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Chairman's Remarks - Trust Annual Report 1989

The most important event since the last Annual Report was the sale of 24 Canon Street. This eighteenth century house was given to the Trust in 1960 by its first Chairman, Sybil Tremellen who was mainly responsible for frustrating plans to demolish part of Canon Street. This threat was one of the factors that led to the formation of the Trust. We obtained vacant possession last year when the last surviving tenant decided that the house was too big for him to manage and moved to St John's Winchester Charity in the Broadway. We sold the house in September 1988 and it has now been completely refurbished by the new owner.

As a result of this sale, as will be seen from the Treasurer's Report and Annual Accounts, the financial position of the Trust has been completely transformed. Without it we would have been faced with a choice of either, increasing subscriptions substantially or, of cutting back on our activities. Happily, neither of these will now be necessary and, furthermore, we have sufficient resources to embark on ventures involving fairly substantial sums, should suitable opportunities or occasions arise. In the meantime, our policy is to concentrate on ensuring that the value of our funds is not eroded by inflation, whilst at the same time earning sufficient income to cover our running expenses. For this reason, the bulk of our funds have been invested in index-linked Government Bonds.

I am glad to be able to report that there have been fewer changes than usual amongst members of the Council of the Trust and its officers.

We are delighted that Pamela Peskett has become Deputy Mayor of Winchester. Happily she will be able to remain on our Council.

To our very great regret, however, Hugh Watson resigned due to pressure of work in his successful Landscape Architectural practice. Hugh was a member of the Council of long standing and we very much miss not only his expertise in his own field but his experience and knowledge of the affairs of the Trust as a whole.

During the year we have co-opted on to the Council Michael Kilroy and David Spicer, whose re-election will be proposed at the forthcoming AGM.

Michael Kilroy was formerly Solicitor to Winchester City Council and Deputy Town Clerk and subsequently was in private practice as a solicitor. He was Under Sheriff of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and has lived in Winchester all his life. His fund of

knowledge is of the greatest value to us and he has been Chairman of one of our two Development Control Panels which monitor all City planning applications.

David Spicer has acted as Deputy Chairman of the Management Committee of the Heritage Centre and has stood in for the Chairman, Ken Johns, who recently sought release from the cares of office by making a trans-Atlantic crossing in a small yacht. David's career has been in Industry, mainly in the field of Personnel Management and he now lives and works in Winchester.

Clarissa Turner was appointed Secretary to the Trust at the last Annual General Meeting in succession to Gill Graham, who is now an Honorary Life member of the Trust. This was a difficult act to follow but I would like to congratulate myself on making what has proved to be a most successful appointment and to thank Clarissa for all that she has done, and is doing, for us.

I would also like to thank Robert Cross, under whose Editorship, as I think members will agree, the Newsletter goes from strength to strength.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that we have made some alterations in the way that the Trust is organized. We have a very large Council which is advantageous in that it provides a wide range of experience but which, by virtue of its sheer size, is not always well adapted to discussion on matters of detail. We now tend, therefore, to set up sub-committees or working parties, on an ad-hoc basis, to consider particular matters which can be referred back to the Council for final decision. Examples are the Peninsula Barracks and Traffic.

We have also decided to disband the Executive and the Town Planning Committees - their functions being replaced partly by a small Planning and Policy Committee, which meets monthly, and partly by the working parties mentioned above.

Finally, growth in membership has been steady if unspectacular. The Trust now has about 900 members.

Winchester Heritage Centre - Trust Annual Report 1989

It is disappointing that more than two years after we approached Winchester City Council to discuss the future of the Heritage Centre, the position is still unclear. One or two conversations with City officials have taken place, a survey of the building has been undertaken, and the Trust has made an offer to pay for certain repairs to the building in exchange for some security of tenure. However, the future, both of the building and of the Heritage Centre, remains indeterminate. We appreciate that it may not be easy for the City to come to a decision on the future of the building (which as a result of an initiative by the Trust is now a Grade II listed building) and our policy therefore is to wait patiently for events to unfold themselves and to run the Heritage Centre as a service to Winchester, albeit at a substantial loss to the Trust.

The number of visitors has remained fairly constant, which is creditable in view of the fact that construction work on the Brooks site is in full swing. Visits by schools however have fallen off. The Director of Amenity Services kindly offered to provide facilities in the Guildhall for showing the audio visual but, reluctantly, we had to decline what would have been an opportunity to earn some welcome revenue since it would have been impossible to man both the Heritage Centre and a room in the Guildhall simultaneously.

