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Chairman's Remarks - Trust Annual Report 1994

I suppose that every organisation, whether commercial or charitable, must expect to win some ventures and lose some. In the case of a commercial organisation, if the number of losses exceeds the number of gains by even a small number, it can quickly lead to financial problems. In the case of a charitable organisation like the Winchester Preservation Trust, if the number of lost causes exceeds the wins by a large number, it could eventually lead to frustration and the feeling that we are banging our heads against a brick wall.

I am very happy to say that during the past year the Trust has had a number of significant successes where we have either influenced the City Council or public opinion to support our way of thinking, or we have thrown our weight and support behind what have turned out to be successful ventures that will sustain or improve the character and appearance of our historic City.

Undoubtedly the most significant case this year has been the decision by the Crown Commissioners and the Ministry of Defence to sell the entire Peninsula Barracks to Arundel Estates, a company experienced in rehabilitating old sites, who will develop the Barracks primarily as low-density housing by ensuring the minimum of demolition and new-build, and will provide extensive public open space, including both the upper and lower parade grounds which will be radically re-landscaped. After making a grant of £2500 towards a preliminary study, the Trust took its time to make up its mind on whether or not to support the Conservation Scheme by first ensuring that both the scheme and the developer were sound. Once satisfied, the Trust gave whole-hearted support in its statements and letters.

The Trust welcomes the developer's proposals for the allocation of two edge-of-site areas for student accommodation and museums, and is eagerly waiting to see the Planning Application with all the details. The Trust's principal concern will be to ensure that the public open space is not reduced and is landscaped to a high standard.

Throughout the year the Trust has expressed its fears for the protection of the Winchester Conservation Area. The Departments of Environment and National Heritage, supported by English Heritage, are reported to be publishing tighter regulations to prevent the despoliation of Conservation Areas, but so far nothing concrete has appeared.

It was in following up the issue of the Conservation Area that the Trust was confronted by the City Planning Committee, apparently willing to accept the advice of City Officers, by showing themselves to be in favour of the demolition of the Victorian Edmonds Lodge in Christchurch Road. The building was then to be replaced by four integrated dwellings combining to make a single building far too bulky for the site , with carparking for 12 cars in the garden.

A strong campaign was mounted by the Trust, resulting in Councillors throwing out unopposed both the application to demolish and the design of the new building. It is now thought that the developer will go to appeal, where the Trust will fully participate in support of the City Council at the Public Inquiry.

Also this year, the Trust supported the City Council at a Public Inquiry in opposing the application by Tesco to build a food supermarket on the playing fields at Bar End. Whether Tesco saw the writing on the wall or for some other reason, Tesco withdrew its application. We must now hope that some other company does not purchase the land from Tesco and attempt to set up some other non-recreational enterprise on the same site.

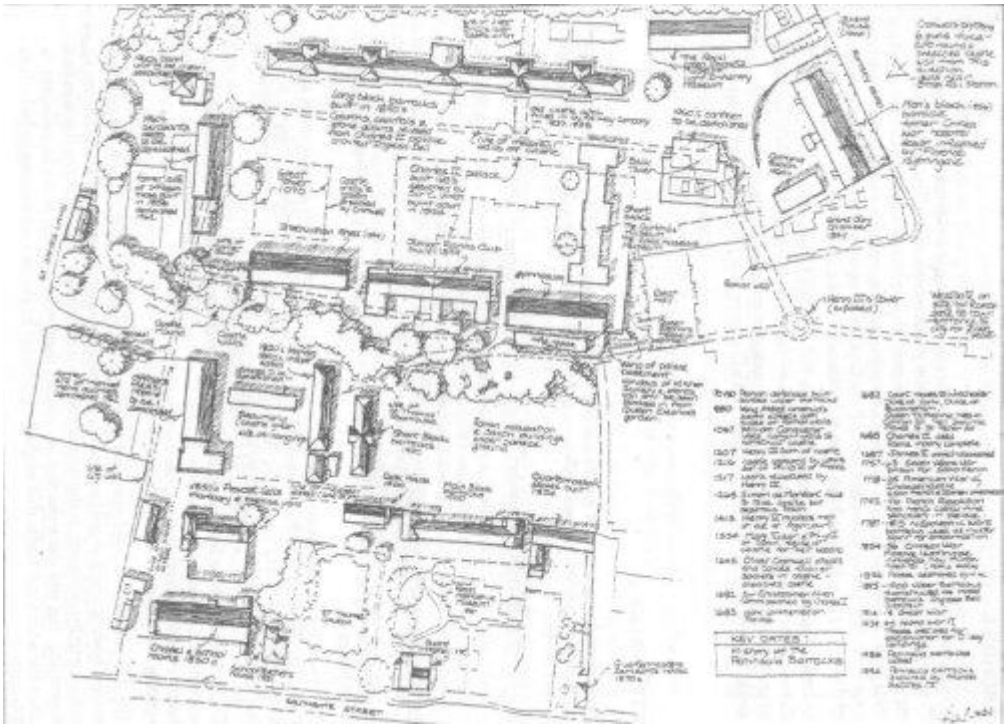
On the debit side, I am afraid that we still remain somewhat frustrated by the City's lack of financial and human resources devoted to landscaping. For example, the tree-planting provision made for the whole 260 square miles comprising the Winchester District scarcely amounts to £5000. In addition, there are repeated cases where developers and property owners have ridden rough-shod over the regulations for the maintenance of trees, shrubs and landscaping. Due to enforcement procedure errors or the weak drafting of conditions there appears to be no action that can be taken against law-breakers. The Trust will continue to strive for improvements.

