowe, but I'm sorry to say she was to the good Lord two weeks ago. Alfred never liked her after she reported him to the bobby the time he came back from the Loggerheads at one o'clock in the morning singing 'God Save the Queen' and woke the old dear up. Well it was the day of the Royal wedding. Her Majesty's son Prince Edward married that beautiful Princess Alexandra from Denmark. Everyone had a drink to their health that day, and long may they live. Speaking of weddings, Alfred has decided to make an honest woman of me this year. 'Agnes,' he said, 'it's 1864 and this is the year I'm going to walk you down the aisle. I promised your father and I'm a man of my word.' 'Alfred,' I said, 'isn't it a bit late for that, we've already put the cart before

the horse.' But he was having none of it, so as soon as we've got five minutes we're going up to St Marys. They've got a new vicar, the Reverend Francis Morse. They say he's going to make a lot of improvements and so they should. It's been looking a bit shabby recently. I've not got far to go now, nearly at Short Stairs. I'd be quicker going down Long Stairs, but by the time I got to the bottom there'd be nothing left of this pram full of net, and what would I say to the girls then, eh? I hate going down these stairs at this time of the morning, and I hate it even more if I have to go past the Loggerheads after dark. They say that the ghost of Dick Turpin still haunts the place. They reckon this was where he and his men planned their robberies, and where he stabled his horse, Black Bess, in the cave at the back. On a quiet night you can still hear the sound of horses' hooves coming up to the pub and then stopping dead just outside the door. Ooh, it fair makes your blood run cold. I shall be glad to get in and put the kettle on.

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### CLIFF FACE FALLS!

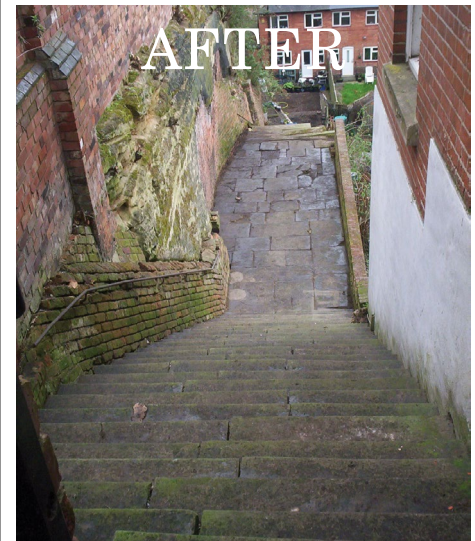
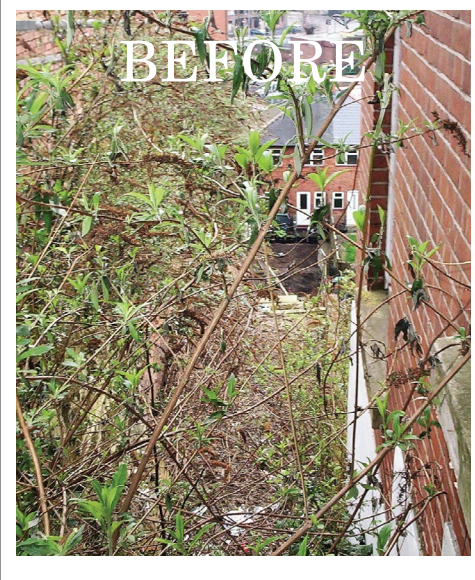
From *Weekly Express*, Nov 1903

On April 13th, 1828, a mass of rock and wall with a summer house descends on Narrow Marsh. Five dwelling houses adjoining the Loggerheads were crushed by the fall of 'many hundreds of tons of rock, brick and stone.' Fortunately the tenants had been forewarned of the impending danger, and with one exception had vacated the houses before the catastrophe. The family still in occupation had a remarkable escape. As further falls were expected, a barrier was thrown across the Marsh and many dwelling houses were abandoned.

### LONG STAIRS TRANSFORMED

By Janine T

My name is Janine Tanner, and I run the heritage group Notts History – Honour Our Heritage. The aim of our group is to celebrate the history of Nottingham, and to help preserve it as best as we can. Our latest project was the clearing and cleaning up of a medieval thoroughfare in the Lace Market, known as Long Stairs. When we arrived to start the clean up, the weeds were so high and so thick that you couldn't see the steps, and there was an immense amount of rubbish that had accumulated on them as well. Two days of hard work by my team, and Long Stairs stands proud once again! My next aim is to get a street sign and a plaque made for Long Stairs, so that people know they exist, and the significance of them.



The News House, 2016 © Castle Rock Brewery

## THE NEWHOUSE

Reviewed by Luke S and Christi S

Weird and wonderful bottles line the upper shelf of the lounge in the pub at the edge of Narrow Marsh. They look like they could be an assortment of elixirs and potions but they are in reality used beer bottles that have come from breweries far and wide. The Newhouse pub does specialise in local beer and changes the ale on tap every week to offer an eclectic variety. Colin, the landlord working behind the bar says he is officially retired yet happily pulls a pint of Castle Rock's finest and a fetches a bottle of beer flavoured with banana leaves whilst chatting about the history of the pub for us. The name comes from the days when local workers would come to a "Newhouse" and listen to an educated individual read the newspaper so they could keep up with the events shaping their lives, their country and the world outside. It was the one of the centres of social and even political discussion and debate in the community. Framed stories from historic newspapers line the walls, transporting you

in time to when these events would have been important news. These 18th-century traditions are no longer needed but the pub still radiates an upbeat social atmosphere from the locals and the football and ice hockey traffic. It has a bar billiard table — very few pubs in Nottingham do — and delicious baguettes available from 12–3pm. The two bar rooms have retained a cosy vibe of a classic early 1960s pub and have a vintage appeal through contemporary eyes. When Castle Rock took over the establishment 15 years ago they declared that nothing had to be changed as it was already perfect. 'The city is always changing', remarks Colin, there is a constant renewal of architecture and cityscape that is gradually smartening Nottingham up brick by brick. Pubs like the Newhouse, packed with history and character, are a cornerstone to the community that complement and integrate with these new plans. So if you haven't ever been or are a regular pop in for a pint and support a great local pub.

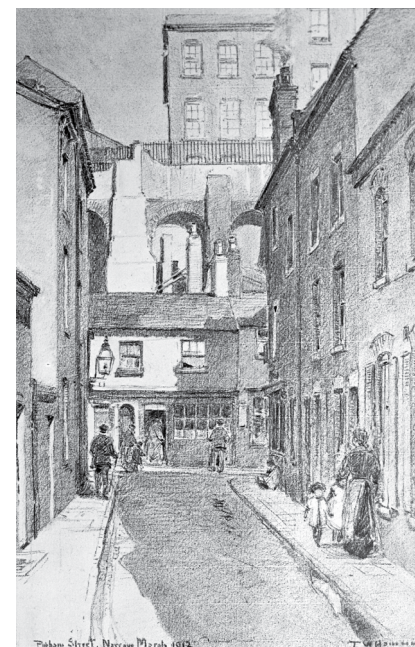
## PUBS OF THE MARSH

From *Evening Post*, Dec 1952

Before the demolition of the late 1920s, Narrow Marsh was home to an unusually high number of pubs. The public houses in Red Lion St. were:

- The Sportsman (at the junction of Plumtree-square).
- The Tiger's Head
- The King's Head
- The Star and Carter (later a lodging house).
- The Traveller's Rest
- The Lord Byron
- The Loggerheads (still in existence).
- The Ten Bells (converted into a Mission).
- The Red Lion
- The White Lion
- The Woodman
- The Fergus O'Connor (just down Malt Mill-lane).

Below is an excerpt from the recollections of the former Assistant Chief Constable of Nottingham, Mr. G. W. Downs.



Popham Street 1914, picturethepast.org.uk

## CRAFTSMEN AND PEDLARS

From *Evening Post*, Dec 1952

There were 29 lodging-houses in the district, and hundreds of furnished rooms. Some of the lodging-houses had regular customers, many grey-bearded old men who had lived there for years, but the majority carried the floating population, who moved about the

country. Spending a night here and a night or two there, according to what they could pick up. Many of the frequenters of the lodging houses were pedlars and craftsmen, and it was interesting to watch them drilling holes in china and glass with crude Archimedean drills, which they operated with great patience.