As usual we are publishing greeting cards which will be on sale both at the Heritage Centre and at the Charity Christmas Card sale at the Guildhall in December. This year we are fortunate in being able to reproduce in colour two delightful paintings of the Cathedral by our former Chairman, David Pare, to whom we are most grateful.

During the year the Deputy Manager of the Centre, Ray Eaglen, decided to stand down, having made a great contribution to its success. This post has been taken over by Neville Oldfield. We are indeed grateful to them both and to the Hon. Manager, Alan Cooke, as well as to the voluntary stewards for all they do to keep the Heritage Centre going under difficult circumstances.

Development Control - Trust Annual Report 1989

Lt. Colonel G P Burnett decided last year to stand down as Chairman of the Development Control Committee and was succeeded by Jeffrey Smith. Mrs Shione Carden acts as Secretary. We are indeed grateful to George Burnett for running this very important side of the Trust's activities for several years.

We now have two panels which meet at the City offices on alternate weeks and examine and make comments on all Planning Applications in the City area.

In the case of important applications, the Trust frequently asks the architect to give a presentation and several of these have taken place during the year - a recent example being the development contemplated in the Marston's Brewery site.

Amongst other important applications during the year have been the Cannon Cinema Site in North Walls (we objected to the first scheme which was submitted), Woolworths (a scheme for demolition and replacement by seven shops) and a 120 bedroom Hotel on the Alresford Road (application subsequently withdrawn). In general, we liked the scheme for the Marston's Brewery site and were glad that all the important historic features are to be protected, including the Roman Vallum which could well have been lost in a more comprehensive development. We regret, however, that the Bowling Clubhouse will go.

We were disappointed that the City rejected a scheme for 75 to 79 Eastgate Street which would have involved the preservation of two small early Victorian town houses, but at least the final scheme is better than the original one to which the Trust objected.

The Trust was represented at a Public Inquiry which considered an appeal against the City Council's decision to refuse a planning application for 30 houses at Manor Farm, Pitt (in addition to a golf course and country club for which permission had been granted). The Trust supported the City and the Inspector turned down the appeal. This was satisfactory but the Trust is concerned at the pressure put on City Councils both as regards time and money, by developers who lose no opportunity of appealing against adverse planning decisions when the stakes are high.

The Trust does not always see eye to eye with the City Council on planning matters (it would be strange if we did) but we do recognise the pressure on the Planning Committee and its officers, particularly at a time when so much building is going on. One frequently hears it said that Winchester is changing fast, with the implication, spoken or unspoken, that the changes invariably are for the worse. This is not our impression and indeed we consider that some very good buildings (as well as some mediocre ones) are going up in Winchester and that the City's Planning Committee deserves credit for maintaining standards. This we think is demonstrated by the past entries for the bi-annual Winchester Preservation Trust Award scheme. Award winners of the 1989 scheme will be announced at the Annual General Meeting and an exhibition of past and present entries will be held at the Heritage Centre in 1990.

A constant concern of the Trust is the disappearance and/or decay of old buildings of architectural merit (all too often, we regret to say, owned by the City). We were relieved to see that Abbotts Barton Farmhouse, after years of neglect, has been sold by the City to an owner who is undertaking a highly sympathetic restoration. We were indignant that work commenced on the demolition of No 1 Staple Gardens (not owned by the City) in advance of any demolition permission being granted by the City Council and we protested vigorously to the City - (the building, admittedly as a result of years of neglect, was beyond saving otherwise a prosecution might have been involved). We have drawn up a list of buildings which might be endangered through neglect and it would be useful if members could let us know if cases come to their notice.

The Trust was concerned about alterations to the interior of 1 Bridge Street, a Listed building, and made representations to the City Council. We were relieved to learn that following an inspection by the Department of the Environment, the main features of the interior are to be preserved.

On the initiative of the Trust, Grade II Listings were obtained for the Rising Sun Public House and the Pagoda, St James Lane and the medieval bridge at Northgate as well as for the Heritage Centre.

Landscape Committee - Trust Annual Report 1989

The Committee continues to liaise closely with the Development Control panels on all planning applications which affect trees (either their preservation or planting). Amongst other current concerns is the condition of Whiteshute Lane, the ancient highway which originally linked St Cross with the medieval settlement of Silkstead.

The Lane is much neglected and the Committee is exploring means of mounting a tidying-up operation.

