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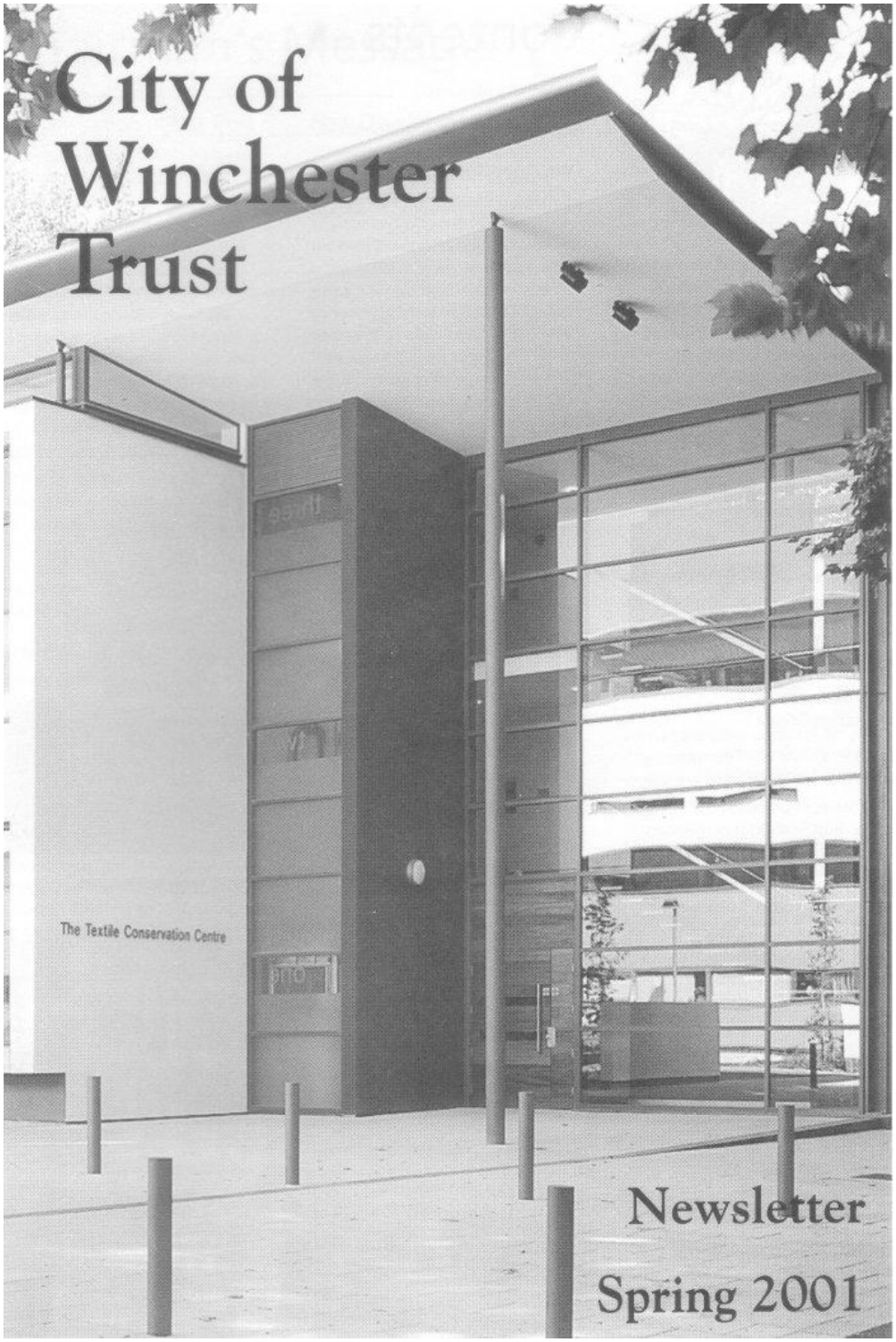


Textile Conversation Centre, Park Avenue

Chairman's Message - TrustNews Spring 2001

Administration of the Trust



The Post Office , Middle Brook St
1960, the site soon to be redeveloped

At an Extraordinary General Meeting held after the Annual General Meeting in November last year, the proposal to change the name of the Trust to "**The City of Winchester Trust**" was adopted by the membership. I know that a number of people were unhappy about the proposed change and several well reasoned arguments were deployed and fears expressed. When it was put to the vote there was a clear majority for the proposed change that was then formally adopted.

At the same meeting the draft of the revised Memorandum and Articles of Association was also adopted. The revised document had been approved by The Charity Commissioners prior to the meeting and has since been lodged with Companies House.

