

Message from the Chairman



50 years is a milestone for any organisation to reflect upon and celebrate however, it must also have an eye on the future.

As the only charity dedicated to the preservation of Louth's architectural heritage our role is as important today as it was 50 years ago. To continue to function effectively we need a large and active membership. We have recently welcomed several new members on to the council and our 50th year celebrations present an ideal opportunity to continue this recruitment drive. You will see that we are using social media to attract younger members and keep our existing members informed of events and activities.

We are also proposing changes to our subscriptions to encourage more active involvement.

So if you know anyone you think may be interested in our heritage please ask them to join us.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and I look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming events. Let's make the next 50 years as successful as the last.

James Laverack BLE, MRICS
Chairman, Louth Civic Trust

PARTY TIME! 50th Birthday Banquet

First meeting of Civic Trust

A Louth Civic Trust was formed at this meeting on Thursday. On the right is the acting secretary, Mr. J. T. Yates. From the left, Mr. F. A. Porter-Smith, Lincoln, who spoke on the work of civic trusts, Mr. Peter Sutcliffe (acting chairman), and Mr. P. H. Green, chairman of the Grimsby trust. Below a section of the audience. (Photos: Northgate Studio, Louth.)



50 years ago residence of Louth & the surrounding area joined together to form Louth Civic Trust.

Concerned about the future of the town's architectural heritage, Louth Civic Trust has done much to preserve its unique character – so now is the time to celebrate.

This autumn we are to hold a 50th anniversary banquet at Kenwick Golf Club, the exact date is to be confirmed. Amongst the guest of honour will be our president, Mr David Robinson OBE who was a founding member of the organisation.

To register an interest please email

louthcivictrust@gmail.com or telephone 07958453636.

Alternatively keep up to date by liking our Facebook page.

Civic Trust embraces social media



Let's share our passion for Louth's heritage. Like our Facebook page and message us with ideas for posts.
facebook.com/LouthCT



Louth gets an LCT Spring Clean

“It was so satisfying to see Pawnshop Passage looking so tidy and inviting...I felt really quite proud.”

LCT's members and supporters took to the streets on Saturday 4th March to give Louth a much needed Spring Clean.

The team spent two hours weeding and picking up litter from Kidgate, Aswell Street & Pawnshop Passage, filling up bins and collecting an additional 13 bags of rubbish.

Volunteer and LCT committee member Jo Brogden said, “Picking up cigarette ends in Pawnshop Passage is not normally how I spend my Saturday afternoons, but actually we did it as a team, and it was so satisfying to see it looking so tidy and inviting when we had finished. It was really rewarding and I felt quite proud”



The Big Conservation Conversation. Celebrating 50 years of conservation areas

Coinciding with LCT's Anniversary, is the 50th Anniversary of the Civic Amenities Act, which first introduced the concept of conservation areas.

When conservation areas legislation was introduced there was widespread public concern over the pace of redevelopment in our historic towns and cities. Today there are over 10,000 conservation areas in the UK (approximately 9,300 in England, of which the first was Stamford) reflecting the popularity of this legislative tool in identifying and protecting our most valued historic places.

Conservation area designation essentially controls the demolition of unlisted buildings over a certain size and works to protect trees, restrict permitted development rights on dwelling houses and tightens regulations on advertising. It also places a statutory duty on local planning authorities to pay special attention to preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas while undertaking their planning duties.

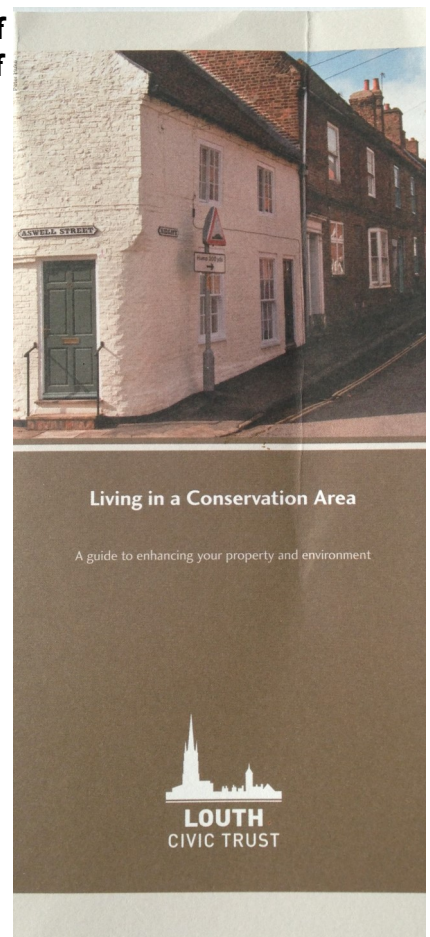
This year the civic movement will be raising awareness of conservation areas.