During the year, Michael Morris succeeded Nicholas McPherson as Chairman of the Committee, of which Penny Neyroud is Secretary.

Peninsula Barracks - Trust Annual Report 1989

The Trust supported a request by Hampshire Buildings Preservation Trust that there should be public consultation before a developer was finally selected for the Lower Barracks site. As a result of this very creditable initiative by HBPT, both they and we were invited to a presentation in London of the two schemes selected by the Crown Commissioners, out of four originally submitted. In the event the Crown Commissioners finally selected a scheme by Arundell House Securities Ltd, which was the one the Trust preferred though we can make no claim to have influenced this decision.

In April this scheme was the subject of a public exhibition at Serle's House. This exhibition lasted only four days, far too short a time for the public display of a development of national importance.

The exhibition gave an outline impression of the scheme and the detailed drawings which will be required for planning applications were not yet available. The Trust's reaction (reported in detail in the May 1989 Newsletter) was broadly favourable though we have certain reservations and suggestions, and careful study of the final plans, when they become available, will be necessary.

The scheme provides underground parking for about 500 cars of which about 300 are intended for the public and for visitors to the Museums in the Upper Barracks site. The Trust is very strongly opposed to the provision of any parking other than for residents on this site which we consider to be completely unsuitable for public car parking, situated as it is on an already overloaded radial route.

Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council have voiced various concerns (which the Trust shares) about the approach to the development of the Peninsula Barracks. They believe that no scheme should go ahead until a plan has been submitted for the entire site (ie; the Upper as well as the Lower Barracks) and that an architect should be appointed to co-ordinate plans for both sites. Representations have been made by the Councils to the Environment Minister and to the Crown Estate Commissioners.

Urban Studies Committee - Trust Annual Report 1989

The main pre-occupation of this Committee has been the organisation of a pilot study to be known as the Chippindale Venture, which will take place in October 1989. This will involve 48 eleven year old children from two Winchester schools, who will be set an exercise to consider, prepare and present ideas for an imaginary Visitors/Heritage Centre on an important site within the City. The children will be divided into teams, each led by an architect and, on 20th October, the projects will be presented to planning officers and elected Council members on the lines of a Planning Application procedure. By this process it is hoped that the children will become aware not only of the history of the site (the area between the Law Courts and Hampshire County Architects Department) but of some of the problems of designing a building in the context of existing materials, spaces and forms and of the procedures involved in obtaining planning permission.

If this pilot study is a success, it is hoped that it will be repeated in future years.

We believe that this project will be very worthwhile and could be of increasing importance in the future and a worthy memorial to Frank Chippindale who, amongst multifarious interests, was particularly concerned that young people should be more aware of their inheritance and the importance of the built environment.

Preparations for this venture involve an immense amount of work and great credit is due to the Committee under its Chairman, Keith Leaman and its Hon. Secretary, Dot Browning.

M3 Motorway - Trust Annual Report 1989

Despite the fact that the Public Inquiry came to an end in March 1988, at the time of writing the Inspector's Report has not been made public, nor has any pronouncement been made by the Secretary of State.

However, according to reports in the press, the Inspector's recommendation is in favour of the Department of Transport's preferred route which involves a massive cutting to the east of St. Catherine's Hill. However, this recommendation is on grounds of cost and the Inspector, apparently, states that the Tunnel scheme (proposed by the M3 Joint Action Group and the City Council) is feasible in engineering terms, is the best solution environmentally and enjoys the widest measure of public support. There seems little reason to doubt the accuracy of this press "leak" which indeed may be a calculated one designed to test public opinion.

All therefore now depends on a political decision and one can only hope that the Government, which of late has pronounced itself increasingly concerned with environmental issues, will back fair words with deeds.

The M3 Joint Action Group held a successful public meeting in June 1989 to discuss the issues raised by the press "leak". One of the results of this was the despatch of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Mayor of Winchester, signed also by prominent local figures including Sir Peter Ramsbotham as Vice President of the Preservation

Trust, which in addition to urging for a decision in favour of a tunnel, pointed out that the Tunnel scheme is not inordinately expensive (other approved schemes are more expensive per mile) and suggested that as a matter of urgency a temporary flyover should be erected at the Hockley junction. This was recommended in the Inspector's report at an earlier Inquiry and would do much to relieve congestion on the existing Winchester by-pass.

