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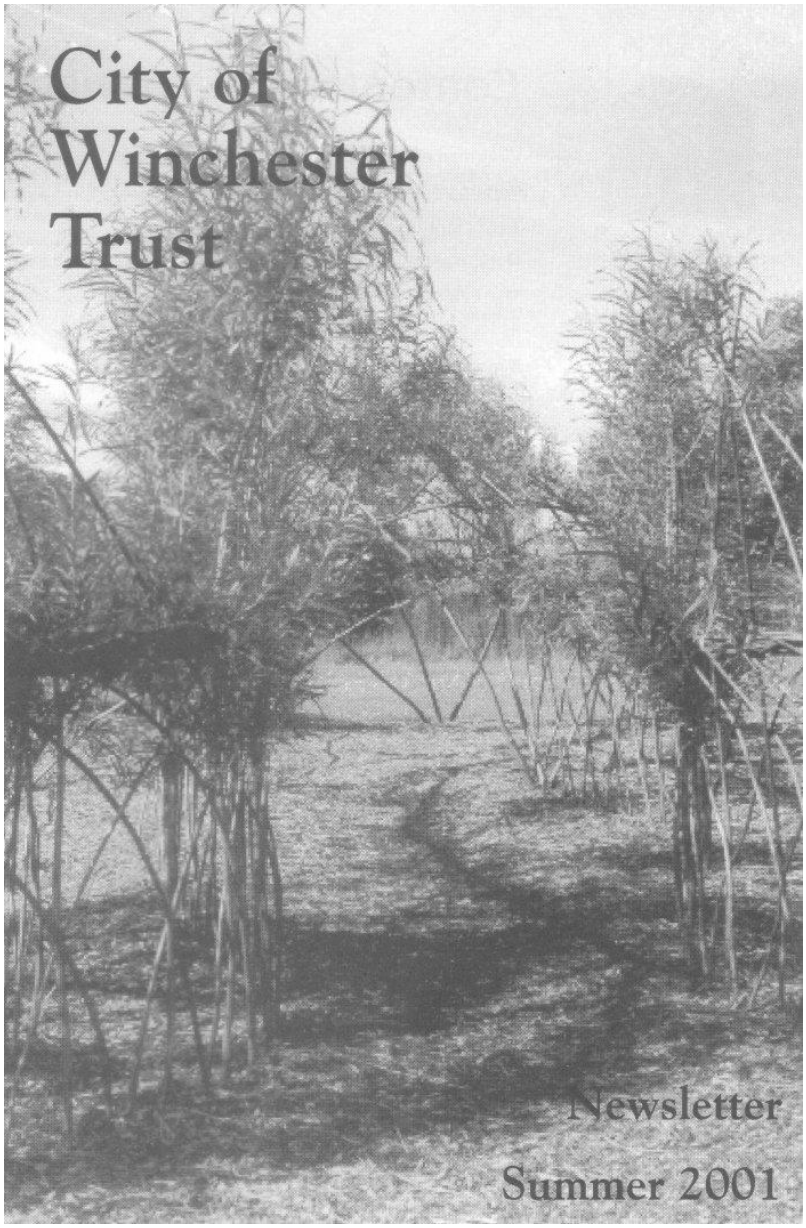

The Willow Dome at Buryfields Infants School, Odiham which was helped with grants and advice from The Hampshire Gardens Trust.



The Willow Dome

We've got a lovely willow dome that is great. There's some great spirals which have fabulous games to play. Also there's a long straight and low tunnel. A big half circle shape is just right if you want a rest. Long curved pieces of smooth wood. In summer the dome is carpeted with shiny red leaves. In autumn the leaves have turned into golden which look like a tiger skin around the dome.

The Millennium Dome is wicked, it's really good for weaving in and out. In the summer it's quite shady because all the beautiful green leaves lift high over our heads. If you use your imagination you can pretend you're a spider weaving your web and then climbing out to get some lunch.

In our field there is a dome and in the dome there is a maze.

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Winchester Conservation Area Project

This project has been undertaken for Winchester City Council with the support of Hampshire County Council, the City of Winchester Trust and English Heritage. The consultants for the project were Urban Initiatives and Alan Baxter Associates.



College Street in the Conservation Area

Its aim has been to identify the key qualities that the Conservation Area contributes to the City and its international heritage status. The study was undertaken in three parts. Firstly, an appraisal to assess the Area's quality and character. It describes the development of the City and its formative influences. It then goes on to identify the City’s historic assets, their contribution to the environment and their contribution to the environment and their potential for enhancement. The second part a Review, which highlights the issues raised in the Appraisal, including detracting features and the opportunities for enchantment.