Louth Civic Trust belongs to the 'umbrella' organisation Civic Voice, and regularly forwards its national news, Civic Update, to our council members. Civic Update is very interesting and informative in itself, but has now launched three further newsletters to help publicise its campaigns, including 'The Big Conservation Conversation'. A Parliamentary debate took place on 7th March to discuss with MPs how everyone can work together to continue to protect their conservation areas and a conference is planned to be held in Stamford.

Mary Abbot

For more news and events, go to www.civicvoice.org.uk.

Pick up a copy of our information leaflet to remind you of the benefits of living in a Conservation Area and how you can enhance both your property and your living environment.



See Page 4 for information on Civic Voice current campaigns.

Keeping the gateway to our heritage open

LCT invites Jean Howard to take a look back at her involvement in the national Heritage Open Days programme.

In July 1993, Louth Civic Trust received an invitation to a meeting chaired by local historian Dr Dennis Mills. 24 years after being at that first meeting, when Lincolnshire's steering group was formed, I'm still there. Lincolnshire was the first county to adopt the idea and we have built up quite a following and have earned a reputation for offering one of the best programmes in the country. Around 30,000 people

attend our events each year, the whole event operating thanks to the hundreds of committed enthusiasts volunteering their time to explain their passion for a part of our remarkable county.

I now chair the group that develops the annual theme for Lincolnshire's events. We've covered many ideas over the years: Lincolnshire explorers, transport, brick buildings and lots more; last year it was Natural Lincolnshire which inspired an amazing 180 events.

The event programme is launched at the Lincolnshire show and Louth Civic Trust will be offering their guided walks again this year. So please come and join us.

Jean Howard

For full programme of events visit heritagelincolnshire.org



In the spotlight



Meet our Membership Secretary Bridget Clark

Bridget has been involved with the Louth Civic Trust since 2014 and in 2015 took on the role of Membership Secretary. Although Bridget has spent much of her working life in London, she is originally from East Barkwith and attended school in Louth in the 1970's.

In 1999, she returned to Louth to work for United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

When asked why she joined the Civic Trust, Bridget told us, "I have always loved Louth as a town and I joined because Mr Jonathan Carr suggested that I should!"

"I have always been in favour of the conservation of a town. I feel it is a shame to lose historical architecture as the soul of a town remains in its buildings. Being a member of the Civic Trust has given me the opportunity to help keep Louth as a picturesque market town with its architectural heritage."

Call for Pride of Place Awards

All of our previous Pride of Place award winners have one thing in common: they never set out to win recognition. However, they did share a common passion to pursue good design and to get the best that their budgets would allow.

Our winners have included national chains, independent retailers, house builders and private individuals. We have awarded prizes for complete buildings (eg The Meridien Centre) to giving commendations for parts of buildings (e.g. the railings at 55 Ugate). Every year's award winners are invited to the LCT's Annual General Meeting, to receive their award. The awards are rightly recognised with coverage in the local press.

Our winners tell us that they are motivated by enhancing the town and that good design is also good business.

The winners of this year's Pride of Place awards will be announced at the AGM on 27th April, however, we are now considering candidates for the 2018 AGM so please let us know of any suggestions you may have. See Page 4 for contact details. **Jon Carr**





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

- [Assets of Community Value](#)
- [Alliance of Cathedral Cities and Historic Towns](#)
- [BIMBY](#)
- [First Steps](#)
- [Civic Watch](#)
- [Civic Day](#)
- [History of the civic movement](#)
- [Local Heritage List](#)
- [Community Right of Appeal](#)
- [Save our high streets](#)
- [Street Pride](#)
- [War Memorials](#)
- [The Big Conservation Conversation](#)

Forthcoming Events

4th April – 10th June 2017
LINCOLN LONGWOOL EXHIBITION
Louth Museum

27th April 2017
LOUTH CIVIC TRUST AGM
7.30pm Concoco-Phillips Rooms, Louth Library
With speaker Steve Rodden of Rodden & Cooper

17th June 2017
CIVIC DAY
National Civic Voice Event

Thursday 7th - Sunday 10th September
LINCOLNSHIRE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS
Friday 8th September & Saturday 9th September
2pm
Guided tours of Louth by Louth Civic Trust starting from
Corner of Westgate and Love Lane.

Autumn 2017 Date TBC
50th Anniversary Banquet
Kenwick Golf Club
See Page 1 for details

Join us

Louth Civic Trust is an independent local charity encouraging community pride and passion for the history and identity of its buildings, streets and public places. It aims to protect and manage change in the town's landscape and architectural heritage through campaigning, education and action.

The work of the Trust is funded through membership subscription. As a member you become part of our campaign to maintain the unique historical identity of Louth's living and working environment.

As a member you receive regular activity updates, invitations to Civic Trust events and automatic membership of the national organisation Civic Voice.

Annual Membership
only £13.00

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