Others would make toasting forks and flower baskets of wire, using only their fingers to ensure the correct measurements and designs. Doormats, baskets, wicker work and clothes pegs were also made upon wet days, to be hawked or peddled on the finer days.

December 1922.

RED LION STREET AREA.

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS.

PEMALS.

Houseworkers	180	Stall Holders	2
Charwomen	42	Bacon Washer	1
Lace (Dressing Room) Hands	39	Blind Scaloper	1
Hawkers	26	Boarding House Keeper	1
Shopkeepers	20	Blind Pensioner	1
Lace (Home)	16	Beggar	1
Old Age Pensioners	14	Cook	1
Red Lion Winders	9	Cotton Doshler	1
Invalide	9	Frame Clipper	1
Hosiery Hands	7	Fish Prier	1
Lace Hands	7	French Polisher	1
Machinists	6	Hosiery Winder	1
Boommakers	4	Knitter (Jumpers)	1
Pedlars	3	Lace (Clipping)	1
Cotton Preparers	2	Lace Mender	1
Cotton Cleaners	2	No Legitimate Occupation	1
Deputy Lodging House Keepers	2	Overlooker (Dressing Room)	1
Domestic Servants	2	Pariah Relief	1
Errand Girls	2	Pensioner (Army)	1
Hair Net Finishers	2	Printer	1
Lodging House Keepers	2	Printer's Girl	1
Lace Jemmers	2	Tailress	1
Lace Curtain Makers	2	Waitress	1
Net Menders	2	Waste Sorter	1
Bag Gatherers	2	Window Cleaner	1
TOTAL	431		

December 1922.

RED LION STREET AREA.

TOTAL NUMBER OF BUILDINGS ON THE AREA.

Types of Buildings.

Private houses built back-to-back (or without back outlet)	121
Private houses with back windows, but without back doors	99
Private houses with front and back entrances and windows	211
Common Lodging Houses (Registered)	20
Houses let in Lodgings (Registered)	5
Houses and Shops	20
Beer-off	1
Lock-up Shops	4
Mission House	1
Factory	1
Ice Cream Factories	2
Marine Store	1
Stables	6
Stores	5
Workshops	6
Old Public Houses, unlicensed and let off in tenements	2
Old Public House, unlicensed and used as a dwelling	1
Old Public House, unlicensed and used as a store	1
Old Public House, unlicensed and disused	1
Old Farm House	1
TOTAL	280

December 1922.

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS.

MALES (Continued).

Clerk	1	Isolator	1
Commission Agent	1	Plasterer	1
Cabinet Maker	1	Parlor	1
Cartdriver	1	Postman	1
Clean Operator	1	Yincher	1
Coach Painter	1	Yincher's Apprentice	1
Driver	1	Yincher's Apprentice	1
Driller	1	Plate Glass Worker	1
Engineer	1	Platelayer	1
Fisherman	1	Paper Bag Maker	1
Farrier	1	Painter and Paperhanger	1
Fireman (Loco.)	1	Packeting Case Maker	1
Furniture Remover	1	Restorer (Hand)	1
Flour Miller	1	Bag Gatherer	1
Fruit-er's Assistant	1	Scientific Artist	1
Grocer's Assistant	1	Stone Mason	1
Gangner	1	Sawyer	1
Gas Worker	1	Stoker	1
Hairdresser	1	Shoeman	1
Ironworker	1	Tanner	1
Joiner	1	Wood Chopper	1
Leather Dresser	1	Welder (Acetylene)	1
Lace Gasser	1	Wheelwright	1
Lift Attendant	1		
TOTAL	602		

December 1922.

RED LION STREET AREA.

SUMMARY OF OCCUPATIONS.

MALES.

Labourers	201	Errand Boys	3
Hawkers	80	Ice Cream Vendors	3
Army Pensioners	31	Street Musicians	3
Miners	23	Electricians	2
Old Age Pensioners	22	Fish Friers	2
News-vendors	16	Gardeners	2
Carters	14	Hosiery Hands	2
Service	13	Mat Menders	2
Outspicers	11	News Agents	2
Shopkeepers	11	Porters (Coal)	2
Lace Blanchers	7	Printers	2
Coal Dealers	6	Printer's Apprentices	2
Lace Dressers	6	Slip Winders	2
Outspicers	6	Tailors	2
Porters	6	Upholsterers	2
Pariah Relief	6	Wass Bobbin Winder	1
Window Cleaners	6	Wass Bobbin Maker	1
Fitters	5	Builder	1
Ericobankers	4	Boxer Maker	1
Reggars	4	Blacksmith's Striker	1
Glass and China Sifters	4	Burgeman	1
General Dealers	4	Butcher's Assistant	1
Invalide	4	Bill Distributer	1
Lace Makers	4	Scowmaker	1
Pedlars	4	Bookbinder	1
Stall holders	4	Billiard Markor	1
Umbrella Repairs	4	Boot Repairer	1
Bricklayers	3	Cooper	1



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LOOK FORWARDS CHANGE



SITUATION, PROBLEM, APPROACH

I want the council to realise Cliff Road is nothing more than a residential street in the heart of Nottingham. There are no businesses here... it's a street of families; and we're weary of this being ruined by developments and by the construction of said developments. I think the council forget this is a residential street with homes and not your typical city centre street.

Narrow Marsh Residents Group (NMRG) 23/01/2018

NEW CAR PARKS AROUND NARROW MARSH

Part of the reason for this increase in pollution is the proliferation of car parks, some with planning approval and some without. The planning department do not provide Air Quality Assessments for any of the car parks and it is easy to see that pollution levels will increase with more car parking.

A list of some of the car parks surrounding the neighbourhood:

Pemberton Street car park Revenue generating car park for Magpie Security adjacent to residents' homes.

Sheriff's Lodge car park 80 spaces at Sheriff's Lodge with no air quality assessment, generating revenue for NCC.

Shell Service station London Road roundabout Parking provided by the car cleaning company without planning approval adjacent to residents homes, revenue generating for the owners of the car cleaning company.

Ice Stadium car park 725 revenue-generating parking spaces for NCC, with no air quality assessment carried out.

Broadmarsh car park, bus station and apartments 1150 parking spaces that are revenue generating for NCC, including a bus station and residential properties with no air quality assessment.

St Mary's church car park Altering gates and driveway to provide car parking to a 600-year-old church and green space.

Galleries of Justice car park Built to provide parking for the Galleries of Justice and now extended as a public car park.

Cliff Road car park Provides 25 spaces and encourages shoppers to drive up and down Cliff Road. It has no planning approval and there has been no enforcement from the city planners. It also contributes to local air pollution and creates a hostile environment for children and families to play on the street.

The original applications was for a hotel in the Galleries of Justice but this was superseded and eventually not built. Some considerable time later, the land was turned into a car park

Popham Street Car Park An undefined number of spaces providing revenue to NCC, with no Air Quality Assessment.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Narrow Marsh is at the centre of a redevelopment including the Southern Gateway, Broadmarsh, Nottingham College City Hub and Creative Quarter projects, with large-scale demolitions and road layout changes that are likely to create nuisance, noise, dust and pollution for residents.

Previous projects have not been sympathetic to residents. Some of these projects include the following.

Construction of Loxley House In 2000-2004 the construction of the Capital One site at the old Boots Printing Works and Loxley House.

Demolition of buildings on Popham Street In 2003 and 2014 the demolition of the Great Central Railway arch, workshops and engineering buildings caused dust, noise and disruption to residents to allow the tram system and further Broadmarsh development to take place.



Industrial buildings and the last remaining Great Northern Railway arches, Popham Street, Sept 2014 © picturethepast.org.uk

District heating renewal In 2006, the district heating main was replaced and upgraded. A section of the primary pipe that supplied a large area of the city and ran through Nottingham city centre from the London Road heat station was replaced. Construction traffic and materials were transported down Cliff Road, creating dust, pollution and noise.