The Council of the Trust

We are pleased to welcome Huw Thomas to the Trust's Council. He is a well known local architect and amongst his many achievements, he was responsible for the sensitive and successful development of a major part of Peninsula Barracks.



The Post Office , Middle Brook St
2000, the site soon to be redeveloped

I also have to report that David Atwell has resigned from the Council on his appointment as chairman of the City Council's Planning and Transportation Policy Review Committee. He has been an invaluable member of the Trust's Council and it is hoped he will offer himself for re-election when his other duties permit.

It is with sadness and regret that I have to report the death of our former Treasurer, William Winterton. He served the Trust from 1996 to 1998. As a chartered accountant he was able to prepare the Trust's accounts and balance sheet without recourse to outside help. He did not charge for this service, for which we are all very grateful. We send his family our sincere condolences and our sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

New Developments

A new trend in development is becoming apparent. Developers are seeking significant areas of land in the suburbs and within the boundary of the built area of the City. In some respects this is to be welcomed as this policy will help to take some of the pressure off greenfield sites on the perimeter. The downside is that these sites will often lack a proper infrastructure, particularly when it comes to provision for access to and egress from sites surrounded by older, mature developments. A case in point is the proposed development at 'Salters', just off Salters Lane and adjacent to Harestock Corner crossroads on the busy Stockbridge Road. The increase in traffic generated by the proposed development will have a big impact on traffic in the area and on the narrow tree-lined Salters Lane, which here so emphatically marks the western limit of the built area of the City. At present the capacity of the lane is inadequate to serve this development and any 'improvements' will be detrimental to the environment.

If the only development in this area was to be that at 'Salters', the situation might be containable. However the site occupied by the Wyke Mark Senior Citizens Home, adjacent to the junction of Salters Lane and Old Dean Lane is also to be developed and no doubt other sites will appear as time goes on. This will exert even more pressure on an inadequate road system. The other issue which may exacerbate the lack of a road infrastructure is the need to ensure high density development and the best use of the available capacity of these sites.



Millennium Plaque - Winchester College Community Service
and St Bede Primary School, Design Awards

The Trust is very concerned at the policy implications of developments of this nature in areas with an infrastructure that in its present form cannot sustain them without damage to the environment. The Planning Authority must take the lead here and formulate policies to cope with these new pressures. The Trust has asked the Chief Planning Officer for a meeting to discuss the matter with himself and other officers.

With all the other pressures on our City it promises to be an interesting year. We will keep you informed as other issues arise. My best wishes for the year ahead.

R.B.Merton, Chairman

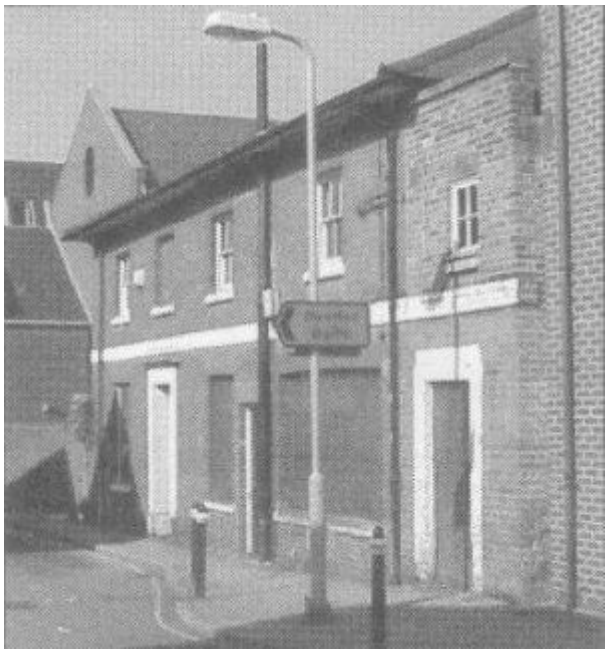
Development Control Committee - TrustNews Spring 2001



Garnier Road Pumping Station

Some schemes have been kicking around for so long that they almost seem part of the furniture. These include the **Garnier Road Pumping Station**, where last autumn the conversion to residential units was refused by the City. The applicants went to appeal, which was not allowed, and they are now proposing that the Pumping Station should be converted to office use. This seems a more appropriate use, especially as it is now intended that the alterations to the interior will mostly consist of a free-standing structure accessed by new staircases. The structure will be set back from the windows so that if the new floors cut across them it would not be apparent from outside. This treatment also allows the roof structure (and the crane which is apparently to be kept) to be seen, so retaining some feeling of the original internal spaces.

Another is the residential development on the site of **75-79 Eastgate Street**, where a scheme which satisfactorily retains the listed Mildmay has recently got planning permission. The proposed new buildings are a mixture of 'period' terraces and contemporary smaller buildings, including one reminiscent of a boat house, which should make an interesting addition to the river frontage.



