

The Resource Centre at 74 Middle Street is again threatened with closure, even though The Centre was reprieved from closure in 2011 as a result of overwhelming support for its retention by mental health service users, their carers and the local community.

In 2012-13 Nottinghamshire County Council spent over £500,000 on refurbishing the Centre. At Easter 2013 the County re-opened the Centre for continued use by people with mental ill health alongside other disabled people and community groups.

The building continues to serve these user groups.

Early in 2014 the County stated that although it would cease managing the Centre itself, it would work with local interests to develop a workable scheme to retain and develop the building as a community asset.

This new threat of closure arises because the County has recently said that in order to save money, it might decide after all to close the Centre altogether and use the whole building itself as offices.

Beeston Community Resource is the name adopted by a group of local people dedicated to saving the Centre to serve those who continue to rely on it, and others who will need such support in the future.

We are in the course of establishing a new charity capable of taking over the management of the Centre from the County Council.