Construction of Nottingham One In 2008 the construction of Nottingham One, Jury's Inn, Premier Inn, offices and accommodation.

Nottingham Contemporary construction In 2008 the construction of Nottingham Contemporary during which the construction plant, equipment and materials used Cliff Road despite the best efforts of Alan Dillon the City's Project Officer to divert them down Popham Street.

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Cliff Road is a long straight road and encourages drivers to speed, until recently; Popham Street provided a return road to Canal Street.

This caused nuisance and unrest to the residents of Narrow Marsh for about two years. In addition, decisions made to save money on the contract created problems today with parking.

Construction of BioCity In 2016, the construction of BioCity and all the attendant car parks.

Construction of Broadmarsh car parks In 2017 Nottingham City Council built two large car parks using Cliff Road to transport materials, plant and equipment to site. They worked 7 days a week from 7:30am, causing noise, dust and pollution to residents of Narrow Marsh.

There was an alternative and it was the contractor's legal responsibility to find an alternative using 'Best Practicable Means' under the Control of Pollution Act 1974.

Various suggestions were made to the council to reduce the impact of the work and on 7 November 2016 I met the city team about 'Popham Street stopping up order and Cliff Road traffic concerns' and I left the meeting understanding that it was too late to change things with this development, but with future developments Cliff Road would be dealt with sympathetically.

Contrary to being dealt with sympathetically, the new Popham Street contract has breached planning legislation by not discharging the pre-start conditions until 8 January 2018, 42 days after work started. Furthermore, no Section 80 demolition notice was issued under the Building Act 1984, working hours were exceeded under the Control of Pollution Act 1974 and BS5228 'Noise Control on Construction Sites' was ignored. A 200kw crusher was brought on site and used without advising Pollution Control about noise and dust.

The contractors continue to use Cliff Road, sometimes driving at speed in 40 tonne trucks, lights flashing and beepers beeping from 5:30am on any day of the week.

Demolition of Broadmarsh bus station and car park The noise and dust from this site is currently affecting Narrow Marsh and in the future we will have to contend with Nottingham City Hub. This is the only project I am aware of that has addressed the air quality issue and if they are prepared to engage with the residents of Narrow Marsh, the success of this project is more likely.

VEHICLE NUISANCE

Cliff Road is a long straight road and encourages drivers to speed, until recently; Popham Street provided a return road to Canal Street.

I would like the Play Area to stay so the kids have something to play.

Keep the st. art! Park for kids. Graffiti is ART!



Artist's Impression, City Hub © Nottingham City Council

Shoppers being dropped off at Broadmarsh The area also includes the rear entrance to Broadmarsh and a large waiting area, so this encourages shoppers to be dropped off, creating significant traffic down Cliff Road. Some of these drivers wait (engines running) outside 11-13 Cliff Road causing noise and pollution. This is a nuisance adds no amenity to the residents of Narrow Marsh.

Ice Stadium venue Large events at the stadium generate large crowds using Cliff Road, perhaps from the station and at night, this can be disturbing.

Occupation of playground The one small green space at the corner of Popham Street was used as a place for children to play out, although it did not last long as it was occupied by people in tents and a caravan causing nuisance and pollution from open fires. It was not returned as a playground.

Parking abuse A large number of visitor cars use Cliff Road during the day and there is tension regarding parking that needs to be addressed in the future.

New College Nottingham? So, the future concerns about the City Hub for Nottingham College are founded in experience. From a construction point of view, Narrow Marsh has been ignored when developing construction plans, with pollution and general nuisance. Institutions in the neighbourhood have had a negative impact on the ward. Moreover, with 2,440 students and 340 staff new to the area, we anticipate some disruption. It is heartening to see that the college have been very proactive in engaging with us and of course, they have provided an air quality assessment too!

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We are surrounded by institutions set up to help Nottingham residents. We have worked with all of them to reduce the nuisance, and this is something that has to be regularly revisited.

Framework Patrons of Framework do not always get into the facility. They may be influenced by drink or drugs and this spills over to Cliff Road, with 2am ranting and raving down the street to occupying King's Court, sleeping in the atrium and garages.

Catch-22

In the past, students from here have distressed residents and caused damage to property, some have just been a general nuisance as at lunchtime it is a good

route to Broadmarsh. Thankfully, there has been no trouble since summer 2017.

Works to (new) Popham Street It has been made very clear to NCC since starting work on 27 November 2017 that using Cliff Road for the construction of Popham Street is causing nuisance to the residents.

Works start as early as 5:30am, although generally about 7am, 7 days a week and those living close by have been severely affected with lack of sleep, damage to property and intimidation. The residents suffered 41 days of noise (excluding weekends and holidays) before NCC achieved planning approval for the work. NCC were made aware of this but 'bashed on regardless'.

The contractor had no construction plan and used working hours\* that were at odds with those required by the environmental officer and other projects in the area. No attempt has been made to minimise disruption, as they are required to do under the Pollution Act 1974, furthermore they go against the advice of NCC officers in operating from Cliff Road, rather than Canal Street.

There is no plan to use Cliff Road as on 4 January 2018 Robert Smith, senior transport planner referred to access from Canal Street and only using Cliff Road after agreement with them.

Condition 5 (Construction Traffic Management Plan) Condition can be discharged. Comments from network management however ask that to avoid concerns locally along Cliff Road regarding construction traffic it may be necessary to confirm the procedure should a delivery/construction vehicle require access to the northern compound when the gates at the southern compound are locked.

Yet the gates at the southern compound are not in use. The NCC project manager assured me that the Canal Street entrance would be open weeks ago, yet nothing has happened.

Narrow Marsh residents are understandably angry at being put upon in this way and wish to agree with the council a resolution for this contract and an input into future works in the neighbourhood and an effective plan to reduce pollution and nuisance.

Residents were asked to raise any questions they would like answers to and I have included these below together with some complaints.

Speed bumps on Cliff Road would be great. I'm sure it won't happen, but I'm also sure everyone who lives on Cliff Road is sick and tired of cars and taxis racing up and down the road (often at stupid speeds). One day there will be an accident.

PROBLEM

The construction work at (new) Popham Street has motivated residents to form the Narrow Marsh Residents Group to deal with the immediate problem of an inflexible contractor and noise and pollution caused by these works.

It is anticipated that other issues with the area can be addressed in the future and these include, noise, parking, deliveries, pollution and the provision of green space.

THE RESIDENTS IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Questions and statements from residents:

Please thank the council for putting 'Do not stop in box' markings on Canal Street at the entrance to Cliff Road. Not everyone abides by it but it really helps. Could it not be painted yellow? I think it important to acknowledge where the council have come good!

Can you ask about noise levels, construction times, and construction vehicles, how they plan to keep our drains cleared from soil/rubble?

Get the construction traffic for the new road off Cliff Rd... If the drop-down curb onto canal Street exit is not imminent, to exit by the car park in the interim.

Ensure construction traffic for the actual skills hub building uses the new road entrance and not Cliff Road.

Find out how they intend to prevent service vehicles for the new college, Broadmarsh and the art gallery from using Cliff Road (Like Greg's do). Suggest a separate home zone Narrow Marsh residential area.

To get the recently developed Cliff Road 'pavement car park' (this is the car park beneath the Galleries of Justice) traffic off Cliff Road by making it accessible from the Broadmarsh end not Cliff Road. Or even closing it down as it has had a significant impact on traffic levels in our area.

To demonstrate some interest in protecting residents from polluting traffic by introducing greenery, hedges, trees as soon as possible, and by planting a new hedge border along the full length of the new road. To save time it could be planted whilst the earth is dug over. Actually any building work in the city could capitalise on the time they've got the road dug up to include hedge planting.

Could the payable parking bays at the (now) entrance to Cliff Road be converted to resident permit-only bays.

