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**MECHANICS'  
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TRUST**

Community Facilities for Hire  
Within Swindon's  
Historic Railway Village

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The New Mechanics' Institution Preservation Trust Ltd operates as a Building Preservation Trust.

We believe that heritage can create unique, enjoyable places for people. We believe passionately in Swindon; its history, heritage and culture; its future opportunity and most importantly its people. Check our website for news about our upcoming programme of events.

We want to recapture the pioneering spirit and character that created "New Swindon" to inspire our town today. Our current projects include running the Central Community Centre, The Baker's and The Railway Village Museum as well as the Viability Study for the Mechanics' Institution and the Cricketers Renovation Project.

The Trust is a membership organisation with a growing number of supporters. If you would like to support the Trust please join today. Annual Membership is only £1, plus donation. Visit our website to become a member, or explore other ways of supporting us.  
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Another great way to support is through Swindon Community Lottery! For more information visit the link here: <https://www.swindonlottery.co.uk/support/the-new-mechanics-institution-preservation>

The New Mechanics' Institution Preservation Trust Ltd  
Charity reg. 1048961

## Community Facilities for Hire

We have a range of affordable meetings rooms popular with local residents, charities and clubs, perfect for meetings, training, workshops, events, lectures, children's birthday parties and fitness classes.

Wifi  
Flipcharts  
Projector/Screen  
PA  
Lectern  
Kitchen Facilities  
Hot Water Urn  
Parking  
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Located on bus route

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## Central Community Centre

The hall can accommodate up to 90 people standing and 80 seated for talks, or 60 seated with tables. It's a large flexible space and accommodates a huge range of activities. There is a hatch linking with a kitchen and the hall may also be booked together with the small adjoining meeting room. There is a wheelchair accessible toilet and baby changing facility.

The small meeting room next to the hall can be hired separately or together with the hall. It accommodates small meetings for up to 8 people comfortably with a boardroom style layout. There is a small kitchenette in this room suitable for basic food/drink preparation.

The community centre is a modernised facility, housed within what was formerly Swindon's first hospital, established in the mid 19th Century for workers of the Great Western Railway. Before the cottages were converted into a hospital in 1872, the buildings were used as an armoury for the XI Volunteer Rifle Corps since 1862. The hospital eventually accommodated 40 beds, an operating theatre, an X-ray department and other treatment areas. This served not only a rapidly growing workforce (12,000 workers by 1900) but also their families.

The hospital continued to serve the community for 88 years. In 1960 it was home to a Worker's Club through to 1979. And then it became a community centre, with Swindon Borough Council transferring management to the New Mechanics' Institution Preservation Trust in 2014.

Discounts for charities and local voluntary groups.

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## Baker's Community Rooms

Two adjoining rooms that may be hired together or separately, with shared use of a toilet. This building does not have wheelchair accessible facilities at present.

The Trevor Cockbill Room (in memory of an early Mechanics' Institute preservation stalwart) is perfect for small meetings for up to 10 to 12 people. There is a boardroom style layout with some soft 'breakout' seating. There are plans in place for this room to double as an interim Mechanics' Institute Visitor Centre- decorated with information and images about the purpose and history of the Mechanics' Institute Building.

The Allnatt Room can comfortably seat up to 34 people Cafe style on individual tables spaced across the room, great for lunch clubs and coffee mornings. It can also be set up as boardroom layout for 14, a theatre style layout for 36 and a party layout also for up to 36, where chairs are placed around the perimeter of the room.

The (Richard) Allnatt Room was historically the lounge bar of the pub and the main eating area of the café. Its name arises from a long-term landlord of the Bakers Arms who was in residence between 1848 and 1878 and who, in addition to the pub, was a well-respected local businessman who also ran a well-known bakery in Taunton Street.

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## Computer & Printing Facility

In the near future we have plans to offer a part-time computer and printing facility for local people who may need it. We plan to make a desktop PC and printer available within the Baker's Community Rooms for use by local people who may need access to computer facilities for a range of reasons, where they cannot do this from home or where there are issues with Wi-Fi or print. Look to our website for further news on this.



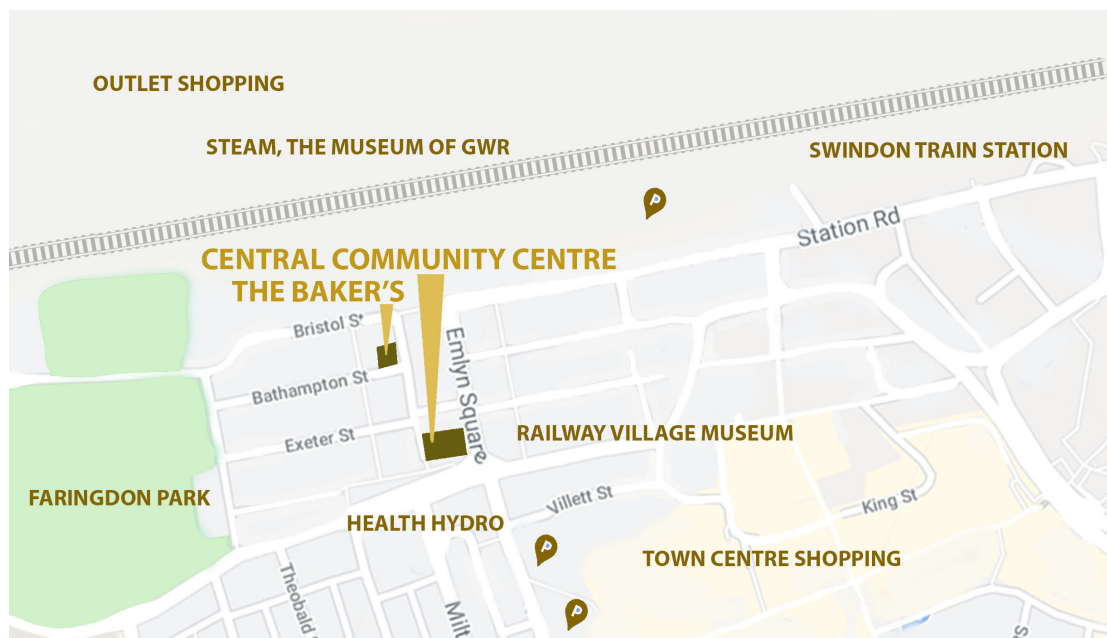


## Find Us

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