Traffic - Trust Annual Report 1989

The Trust has long taken a keen interest in traffic and recently a Working Party of the Trust's Council has had a number of meetings, including one with the City's Chief Engineer and its Traffic Officer to consider various aspects of the problem.

Traffic levels are now well above the levels of environmental acceptability set by the City Council some years ago and very significant increases seem inevitable, particularly with the opening of the Brooks Development. The general public are showing considerable concern over traffic issues, judging by the extensive correspondence following the decision of the City Council to close the Kingsgate Arch to all motor traffic and College Street to through traffic.

The City Council is now echoing this concern. Having made a bold decision on College Street, to which the Trust has given (qualified) support, it has now issued a policy statement 'A City for People', promising a re-appraisal of the role of the car in Winchester, and "a reduction of traffic to environmentally acceptable levels wherever possible".

Unfortunately, what is not yet clear is how the admirable sentiments of 'A City for People' will be translated into action. The Trust has made its views clear on what action must be taken to solve the problem - the link between the level of parking provision and the level of traffic is inescapable. Merely to stabilise traffic at current levels (let alone reduce it, as 'A City for People' promises) will require radical action much sooner than the document appears to consider necessary. Such action must be directed at increasing the efficiency of the road network to bring people into the shopping centre, by location of parking at peripheral sites and the provision of an efficient public transport system (eg. Park and Ride).

The Trust is extremely concerned that the scheme for the Lower Peninsula Barracks site includes provision for approximately 300 parking spaces for the public and visitors to the Museum, and intends to oppose this strongly. In addition to the general objections to another central car park in Winchester, the additional traffic generated by a car park on this particular site will result in serious congestion in Southgate Street and St Cross Road which are already overloaded.

Lectures and Walks - Trust Annual Report 1989

Mrs Ann Jones has organised another full and successful programme of events which has again included lectures at the Heritage Centre and the Milner Hall and a number of walks and visits. These included a Walkabout led by Robin Freeman to view Owen Browne Carter's work in Winchester, visits to Romsey to see projects in which the Romsey and District Building Preservation Trust have been involved and to the offices of the Hampshire Chronicle, and the perennially favourite tour of the roofs, tower and stair turrets of Winchester Cathedral led by Mrs Corinne Bennett. Talks were given on the Queen and Winchester, 1588 by our President, the Whitchurch Silk Mill by Deane Clark, Artists in Architecture by Graeme Stevenson and on the Needs of People with Visual Impairment by William Kirby.

This side of the Trust's activities is an important one and we are anxious to have members views. Any criticisms, suggestions to Mrs Ann Jones please (Tel: Winchester 67048).

Hon. Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th April 1989 - Trust Annual Report 1989

The loss on ordinary activities for the year was £1,897 compared with the loss for the previous year of £1,751. However, there was an extraordinary gain during the year of £111,854, being the surplus on the sale of the Canon Street property. The ordinary activities loss is made up as follows:

		1989		1988
Trust	(246)			(1698)
Heritage Centre	(2052)	(730)		
Heritage Centre Shop	401	(1651)	677	(53)
Profit		£(1897)		£(1751)

The reduction in the Trust loss is mainly due to a significant increase in interest income arising from the investment of the proceeds of the property sale. This has more than offset the reduction in rents receivable. No new booklets have been published this year and, after the initial costs have been recovered, subsequent sales are recorded through the Shop Accounts. After adjusting for the cost of booklets in 1988, total overall expenditure of £6,790 in 1989 has been kept within the level of inflation.

The increase in the Heritage Centre loss is influenced by the grants of £1,520 received in 1988, but not repeated in 1989. Shop profit is lower as no Book Sale was held in 1989 and the Christmas Card sales were poor. Entrance fees, too, have continued to be disappointing. Lower expenditure in 1989 has helped largely to offset the fall in these two items.

The sale of the Canon Street property has considerably strengthened the Trust's Balance Sheet. The Accumulated Fund now stands at £184,143 and this is mainly represented by interest earning assets. £160,870 has been invested in Government Stocks of which £134,834 is index-linked and £26,036 short-dated. The investments have been selected to produce income which will cover foreseeable operating losses and, whilst the index-linked stocks produce a modest rate of interest by today's

standards, the purchasing power of the investments is maintained for any future requirements.

Complete copies of the Statutory and Management Accounts are available at the Heritage Centre for the inspection of members.

E J Witts
Hon. Treasurer

Heritage Centre Officers - Trust Annual Report 1989

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Committees - Trust Annual Report 1989

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