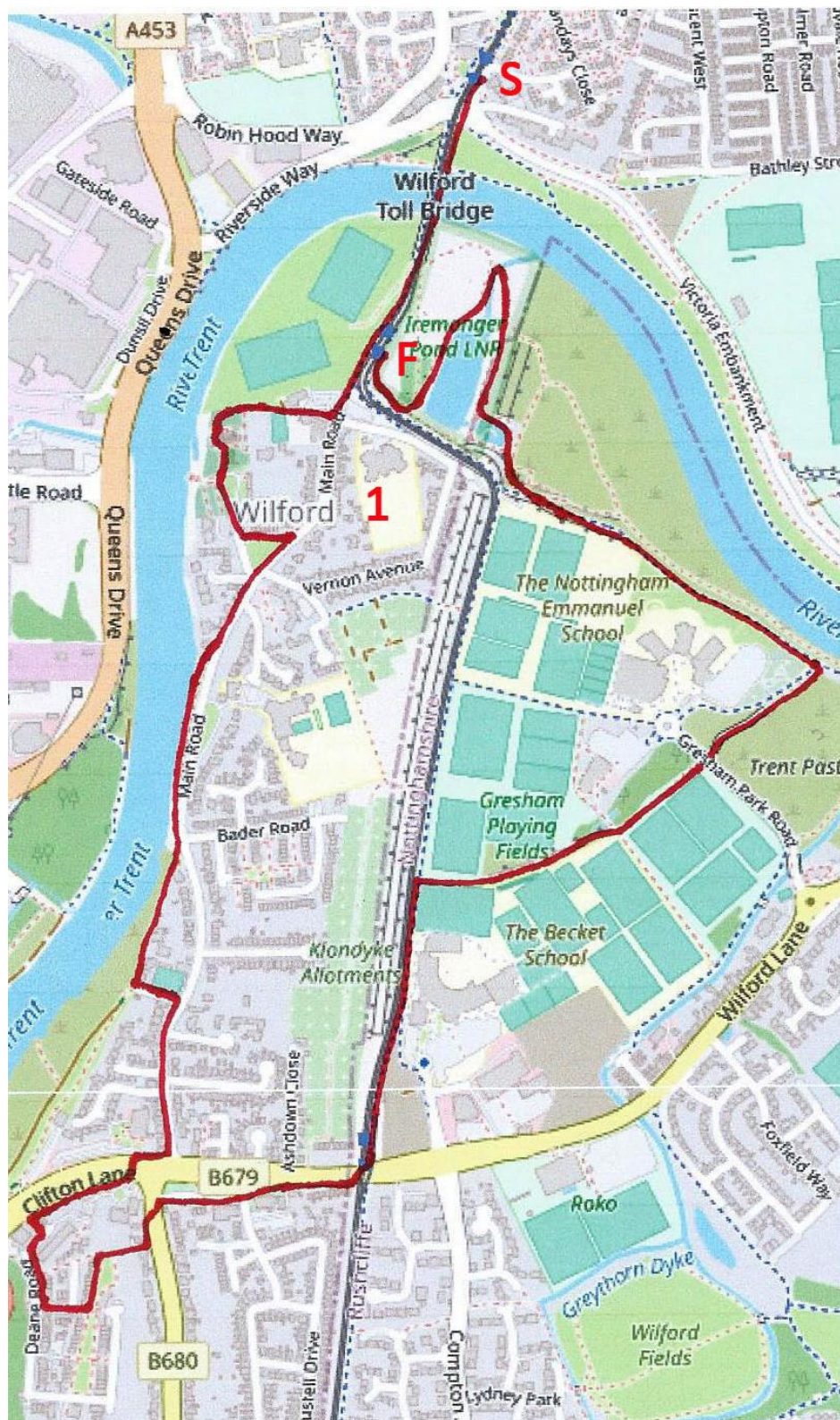


Wilford Village

Take the Nottingham to Clifton NET tram line to the Meadows Embankment Tramstop (at the southern end of Queen's Walk, just north of Wilford Toll Bridge)

The walk, through and around **Wilford Village (1)**, is about 5.7km (3½ miles) and the description includes directions and a note of interesting sites along the way. For some of these sites, marked with a red number on the maps, there is further information in the Appendix.



