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The Design Panel - only the best for Barnsley

The quality and style of architecture and public spaces in the town is always a contentious issue, with many admiring the new buildings we have seen in the town centre and others questioning modern styles. Barnsley Civic Trust has an important role to play here, as our planning group regularly comments on new building proposals to try and influence the outcome of planning decisions.

We also have a voice on Barnsley's

"Urban Renaissance Design Panel", which was set up a couple of years ago to improve the standards of new buildings in Barnsley. A design advisory panel is a tried and tested method

of providing architectural and design advice to developers, which they must consider before making an application for planning permission.

In Barnsley, the Civic Trust was invited to take a place on the panel alongside professional architects, artists and landscape architects.

BCT's representative, Garreth Bruff, gets the chance to look at, discuss and comment on new schemes, speaking directly to the individuals or companies that are behind the plans. Some of the schemes looked at so far include the recently announced Lidl supermarket development in Peel Street, a housing scheme in Royston, proposals for the Barnsley College Honeywell campus and the Courthouse Campus masterplan (amongst many others). The Panel try to look

at every significant development proposal before it goes through the planning process, so that our comments can be reported to the Council's Planning Board when they consider whether to grant planning permission or not.

The design panel is definitely a step in the right direction for Barnsley – it provides expert and impartial advice to developers as well as to the Council's planners, pushing for the very best in design and architecture at every turn. It has also started to make a real difference and it has been good to see schemes like the new College building on Old Mill Lane and the health centre in Darton being improved to reflect the views of the panel.

Barnsley Civic Trust would like to hear from anyone interested in participating on the Design Panel. Please contact Garreth Bruff on the usual BCT email.

'BCT is actively involved in the design and quality of new developments'

Shop Awards 2010 Launch

Barnsley Civic Trust's Shop Awards 2010 is launching in late June. The organiser Phyllis Barnes is expecting this to be the best year on record. It is the largest business awards covering the town centre, with over 15 awards to be given out, and over 200 businesses expected to enter this year. Fund raising for the project has been successful with most of the money secured.

All the judges and working group are finalised and the project is ready to go. Deadline for entries is 23rd July.

Judging takes place 9th-21st August and the awards ceremony at The Civic on Tuesday 5th October 2010.

If you would like details of the shop awards please contact Phyllis on 288164. Full details are available on the website at the end of June.

**Barnsley Civic Trust
 SHOP AWARDS 2010**

Is your shop exciting, vibrant and pulsating?

Enter for free now



Closing date for entries is 23rd July 2010

Benefits from the National Civic Movement

Barnsley Civic Trust is proud to announce that we are signed up with the national charity for the civic movement, the Civic Voice.

Check out the website for further details: www.civicvoice.org.uk

The benefits for the trust and you:

1. Members get a free day access pass to the National Trust (worth up to £14) and if they are already members this can be given to a friend or relative who isn't.

2. You will get authority and recognition from saying you are a member of Civic Voice and be able to use the logo on your letterhead and website

3. You will have voting rights at our

AGM, elect trustees and shape our priorities

4. You will have access to tailored information bulletins and a lively website and we will set up and host a dedicated website for any civic society that wants one free of charge

5. You will have a voice lobbying and campaigning on the national policies and issues that you can't change locally and have a higher media profile

6. 7. Your group will have access to the tailored insurance policy for civic societies provided by Bluefin, the most affordable of its kind, and benefit financially from Bluefin's personal health, home, motor, travel, pet and heating insurance products taken out by your members

8. You will automatically become a member of NCVO (National Council for Voluntary

Organisations) and receive benefits that include help and advice on funding, managing volunteers and a free legal information service

9. 10. You will benefit from free current account banking services from The Co-operative Bank that pay premium interest rates

Paid up members will be given details to access their free National Trust pass worth up to £14.

AGM & New Executive

Barnsley Civic Trust held its fourth Annual General Meeting last month, with a busy and eventful event hosted at the Metrodome and attended by around 40 individual members. Following the annual report and Treasurer's report, members elected a new Executive Committee to lead the Trust over the coming 12 months.

The Executive Committee is responsible for managing Barnsley Civic Trust, ensuring that we continue to deliver successful projects, generate income to fund our work and organise a full calendar of events for our members.

This year sees two new members elected to the Exec – **Chris Wyatt** and **Mike Ashworth**, bringing new skills and ideas to the team. Chris has recently retired as manager of the Remaking Barnsley regeneration programme and Mike is a professional planner working for a private practice in Wakefield.

They join other Executive Committee members with a wide variety of experience and skills and who are all committed to the pursuing our aim of building

greater civic pride in Barnsley.