26-27 Staple Gardens
formerly 'New Inn'

The development at **New Inn, 26-27 Staple Gardens** and the adjoining **Blanchard's Yard** is also still with us, and since the scheme was given planning permission last summer it has been sold on to another developer who has apparently discovered that the old Blanchard buildings are beyond repair. It remains to be seen whether this is actually the case.

Following permission granted last September, activity is evident behind the fence on the **Evans Halshaw site, Hyde Street**, where following archaeological investigations, the existing structures are being demolished to make way for this interesting residential development. Less signs of life can be seen on the site of Bereweeke House, which had been given the go-ahead before last year's Spring Newsletter was published. The old house is no longer there, but work on the block of flats has yet to start, though the sign on the site says flats will be available for sale this autumn.

Sadly, another old house is also to be demolished, despite our efforts to prevent its destruction. The applicants went to appeal following the City's refusal to grant permission for the scheme proposed at **52 St Cross Road**, which was discussed in our last Summer Newsletter. The appeal was allowed by the inspector, and soon three new houses will appear on the site. Fortunately the fears raised in the same Newsletter about the "Lutyens-style family house" were unfounded: Salters, Salters Lane, has remained in single occupancy, though with a smaller garden.

The *Hampshire Chronicle* was quoted as saying that the City Council had indicated that up to 16 homes could be built on the remaining **land at Salters** - how wrong this was! The development at present being considered for the site consists of no less than 42 units, twelve of which are proposed to be in the form of detached 5-bedroom houses. The Trust has no quarrel with the density proposed, if this will help to preserve the setting of Winchester, and would probably accept a higher density, provided the layout was satisfactory and if the infrastructure problems mentioned by the Chairman elsewhere in the Newsletter could be resolved. The developers gave the Trust a presentation of their proposals, which was useful in helping us to understand the scheme, and it was clear they were endeavouring to fulfil the requirements laid down in the City's draft consultation document *Achieving a Better Mix in New Housing Developments*. This aims at reducing the shortage of housing available in the Winchester District to those on low and relatively low incomes, and complies with the Government advice given in the Planning Policy Guidance Note, PPG3. While the Trust fully supports these aims, it is felt the requirement that 50% of the units should be social housing (ie small 1- and 2-bedroom units) which includes 30% affordable (ie subsidised) units should not be enforced willy-nilly on every site as a matter of principle. What is appropriate in the city-centre, where shopping, other services, and transport to out-of-town facilities are close at hand, is not necessarily right for a site such as this on the out-skirts of Winchester. From the developer's point of view this enforced requirement for low-cost housing has to be off-set by building enough high-cost units to make the scheme commercially viable, which results here with twelve detached 5-bedroom houses and a layout that neither makes best use of the site nor provides a sense of community. Providing adequate access for vehicles could also jeopardise the important belt of trees and rural character of Salters Lane, and the Trust has therefore objected to the scheme currently proposed for this site.

It is good to be able to respond positively to another development proposed for this area on the outskirts of Winchester. The Trust has also had a presentation of the proposed English Courtyard development on **the site of Wyke Mark**, prior to the planning application being made. This site adjoins that of the Salters development, but will be accessed from Dean Lane. Only one garage is allocated for each of these units for retired and elderly people, and based on the evidence from other English Courtyard developments it seems that little use would be made of their cars. In this case it is proposed there would be a minibus for the residents, which should reduce the amount of additional traffic. It was clear that a lot of careful thought had taken place during the preparatory stages before embarking upon the design of the buildings and the landscape of the surrounding grounds. This has resulted in a layout that retains about 90% of the existing trees and makes good use of the site to achieve a higher density than that proposed on the Salters site without any feeling of overcrowding. It is also a welcome relief to be fairly confident that the quality of the buildings and landscaping will be to the high Standard indicated, for all too often the final quality of development falls below the standard stated in the original proposals.

We wish that **Orange Personal Communications Plc** would be as caring for our local environment, but it seems from recent applications that this had no importance when they were choosing sites for their installations in **Kyneglis Road, Lanham Lane and Byron Avenue**, all of which would be very detrimental to the local street-scene. Is this really what we want to happen in Winchester?.

Shione Carden

Design Awards 2000 - TrustNews Spring 2001

Chairman of the Panel David Rock PPRIBA FCSD HonAIA



Organiser of the Design Awards 2000, Gill Collymore
with Chairman of the panel, David Rock at the presentation

It is not unusual for Jury Chairmen (or women) in any selection process to state that the level of entries or competitors was high, and how difficult it was to come to a decision –but it really was so in this case. There could easily have been five Awards. To those without an Award, and they will know who they are, I remind them that Schemes can be entered twice.