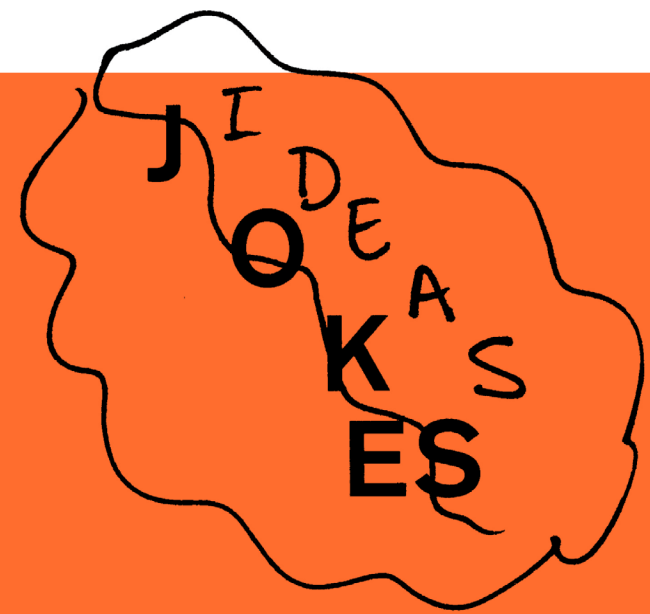


Do we know the planned street + completion dates of the development?

- Jan 2016: Work to transform the Broadmarsh area starts
June 2017: The City Council announces plans to demolish and rebuild the Car Park and Bus Station
July 2017: Demolition starts and will take around six months to complete
Oct to Nov 2017: Public consultation
Nov 2017: Revision of Final designs
Early 2018: Work on into Broadmarsh to begin in earnest.
June 2018: building work commences on the new Skills Hub college
Spring/Summer 2018: Rebuilding the Car Park and Bus Station begins.
Mid-late 2020: Works to refurbish into Broadmarsh and City Hub are expected to be complete.

Source: Broadmarsh Regeneration - What are the plans?, www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk





road at the end of the houses. Failure to do this will do nothing but turn Cliff Road back into the rat run it was when Popham Street was open. I'm concerned about the level of traffic the new college will bring to Cliff Road. I'd also like to point out that we can't make changes to our fascias as we live in a heritage zone... yet the council seem happy for this heritage zone to be spoiled for the residents by noise, dirt and traffic.

Further to the above, I'm also concerned about the potential for college kids to 'hang out' in the front entrances/porches of the Kings Court Mews. I'm fed up of people stood in my doorway smoking and eating and throwing their rubbish on the floor!

Has there been any more communication about the planning permission to build 100 student flats at the Maggie Security car park site? Again, we're a residential street. Our suggestions will help the community to offset some of the disruption the new college has caused us. It's unfair that we may have to endure another disruptive development, let alone one-year tenanted students moving in.

I have tried to make contact with Nicola the councillor, she still has not called back. No one has made any contact. I ended up going to MP Lilian Greenwood.

This Sunday morning at 7am I was awoken by the workers on site.

I am having to keep my blinds closed in my bedroom and kitchen because the workers can see right through them. I have no privacy and the noise is atrocious.

I want to know if I will be compensated for the distress that the current work has had on my quality of life.

Why is the New City Hub College tree survey and planning application [17\_02664\_PFUL3-K\_TREE\_SURVEY\_2014-1299231] at odds with the Popham Street application? The formers says retain mature tree T12 and the latter says remove it?

Which company is leading of the public realm for the City Hub? could you advise which person is in charge of this project and how we can be consulted?

What is planned for the green strip of land adjacent to the row of houses on Cliff Road/Popham Street?

The air quality assessment submitted for the New City Hub says there will be negligible impact on air quality, however air pollution needs to be significantly reduced—how will you do that?

Up to 35 diesel Hackney cabs sit idling on Trent Street causing PM10 pollutants to affect our neighbourhood. It was raised with the city 21/2 years ago<sup>11</sup>, will you be stopping it?

The environmental (and physical and mental health) benefits of a HIGH hedge are well documented, will you be providing one in the City Hub?

Please could you let me have a copy of the Section 80 notice (demolition notice, Building Act 1984) for this site, requested on 28 December 2017.

Do you have Section 184 agreements for the land to the north of Cliff Road? To assist, the two relevant planning application references are: 92/00802/LLIS1 and 92/00803/PFUL3 (Galleries of Justice, Shire Hall, High Pavement, Nottingham NG1 1HN).

COMPLAINTS FROM RESIDENTS

The overwhelming response is that the work is disruptive, noisy and in some cases is damaging property with the excessive vibration.

One resident complained that the milk was jumping in her fridge and that the boiler stopped working due to the vibration. The contractors also said that they had to place a Heras fence across her back door, as the garden wall was dangerous. It is NOT a council property.

Another resident complained that she worked unsocial hours and slept until 12:00 noon, however with the constant JCB work with a pick, she was not able to sleep.

Another complained that she had no privacy and that contractors were gazing into her kitchen and that the noise was awful.

Another resident complained of the noise caused by vehicles driving down Cliff Road and that the council never get back to her when she raises it with them.

I have raised queries with the council that are not answered and so a Freedom of Information request is required to get a response.

Another resident has complained about the flashing orange lights and vehicles driving down Cliff Road in the early hours of the morning.

Construction traffic is using Cliff Road from 7am every day and it goes too fast.

Why were the working hours on site not agreed with the residents as requested on 2 January 2018?

In your letter of 24 November 2017 you say vehicles would use Cliff Road for a two-week period and that noisy operations would occur between 9:30am and 3:30pm, yet here we are six weeks later with noisy work taking place from 7am every day.

Yes, I was quite annoyed to hear machine sounds (reversing alarms possibly) rattling on and off before 8am this Saturday!

Maybe we should just block the road with our cars and see how long it is before the construction officers start moaning. It's a total disregard to both the law and the residents in this community!

IDEAS

- 1. Permanently close Cliff Road on the plan below.
2. Discourage drivers from using Cliff Rd: a. To drop off shoppers; b. Make deliveries to Broadmarsh Shopping Centre; c. Idle or park awaiting shoppers from Broadmarsh—standing parking.
3. Identify travel routes for; and mitigate impact to residents of Narrow Marsh from: a. Students from the Pemberton Street student residences; b. Students from Catch-22 on Poplar Street; c. Residents of Framework on London Road; d. Spectators to the Ice Arena.
4. Deliveries to the college by Popham Street only: a. Agree hours for delivery; suggest hours would be 8am–6pm Monday to Friday and 8am–2pm on Saturday with no working on Sunday or Bank Holidays.

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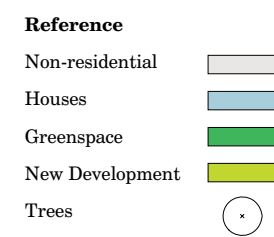
APPROACH / SOLUTION

Our immediate concern is to reduce the impact of works to (new) Popham Street and in future to be involved in the working arrangements for new projects and to reduce nuisance, noise and pollution.

Our current proposals are: To agree working hours with the Environmental Officer of 8am-5pm Monday to Friday, 9am-1pm Saturday and no working on Sunday or Bank Holidays. To use the Canal Street entrance for site deliveries, removal of waste and machinery; To assess and use the least intrusive method of working for properties adjacent to the site, including; using a Banksman rather than a horn when reversing on site; not using flashing orange warning lights close to properties; Using entrances furthest from neighbours to access the site; to clean the area of mud deposited by contractors lorries; to train site staff to engage positively with residents; to stop driving construction plant up and down Cliff Road as if it were a car—use a car or a bicycle.

Our future proposals are: Close off Cliff Road towards the Broadmarsh Centre. Remove the commercial car park from Cliff Road. Deliveries to the college by Popham Street only and within agreed hours (no working on Sunday or Bank Holidays). Provide an adequate boundary between Popham Street and Narrow Marsh properties. Promote the reduction of pollution to Narrow Marsh; Create a Home Zone for Narrow Marsh to encourage families and play. Encourage Art in the area with NC, City Hub and Narrow Marsh. Remove pay parking spaces from Cliff Road.

You will see further proposals in the questions asked by residents on page 7.