Internally, we have now bought specialised storage facilities so that we are on track to catalogue and store our archives properly, and also to set up our photographic library of the ever-changing Winchester street-scene. The environmental awareness programme for schools, under the Chippindale Venture, is proceeding well. The Heritage Centre is reporting increased numbers of visitors, increased sales in the shop, and good use being made of the meeting rooms.

Our finances, under the control of our Hon. Treasurer Iain Thomson, are in good order, and our membership numbers are being maintained. All membership records have now been transferred to the new computer, under the guidance of the Secretary of the Trust, Flavia Bateson.

In summary, I think that we can safely assure ourselves that the Trust is succeeding in the achievement of many of its objectives due to the energy and enthusiasm of its active committees and individual workers, supported by you the members. This is a matter for great satisfaction, and I express my grateful thanks to those who voluntarily give their time and skills to the work of the Trust. We must be ever vigilant for events and proposals that are against the best interests of our City, and bring them to notice so that the Trust can influence the future to build on our historic past.

Antony Skinner Chairman



History of Peninsula Barracks - cartoon drawn by Huw Thomas

Archives - Trust Annual Report 1994

It has been decided to separate the Trust Archives from our collection of photographs. From now on the Archives will consist of the paper records of the Trust, including past reports, newsletters, minutes, interesting records, and reports and documents concerned with projects and events in which the Trust took a great interest. For example, we recently found the details of the ill-fated Inner Ring Road, the opposition to which became one of the factors which caused the Trust to be founded in the first place.

In order to assist cataloguing and storage, we have declared a small room in the Heritage Centre as the archive centre, and we have purchased simple storage facilities to enable us to set it up. If any member would like to donate any records of interest to the Trust, we would be very grateful to receive them, and will ensure that they are properly cared for.

Rosemary Kinnaird-Smith
Chairman, Archives Committee

City Walks - Trust Annual Report 1994

A successful programme of guided summer evening walks around the City has included my tour of Hyde, Winchester College with Michael Bullen and Peninsula Barracks with Huw Thomas.

It is hoped to increase the number of walks during the summer of 1995.

Nick McPherson
Walks Co-ordinator

Development Control - Trust Annual Report 1994

It could be said that on the whole this has been a good year for Development Control in Winchester.

There will be no Tesco superstore at Bar End and no high-density development at the Peninsula Barracks site. But, it remains to be seen what will eventually happen at Bar End and whether some bending of the proposals of the original conservation scheme for the Barracks will become necessary on grounds of economic viability.

On Romsey Road the Butterfield Block of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital stands resplendent, several elegant shades lighter after its cleaning and refurbishment, and the hospital's multi-storey carpark has been built. It should now be possible to park when visiting the hospital - but at a price.