From the tramstop look north, and there is an interesting view along Queen's Walk to Nottingham Station with the tower of St Mary's Church (Lace Market).

Turn around and walk to **Wilford Bridge (2)**.

As you cross the bridge, look along the river for any boating activity.



On the left (downstream) side, you can see the remains of the support for the Great Central Railway bridge that used to cross the river (see later).



Continue along towards Wilford and on your left is Iremonger Pond, which we will return to later in the walk. On your right is the Ferryfields ground of the **Nottm. Moderns RFC (3)**, with the clubhouse at the far end.

Continue ahead, alongside the tramway, until it turns left alongside Coronation Avenue when you should keep straight on towards the Ferry Inn, past, on the left, a small car park which was built as part of the tram works.



Hidden under the car park is a surface water run-off reservoir for use when the Trent is in flood – it comprises a honeycomb of hundreds of plastic moulds, like huge egg boxes piled 6 or 7 deep.

Behind the trees, on Coronation Avenue, is **St Patrick's School (4)**.

Turn right at the **Ferry Inn (5)** and continue along the path ahead – Rectory Drive.



Continue through to the church grounds and go around to the right of the church, past the **Wilford Gazebo (6)** at the corner.



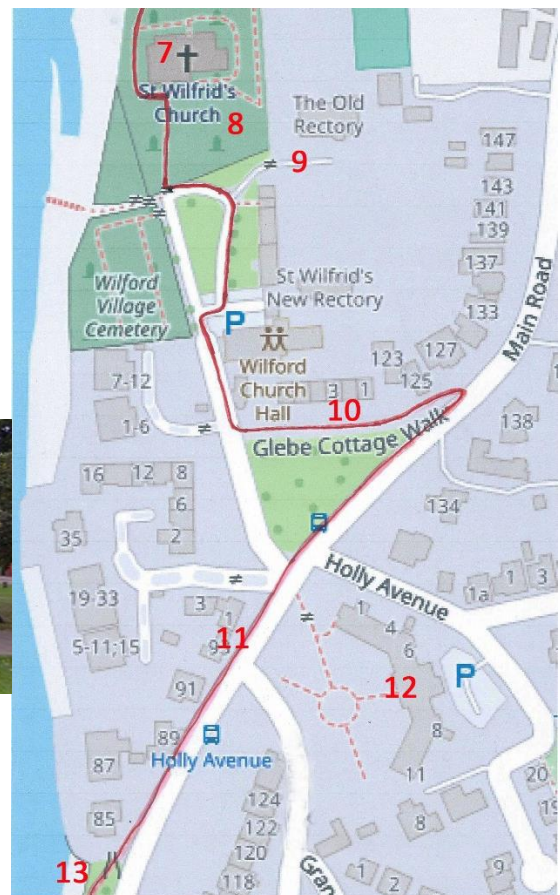
Go across to the side of the church and look up to see the carving above the downpipes.



Continue round to the front of **St Wilfrid's Church (7)** and, to the right of this picture, look for the grave of **Captain John Deane (8)**.

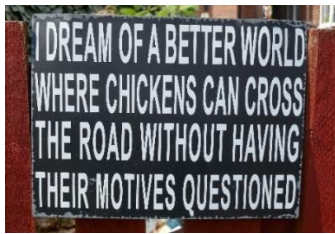


Go out of the churchyard – to your immediate right is a path leading to a set of steps which used to lead to a ford across the river. We go into Church Green and bear left around the green and past, behind the tall gateway to your left, the **Old Rectory (9)**. Next you pass the dovecote, the tithe barn and (off the photo) the St Wilfrids New Rectory and the Benjamin Carter Church Hall.



Continue out to Wilford Village Green, traditionally referred to as the 'lower green', with its grand trees, planted to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. Go left along Glebe Cottage Walk beside the **Glebe Cottages (10)**.