THE PUBLIC REALM OVER 100 YEARS

We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing. These were the words of playwright and political activist George Bernard Shaw. Play as sense-making shapes our understanding of the world through early development. It remains with us, in a semi-dormant state, waiting to spring into action in different intensities, from banter to badminton. Social spaces are play spaces and play spaces are social spaces. The capacity for play and encounters within the public realm is therefore directly proportionate to the social life of a community/ neighbourhood. The Victorian slum clearances of the early 20th century saw the end of back-to-back dwellings and narrow alleyways. Along with the houses went Pepper Place Playground, a cherished social space at the foot of Long Stairs. The Cliff Rd/Shortwood Close plan which we know today may have narrowly won over the proposed masterplans produced by T. Wallis Gordon in March 1923, which overtly place the playground and public space in the heart of the neighbourhood.

The neighbourhood has been without a dedicated public realm for almost a century. Yet we are now at a turning point, where a shared space is to be developed by the college and available to the community in 2020. Digging back into the not-so-distant past, in a public document released by Nottingham City Council in July 2002 titled Broadmarsh Development Brief, planning details were abundant and favourable for the neighbourhood.

A realigned Popham Street is required between Canal St and Cliff Road. This will provide a clear division between the Broad Marsh development and the Cliff Road residential area. This road must provide convenient and direct pavements to either side, together with attractive landscaping.

The streets of the Cliff Road housing estate will be redesigned as a 'home zone', to provide a safe play environment for children and communal meeting space for residents, prevent 'casual' parking and substantially reduce the speed and volume of traffic.

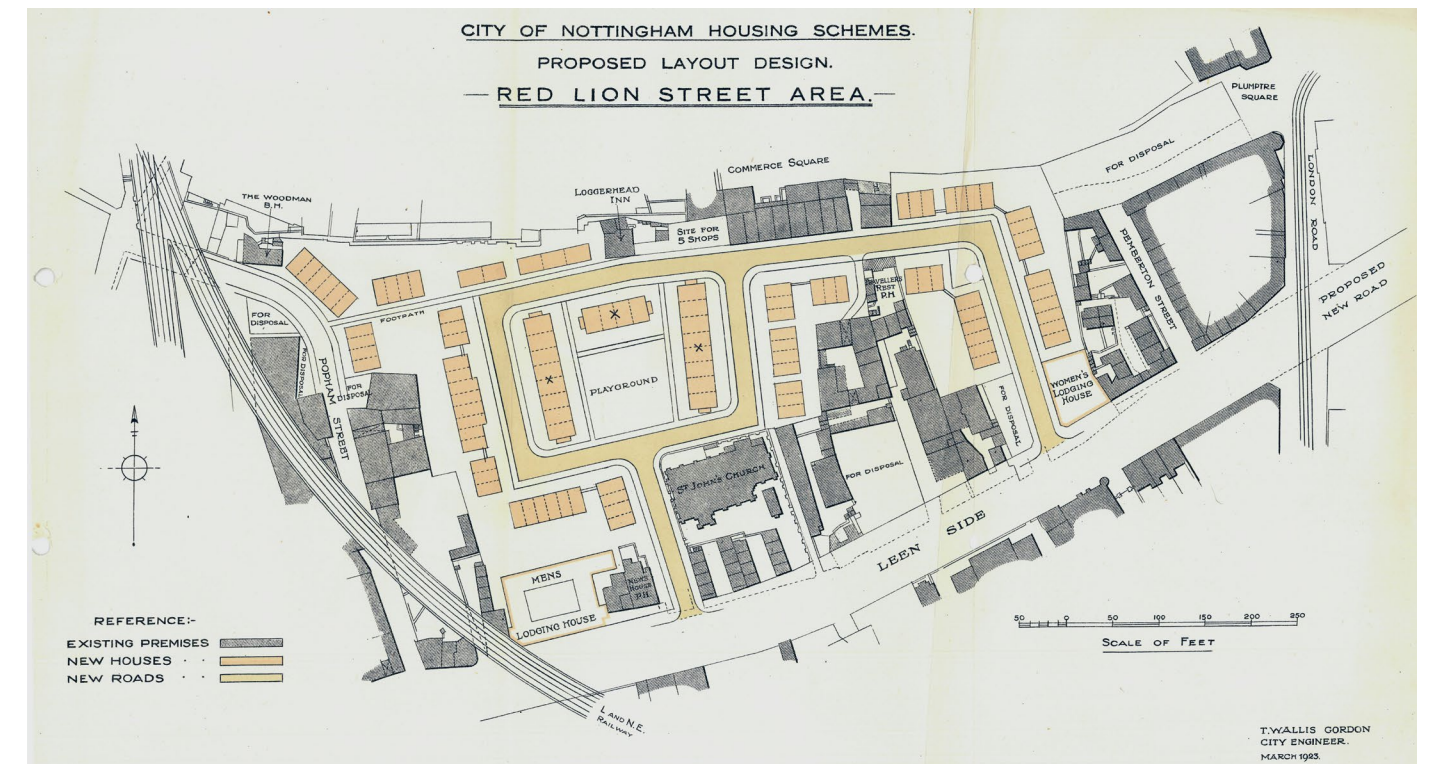
The Broadmarsh development will be expected to contribute to these improvements through a Section 106 obligation. The 2018 press release by Nottingham Skills Hub (also known as the City Hub and New Skills Hub) highlights the need to engage and address 'local people' in shaping the public realm.

Nottingham Skills Hub which sees Central College and New College Nottingham working together to create a 'state of the art' facility stated that in regenerating the site, it will aim to: 'Enhance the "public realm" aspects of the site for benefit of local people' and 'work with our neighbours and wider stakeholder community in understanding their needs, taking on board their views and ideas and creating a focal point for the city that they are proud of.'

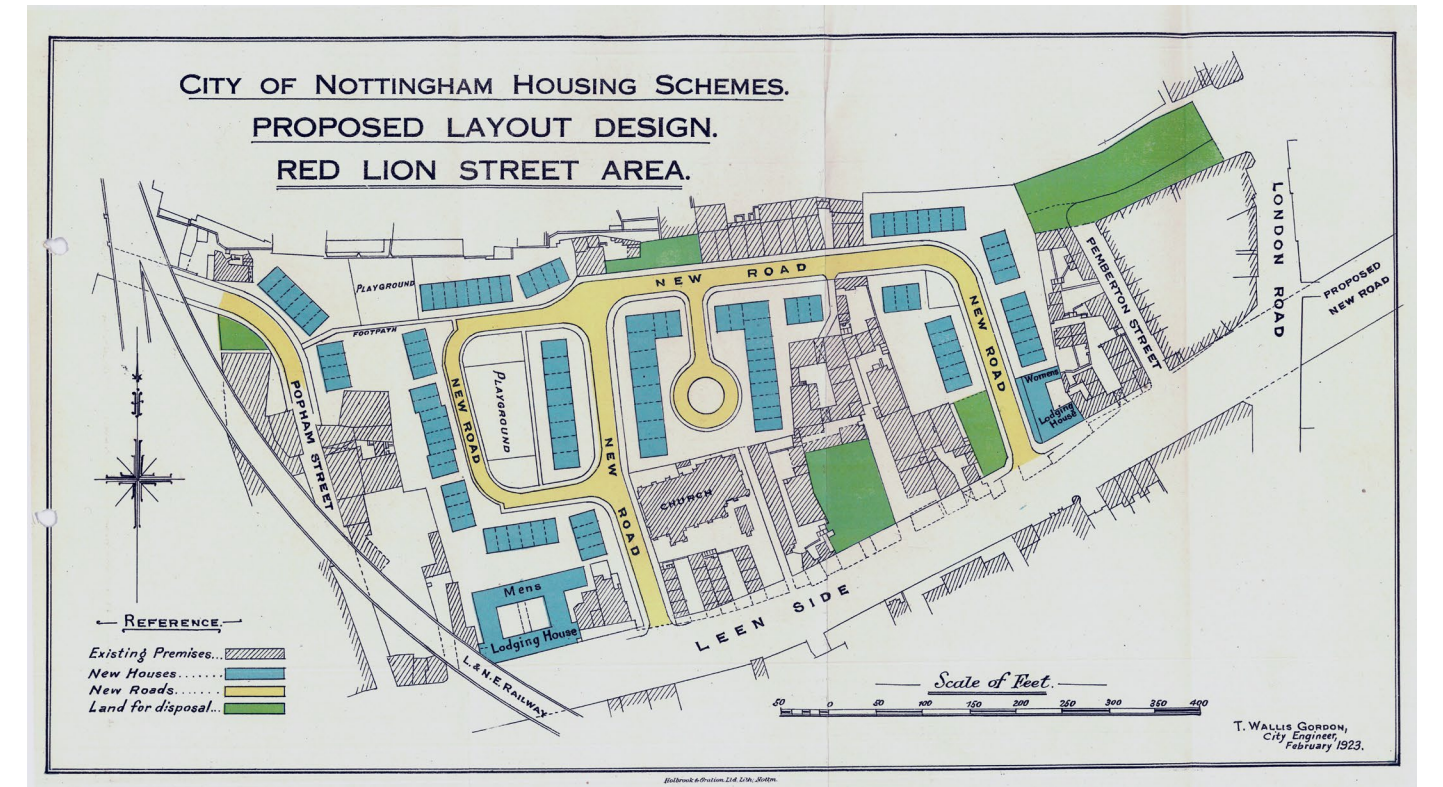
Given the role of the public realm in building more resilient communities — by providing spaces to play, rest and socialise — and the willingness of the college development to include local voices in the landscape design and development, it seems like now is the time to be heard.