The full BCT Executive Committee for the 2010/11 year is:

Garreth Bruff - Chair

Rebecca Keep – Vice Chair and lead for membership group

Phyllis Barnes – Treasurer and lead for Shop Awards

Allen Parks - Secretary

Ben Johnson – lead for marketing and newsletter

Mavis Sidebottom

Cecil Griffiths

Pauline Gould – lead for planning group

Peter Milum

Chris Wyatt

Cath Wilkinson – lead for Big Debates

Mike Ashworth

John Bostwick – lead for Blue Plaques

(Non Executive: Laraine Day – social secretary)

Individual Executive Committee members also volunteer to take a lead role on particular projects or aspects of the Trusts' work.

If you are interested in any of these, or want to find out more, please do get in touch through the usual Civic Trust contact points.

barnsleycivictrust@yahoo.co.uk

Or telephone 01226 785454

One of the issues raised at the AGM was the need to involve all our members in BCT projects and make sure everyone has the chance to take part in activities that they are interested in. This is something the Exec team will be spending more time and has already got off to a good start with a full calendar of social events and meetings published for the year.

We look forward to seeing more of each other this year!

Garreth Bruff

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal.

A letter should be on its way shortly.

Markets Book Preview

Civic Trust members taking in the AGM formalities and the fantastic presentation by Jayne Dowle about her research into a new book on

Barnsley Market, with revealing insights into the past, present and future plans. The book has been waiting for a final decision

about the redevelopment of the markets, and hopefully the books publication will come in late summer. BCT will keep you posted.



Unsung heroes of Barnsley

Photographer Chris Sedgewick is producing a photographic exhibition of the **'unsung heroes'** of Barnsley. He already has an impressive line up of candidates including Milly Johnson, Norman Rimmington, Mel Dyke and the calendar girl Angela **'Miss February'** Baker.

He is keen to hear which subjects Civic Trust members would nominate for this accolade.

The criteria is simple: those men and women in Barnsley who have worked tirelessly for others and

deserve long overdue public recognition.

Chris Sedgewick can be contacted on: 07723 043718 or info@untitledphotography.co.uk with your nominations.

More information about Chris and his company can be found on:

www.untitledphotography.co.uk



Angela



How to contact BCT:

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- Garreth Bruff, Chair
- Rebecca Keep, Vice Chair
- Allen Parks, Secretary
- Phyllis Barnes, Treasurer & Shop Awards
- Laraine Day, Social Secretary
- Ben Johnson, Media

Project leads:

- Pauline Gould, Planning
- Cath Wilkinson, Debates
- John Bostwick, Blue Plaques

If you have any news or want to feedback please contact Ben Johnson on the new email address >

bctnews@googlemail.com

www.barnsleycivictrust.org.uk

Or the trust: barnsleycivictrust@yahoo.co.uk

Attention Social Calendar is out now!

July and Summer Events

Town Treasure Hunt & BBQ. Saturday 24th July 2010, 2pm

Meet at the Koffi Lounge (next to The Civic Entrance). Followed by BBQ after the Hunt. Prize for winner. The BCT summer raffle will also take place after the Hunt

Mayor's Parade. Saturday 10th July 2010, 9.30am onwards

BCT will have a stand with information and a tombola (9.30am to 4.30pm). Volunteers are needed for the event.

Open Members Meeting Thursday 9th September 2010 6.30pm

At the Honeywell Community Centre, Honeywell Street.

Speaker and Refreshments will be available

PLANNING REGENERATION CONSERVATION

Planning:

Experience Barnsley

Work is due to begin this autumn on Barnsley Town Hall, to undertake vital works to the building and to create Experience Barnsley, which will tell Barnsley's stories from thousands of years ago to the present day thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The exterior of the Town Hall is also being cleaned and restored. The Experience Barnsley project team will be working closely with Barnsley Civic Trust over coming months as the final designs come together for the galleries. They promise to be fascinating and inspiring to visit. The team are keen to hear from anyone who has objects or ideas which can help tell Barnsley's stories. Please contact:

experiencebarnsley@barnsley.gov.uk

Recruitment:

Members recruiting at the Central Library

Members young and old were at the Central Library on Saturday 8th May 10am with a display downstairs near the café, recruiting and promoting BCT to the wider public. Further promotions at the summer carnival are planned.



Conservation:

Improvement of Pinfold Steps, Shambles Street

Funding has been agreed for Town Centre open space as part of the recognition of Barnsley as a Growth Point in the Leeds City Region.

The area of publicly owned land between Shambles Street and Westgate, through which the historic Pinfold Steps run, is to be improved as public space with seating and lighting. More news as soon as we have it.