The M3 is nearing completion and the City's experimental Park & Ride scheme has started, both of which should eventually improve the environment of the central area by reducing traffic, although at the time of writing it is too early to say whether this is in fact happening. But will the reduction of vehicles these schemes may bring be sufficient to offset the additional traffic that might be generated by the new superstores to be built at Winnall ?

There are fewer vacant shops in the centre of Winchester and thankfully it is not only building societies that are filling the empty properties. As a result there has been a crop of ill-conceived and badly designed signs and fascias with little or no consideration for either the building or the street into which they are to be placed, and discussing these applications takes a surprisingly large amount of the viewing panels' time. It could be argued that such signs are only a passing phase in a building's life and that time should not be wasted on ephemera, but do we really want the atmosphere of Winchester's High Street to emulate that of, say, Edgware Road in London? A gradual slide into something similar is what could happen if unsuitable sign and fascia applications are not contested to prevent undesirable precedents being set for the central Conservation Area.

Much of planning control is concerned with the setting of precedents, of which a good example is the influx of building societies into the High Street that occurred once the Abbey National won its appeal to open up in the Pentice stretch of this central area.

That was a precedent of which the City and the Trust were only too well aware but there are some that slip by almost unnoticed and others that arise by default.

A good example of how something becomes established without anyone really noticing is the ubiquitous velux window, the opening roof-light that has become part of our built environment during the past thirty years or so. It is a wonderful invention that allows use to be made of attic rooms that were previously only good for box-rooms, which has the bonus of adding a little extra room height and being much cheaper than a dormer window. It is therefore not surprising that velux windows have become very popular and, because they are relatively inconspicuous, their installation has become an accepted fact of life, helped by recent relaxations in the regulations controlling alterations to private houses in Conservation Areas. The drawback of this useful window is that its installation is usually only perceived in terms of how it will benefit the internal use of a house, and little consideration is given to how it looks externally. The ease of installation has led to a proliferation of velux windows that pimple the roofscape of Winchester like a rash and this could have a disastrous visual affect in areas such as Hyde, where there are many terraced houses.

Much of the charm of the Hyde terraces lies in their uniformity, and the random placing of differently sized roof windows breaks the rhythm of this uniformity. This unsatisfactory state of affairs is now being compounded by the fire regulations which require an escape route for rooms in the roof via an exit on the front elevation. The Trust is very concerned about the damaging consequences that this could have on Winchester's attractive roofscape.

At this stage there is no possibility of bottling this particular genie: the precedent for having velux windows in the roof was set many years ago without our noticing or thinking about it. But in Conservation Areas at the very least, the Trust would like to see the Planners giving some thought to the positioning of these windows to ensure that they relate to other external features of the house, such as chimneys and the windows below and, if the house is in a terrace, to the features of the neighbouring houses, many of which may already have installed velux windows.

Another precedent at present being established without much discussion or apparent thought is the destruction of front gardens as a consequence of the proposed parking restrictions in residential areas. While the Trust applauds the efforts to reduce the use of residential streets for commuter parking, a knock-on effect is that wherever a householder has sufficient front land, this area will now become a hard surface to accommodate the resident's car free of charge. The questions then remain: Is this environmentally beneficial for Winchester in the long term? Could a way be found of preventing the loss of front gardens in this way, especially in Conservation Areas?

An example of a precedent that could be set by default is Edmonds Lodge in Christchurch Road that was under threat of demolition at the time of our Summer Newsletter. The house in question has been used for student accommodation and is admitted to be structurally sound. This should be sufficient to preserve the building because the Area Local Plan states the consent for demolition would not normally be granted unless the building is wholly beyond repair or incapable of beneficial use. It was said by the applicant, a developer, that it would not be economically viable to refurbish this Victorian house for residential use, and the officers concurred. The Trust would also agree that this is so for someone other than a private purchaser

because of the cost of servicing the advance finance that would be required. It does, however, question whether a desirable precedent would be set if, for the first time in twenty years in this particular part of the Conservation Area, a developer is allowed to demolish a house that would be viable for a private purchaser to modernise, especially as recent speedy sales in this area indicate that private acquisitions of similar properties are very viable indeed.

Other houses in this area currently being used for student accommodation are likely to come on to the market in the future and could fall into the same category of uneconomic refurbishment. The Trust feels very strongly that to allow this house to be demolished and replaced with a higher-density development of four terraced houses would set an extremely dangerous precedent.