'It's an exciting prospect, as long as, once completed, it doesn't impact on the street as far as traffic, noise levels and student activity. Only time will tell.'

— Quote from a resident, 10 May, 2018



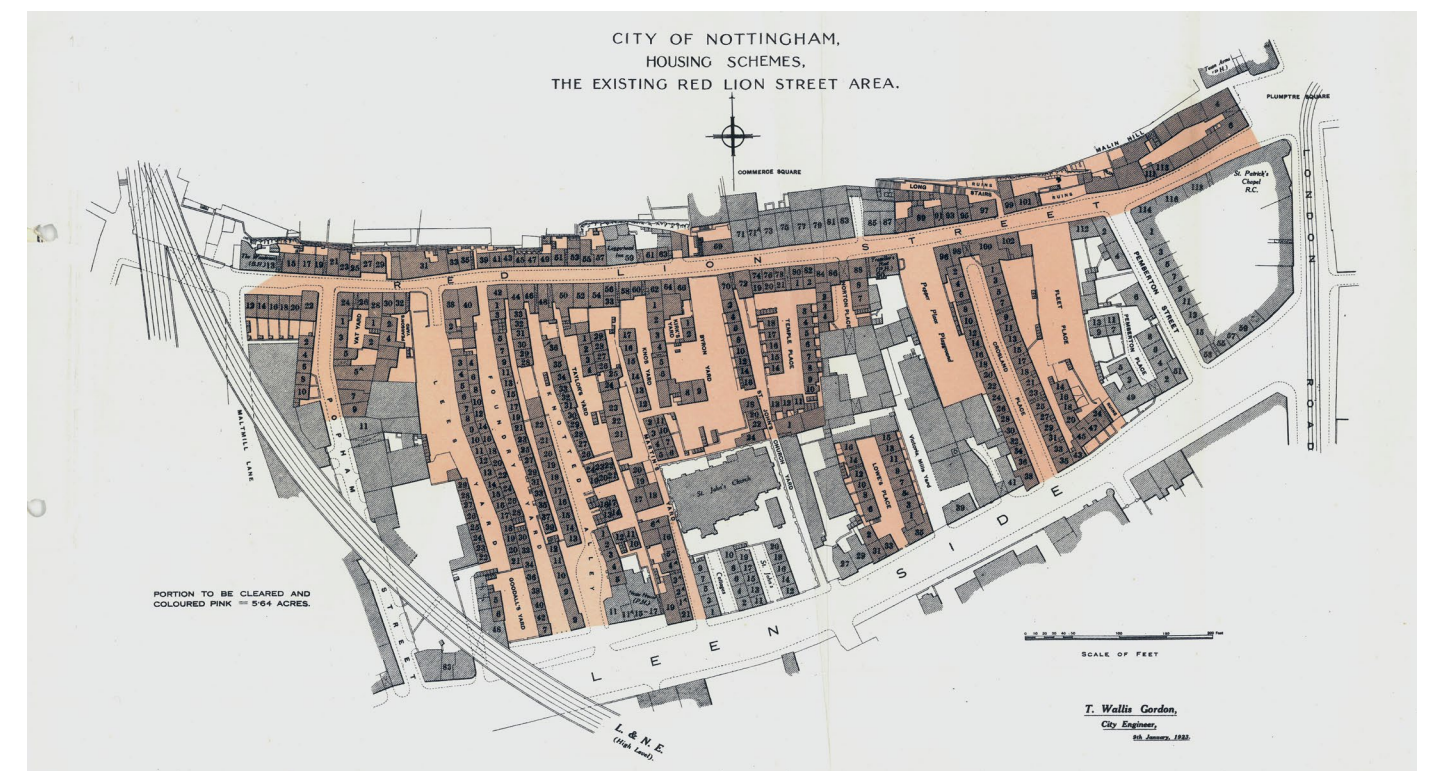
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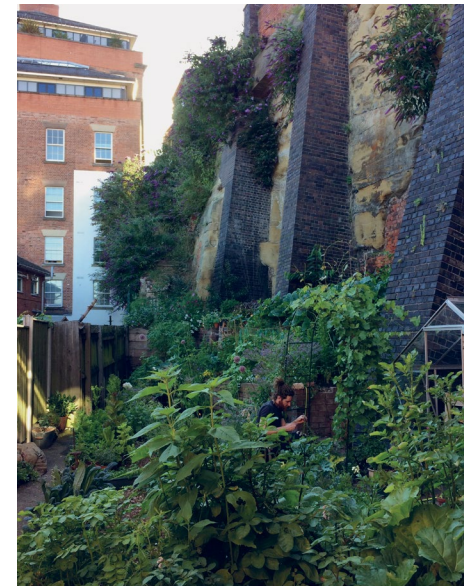


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## HOCKLEY HOMEGROWN – NARROW MARSH'S VERY OWN MICRO-FARMING BUSINESS

Reviewed by Luke S and Christi S

Every food revolution starts somewhere, and this time Pemberton Street is the epicentre! Hockley Homegrown is a brilliant project and business ran by local green thumbs and Narrow Marsh community residents Maddie and Liam. Over half of the food in our supermarkets has travelled from great distances to land on the shelves. Whilst this means we have a more exotic and extensive choice of what to eat than ever before it has also meant we have lost the connection with our food. There is a movement rising in Nottingham that is dedicated to restoring that important relationship. Hockley Homegrown has created an innovative food growing system based on traditional techniques enhanced by modern micro-farming guidelines. Space-saving, waste-reducing and highly efficient, this approach to food production could be the answer to many of the great challenges faced by the food industry that is currently straining to feed a growing population with less resources available.

You can buy the fresh produce grown at Hockley Homegrown at events ran by the environmentally minded Nottingham Food Assembly hosted at Primary Studios in Lenton. Visit Food Assembly's website foodassembly.com to view a list of seasonally available produce by local growers. Follow Hockley Homegrown on Instagram @hockleyhomegrown to keep up to date with their exciting activities and future ventures. Keep your eye out for the Hockley Homegrown pop-up restaurant too that will be appearing as if by magic to serve up delicious street food! Volunteers wanting to exchange and share knowledge and skills in the photosynthesis business are always welcome at Homegrown.

# EAT THE STREET

Gardening advice from Maddie of Hockley Homegrown

Narrow Marsh is affected by a unique problem when it comes to gardening: empty plant pots are lurking everywhere and seem to be multiplying rapidly! The truth is most of the houses in the Cliff Road area have little garden to speak of but that little concrete patch, with a little effort, can become a haven for bees and birds and a beautiful space for you to enjoy. Now that the green space on the edge of Cliff Road has been dug up, bees and birds have lost their food sources and habitat. And most importantly, we have lost valuable public green space. So it is time to take matters into our own hands and make what we HAVE got the most beautiful and welcoming space we can. We all need something wonderful and positive to happen with the outside spaces on our streets to offset the constant urbanisation of the area.

