

## WIGSTON NICK NAMES

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Apple Pie Corner	Cottage at the corner of Spa Lane and Mosley End		Wigston Magna
Black Pad	linking Station Road/Bushloe End with Central Avenue.		Wigston Magna
Blue Lagoon	The deep-water pond between Mason's farm and Kilby Bridge		Wigston Magna
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Bordies	The Board School in Long Street – <b>now the Record Office</b>		Wigston Magna
Candle Light Cottages	Next to the Horse & Trumpet pub on Bull Head Street. Got the name as the builder built them in the evenings and often worked by candle light.		Wigston Magna
Cuckoo Bridge	<b>The Railway Bridge over the road at Kilby Bridge</b>		Kilby Bridge
Devil House	41 Long Street A house with a "Wyvern" on the roof. Local children called it The Devil house		Wigston Magna
Fairfield	A field where the old fair used to set up in South Wigston. Just over the railway bridge onto the now named Fairfield Estate.		South Wigston
Flee Pit	The Ritz cinema. Built by Mr George Smith.		South Wigston
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Gilliver Hill	The hill from the old village green at the Moat Street Bull Head Street junction up <b>Newton Lane</b> . This came about because of the Gilliver flowers that appeared each summer.		Wigston Magna
Helicopter Field	So called because of the <b>ash</b> trees with falling seeds. Sited just over the railway bridge at Kirkdale Road		South Wigston
House of the Fairies	Bell St with Shipp`s on the left and "Thacnashee" on the right. The name translates as "House of the Fairies". .. (Pic from Wigston Streets Past & Present		Wigston Magna
Nashy, Bugs and Fleas	All Saints National <b>Juni or</b> School Long Street was called this.		Wigston Magna
Navvies Pit	<b>Excavated to provide material to construct Spion Kop bridge</b>		South Wigston
Niffy	Due to the smell from the sewage works at Countesthorpe		Countesthorpe
Peacock Cottages	Cottages at the bottom of Moat Street opposite the new Sainsbury's. Called this because there was a peacock that sat on the roof of the cottages.		Wigston Magna

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Rally Bridge	Bridge over the railway at the back of Little Hill Estate. In the old days this was a nice walk from <b>Newgate</b> End across the Rally bridge to the canal and along the tow path to Kilby Bridge and back up Welford Road. <b>A footpath ran from Forryan's Field to Rally Bridge.</b>		Wigston Magna
Rat Alley	Used to be called rat ally due to the tip being there		South Wigston
Spion Kop Bridge	The Bridge was finished in the same year of the battle in South Africa at Spion Kop. Soldiers returning from the battle came into Wigston Station. Locals gave it the name to commemorate the troops.		Wigston Magna
Tangle Town	Due to the carrying on between the Army lads and the local girls. <b>AKA Hooley Estate</b>		South Wigston
Ten Row	Row of Ten Cottages on Station Road by the side of Holmden Avenue opposite the schools		Wigston Magna
The Bank	The area at the top end of Bell Street where it joins Bull Head Street and Oadby Lane. There was a horse trough and fountain put in place on the Queen Victoria Jubilee 1897		Wigston Magna
The Lanes	The old rights of way within Wigston Magna which were often just pathways		Wigston Magna
Twenty Row	Midland Cottages by the side of the main railway line		Wigston Magna
Wharf Road	This was the old unofficial name for Welford Road from Moat Street to the Wharf at Kilby Bridge		Wigston Magna
Wiggy	Slang name for Wigston Magna		Wigston Magna
Wigston With Two Steeples	Travellers would see the two steeples of the Wigston Churches before they arrived in the village		Wigston Magna

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