The Trust will therefore be actively supporting the Planning Committee's refusal for this scheme at the public inquiry due to take place in December, because it considers that the decision reached then will be crucial for the future of Conservation Areas in Winchester and the surrounding districts.

Shione Carden
Chairman Development Control Committee

Heritage Centre - Trust Annual Report 1994

Looking back over past annual reports one can see how far the Heritage Centre has come since its inception in 1983. In many ways 1994 has been very significant; the Centre has been heavily involved in the efforts of the City and County to mark the D-Day commemorations, and it featured in much of the publicity. Our visitor numbers have increased to figures undreamed of a few years ago. We now have a very close relationship with the City Tourist Group, and this benefits the Centre as we are able to provide an introduction to the City by means of our video and exhibition. It is only through continual publicity that we are able to flourish.

By opening the Centre on Saturday mornings during the winter, we were able to give the public a personal point of contact with the Trust, and also we were able to display the contrasting high-density and low-density schemes for Peninsula Barracks. The Centre acted as a focal point for the signing of a petition to support the SAVE Conservation Scheme for the development of the Barracks. In the spring, in conjunction with the Hampshire Chronicle, we ran a photographic identification competition organised by Alan Cooke and Tony Hunter. The Editor of the Hampshire Chronicle was so impressed by the response to the competition that he has indicated that he would like to run a further competition in 1995. Unfortunately the usual Half-term Heritage Quiz for schoolchildren coincided with the coldest and wettest week of spring, and was not well supported. However, nothing daunted, we will run the competition again in the late autumn of 1994.

The principal exhibition of 1994 was "Winchester at War", portraying the civilian aspects of 1944 wartime Winchester. Trust member Rodney Youngman mounted the exhibition. He started his collection of artefacts by retrieving his parents' identity

cards from the dustbin at the tender age of four years old! Accompanied by the Mayor of Winchester, the exhibition was opened by Lord Montgomery (the son of "Monty") on 20 May. Lord Montgomery was a boy at Winchester College in 1944. Our thanks go to Mr Youngman and the team of helpers and promoters of the exhibition, and also to the King Alfred Bus Company who provided their 63-year old Dennis bus to transport the opening party to and from Abbey House. Later the Centre was visited by the American Veterans of the 9th Division on their way to Normandy.

October 1994 saw the Heritage Centre joining forces with the Southern Section of the Chartered Institute of Transport to commemorate their 50th anniversary with a "Celebration of Winchester Transport". Once again, this was a further example of a local branch of a Professional Institute using the Centre to show the activities of their organisation.

It is planned that the winter openings of the Centre will start with an exhibition to publicise the twinning venture between Winchester and the French city of Laon.

1994 will be a hard year to follow after the enthusiasm of the D-Day activities, but we hope to put on a Winchester-oriented exhibition of photographs taken in the 1960s by one of the City's best known professional photographers of that period.

During the year we lost our good friend John Balchin, who, during the financially critical days of the refurbishment of the Centre, succeeded in raising much needed funds by means of book sales. We are delighted that his widow, Eunice Balchin, has agreed to continue the sales, with the next sale planned for 19 November 1994 - so please let us have those unwanted books!

Behind the scenes, the day to day administration of the Centre has been taken on by George Burnett. Joy Williams, the former Manager of the Centre and enthusiastic supporter for many years has now left Winchester; we wish her every success. Also, Jeffrey Smith, a founder member of the Trust and a former Chairman, has retired from the Heritage Centre Management Committee. Making financial ends meet is always a problem; our Hon. Treasurer Iain Thomson gives unstintingly of his time to ensure that we meet our financial targets. Work has been carried out to improve the physical security of the Centre and also to install storage arrangements for archives and photographs. The licence arrangements with the City Council, who are the owners of the Centre, have been renewed for a further year, and we are again grateful to the City Council for a grant to help offset our rent charges.

The Centre is in almost continual use during the daytime and evenings and members of the Trust are particularly welcome to visit the Centre, either during regular opening hours, or at other times by arrangement with the Manager.