The third part is the Strategy. This sets targets and priorities, in order to give direction and purpose to the management of the Conservation Area, and to provide a benchmark for future reviews. It also, most importantly, identifies a range of policies for its implementation.

These are listed below:

- Development planning policy, including policy recommendations, Supplementary Planning Guidance, and Article 4 Direction.
- Integrated Planning Policy
- Public Information and Advice
- Management and organizational structures and procedures.

The Project provides Winchester City with a powerful tool for the management of the Conservation Area. It has identified a huge amount of work to be carried out and this will need considerable commitment and manpower to carry it through to its conclusion.

If you want to see the documents they are available:

- At the Local Studies section of the Lending Library in Jewry Street
- If you have access to the web they can be found at; www.winchester. gov. uk

Broadway and Friarsgate Development

At the time of writing no movement appears to have taken place concerning this important development that will have considerable impact on this area of the City. The developers consultants have still not declared their hand on the solution to the many traffic problems which are at the center of this project. Until these are resolved and approved by the County and the City there can be no move forward. As soon as we are in a position to inform you we will do so.

Park & Ride - Bar End Extension

Final approval has been given for the proposal incorporating the Secretary of State's planning conditions. The work will be put out to tender without delay, but it is thought unlikely that the scheme will be completed before the end of the current financial year.

Mobile Phone Masts

It is possible that the government may bring forward new legislation regarding mobile telephone aerial masts under 15m in height, but it is unlikely to affect the permitted development rights of the mobile telephone companies. We are awaiting Winchester City's policy statement and will make comments when published. The masts are an emotive subject and the Trust will do its best to ensure that future siting affecting the conservation area is carried out in a sensitive and unobtrusive manner.

Trees at West Down

You may have noticed that the trees lining the railings at the former West Down School on the Romsey Road have, during the re-building programme been cleared and not replaced. The Trust has taken up this matter with the Planning Department.

Subscriptions

May I remind all those members who have not yet renewed their subscription to please do so without delay. Our Secretary needs your help to keep the membership records up-to-date. Please help her.

R.B.Merton, Chairman

Development Control Committee - TrustNews Summer 2001

The Trust's policy document The Future of Winchester, A Strategic Vision had still to be published when the Development Control report was written for the last newsletter. As is reported elsewhere, the response to it has been very encouraging.

Some of the criteria used by our panels consequently need reassessment, a process that will continue while the changes resulting from the Trust's new policy and the City's consultation document Achieving a Better Mix in New Housing Development (discussed in our last newsletter) become apparent.

One thing is already obvious: the developers have certainly taken on board that current WCC policy is for high-density housing consisting of small units of accommodation, and are responding to this requirement with considerable gusto.

Unfortunately the standard of the schemes they produce does not usually match their enthusiasm.

Prowting Homes Central has been especially active during the past couple of months. They have acquired four properties at **76-82 Alresford Road**, which they propose to demolish. The Trust has no objection to the demolition of the four bungalows, but has taken considerable exception to the schemes so far proposed as their replacements. The first was for six 5-bedroom houses with a style more characteristic of Surrey than Hampshire and a size and layout not in accordance with new policies.

Their second was for five flats, and six houses with from three to five bedrooms apiece. The layout was much as before and somehow the scheme still managed to look like 5-bedroom houses from Surrey. Both proposals have been withdrawn and we wait with bated breath to see what delights will next be suggested for this site. Prowting took a different tack at **Barton Edge, Worthy Road**, unfortunately with no greater success. Here they planned to replace an apparently sound large house with a block of fourteen 2-bedroom flats. Neither we nor the planners liked the design, siting or layout, which would have resulted in the loss of visually important trees, development across virtually the whole of the site and large expanses of hard surfaces for parking residents' cars, and the scheme has been refused.

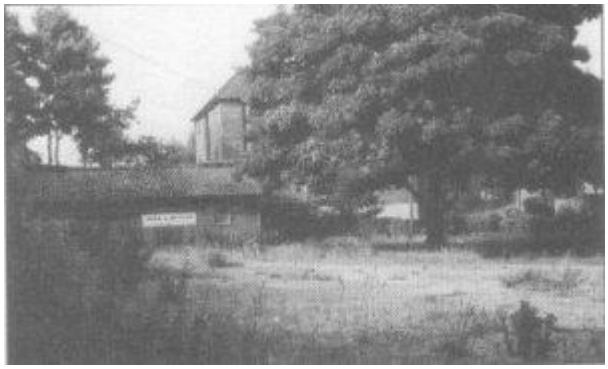
Twelve flats have also been proposed at **Abbotts Court, Park Road**, and the Trust has liked neither of the schemes put forward here. This is an awkward and restricted site, and quite apart from our mis-givings about the design of the accommodation, we felt the surrounding sea of parked cars was not acceptable. This is a major problem associated with small units outside the city centre, where more units equals

more cars. It is one that has still to be resolved, and care must be taken to ensure that standards of design and landscaping are not allowed to slip as a result of the current enthusiasm for building high density developments.

