



Wisewood Cohousing – information for Families



Cohousing communities....

Can be a fantastic place to bring up children. You get the support of the community for yourself and for your children if you choose. Our Wisewood scheme aims to provide a safe and secure environment where children can feel freer to explore, learn and play than they would in standard housing. Children add diversity, life and laughter to the rest of the community who are privileged to witness the children growing and developing. And of course, you are much more likely to have childcare at hand if you need a break! Please have a look at this clip about the [experience of children at Forgebank](#), a cohousing scheme near Lancaster. There is a larger scale development than ours will be but it gives you a flavour of how it could be for a child and adult living with children in a cohousing community.

Schools in the Area

Wisewood Primary Community School is just across the road from the site and runs a adult and toddler group in term time which may be of interest to those with younger children.

<https://www.wisewoodprimary.co.uk/home-based-learning/>

Other excellent primary schools nearby include Malin Bridge and Loxley Primary Schools. The area is in the catchment for Forge Valley Secondary. Specialist needs, Nurseries and Religious schools are available in the area.



Information about applying to local schools (catchment area)

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>

<https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/school-catchment-checker.html>

Public Transport

The site is currently well provided for with frequent buses and trams to the city or out into the Peak District. The 52a bus stops at the end of Sevenfield Lane and goes to town via



Broomhill and the University. There is a circular bus (61/62) that takes you into the countryside at Bradfield. The tram at Malin Bridge and Hillsborough are both about a 20-minute walk (or short bus ride) away and is a great asset for getting to the railway station, town and Meadowhall.



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Activities for families

[Wisewood Sports Centre](#) is just across the road and has 5 a side football league pitches and much more.



[Hillsborough Leisure Centre](#) is, down the hill and through the park. It has a swimming pool as well as the usual amenities

[A new playground](#) is planned for opposite our cohousing site

Hillsborough Park - a large urban park is also down the road and has wonderful walled garden, Library, Tennis, Bowling & Croquet, Duck pond and (coming soon) café and activity centre for older people.



[Wadsley and Loxley Common](#), a large area of heathland is close by and provides spaces for children to run free and wildlife to observe:

There are a number of local shops, charity shops, pubs, take away shops and a few cafes. Do check out [Riva](#), a local cafe and charity shop



[Loxley Valley Community Farm](#), also near the site provides a space for families and others to get together in growing vegetables and tending animals and bees: Wisewood allotments are also near the site for extra growing space.



The site