It is amazing how much can be grown in pots. A quick Google search of 'container garden' will leave you in awe of what can be done in a simple cheap plastic pot. You can not only grow flowers, you can squeeze in a fruit bush, some rhubarb, and even carrots! Vegetable seedlings can easily be picked up from B&Q, Homebase or from ourselves at Hockley Homegrown, taking most of the work out of it for you. You don't need to even travel that far to pick up plants. If you haven't had a look at the plant stand in Victoria market upstairs Victoria Shopping Centre you are missing out. They have a fantastic wide array of baby vegetable plants, herbs, flowers, fruit bushes and bulbs to get you started.

If you're not sure what you can or want to plant, think about something you use a lot, or something you love to eat or look at. It can be a great way to save a bit of cash by growing

something you would usually buy from the shops. If pasta features at dinner time a few times a week (like in our house) then maybe a rosemary or basil bush wouldn't go amiss. If you love fruit or making cakes and pies then fruit bushes and crowns are the way to go. Or if you are feeling super adventurous and inspired, vegetables are the place to start, seeds can also be picked up for next to nothing in the Broadmarsh Wilko.

If you need advice on how to get started with your container garden come and find us at the on Saturday 21 April at the Rose Garden on the occasion of Cliff Road Play Day. We will be selling some reasonably priced plants at a discount to local residents and offering advice on small-space growing. If you have a few empty pots knocking around that you would like to give to us when you buy a plant to stop the plastic pile up we would really appreciate it!

Here is a list of our top 10 easiest and most rewarding edible plants for pots to bring a piece of green to your patch.

**Lettuce** – will keep growing the whole season, no need to replace or buy bags again. New growth will keep coming from the centre just by picking the very outside leaves.

**Rhubarb** – get a crown from the market and stick it in a really big pot. Done. If you can resist it is better to wait a year before taking the stalks so it has time to establish, but if you can't wait go easy first time.

**Small fruit bushes** – such as gooseberries, raspberries, black currants. Plant directly into a big pot, just like you would with rhubarb but with the added bonus that you can pick the fruits from year one!



**Strawberries** – you can even buy plant pots from Wilko that are designed for strawberries so they hang down – just make sure the birds don't eat them before you do.

**Potatoes** – this is one you probably didn't think of for pots. It takes a bit more looking after but get it right and you will be rewarded well. I would recommend Googling or asking us for advice on this one otherwise the whole paper will become dedicated to potato advice!

**Courgettes and squash** – easy to start from seed on a windowsill or from seedlings, they take up little room and are highly productive. All round winners.

**Herbs** – there are two main types. Annuals that die each year and need to be replaced, like basil, and perennials (my preference) that just get bigger and better each year, like sage, rosemary, oregano, mint. Buy a plant, pot it up and away you go.

**Tomatoes** – just remember to cane these babies as they get bigger, so they don't get pulled over or snapped by the weight.

**Chard** – also known as leaf beet this is a much easier alternative to spinach and in our experience is left well alone by caterpillars. Picked as you would with the lettuce, these can actually last for 2 years.

**Lavender** – need I say more? Amazing for cakes and herbal tea, or just to look nice and keep the bees happy.

**Chillies** – if you like it spicy you can pick up amazing plants from local grower ChilliBobs Chilli Farm or online. They are actually a short-lived perennial and with a bit of love can last up to 5 years.

If you need any advice or help drop us an email [grow@hockleyhomegrown.co.uk](mailto:grow@hockleyhomegrown.co.uk)

## QUESTIONS FROM THE GREEN SPACE

As part of the Postcards from Cliff Road activity (see image on page 2) during last year's street party, residents were asked to open up with questions about the future of the neighbourhood which they found important yet unanswered.

The anonymously collected questions on the right highlight the participants' (aged between eight and eighty) desires for a healthy, green and inclusive public realm in the neighbourhood.



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

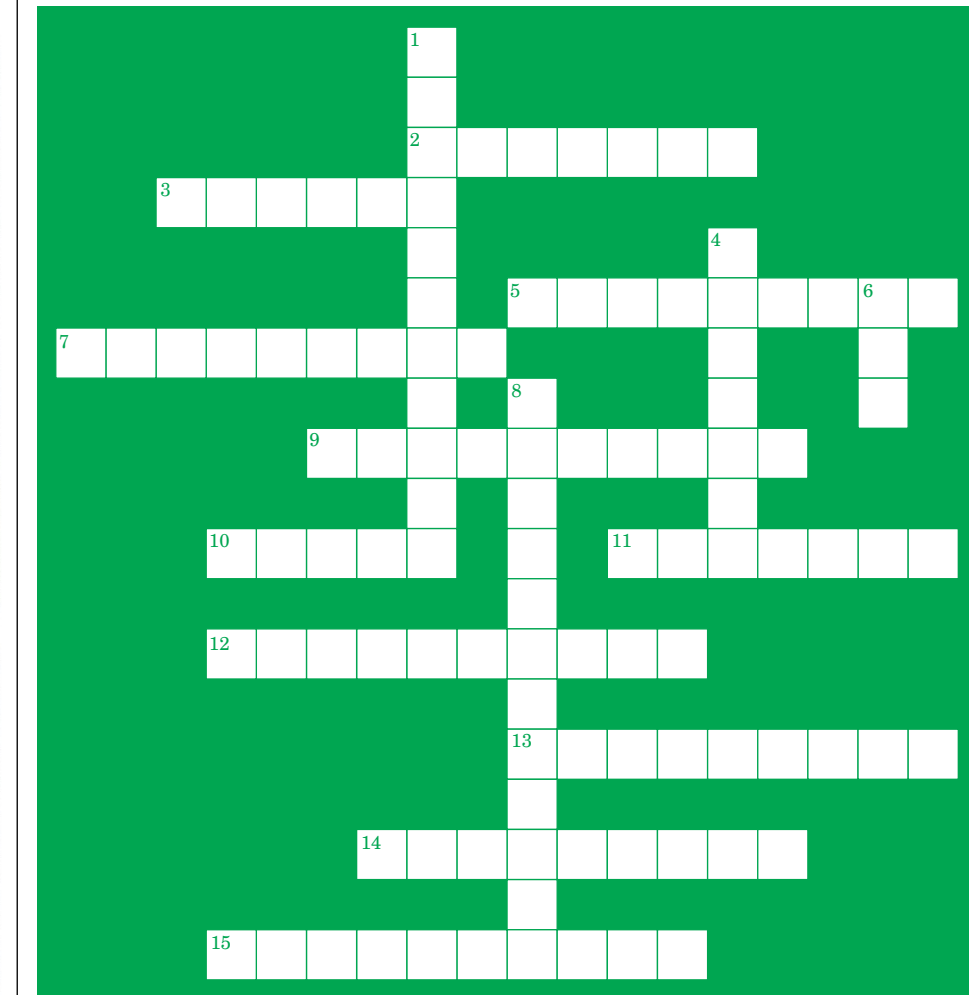
As you can see, life in Narrow Marsh was a little different 100 years ago. Can you spot the eight differences between these two images?



Narrow Marsh High Pavement, 1900's - 1920's © AP Knighton, picturethepast.org.uk

Answers: 1. Missing bollard; 2. Girl's hat; 3. Postcard title; 4. Window on left closed; 5. Child missing in centre background; 6. 'THE OLD' missing on wall signage; 7. Left window missing; 8. Missing church spire.

## NARROW MARSH BRAINBUSTER



ACROSS

- Name of the new college site promising to serve nearly 20,000 students?
- In around 1315 the Narrow Marsh area had the latin name of Parvus Mariscus. Mariscus means marsh. What does Parvus mean?
- Which century do the oldest caves on Narrow Marsh date back to?
- Who are the architects responsible for designing the new college site?
- The Broadmarsh scheme is two-thirds owned by intu and one-third by \_\_\_?
- Which construction company will be delivering the new college building?
- Leather Alley was named after what famous industry in Narrow Marsh?
- Who occupied the land of medieval Broadmarsh?
- Broadmarsh was promised a total makeover in 1989 and again in the early 2000s by its then owners, Westfield. Name the most recent (April 2018) developer to drop out from acquiring and developing the Broadmarsh Centre.
- The tagline for the Better Broadmarsh development is Proud & \_\_\_?
- According to a 2014 article in the Guardian, which UK city has the worst air quality?