Just beyond the Glebe cottages, is 125 Main Road, a small, low building. It used to have many quirky items in the front garden I particularly liked this one, which was on the fence. Sadly, there is nothing there now.

Turn right along Main Road and on your right is Manor House Close, a development on the site of the old Manor House.



Just beyond this Close is the only remaining property of a row of cottages – **Manor House & Main Road Cottages (11)**.



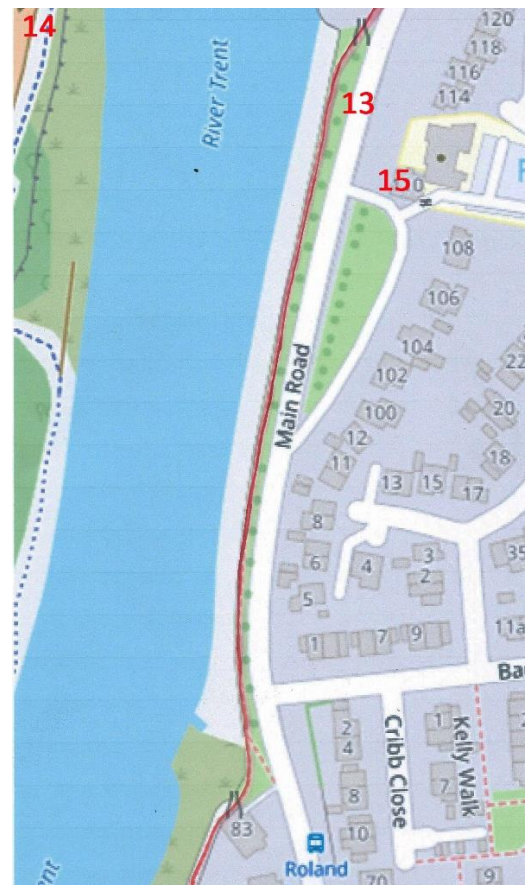
On the other side of Main Road are the **Dorothy Boot Homes (12)**.



Continue along Main Road and bear right through the iron railings to what is known as **Bee Bank (13)** – with views over the river towards what was the site of **Clifton Colliery (14)** and **North Wilford Power Station**.



On the left of Main Road is **The Carter House (15)** and behind it the South Wilford Primary School.

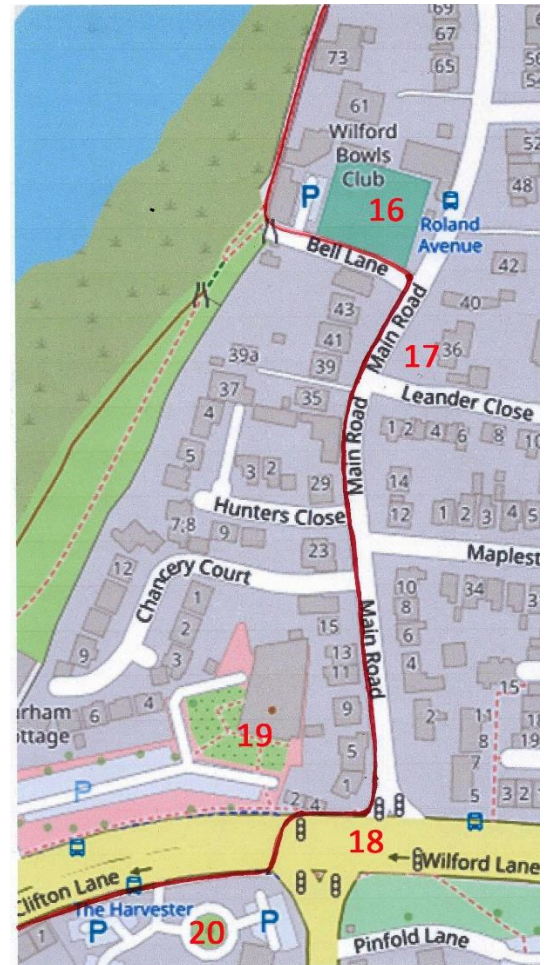


Where the Bee Bank path splits, take the right fork, alongside the river.