There must be few places the size of Winchester, and larger, which could produce a crop of such high quality. It is no exaggeration to say that this year's Panel had to judge by national standards rather than local or even regional. The few critical comments made by the Panel in its printed commentary must be taken in relation to that high level.

It is worth explaining the process of selection, as it was taken seriously, as befitting the quality of the best entries. The Panel met having already studied details of the entries distributed to them beforehand. They then visited all of the buildings over a long day. The whole of the next morning was spent in discussing, marking and agreeing the Awards and Commendations. Talking again of high standards, we were very conscious that one of our Commendations had already received a national Award and was in the running for something higher, the Stirling Prize.


The Jury at work

Our criteria, as given in the Award Conditions, was to recognise quality in the design of the scheme. This covered the interior and exterior (if it were a building); its contribution to its context; how it fitted its intended purpose and the buildings users; and how it responded to its client's budget; as well as several other factors. We were somewhat disappointed at the comparatively low number of entries, especially in the smaller project categories such as extensions, shopfronts, signs, landscaping, paving – all important in contributing to the urban scene.

I have read several of the Trust's Newsletters recording, inter alia, the work done by its members for Winchester. This seems exemplary, and especially true in the field of development control – that is, commenting firmly on planning applications. It must be very encouraging to see successful results of the Trust's extensive work. There was one such example in this year's entries – Denstone House in Christchurch Road which gained a worthy Commendation. The Trust's campaign, including financial outlay, to save the House had this happy ending.

But it must not be forgotten how much contribution to a scheme is often made by Council Officers, whether in the form of planning briefs, master planning and/or ongoing comments during the pre-(and sometimes post!)-application consultation process. I believe that a consultant Town Architect, a concept I championed during my recent RIBA Presidency, can contribute a great deal to this process and to many other ways of improving a town, city or village.

I am a great admirer of the Trust's work and congratulate it on its achievements, as I do the Award winners and Commendations. I have been very happy to help in these Year 2000 Awards.

Award : Category 1, New Buildings

Textile Conservation Centre, Winchester School of Art architecture plb


Textile Conservation Centre, Winchester School of Art

This is an international centre for textile conservation and for the education of curators and conservators. Recent projects include the treatment of archaeological textiles from Peru; a survey of ecclesiastical textiles in Winchester Cathedral; and treatment of Mae West's sofas designed by Salvador Dali.

The Panel considered this building outstanding for many reasons – its clean, simple design, both internally and externally; the nicely articulated three-dimensional elements of the facades; and the elegant recessed entrance. The planning is logical, while materials and building form are well controlled. A limited selection of colours and consistent detailing, inside and out, provide further unity. The double-height galleries for viewing work in progress through extensive glazing from a high level corridor are especially successful. There was slight concern over some pattern staining on the soffit of the recessed entrance canopy, but this is a minor incident in a particularly successful building, whose quality befits its international status as a centre for textile conservation.

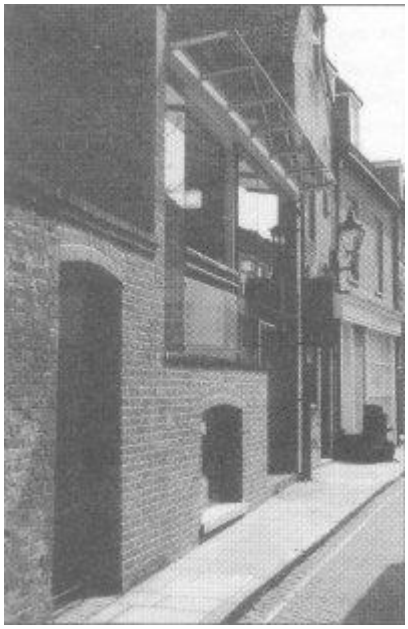
Award : Category 2, Refurbishment

Slug and Lettuce, 12 + 13 The Square Edwards Rogers Associates Ltd

The Panel were again unanimous in giving this conversion, renovation and extension an Award. An existing building facing The Square has been extensively remodelled, with a new extension – the conservatory –replacing smaller buildings along Little Minster Street at the rear. The bold, modern handling of the conservatory, the biggest design intervention, fits beautifully into Little Minster Street, and comes as a breath of fresh air along that street. It fully repays to the street what was lost by the building it replaced, and both preserves and enhances the character of the Conservation Area. Although structural problems have had to be overcome in the existing building, and some decisions with regard to the historic fabric might have been better resolved, the overall result is a clean, spare solution, particularly in the handling of the shop front and the stair detailing. Covering up or recessing the tangle of wires running across the facade in The Square would complete the improvement. Special congratulations should go to the City Council for allowing this modern extension in the historic city centre.