DOWN

- Knotted Alley was named after which profession popular among women of old Narrow Marsh?
- What was the name of the street renamed Cliff Road in 1905?
- According to Wikipedia's page on Broadmarsh, how many times has the shopping centre been lined up for demolition?
- Now illegal, what activity used to take place in the back yard of one of Canal Streets long gone pubs?



Answers: 1. Lace Drivers; 2. Red Lion; 6. Two; 8. Cockfighting; 11. Tanners; 12. Greyfriars; 13. Hammerson; 14. Ambitious; 15. Nottingham; 2. City Hub; 3. Little; 5. Fifteenth; 7. Bond Bryan; 9. The council; 10. Wales.



## JOIN THE NARROW MARSH RESIDENTS GROUP!

The Narrow Marsh Residents Group (NMRG) is an independent group of residents sharing knowledge and ideas about developing our neighbourhood.

With two dozen members to date, we are hoping to have as many local resident members as possible. In doing so, we hope to build a more resilient, resourceful and happy neighbourhood.

Our efforts so far have resulted in direct communication with the developers and council in creating a more considerate construction site on our doorsteps, although there is much more work to be done.

**Three ways to get involved:** Sign up to Mobilize and Find NMRG <https://is.gd/uuqwev> Call 0115 985 9080 or write to [EffyHarle@nottinghamcontemporary.org](mailto:EffyHarle@nottinghamcontemporary.org)

The first five new members will receive a Narrow Marsh Stool.

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<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -George IV.</b> On 18 April, 1829 an immensely high rock and wall with a summer-house, fell behind the "Loggerhead Inn", a height of fifty feet, crushing five houses, the inhabitants of which had a miraculous escape. -Fyfe's Rambles, 49. On 18 Feb. 1826 seven boys were killed by a fall of rock crushing in caves at the foot of Hollow stone. -Ibid.</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, NOTTINGHAM, -Anglo Saxon.</b> Is probably one of the oldest routes in Nottingham, leading from the southern approach to the northern outlet. Was thrust aside by the fortifications of Edward the Elder. -TST.xxx(1926), 58</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -Victoria.</b> The old guildhall of the baskers or tanners stood in Narrow Marsh, right in the heart of their trade, until 1838 when it was taken down and its material sold in the market-place. -W. Stevenson's Sketches of Old Nottingham, (1879). Names of Narrow Marsh public-houses, in rhyme. -See Conundrums.</p>
<p><b>NARROW MARSH, NOTTINGHAM, -William IV.</b> See Tanning. -William IV. for removal of tanners from Narrow Marsh and the match industry there.</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, NOTTINGHAM, -Ancient.</b> Was created as a diversion from the too steep ascent of St. Mary's Cliff via Malin Hill, and reached the summit of the hill by the easier gradient of Drury Hill (which lay within the New Borough), and became the great highway and industrial route of the mediaeval town (William Stevenson). -TST.xxii(1918), 61.</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -George V.</b> Reformation of Red Lion Street (Narrow Marsh) 7a. of slums being wiped out (1927). -Scrap Book viii, 161.</p>
<p><b>Narrow Marsh.</b> Knob Alley. See Coal and other fuel (Other fuel), by Wm. Stevenson. Loggerheads public-house here has sign showing two angry heads facing each other, with the words, -"We be loggerheads three."</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH. <i>Rock</i></b> Dungeons of the county coal, with light-holes, half way up the face of the rock, exuded ordure, of which residents here naturally made complaint. Many escapes were effected by women as well as men down the face of the rock into the Marsh. - (W. Stevenson) - Parings Gould's Cliff Castles, 317. In 1830 a portion of the tow cliff fell: also some in the Park. -Ibid.</p> <p><i>BLUE</i></p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, NOTTINGHAM, -George V.</b> Detailed description of the "Marsh Farm", in Kirke's Yard, one of the oldest houses in the city. -TST.xxx(1926), 69-71.</p> <p><i>L90 TST</i></p>
<p><b>NARROW MARSH.</b> Mrs. Gilbert Wakefield's grandfather, who was twice mayor, owned an extensive tannery here. -See Wakefield (Gilbert). The iron-foundries of Narrow Marsh. -Scrap Book v, 78. Narrow Marsh (tanneries) as a health resort. -Scrap Book vii, 87. The old farmhouse (1923). Its fate discussed. (Good illustration of the house). -Scrap Book ix, 35-6.</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH. <i>Floods</i></b> Water stood several feet deep in houses here during the flood of 1770, 98. Inhabitants imprisoned in houses here for two days and nights, with water 3ft deep in some places, during flood of 1795, 96. Marsh flooded again in 1809, 95.</p> <p><i>L90 Gould</i></p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -Nottingham. (William I, -2.)</b> names so early as the 11th century. -Wm. Stevenson's Sketches of Old Nottingham, in Notting. Guardian, 5 Mar. 1879. (Scrap Book in Notting. Pub. Library, 8.9</p>
<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -Charles II. (2)</b> Castle; swine were ordered to be kept up, dogs &amp; cats killed, for fear they should carry the infection about, etc. (But possibly the isolation huts were brought near the tanneries for health reasons, rather than that the infection was there. See Borough Records - WED). -Trans. Royal Hist. Soc. viii, 280.</p> <p><i>BLUE</i></p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -George IV.</b> In the same week that the Lancasterian School on Derby Road was ruined by a fall of rock, a great fall of rock and soil occurred in Narrow Marsh, at the "Loggerheads" Inn, and a ponderous mass of rock fell at the west end of the rock holes in the Park. There had been a great fall of rock at Sneinton Hermitage in 1829. -Fyfe's Rambles, 48.</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, Nottingham.</b> Thatched roof here until 1854: probably the last in Nottingham, 58. Pump noted, 1851, at Narrow Marsh end (Perhaps first pump in the town, 179). One of the town pinfolds here, 130.</p> <p><i>"Old Nottingham"</i> <i>L90-8 Grainger</i></p>
<p><b>NARROW MARSH, NOTTINGHAM, -George II. (?)</b> The use of the Narrow Marsh and Drury Hill line into Nottingham declined in what we know as the "old coach days", when Hollow Stone was taken seriously in hand to admit of the passage of stage coaches. (Wm. Stevenson). -TST, xxii (1918), 62.</p> <p><i>L90 TST</i></p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -George III.</b> In 1767 the number of master tanners in Nottingham had shrunk from 100 in 1667 to only three, and in 1810 the fellmongers' vats in Narrow Marsh were destroyed as a public nuisance. -TST.xxx (1926), 78.</p> <p><i>L90 TST</i></p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH.</b> To 1848 called Narrow Marsh. 1850-60 " Red Lion Street. 1862-1904 " Narrow Marsh. 1905-33 " Red Lion Street. 1934 " Cliff Road.</p> <p>Dates approx., based on directories, except last two (Council reports).</p>
<p><b>NARROW MARSH.</b> Child falls down well "at the end of Narrow Marsh" in 1788, and is rescued at third attempt, after having been dropped in again by her father who made the second attempt: child perfectly recovered by next day, 11, 65. Mrs. Butler dies aged 92 in 1786, in Narrow Marsh where she had lived all her life, 11, 68.</p> <p><i>L90 Thoroton/Throsby</i></p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -Nottingham, -Richard II. (1)</b> Jury (1395) present "that all the tanners dwelling in Littilmerche on the souther side, block up the common water called the 'mens' with stakes, poles, and turves in times (sic), and lay their leather in the aforesaid water, to the great detrimment of the whole people, and of the aforesaid town. -Records, i, 273. And that "a certain lane should be common in the</p>	<p><b>NARROW MARSH, -Edward VII.</b> Was re-named Red Lion Street by an excess of zeal in 1905. -TST.xxx(1926), 58.</p> <p><i>L90 TST</i></p>