Where the path forks again, turn left into Bells Lane, where there is new development on what was the site of the **Wilford Social and Bowls Club (16)**.

Turn right, back onto Main Road, and on your left, before Leander Close, is a bungalow (36 Main Road) known as the **Dame School (17)**.



Diagonally opposite and a few yards further on is Hunters Farm, a timber-framed Grade II Listed farmhouse built in 1724 for the Hunter family who farmed the surrounding fields.



Continue to the end of Main Road at its junction with Ruddington Lane, Wilford Lane, Clifton Lane – **Wilford Crossroads and Green (18)**.

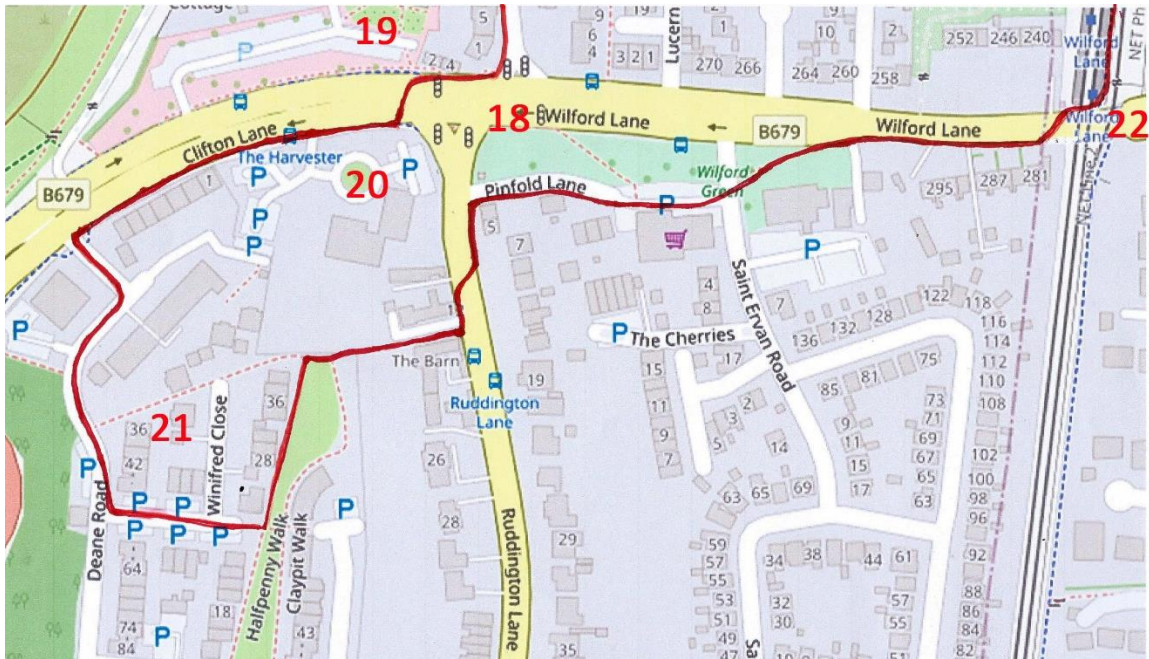
Cross the main road and go right on Clifton Lane.

On the opposite (north) side is the **Harvester restaurant (19)**



And on the near side is Wilford House, formerly known as **Wilford Hall (20)**.





From Clifton Lane turn left into Dean Road. This is **Wilford Place (21)**, a residential estate built in 2006 on part of the grounds of Wilford House. Turn right and then left into Ferryman Road. At the green, turn left along Halfpenny Walk, with Claypit Walk on the other side.



At the end of Halfpenny Walk there is a view of the rear of Wilford House.



Turn right and then turn left onto Ruddington Lane.

Turn right into Pinfold Lane (**Wilford Crossroads and Green (18)**), go past the Co-op and then the Taylors Arms (formerly the Maypole from 1966) and then along Wilford Lane to the tram crossing.

Cross the tram tracks and turn left, alongside the tram route. Just beyond this point is the Wilford Retail Park, which used to be the site of Bernie Inn 'The Chateau' and before that **Wilford Cottage (22)**.