Slug and Lettuce, 12-13 The Square



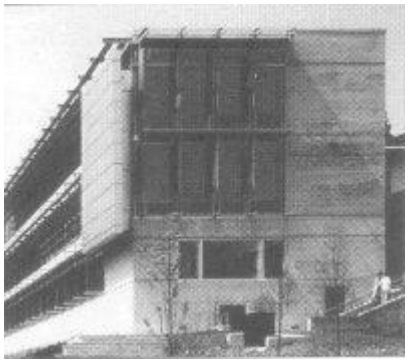
Slug and Lettuce, Little Minster St



Slug and Lettuce, Interior

Commendation : Category 1

Martial Rose Library Extension, King Alfred's College Feilden Clegg Bradley Architects.

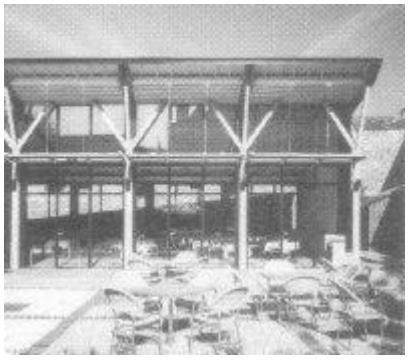


Martial Rose Library Extension
King Alfred's College

This is a fine, bold, thoroughly modern and welcome addition to the diverse collection of buildings at King Alfred's College. The large extension, virtually a new building in its own right, sits alongside an existing building, and is so organised that the floor levels and planning run effortlessly between the old and new. The new interiors are tranquil and well detailed. A coloured glass sculpture, which runs through the centre of the new main staircase, further helps to unify the various levels and the two buildings. The dramatic and extensively glazed, south-facing facade, which demands the extensive use of deep, external, horizontal louvres and cleaning decks, and translucent internal screening, was the subject of much Panel discussion. The contrast between the large expanse of glazing and the unusually broad brick plinth was particularly enjoyed.

While recognising that this is a splendid design essay, fit for its purpose and of a national standard, some doubt remained about the scale and size of the building in relation to its site and context, even allowing for the new planting which will gradually soften and meld the building into its surroundings. It is hoped, too, that time will resolve the extensive staining of the brickwork.

Commendation : Category 1

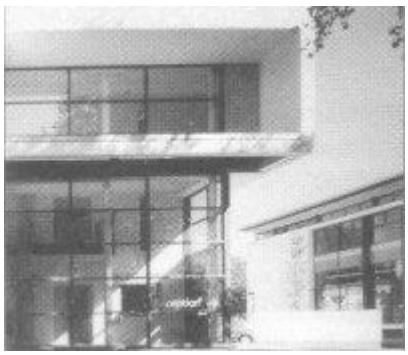


Winchester Cathedral Visitor Centre:
Phase 2

Winchester Cathedral Visitor Centre : Phase 2 architecture plb

The given site posed unusually difficult problems, with its high and fine enclosing flint walls (listed as a scheduled ancient monument), the adjacent building, and archaeological remains only 1m below ground level. Accepting these handicaps, the result is very successful – a light, elegant and generally excellent modern design, providing an appropriate solution mainly as a multi purpose space, its transparency allowing views of the historic enclosing walls, especially when illuminated at night, and only in one place coming tight up against the adjacent building. Carefully considered and well executed lighting design and a good use of materials has produced a high quality finish, although some Panel members thought that a more restricted palette might have made the building even better than the high standard that it has achieved.

Commendation : Category 1



Campus Reception Building
Winchester School of Art

Campus Reception Building, Winchester School of Art architecture plb

This building continues the vocabulary of the colour, scale and character of the Textile Conservation Centre opposite. It too has much of the quality of that building, though with not quite the élan afforded by the Centre's differing internal requirements.

The Panel enjoyed the pleasant grouping of this building with the Textile Conservation Centre and the earlier (1996) West Building, the trees and the paved spaces between them, and the calm unity provided by this family of buildings of different, yet similar, character. Possibly another building should go across the car park at the end of the space to complete the Square and the family?


The Hambledon, 10 The Square

Commendation : Category 2

The Hambledon, 10 The Square Designer : David Rose

This was admired as an excellent and respectful example of a shop refurbishment in a listed building. In particular the restrained treatment of the interior is stylish, with modern services neatly concealed and furniture and fittings carefully selected. Spaces are sparse, simple and uncluttered, giving a relaxed atmosphere, with the universal use of white paint emphasising the products on display. The shop's treatment, internally and externally, enhances The Square, an important area of shopping in Central Winchester.