More centrally-placed schemes are proposed at the **Sub-station, Arlington Place, Gordon Road** and **Beeston House, Cross Street**, both very suitable places for residential accommodation although neither is an easy site. The **Sub-station** has no surrounding land and cars therefore have to be housed within the building, a not insuperable proposition considering its previous industrial use. Unfortunately the design of the conversion to four flats paid no respect to the strong features of the original building, and we objected; the scheme has subsequently been withdrawn.



Beeston House site, October 1989
photo: R. Kinnard-Smith



Beeston House site,
2001. Application for 25 1 and 2 bedroom flats

Members of the Trust's council had a presentation of the **Cross Street** development, which was most helpful. Here the main problems are great changes in levels and the need to preserve the mature trees on thesite, a centrally placed Sycamore and the Plane trees on the boundary with Tower Street. While welcoming the high density of 25 one- and two-bedroom flats and the courtyard approach of the layout, there was concern about aspects of the landscaping and the '30s flavour of the architecture because this period is not all typical of Winchester. We felt elevations alone were insufficient for a development in these surroundings (a variety of differently-sized structures ranging from small terraced houses to the multi-storey car park) and that

at least perspectives or photo-montages were needed, and a model would be even better. We have objected to this scheme, and it is now being considered by the planners.



The Substation, Arlington Place, Gordon Road, awaiting conversion

Another proposal is the demolition of **Chestnut Mead, Kingsgate Street**, to make way for a block of twelve flats. The design of this was contemporary without trying to be trendy, but it had a long flat roof which was out of character with its surroundings, and the car-parking layout was no better than the present barren expanse. There are already twelve flats in the existing house, which has been in multiple occupancy for a considerable time; the present applicant has permission for a further four flats in a bulky rear extension, so no increased density would be brought about by this development. The house is not especially handsome, but it and St Swithun's Gate were the only two large houses on this stretch of the road when the local map was revised in 1895, and it currently acts as the period lynch-pin between two small modern houses. It is not claimed that the house is structurally unsound, but that it would be uneconomic to make good its poor condition, the result, it would appear, of many years of neglect. We have objected to its demolition as being detrimental to the character of the conservation area.

A beneficial consequence of all this developer-activity is that it is now becoming necessary to consider some schemes in conjunction with other nearby ones, rather than in isolation -something the Trust has felt should happen for some time. The effect on the local infrastructure of the three adjoining developments at **Salters, Salters Lane, 48/50 Dean Lane** and **Wyke Mark, Dean Lane** has made it

imperative that they should be considered together, and the planners now have the unenviable job of trying to get the three developers involved to agree with each other, a task which might be easier to achieve if an overview of the requirements of the various areas of the city was in existence.

The panels have of course also commented on many other applications, such as the usual quota of new shop fronts, facias and signs, conservatories, loft conversions and extensions, and objected to some, including the barn-like new shop proposed by the **Murco garage, Bar End Road**, the promotional banners **Sainsbury's, Badger Farm**, want to put up on the route into their site, and the extensions to **Sarum Road Hospital** which would do away with stretches of the metal columns that are such a feature of its front elevation.

All in all, it's been a busy few months.

Shione Carden

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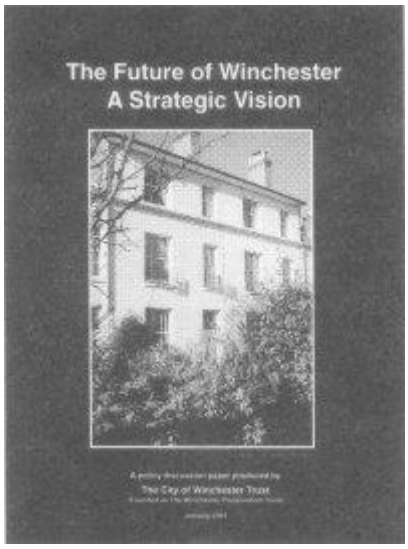


The Chairman and the Council of the Trust were very pleased with the reception given to the presentations made on the subject of the policy discussion paper entitled 'The Future of Winchester - A Strategic Vision'. They congratulate the Policy Group on their valuable work in forwarding the objects of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