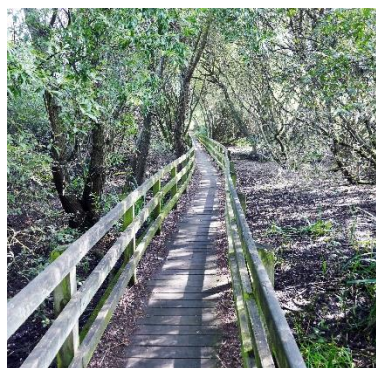
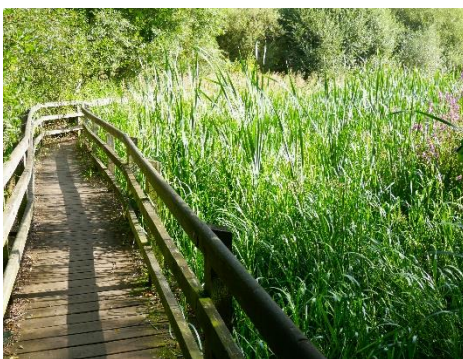
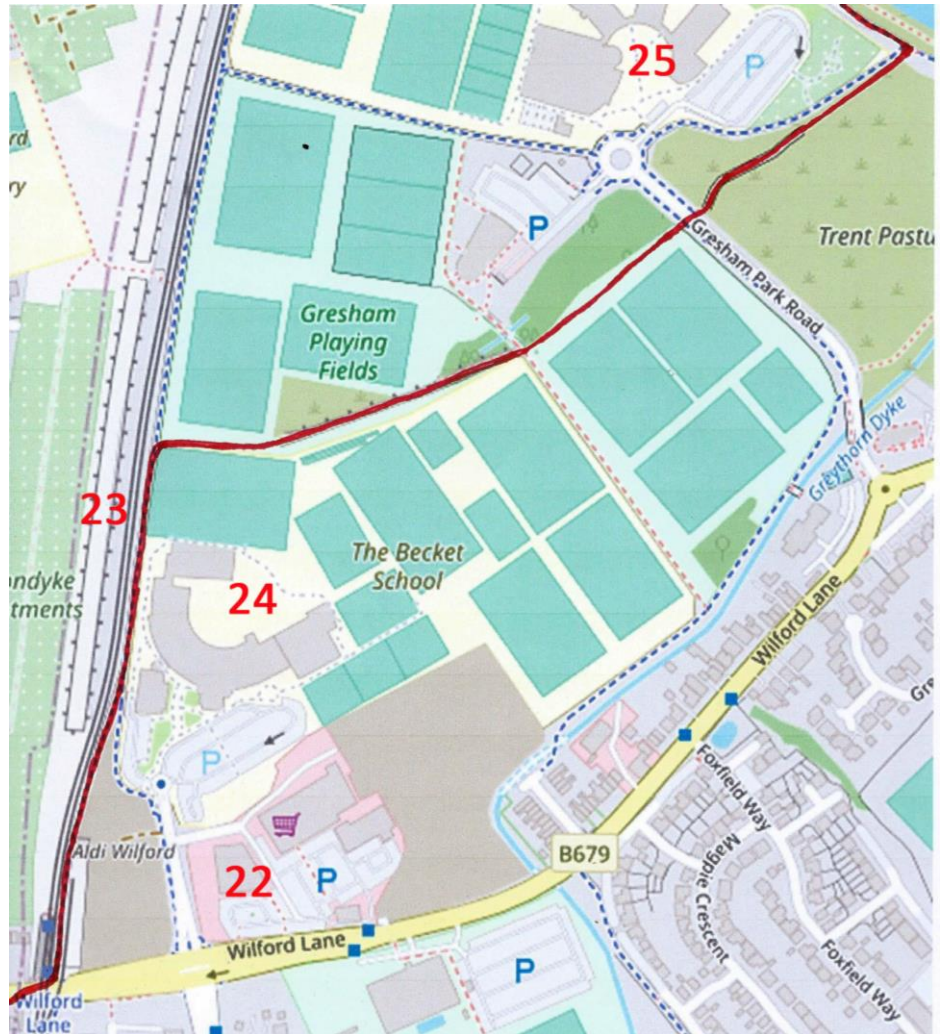


The tram route at this point runs alongside the embankment on which ran the **Great Central Railway (23)**.