Chris Webb
Chairman, Heritage Centre Management Committee

The City's trees have figured prominently in the deliberations and actions of the committee during the last twelve months. The danger posed by disease to the magnificent copper beech in Eastgate Street at the time of writing the last annual report proved to be all too real and it was felled last September. The slightly battered but still splendid chestnut tree which had stood at the Five Corners end of Tower Street for much more than a century was declared unsafe and taken down in March and a fine beech in Petersfield Road was removed on the same grounds early in the summer. In June the County Council felled one of the silver maples planted in 1977 outside its headquarters at Queen Elizabeth II Court to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The Trust is firmly of the opinion that, with the co-operation of the highway authority, the tree in Petersfield Road could have been made safe and it objected vigorously to the felling of the silver maple which it considered arbitrary in the extreme. It accepted the loss of the chestnut but was very disappointed that in spite of entreaties by the Trust the owner of Tower Court refused to plant a new tree to replace it. Happily, the City Council has now belatedly taken enforcement action on replacement.

The committee is pleased to report that the City Council was persuaded to adopt a plan prepared by Gillian Bauer to make good the loss of the copper beech in Eastgate Street by the planting of limes on the opposite corner of Friarsgate. A number of difficulties had to be overcome but the first of the trees were planted in the spring, with the Trust making a significant contribution to the cost of the work. This initiative has led to all concerned agreeing to meet in mid summer each year to agree on a tree planting programme for the coming autumn and winter, co-ordinating all aspects of the work entailed. Encouraged by this success the committee suggested to the Trust Council that a sum for tree planting should be included in future annual budgets and was delighted at the very generous response of £1,000 for the current year.

Last year the committee reported its undertaking to survey all the trees within the area bounded by the former walls of the City. The work has progressed steadily and is now well on the way to completion. The number and variety of trees recorded has been extremely revealing. Several unusual species have been found and some quite exceptional specimens noted. When work began a total of a thousand trees was not anticipated, but in the event it will almost certainly be exceeded.

Throughout the year the week by week monitoring and commenting on planning applications to fell or prune (mutilate!) trees has gone on. This invariably requires an inspection to be made on site before a comment or objection can be written and the time this takes up can be considerable.

The City Council's repairing and traffic calming schemes have included work on the south side of Romsey Road as far as St James Lane, the High Street end of Staple Gardens, Middle Brook Street and Stanmore Lane. The committee's criticism of the replacement of old and weathered natural materials by coloured and textured concrete kerbs and blocks continues to fall on deaf ears it seems. This is despite the publication by English Heritage of an excellent leaflet warning of the damage such replacement has done to historic areas. Under foot, cities and towns throughout Britain are beginning to look all too increasingly alike.

On a happier note, the Committee was pleased to be invited by the City Engineer to be involved in the selection of new seats in the High Street to replace the rather crude ones which the Tour de France cycle race necessitated moving. The new seats of robust but not inelegant design have now been in place for several weeks and have attracted favourable comment.

Signs unfortunately continue to proliferate. The one way system introduced in the High Street required more than a dozen extra signs and particularly bad examples have appeared between St George's Street and the south end of Parchment Street. The coming into being of the new Healthcare Trust has led to sheer anarchy in Romsey Road with the replacement of the admirably designed and co-ordinated black and white sign system of the former authority by weakly lettered signs in marzipan colours or aggressively lettered signs in strident blue and white in a very unhappy mixture.

Looking to the future and to conclude with some optimism: as this is being written, the old by pass is being broken up and the work to recreate the lower slopes of St Catherine's Hill and reunite it with the ancient landscape of the Itchen Valley has begun. It will be some years before the results will be mature enough to be fully appreciated but the possibility of an area of beauty and lasting value being gained is very great. What must not now be lost is the opportunity to create at Bar End a fitting gateway to Winchester from the south off the completed M3.

Michael Morris
Chairman, Landscape Committee

Local Government Review - Trust Annual Report 1994

The Trust made its submission to the Local Government Commission for England in January 1994. Although the Trust did not, at that time, recommend a preferred option for the future of local government in Hampshire, the submission highlighted those requirements for local government that were relevant to the work and sphere of interest of the Trust. These were:-

- a sufficiently large and expert planning department to handle completely the needs of Winchester
- adequate funding for the proper care of the City's character, including increased grant aid for historic buildings
- improved management of roads, traffic and parking, and better provision for planting and open spaces
- insurance that the economy and status of Winchester will not suffer from any changes that take place
- secure provision for the continuance of the present high standards of the records and museum services

Since the Trust also expressed misgivings as to whether these requirements could be adequately met under a unitary system, and also the high cost of radical changes,

it could be interpreted that the Trust was advocating the maintenance of the status quo, but with significant improvements.

