

Our Dovecote Needs You.

There is a fund of £20M being made available for the whole Clifton area. The use of the funds, provided by central government, is to be decided by a small panel of people (called the Clifton Board) representing the Clifton area and includes our own village member, Clare Ashton.

The Clifton Village Dovecote is a listed building and War Memorial. It is in desperate need of help to prevent it falling into more serious disrepair. Clifton residents have a <u>one-off opportunity</u> to highlight the Dovecote, as an important part of the Clifton area Heritage so that funding can be gained, and the building preserved.

Individually we can have our say about how this money could be used by completing a straightforward questionnaire. The responses received will be reviewed by the panel who will determine how funds are allocated.

The Dovecote, with a history dating back to the 1700's, deserves to be considered an important part of the Clifton area Heritage and we can achieve this by highlighting its value to the larger Clifton community. It could, for example, be occasionally opened to become a source of interest, a more valuable and integral part of the village and larger area.

It was a very significant building to the local population when built and meant, in days before refrigeration and current animal husbandry, the difference between having food or going hungry.

The Dovecote

- The roof and gable parapet need replacing to make the building watertight.
- The brickwork needs re-pointing and poor bricks replaced
- It could become a source of educational interest to students and schoolchildren.
- It could be opened, occasionally, in summer months to show the very interesting interior, with description boards and lighting used to good effect.
- It could be a source of interest to local walkers, visitors to Nottingham, organised groups who are looking to learn more about Nottingham's past.

Within the questionnaire you will see included is a question about heritage.

Item 10 asks how important it is to you to preserve the heritage and culture of Clifton.

Item 11 asks how you would go about preserving local heritage and culture.

Let's protect and enhance what we have.

Time is tight and responses must be received before the end of this June. Please respond now by filling in the form and making the most of this opportunity. https://forms.office.com/e/QM0SavtFW5