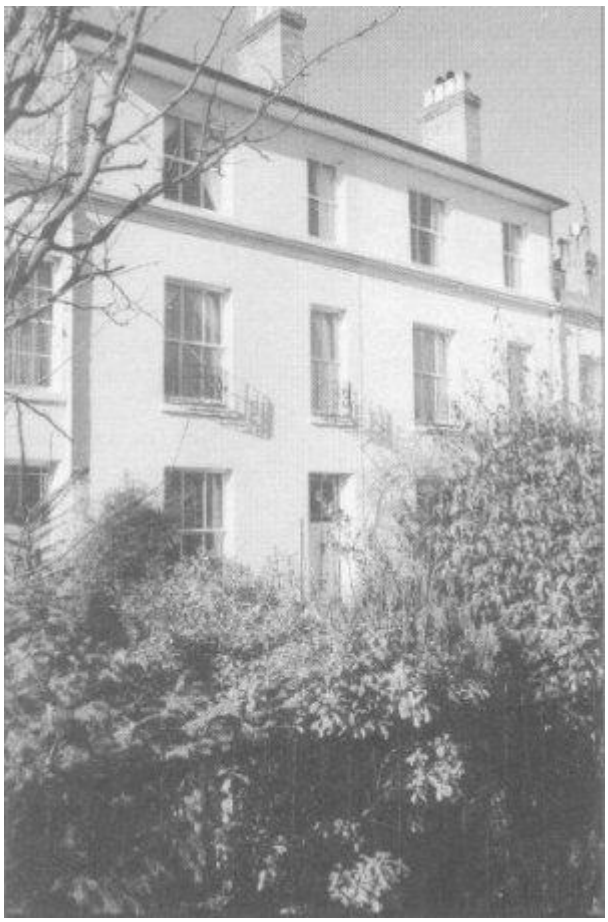
Two presentations were made. One to the membership; the second, to an invited audience of Councillors and senior Planning Officers from both the County and the City and to other guests. The questions from the floor were positive and constructive as have been the great majority of the written comments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

Synopsis of Members' Comments on the Trust's Policy document

Following the launch of the Strategic Vision, 36 members responded. 35 expressed varying degrees of enthusiasm for the initiative and 33 made comments and posed questions. The majority of these fall into three categories:

Density & Design, Traffic & Car Parking, and Landscape & Townscape.



St James' Terrace

Density & Design - 23

There was support for increased density of development in appropriate areas if it is to be of high quality and to contribute to the provision of more affordable housing and a sense of place.

Concerns were expressed over the failure of the document to capture the ethos and style of Winchester and the need to retain its scale and compact geographical form The large cities used as exemplars were considered inappropriate as courtyards and alleyways were a more likely solution than squares and streets.

'Expert-knows-best solution — disastrous in the past'

Some questioned what 'design-led' planning meant and whether it would seek to impose the expert-knows-best solution, which has proved disastrous in the past.

"The visions of well known architects are not necessarily suitable for Winchester and some of the best-liked buildings are pastiche." However, there was broad agreement that the City Council will need courage to resist the mediocre and the will to employ the skills, which Winchester deserves. Some wondered whether the Government would amend the present non-interventionist planning system so as to encourage better schemes.

Some members felt that the City Council was already fulfilling some of the aspirations — higher densities on brown field sites, housing over shops and the insistence on good materials.

Traffic & Parking - 15


Eastgate Street

Many were doubtful whether the strategy proposed would work or be accepted, as the lack of a ring road precluded realistic plans to exclude vehicles. Other comments were that no amount of public transport would make people give up their cars; town centre parking was needed to maintain the viability of shopping; residents and visitors must somehow be accommodated; Park & Ride should be restrained as these car parks on the perimeter would deface the landscape; what would be demolished to provide Park & Walk sites? An incremental approach, as advised in the Winchester Movement and Access Plan (WMAP) should be pursued.

Landscape & Townscape - 9

These referred to the importance of retaining the landscape setting of the City, its tree-lined access routes and 'green wedges'; the need to maintain the trees and to plant more, and to allow sufficient space for their future growth and maintenance It was suggested that the document did not give sufficient emphasis to the landscaping of new buildings and that better use should be made of existing open spaces e.g. the Law Courts, increasing housing density should not encroach on existing large houses with gardens in conservation areas such as St. Cross.

There were comments, suggestions and questions of a more general nature - the policy should encourage a consensus approach to development and wide participation; large developments should be the subject of architectural competition; the need to define the City 'core' and boundaries. Some referred to points of detail

such as the provision of better open/covered market and library, access for wheel-chair users, and the need to separate the provision for arts and for sports.