Commendation : Category 2

Denstone House, 78 Christchurch Road Ann Hauser of Hauser Greenwood

This house was one of the last large family houses in Christchurch Road, and was threatened with demolition to build four new houses on the site. The house, with the encouragement of the City of Winchester Trust, was saved from demolition and has been divided vertically into houses, with two new, semi-detached houses in the garden. The converted houses have been well-detailed, stylistically matching the original design ethic. The removal of later additions and reinstatements and extensions is successful. The new double garage in the existing house has been especially well integrated. Some details could have been improved – for instance the use of unsuitable pvc gutters and downpipes, and the large areas of block paving in front of the new houses. However the hard-won saving of this house, and the care taken in both the old and new buildings, sets an example to be applauded.


Warrens Hanging Sign

Commendations : Category 5

Warrens Hanging Sign Sculptor : Alex Jones

The Panel greatly welcomed the principle of hanging signs in the High Street, and liked the three dimensional design and execution of this one. However it was considered that the sculpture could have been bolder, and is somewhat let down by the timid design of the supporting bracket. Such descriptive hanging signs are in line with City Council policy, and are to be encouraged.

Millennium Plaque

Winchester College Community Service and St Bede Primary School



St Bede's entrance

This entry created a possible new entry "Community Art Works". The Panel welcomed this surprise "incident" in a jumble of school buildings – not only colourfully marking the entrance, but demonstrating a lively attitude. This is a good overall design with nice details. The distant view could be improved by, perhaps, painting the brickwork on which the plaque sits, since the plaque colours do not read well from a distance against the darkened brick.



Two pupils from St Bedes Primary School and two students from Winchester College Community Service, receiving their certificates from David Rock with Laurence Wolff art teacher and head of Winchester College Community Service

OTHER ENTRIES

Category 1

Roof Extension, Romsey Road David Gregory Architects

The Panel enjoyed this extension in principle, and considered the concept a brave solution to extending a semi-detached building but which has not been developed as successfully as it might have been. It could have been more interesting to the streetscape if the north and south elevations were reversed. The Panel would have preferred an even braver, more modern approach in the detailing and choice of materials to justify the departure from the planning rules. It could have been a jewel in the sky!

Category 2

The Eagle Hotel, Andover Road CH Design Partnership

The most important facade of this scheme is the Old Eagle Hotel (see Spring 00 Newsletter), now converted into flats which enhances the intersection of Swan Lane and Andover Road. Although the scheme uses the site well on the whole – with car parking underneath the buildings – the relationship of new to old on the Andover Road was thought not to be as good as it could be, the new building projecting too far and too close to the Eagle Hotel. The Panel also criticised some of the detailing of the new brickwork, finishes and railings and the design of the rebuilding of the back elevation of the original hotel.

Category 2

St Cross Hospital Disabled Access Radley House Partnership

A small but important addition to a sensitive site. The Panel agreed that the quality of workmanship and materials used on this ramp and wall is excellent, and the care

taken by both client and architect admirable. However the Panel thought it would be less obtrusive if the wall to the ramp were level to match other horizontal lines elsewhere, rather than following the line of the ramp.

Something to Say ??

Comments on the Award Scheme from members would be very welcome. Please write or e-mail the secretary.

Members contributions - TrustNews Spring 2001

Autumn Afternoon 2000

An Elizabethan listed building.... its small-paned windows and their timbered surrounds, are being painted white...

What to do? This is after all central Winchester.

Already persuasive action is being taken by a passer-by to stop further painting. To no avail. She is told by the yellow 'hard-hat' wearers that their painting is to continue.

A Trust member joins her.... We recognise we are getting nowhere. She knows about the Trust and its new name but has to go on to a market town from where she will make her protest officially. "Please do what you can", she asks me.

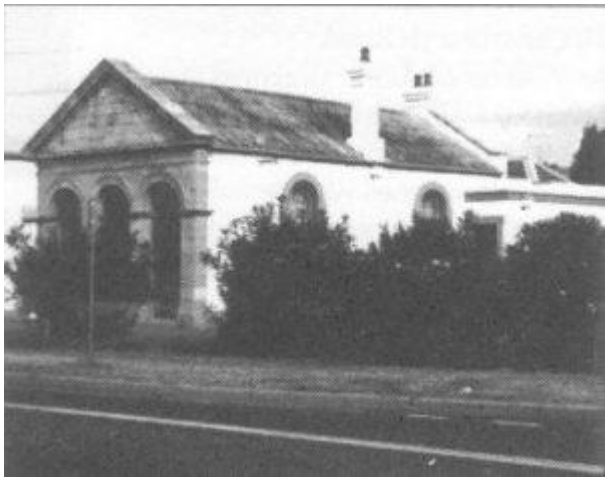
This newish member, hurrying towards the City Council offices in Colebrook Street meets Andrew Rutter in the High Street. Sadly, he is sandwiched between two advertisement boards and cannot take over. His advice is instant. Armed now with several 'names' in the appropriate department, and a five-minute sprint later, through telephone contact and a formal protest made.

