

## Shallowford House

## Redevelopment

For more than 70 years, Shallowford House has been a centre for Retreat and Training. Originally set up by the Anglican Diocese of Lichfield for the use of its clergy and congregations, Shallowford is now very widely used by a huge range of charities as a place of training, relaxation and retreat. Shallowford takes groups who:

- Are in acute social need, including the National Long Term Survivors, an HIV+ support group giving therapeutic weekend retreats for long-term HIV/AIDS sufferers.
- Are in need of a free or affordable break – including the Birmingham Carers Network, a group offering weekends away to adults caring full time for relations in Birmingham.
- Are charities in need of training and meeting space, including many Christian groups.
- Serve the people and clergy of the Diocese of Lichfield – including acting as a base for the foundation and ongoing training of every Reader, every lay minister and most clergy.

In the light of hugely increasing demand and in order to continue to take as many groups as we can, Shallowford House is looking to upgrade its existing 1880s country house, and to build some exciting new facilities.

We'll build a brand new feature chapel, using the link to the chapel to create a sheltered, quiet cloister garden; the new chapel will be the spiritual heart of the new Shallowford.

We'll also build a modern, spacious concourse and entrance hall between the two wings of the house, with room for 100 people to meet and relax. The concourse will be the social heart of the new Shallowford.

We'll also make the most of our existing facilities, upgrading most of our rooms to en-suites, building a new state-of-the-art conference suite on the site of the old chapel, and redecorating and upgrading throughout.

This programme will bring Shallowford up to date, and will enable it to fulfil its enormous potential for the diocese of Lichfield, the communities of the Midlands, and the many national groups who could not afford to train, to meet and to retreat without Shallowford's help.

Our aim is to ensure that we can continue to support charities and Church groups at the same rates as we've been able to do for so long: but to do this, we need your help to raise the money to redevelop.



### Artists impressions

*Cover illustration shows new entrance hall as shown in area plan above.*

*Below shows the artists rendition of the new chapel, link and cloistered garden as shown in area plan above.*