The Trust received the Commission's Draft Recommendations for Hampshire in July 1994. This gave the primary option of maintaining the two-tier County Council/District Council system, but excluding Portsmouth and Southampton. The second option was seven single-tier unitary authorities, including Winchester in a large central Hampshire authority stretching from Andover to Petersfield.

Having studied the Draft Recommendations, the Trust made its second submission in August 1994 in which we supported the first option of an improved two-tier system, identifying traffic and the development of land owned by the County Council as being two areas where improvements were essential.

The Trust also took the opportunity to comment on the need for a Winchester Town Council, as the equivalent of the Parish Councils in rural areas. After studying the three-tier system operating in Chichester (County Council/District Council/Town Council) and reflecting back on the pre-1974 Winchester Town Council, the Trust recommended that there should be two tiers - neither more nor less. If the County Council remained, then there should not be a Winchester Town Council, but if Winchester became part of a unitary system, then there would be an urgent need for a Town Council.

Antony Skinner Chairman

Photographic Library - Trust Annual Report 1994

The Trust has decided to set up a Photographic Library, containing photographic records of the Winchester street-scene dating back to the turn of the twentieth century or even before, leading up to the present day and adding to it as the street-scene changes.

Work is continuing on the careful cataloguing and storing of the small collection of past photographs of Winchester that has been collected by the Trust over the years in a rather haphazard manner.

The County Records Office and the Winchester City Museums Service have offered advice, especially in relation to the most appropriate depositories for some of the original material (from which copies will be made), whilst attention is also being paid to the Laws of Copyright which recently came into effect as to the rights of ownership and reproduction.

With regard to current and future photographs there is no comprehensive ongoing record of Winchester that we know of, and there have been many occasions when such a library would have been very useful.

We envisage that the first batch of current photographs will be complete by the end of 1994. To start with we have concentrated on recording the streets approximately

within the line of the City walls. There are also some areas outside the walls, such as the new line of the M3, and at Bar End, where one might reasonably expect changes once the motorway is completed. When the initial photographs are in place, we hope to build up the library by adding "before-and-after" shots of new development, road pedestrianisation, and important changes to buildings.

There will eventually be about 5,000 photographs as slides, this being the size of the new storage cabinet that the Trust has purchased to house the collection. It is intended that the collection should be in triplicate; one slide for use, the second in case of loss, and the third being deposited at the County Records Office for use only in very special circumstances.

It is hoped that the library will not only be available to members of the Trust, but also to lecturers, teachers, architects, planners, landscape architects and other local organisations. Obviously, as the collection grows both in size and age, it will become more valuable.

We are proposing to make a small charge for borrowing slides in order to offset costs, but the success of the scheme will largely depend on finding a voluntary custodian to administer the Photographic Library.

Keith Leaman/Rosemary Kinnaird-Smith

Projects - Trust Annual Report 1994

The past year has been one of behind the scenes activity for the Projects group. The purpose of the group is to help maintain the character of our city by highlighting the need to conserve existing details, replace lost ones, or to bring something new to enhance a specific location.

Over the last twelve months, we have been involved in various examples of the above projects.

For instance, the fabric shop in Chesil Street wished to place a hanging sign on their building, but initially planned a plywood sign. We encouraged them to have a sign made using blacksmithing methods, which would be more in keeping with their location. This is currently in production and we look forward to seeing the result.

In another part of the city, a private householder has a mid-Victorian house, with an original set of boundary railings in need of repair. We have evaluated the condition of the railings and have consulted various artist metalworkers, who are assessing the cost of repairs. When these are received, a grant application can be made to the local authorities and a package of grants put together to help preserve these railings for the future.

