

Message from the Chairman



Since our last newsletter, LCT have been extremely busy. As well as commenting on all planning applications within or directly affecting the town's Conservation Area, we have also been hosting the area's biggest Conservation Day, manning market stalls, helping to formulate Civic Voice's policy for the next 5 years, conducting tours of the town and supporting other organisations with Louth's best interests at heart.

Having been voted Britain's Favourite Market Town in the Countryfile magazine awards, it is wonderful to think that Louth is finally getting the recognition it deserves.

Louth is special, let's build on that!

James Laverack BLE, MRICS
Chairman Louth Civic Trust

Biggest conservation day held in East Lindsey.



The Louth festival of conservation

On Saturday 14th April last year the Louth Civic Trust in partnership with Heritage Lincolnshire held a Festival of Conservation on the theme of 'Keeping up Appearances'.

The Trust had wanted for many years to highlight the availability of traditional conservation skills in the locality. The event was held in the Eastgate Methodist Church. With almost 30 organisations taking display space it proved to be a most interesting and enjoyable occasion. 324 visitors took advantage of advice from specialist joiners, brick and tile

manufacturers, conservation architects and stained glass repairers. The Victorian Society staged a touring exhibition of their fifty years of heritage campaigning, Bishop Grosseteste University College brought an archaeological display and local heritage groups publicised their activities.

Council Member Jean Howard, co-organiser of the event said, "The event was everything we hoped it would be and has hopefully created a formula that will be repeated in other county market towns.

Two establishments Louth can be particularly proud of.

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Winning Year for Louth

“Louth is special, let’s build on that.”

Louth has been in receipt of several awards recently, but one may have escaped notice. Louth Civic Trust are pleased to congratulate the architectural practice of GMS, Eastgate, Louth for winning the Georgian Group 2012 award for the **Restoration of a Georgian Church.**

This is the handsome 1753 stone church of St Peter and St Paul at Cherry Willingham, just outside Lincoln. Amongst other repairs, the cupola, previously patched up with plywood, has been repaired in oak topped with a lead ogee cap and a re-gilded weathervane. The Georgian

Group’s assessment includes, ‘Small is indeed beautiful and this scheme stops just where it needs to stop.’ For further information visit: www.savinggeorgianbuildings.blogspot.co.uk.

Louth was of course also voted as the country’s Favourite Market Town after topping the poll in a competition run by the BBC’s Countryfile magazine. The competition was fierce with the shortlist featuring some well known locations including Ludlow, Stamford, Hay-on-Wye, Devizes and Richmond in Yorkshire.

Cupola, St Peter and St Paul Church, Cherry Willingham. Image by kind permission of GMS Architecture



Independent Cinema and Public House Rewarded at Trust’s 2013 AGM

At the 2013 AGM the Trust presented two Pride of Place Awards for restoration and refurbishment.

This year’s prestigious awards were presented firstly to Nigel and Victoria Hopper of The Brown Cow public house for their recognition of the importance of traditional pub names through the restoration of the pub’s original Victorian name. In addition the award recognised the quality of the painted sign writing and the floral arrangements and well kept frontage that make a positive contribution to the Newmarket street scene. The second award was presented to the Playhouse Cinema for the extensive refurbishment of the interiors. This award recognised and applauded the owner’s investment in the refurbishment of a town centre building that would help ensure that Louth’s cinema-going public would continue to benefit from a small but successful independent local cinema.

Commenting on the awards, our Chairman James Laverack said, “The awards this year recognise the efforts of local businesses to invest not just in the fabric of their buildings but in their history and serviceability for Louth’s residents and visitors. They both deserve our thanks and congratulations.”

Also at this year’s AGM members were treated to a showcase of ‘Lincolnshire from the Air’ by speaker and former Director of Heritage Lincolnshire David Start. He presented a



Presentation of Pride of Place Awards 2013

From Left to Right: Kirtsy Dobson, Manager Playhouse Cinema Louth, Sir Peter Tapsell Louth and Horncastle MP, Nigel & Victoria Hopper proprietors of the The Brown Cow and David Robinson LCT President.

Guest Speaker David Start, Former Director of Heritage Lincolnshire

fascinating journey around Lincolnshire’s ancient sites, from stone age settlement to abandoned mediaeval villages.



Tour of historic Caistor

On Thursday 11th July, Louth Civic Trust is inviting you to join them on a guided tour of the historic market town of Caistor with local historian Alan Dennis.

Meeting at 7pm on Thursday 11th July at the Art and Heritage Centre, 28 Plough Hill, Caistor, LN7 6LZ. The tour promises to be a fascinating walk through the town's historic streets, and an opportunity to learn about its Iron Age origins, the Roman Settlement and the great fire of 1681 which resulted in the remodelling of the town.

The tour costs £2 per head and will last approximately 1½ hours. It is open to members and non members alike.



In the event of bad weather an illustrated talk will be held at the Arts Heritage Centre. To reserve your place please contact: Mary Abbott Tel. 01507 339372 or email mill.cottage@tiscali.co.uk.

