



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

A town centre Treasure Hunt and traditional afternoon tea on Saturday 4th July.

See over for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS WILL INCLUDE

Tours of new buildings

A Big Debate on Conservation Areas

A race night and social

Halloween Ghost Walk

Public Art consultation

BCT starts third year with new plans

We've had two full years of work in Barnsley Civic Trust now, and our AGM in May was a good time to take stock, review what we have achieved and plan ahead.

A well attended event at the fantastic new Civic building saw members discuss the highlights of last 12 month, which have included a number of great projects like the shop awards and new blue plaques as well as events looking at important developments in the town like Experience Barnsley, the new Barnsley College building and even a ghost walk for Halloween.

A new Executive Team was elected at the AGM and Chair Garreth Bruff thanked all past and current Exec members and several individuals

for all the hard work and commitment that they have given BCT.



Importantly, the AGM gave members a chance to help shape and agree a new business plan for the Trust.

The Plan has been developed over the last few months and sets out a new mission and vision, with some clear priorities for the Civic Trust. They are:

1. Delivering our successful projects

2. Increasing membership and recruitment
3. Developing a Communications Strategy
4. Improving our structures and group work

Members debated the priorities and tasks ahead. The Executive will now take on board comments and set up a small number of task and finish groups that can deliver each priority.

A number of members at the AGM volunteered to take part in one of the groups, but every member has a chance to get involved. The plan will ensure we have another great year so let's keep in touch! Just contact us.

To see the Plan and a report of all our work last year go to the website

What is Barnsley Civic Trust anyway?

The development of our new Business Plan gave all our members a chance to re-affirm exactly why we need Barnsley Civic Trust, what we are and what we do.

Our Vision for Barnsley is to have *pride in the town and pride in its people. A place where our history is enhanced by our vision of friendly streets, exciting buildings and a dynamic atmosphere. Where challenge is welcomed and change is an evolutionary*

process.

To achieve this, **our Mission** for Barnsley Civic Trust is to *provide our community with the leadership to create a town in which civic pride is a force for change, we will marshal the resources and opportunities which can give local people the voice to express their energy, imagination and influence to achieve our objectives.* We will do this through projects and events. Key events

for the next year include:

- The Civic Trust **Shop Awards 2009**
- New **Blue Plaques** in the town centre
- Creating a new piece of **public art** in town
- A louder and more influential **voice** on all things affecting the town.

To take part in projects or know more, please contact us. Details overleaf.

Raffle winners announced at AGM

2326 claimed - 0475 claimed - 1694 J
Binney - 2714 claimed - 1335 Tina Jennings -
3622 claimed -
2024 claimed -
0109 claimed
1730 Jean
Hardy - 1477
claimed - 1553
claimed - 1181 Ann Frost - 0440 claimed -
1916 claimed - 2578 Brian Lawrence - 2388
M Wood.



New Exec Team

- Garreth Bruff, Chair
- Rebecca Keep, Deputy Chair
- Allen Parks, Secretary
- Phyllis Barnes, Treasurer, Shop Awards
- Ben Johnson, Marketing & Arts
- Ken Keen, Blue Plaques
- Nigel Mitchell, Big Debate
- John Bostwick, Blue Plaques
- Cath Wilkinson, Shop Awards
- Mavis Sidebottom and Pauline Gould
- Cecily Griffiths and Peter Milum
- Judith Bird and Andrea Battye
- Mel Dyke, specially co-opted member

News

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Summer event, treasure hunt and traditional afternoon tea

Saturday 4th July 2pm, meeting at Cooper Gallery and finishing at the Victoria Tearooms in the Arcade for afternoon Tea. Invite sent to all members. Contact Phyllis on 288164 if you want to reserve your place. Friends and potential members always welcome

Launch of the National Civic Society Initiative

The launch of a national Civic Society Initiative took place in Covent Garden in May. The event was well attended, with a mixture of civic society members, journalists and contacts from key national heritage organisations. Griff Rhys Jones appeared on BBC Radio 4s Today programme talking about the importance of the civic society movement.

Local civic societies, like Barnsley Civic Trust, provide a focus for voluntary and community action to improve the places where people live, work and relax. They champion the importance of these places to decision makers and opinion formers in business, politics, government, the media, the voluntary sector and elsewhere. They play an essential role in helping individuals and communities to understand and take action to improve the place where they live. They are a fundamental

source of civic pride.

The new Civic Society Initiative will work with all these local societies to become a strong champion and a network of support that makes their collective voice stronger still. It is being funded and supported by the National Trust, North of England Civic Trust, Campaign to Protect Rural England, and Royal Institute of British Architects among others.

Speaking at the launch and announcing a £50,000 appeal for funds Griff Rhys Jones said "The need for a vibrant civic society movement is greater than ever before and we are enormously grateful to the organisations that have rallied round with offers of financial and practical help. With the right support we can build a movement to support and champion community action for local places that is stronger than ever."

The Civic Society Initiative will be led by seasoned campaigner and community advocate Tony Bur-

ton. Tony has over 20 years experience as the National Trust's Director of Strategy and External Affairs and formerly with the Campaign to Protect Rural England.



'the time is ripe for a rebirth of local democracy which champions the importance of places for people.'

We urge all those who care for the place where they live to get involved and keep in touch at'

www.civicsocietyinitiative.org.uk

Barnsley Civic Trust has already donated £50 to support the new Initiative and wants to see it succeed. Garreth Bruff, Chair of BCT said

"A strong national organisation gives local groups like Barnsley Civic Trust credibility and influence. We will support this anyway we can."