A day or two later the white paint has been removed: the timbers and windows are as they should be, in an Elizabethan building. Thank you city council officers for such prompt action.

(I believe the restaurant within serves first class fare!)

A newish member.

The Story of an Old Courthouse - Down Under - TrustNews Spring 2001

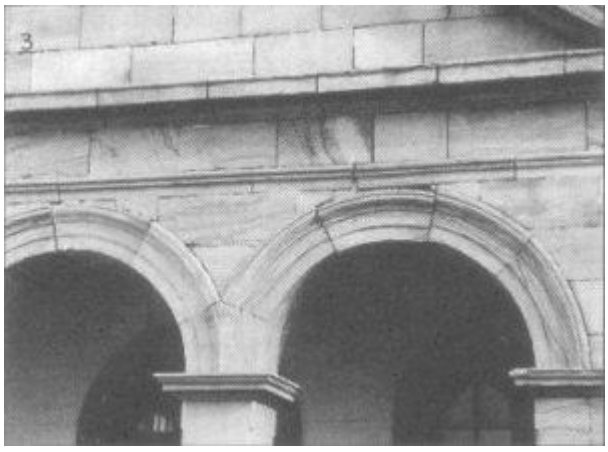

Courthouse in Wollongong, Australia; built 1858

Letter from Australia to a Trust Member — but is the situation really comparable to Winchester?

Wollongong is the largest city South of Sydney in New South Wales with a population of 180,000 having been founded in 1826 by a merchant, as there was a convenient harbour there. In 1858 a small courthouse was built, with three sandstone arches, facing the harbour. After 25 years it proved not big enough, so the State Custom Authorities took it over; however in 1902 this use finished because the new Federation had taken over customs duties.

A third use was then found for it - as a drill hall - and ownership was vested in the Commonwealth's Defence Forces. This lasted until 1974 when local Sea Scouts were "given" it as a Headquarters.

Since 1988 the National Trust and local volunteers had been pressing for a Heritage Centre to be set up, but where would the Sea Scouts go? Eventually a site was found on reclaimed land by lake Illawarra. The Defence Forces gave A$700,000 towards the new building, the local council gave A$100,000 so that the Sea Scouts could be eased out.


Detail of front arches

Now a Heritage Centre Management committee has been set up and they are expecting a peppercorn annual rent, of one Dollar set by the local council, who are now the owners of the building. It's a shame Winchester City Council cannot be so accommodating!

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If anyone has any comments on issues in this newsletter or suggestions for future ones, please write to the Editor at The Heritage Centre. The Copy date for the next newsletter is **14th May 2001**

Chippindale Venture - TrustNews Spring 2001



The Splashouts - a previous successful Chippingdale Venture

The Chippindale Venture is having to compete with other extra-curricula demands on teachers' time. So far there had been no positive responses for this years projects.

Policy Group - TrustNews Spring 2001

A new initiative by the Trust has been formed in order to develop a strategy on the future of Winchester. Look out for details of the discussion paper and more information on page 12.

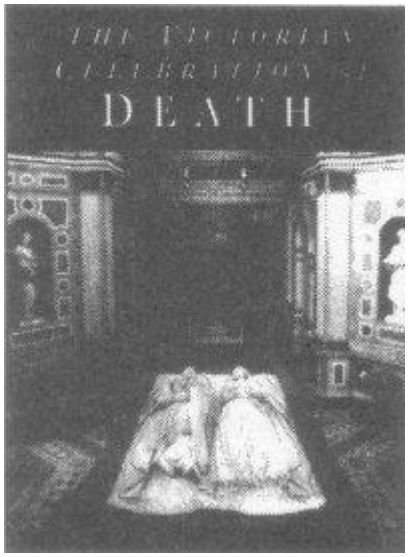
Return of the Summer Walks - TrustNews Spring 2001



Following the success of previous years 'Summer Walks' we will again have a series of informative walks around the City, each walk will be led by an expert in their own field.

Further details will be published in the next Newsletter.

New Publications - TrustNews Spring 2001



The Victorian Celebration of Death

Professor James Steven Curl FSA, Architectural Historian, a Life member of the Trust, is now working as a Senior Research Fellow at The Queen's University of Belfast in Northern Ireland.
His three new books are:

The Victorian Celebration of Death
by Sutton Publishing. ISBN 0 7509 2318 0
Price: £20.