All set for Heritage Open Days

As part of Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days running from Thursday 14th to Sunday 15th September 2013, Louth Civic Trust are to give guided tours through the town.

The walking tours will be at 2pm on Saturday and repeated again at 2pm on Sunday. Starting at the corner of Westgate and Love Lane and finishing at the Riverhead on Ramsgate, the tours will identify places of historical and architectural interest. To reserve your place on either tour date, email james.laverack@gmail.com or telephone during working hours 01673 844249.



LCT brings 'Civic Watch' to town



Louth Civic Trust Council members Jon Carr and Jean Howard with Alistair McPhee-Meiklejon of Louth in Bloom consult Louth residents as part of the annual Civic Watch survey organised by Civic Voice. For more information visit www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/civic-watch

See Page 4 for information on Civic Voice current campaigns.

In the spotlight



Meet Our Secretary Barbara Dales

Our current secretary Barbara Dales has been involved with Louth Civic Trust since 1976 mainly as Minutes Secretary on the Council.

Looking back on her involvement with the Trust, Barbara tell us, "A Ludensian born and bred I am very proud to do my bit for Louth and have always loved living here."

"I have seen many changes in the town over the years but in the main the beauty still remains."

"My work was secretarial starting and finishing in the Legal Profession. In the middle years I spent time in the Louth Planning Office and it was there that my interest in building and conservation evolved and then I moved into Education Administration. My other interest are singing and gardening."

"I look forward to continuing to support the work of Louth Civic Trust."

Do you know three people who have an interest in Louth's Heritage?

As a membership funded organisation, to achieve our aims, we need to continue to engage with residents and encourage new members. One of the best ways of doing this is for our existing members to tell people about our organisation and ask them to join.

So we are continuing to challenge all our members to think of three people they know who they think would be interested in the work we do, to give them our new membership leaflet and ask them to consider joining. If one out of three join, we will double our membership!

Membership leaflets can be downloaded from our website: www.louthcivictrust.org or copies are available from the office of John Taylors at 14-18 Cornmarket Chambers, Louth.



Update on Civic Voice campaigns

Membership of Louth Civic Trust includes automatic membership of the national campaigning organisation Civic Voice. They campaign on behalf of Societies and Trusts nationally and are constantly seeking our views on a key issues. You can get involved in any of their campaigns by adding your views or writing to your MP. To add your voice to any of following campaigns visit the campaign pages of the Civic Trust website: www.civicvoice.org.uk/campaigns/

[Alcohol licensing](#)

[Beautiful Broadband Britain](#)

[Civic Day](#)

[Campaign for fair planning](#)

[History of the civic movement](#)

[Local Heritage List](#)

[Removal of VAT relief for approved alterations](#)

[Save our high streets](#)

[Community Right of Appeal](#)

[Big Tree Plant](#)

[Civicwatch](#)

[Campaign partners](#)

[High Speed Rail](#)

[Love Local](#)

[Planning for people](#)

[Street Pride](#)

[Protect our Place](#)

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 11th July 7pm

LOUTH CIVIC TRUST VISIT TO CAISTOR

Guided tour by local historian Alan Dennis, starting from Arts and Heritage Centre, Caistor

Thursday 12th - Sunday 15th September

LINCOLNSHIRE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

2pm Saturday 14th September & Sunday 15th September

Guided tours of Louth by Louth Civic Trust starting from Corner of Westgate and Love Lane.

We would also like to inform members of the following [Louth Naturalist's Antiquarian and Literary Society \(LNALS\) events](#). A full programme can be downloaded from the Louth museum website www.louthmuseum.org.uk.

23rd June

VISIT TO WILLOW TREE FEN

Sept—Nov

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Including lectures by Bob Pendall (the Author of A Victory over Prejudice: Life and Times of Dr Edward Harrison), David Start (Society Trustee), Dr Maureen Ille (The Wallis Lecture), Alex Beeby (Heritage Lincolnshire), Margaret Dickinson (the Author of The Lincolnshire Sagas), Dr Tom Green (the Author of Lincolnshire Origins), David Robinson O.B.E (President of The Sir Joseph Banks Society), Jean Howard (Society Trustee)

Lectures take place at 7.30 p.m. in the Conoco Room of Louth Library. Entry is free for LNALS members and non-members are most welcome, an entry fee of £3.00 for each person is payable on the night. Booking forms for our summer 2013 visits will be available from Louth Museum from Tuesday 2nd April. For further information please contact The Museum T. 01507 601211

www.louthcivictrust.org

Don't forget Louth Civic Trust is online. To increase visits to the sites, if you know of any relevant sites that could provide a link to our site you could either contact them directly and recommend a link or forward the site address to the Chairman.

Get involved today

Five ways you can get involved in LCT activities today:

- 1 Join us on our trip to Caistor on 11th July
2. Join us on a guided tour of Louth during Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days.
- 3 Visit Civic Voice 's campaign pages and give them your views on their national campaigns.
- 4 Ask three people you know to consider joining the Louth Civic Trust .
- 5 Submit an article for consideration for the next issue of LCT news.

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