Potentially the largest project under consideration concerns the fountain in St George's Street. We had been planning to help brighten up this area by organising a design competition to design a new fountain/water sculpture to replace the existing

rather sad fountain. This whole area is now subject to the landscaping planned in association with the new Help Centre in the Casson Building and we have been privileged to be consulted by the architects at an early stage. This project is currently moving forward in conjunction with the Trust's Landscape group.

I would like to thank the eight members of the projects team, who have patiently given their time over the last year. I would also like to encourage all Trust members to put forward suggestions for projects large or small.

Antony Feltham-King
Chairman Projects Committee

Traffic - Trust Annual Report 1994

The Trust's role in 1994 has been to monitor the activities of the combined County Council/City Council Winchester Movement and Access Panel and the City Traffic and Engineering Committee, particularly where their decisions might concern the character of the City, or the need to have a reasonably efficient City which is also a pleasant place in which to live.

The constricting geography of Winchester, sitting as it does in the valley of the Itchen River, does not simplify the management of traffic. However, the Trust has always believed that the unpredictability of human behaviour when faced by new traffic or parking controls leads to a need to experiment before finalising new traffic schemes. In support of this cause, the Trust has supported experimentation with traffic-calming, one-way systems, Park and Ride and public transport as a means of finding out what does and what does not work, or what is acceptable to the local resident, shopper and motorist, and what is not.

At the time of writing there are so many balls in the air that it is difficult for the Trust to take a line. The M3 is partially open, the pilot Park and Ride scheme has recently started, inter-related traffic-calming measures are not yet complete, and an important experimental one-way system is settling down, and is showing success in some important areas but is causing difficulties in others.

With regard to the M3, although the Trust is closely watching its effect on City traffic flows, especially Gamier Road when it is reopened, the primary work of the Trust is concerned with the landscaping of the approaches to the city.

Antony Skinner Chairman

Urban Studies - Trust Annual Report 1994

We have now added a Chippindale Workshop course to the Chippindale Venture which has been going for just over five years.

The Workshop is a one day course on the built environment and generally accepts about 100 pre-GCSE students. The most recent course took place at Henry Beaufort School where the students were asked to assume that their school was made redundant and to explore new uses for the site, as well as evaluating whether buildings should be kept or new ones added. The students were divided up into teams with one architect in charge of the team with advice being given by planners and landscape architects. A final critique was given on selected schemes by an outside panel.

Although the Workshop is not as comprehensive as the Venture, more students can be catered for and many of the benefits still apply. The course also allows GCSE students to participate, as the one day exercise can he squeezed into their busy schedules, unlike the Venture scheme which takes up more time. The Chippindale Venture is therefore aimed at younger students.

Teachers have been surprised at the associated benefits for students, for example the improvement of negotiating and debating abilities, together with the improvement of presentation skills. They also quickly develop an ability to interface with a large number of outside consultants previously unknown to them.

We understand that all who take part in these schemes find them invigorating, often inspirational and tiring - for it stretches everybody's abilities!

The next Workshop is this autumn and the Chippindale Venture early next summer.

Keith Leaman
Chairman Urban Studies Committee

Hon. Treasurer's Report for the year ended 30th April 1994 - Trust Annual Report 1994

The profit on the ordinary activities for the year was £1,069 compared with £1,330 in 1993 as follows:

		1994		1993
Preservation Trust		2925		2810
Heritage Centre - general	(2485)		(2005)	
Heritage Centre - shop	629	(1856)	525	(1480)
Profit		1069		1330

The Trust Surplus of £2,925 included in Income a legacy of £1,000 from the late Mrs Phyllis Pare, and on Expenditure a grant of £2,500 to Save Britain's Heritage (SAVE) towards the ultimately successful campaign in support of the Conservation Scheme for Peninsula Barracks.

The Heritage Centre loss of £1,856, after taking into consideration the contribution from the shop of £629, would have been lower if the cost of the burglaries of over

£700 had been excluded. Apart from this, actual costs and income were close to budget for the year.

The overall surplus for the year of £1,069 together with an exceptional item of a gain on the sale of an investment of £11,404 increase the Trust's accumulated reserves to £214,552.

The schedules detail the Consolidated Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Accounts of the Trust and Heritage Centre.

Copies of the Statutory Accounts are available for inspection at the Heritage Centre.

Iain Thomson Hon. Treasurer

Heritage Centre Officers - Trust Annual Report 1994

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