One reviewer's comments is by Julian Litten, Canterbury Christ Church University College: 'No headstone or ledger has been left un-turned in the compilation of this profoundly comprehensive study the disposal of the dead in 19th century Britain. From the establishment of the cemetery movement in the late-18th century through to the gaudy funeral cavalcades promoted by the Victorian undertaker, one is left in awe that Professor Curl has gleaned so much information this side of the grave'.

Kensal Green Cemetry
The Origins & Development of the General Cemetry of All Souls,
Kensal Green, London, 1824-2001 Edited By james Steven Curl

Price £30.- (Special offer) available Phillimore & CO.LTD Shopwyke Manor Barn, Chichester, West Sussex, P020 6BG

The Honourable the Irish Society and the Plantation of Ulster, 1608-2000.

The City of London and the colonisation of County Londonderry in the Province of Ulster in Ireland.

Price guidance f40 - available at Phillimore & CO. LTD. Shopwyke Manor Barn, Chichester, West Sussex, P020 6BG.
The publication, 448 pages with 163 coloured and black and white illustrations.

Europa Nostra Medal of Honour - TrustNews Spring 2001

Donald Insall CBE of Donald Insall Associates, Chartered Architects, has been awarded the Europa Nostra Medal of Honour for his outstanding work in the field of Conservation, both in the work of his practice, which he founded, and through his writing and teaching and his participation in the affairs of many heritage organizations. We congratulate him for this considerable achievement.

Europa Nostra is the Pan European Federation for Heritage. Mr. Insall is a member of the City of Winchester Trust.

We have a new name! - TrustNews Spring 2001

The Winchester Preservation Trust is now known as

The City of Winchester Trust Ltd

Our address, phone and fax numbers are the same as before but the e-mail address has altered. Most importantly, the aims and objectives of the Trust remain as before and we are continuing our work to care for the character of the City of Winchester.

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The Trust’s new policy- TrustNews Spring 2001

Members will probably be aware of the pressure that the South-east is under to provide for more housing, and the various contending approaches as to how to handle it. The Trust felt that it needed to study what was happening, and to form its own view as to how Winchester should respond; in other words, to form its own policy on the future of Winchester. Previously the Trust has tended to respond to issues as they occurred. So, this is a major new initiative for the Trust, and it has formed a Policy Group to develop its policy. The group currently consists of Ray Attfield, Michael Carden, Kate Macintosh, Patricia Edwards and Antony Proudman. Policies are presented by the group to the Trust Council for comment and approval, and then to the members of the Trust.

The first policy paper is entitled 'The Future of Winchester – A Strategic Vision'. It is to be presented to Trust members on 2nd February 2001. The paper is intended to provide the general reader with a concise introduction to the essential ideas and

concepts. It is therefore necessarily a broad-brush treatment, and it is proposed to be the first in a series. Future papers will go into more detail on specific topics.

One of the key points of the Trust's new policy is to protect the views of the countryside seen from the centre of Winchester. The Trust therefore strongly supports the new government policy to limit the building of new housing on greenfield sites as an important contribution to protecting the country round Winchester. A critical part of our policy is to show how Winchester can define its future while constraining its use of land. The policy group welcomes comments and contributions from members on the Trust's developing policy.

Antony Proudman

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Members who do not know their membership number may find it by looking in the membership list at the back of the 1999-2000 Annual Report. We are also looking into a way of including it on the label when we send mailshots. It is helpful if you can quote your number when contacting the Trust.

The Trust welcomes the following new members, who joined during the year 2000: Mrs HR Bonnor, Mr and Mrs R Charlwood, Mr TM Curran, Mr and Mrs AR Hayes, Mrs D Richardson, Mr TLE Rouledge, Mr K Woodward.

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The Chairman and the Council of the Trust were very pleased with the reception given to the presentations made on the subject of the policy discussion paper entitled 'The Future of Winchester – A Strategic Vision'. They congratulate the Policy Group on their valuable work in forwarding the objects of the Trust.

Two presentations were made. One to the membership and another to an invited audience of Councillors and senior Planning Officers from both the County and the City and to other guests. The questions from the floor were positive and constructive as have been the great majority of the written comments received to date.

The Policy Group is now considering the comments received. When this process is complete they will then make recommendations for further action.

R.B.M

Book Sale - TrustNews Spring 2001

The last book sale organised by Jo Gordon-Watson on 25 October 2000 raised the generous sum of £395.70. Many thanks to her.



Corner of Staple Gardens/High Street

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Can any Trust member shed light on this building (left) on the corner of Staple Gardens / High Street. Please forward comments to the editor.