Go along the path for about 400m, past **The Becket School (24)**, and then turn right on the public footpath alongside the Gresham Playing Fields, and between hedges...



...across Gresham Park Road and into the path and boardwalk through Gresham Marsh.



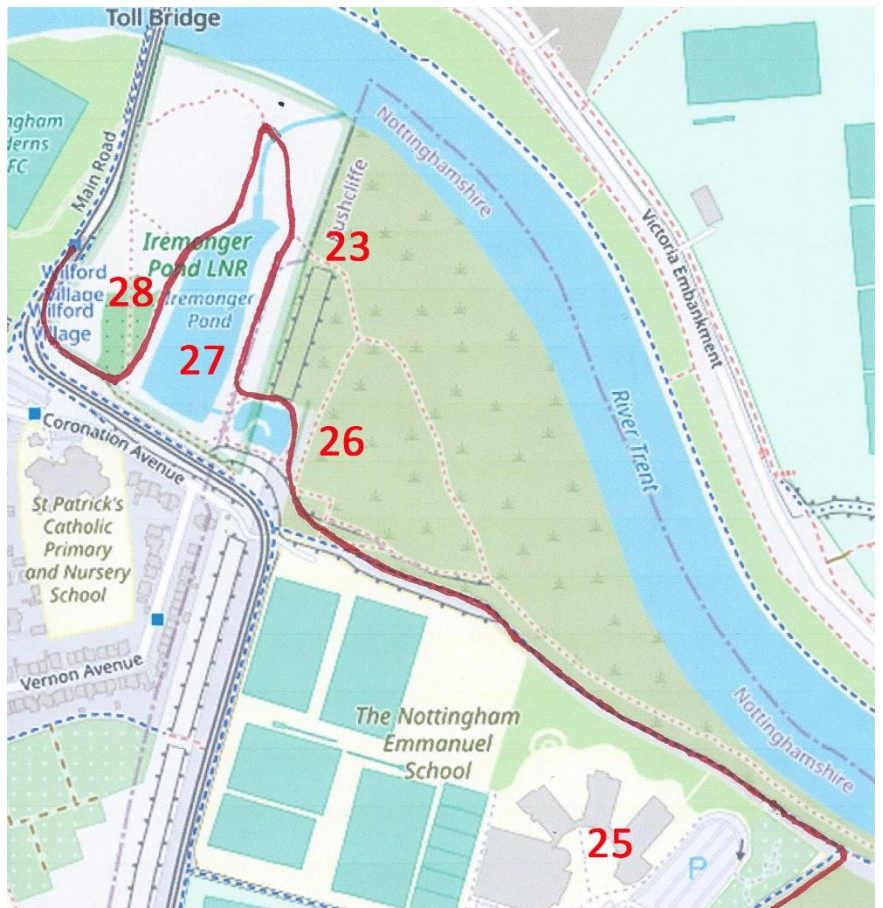
When you reach the flood embankment path and wall, turn left, alongside the Trent.



Continue along the path, with **The Nottingham Emmanuel School (25)** on your left...



...and the tram route to Clifton passes the playing fields.



Where the path slopes down towards the tram tracks, bear right, across the grass...



...and down the slope to the right.



Go past the small pond on your left – **The Swales (26)**.

Continue around this pond to meet with the path around the **Iremonger Pond (27)** – turn right.



The tree covered embankment on your right is the old alignment of the **Great Central Railway (23)** as it approached the bridge (demolished in 1985) over the Trent.

Continue past the northern end of the pond...



...around to the left, over a bridge and left again, then...



...along between the other side of the pond and, on your right, a small orchard – **Wilford Community Orchard (28)**.

At the flood protection wall turn right, up to the tram route and the Wilford Village tramstop – the end of this walk.