Some felt that members should have been consulted prior to the launch of the document and hoped that the Trust would not make a habit of producing glossy brochures, but there was also a view that it was 'value for money' in influencing the Local Authorities.

Looking to the future, members asked how the Trust aimed to get wide support from all sectors of the community for the policies, which would be essential for progress. One member commented, "World skills together with the strategy set out in 'Power of Place' will be needed to implement the 'Vision'.

Some Detailed Comments

Members sent 36 letters to the trust in response to the Chairman's request for comments on the new Policy paper. The Council and the Policy Group are very grateful to members for their time and effort it is an impressive response.

> *"It was very encouraging to read this document. It is clear, concise and pertinent — not just to Winchester but to the way we live, or might live, in cities generally"*

Most of the replies were tremendously supportive. Typical were comments such as 'I do congratulate all those who have been involved, and send my good wishes for future work." And, "It is a wonderfully encouraging, stimulating and well set out document It should help move the City authorities on from piecemeal attempts to improve the City towards a co-ordinated plan to tackle Winchester's problems as a whole " The Planners are striving to find the best way forward, but the Trust agrees with another member that the Strategic Vision ... "lifts the whole debate on the way we regard the future of the City to an entirely new plane...." One Trust member went so far as to say that the document "must surely be the most important and imaginative initiative that the Trust has (ever?) made." The authors would like to thank members for their kind words.

Three letters were generally critical of the paper. One writer felt that "members should be consulted about spending the Trust's money on producing more papers" and that it was not realistic to pursue a "grand design". Another member felt that Trust members should have been able to comment before the paper was printed. A third member thought that there could not be many opportunities for "squares' and crescents to fit onto brown-field sites".

Most members, while approving of the document, expressed concerns about various points. Some of these were simply misunderstandings, and the authors would like to apologise where they failed to make their meaning clear.

For example, the Trust has no intention of advocating major clearance and redevelopment, as some members feared. Redevelopment on brown-field sites should happen as opportunities occur. The Trust does however believe that the City ought to be more active in planning ahead and in assembling sites so that high-

quality urban building can be achieved, rather than the suburban-style infill, which too often happens when individual gardens are divided up and built on.

> *"The weak link is that the illustrations do not support the Vision as well as they might, many of them have a tentative relationship with the text and are not captioned appropriately."*

Other members felt that the paper sought to compare Winchester with Paris, London, Barcelona, etc. either through the use of pictures, or in the text, and that Winchester is a small town and just not comparable. That point is well taken. The problem the authors faced was that they had insufficient time to research and find good examples of recent urban street developments that would be relevant to Winchester. If members know of any, please would they let the Trust know?

Some members felt that the document was not sufficiently precise. For example, it does not define where the boundary of the City Core is. That is a fair comment. However, at this stage, the time and work to have done so would have delayed the paper tremendously. The authors felt that the vital thing was to introduce the concept that there is such a thing as the Core, and that it is different to the outer areas of the City, and should be treated differently.

Most controversial – traffic and parking



Barcelona and Winchester not comparable?

Of all the practical problems members raised, unsurprisingly traffic and parking was the most controversial. Some members wondered whether it was realistic to call for pedestrian priority in residential streets, and in the Core? Would people leave their cars at the edge of the Core, and walk? Could commerce flourish in such a city? How would we eliminate through traffic, and so on? The Trust understands these concerns and considers this is one of the trickiest problems of the whole subject. At this stage, we have to say that there is more work to do to show how it can be done in Winchester, but it is being done elsewhere. Two members pointed out that the work of the Winchester Movement and Access Panel was consistent with the policy paper, and should be supported by the Trust. One member quoted the Dutch woonerven, or home zones, in support of the paper's thesis. It is clear that achieving these goals will take time, and will require commitment and vision from the City Authorities.

Acceptance of increased housing density

Perhaps one of the most surprising things about members' replies was the general acceptance of increased housing density as a goal (which is now, of course, Government policy). A number of members were concerned whether four-storey town houses could be satisfactory for families. Would they imply apartments? Fortunately, there are creative solutions to these concerns. Yes, the Trust foresees that there will be flats in some cases, because well-built flats in city centres are proving popular with the young. There can also be accommodation for larger families on the lower three floors, and flats above. Clever arrangements of town houses divided into two-storey units, one above the other, both with street entrances and gardens are also possible. One member felt that blocks of flats have their place. The Trust would draw a distinction between flats in buildings that preserve the street frontage, and blocks in landscape settings, which usually prove unacceptable because of social problems due to the creation of "no man's lands".

Modern architecture – some cannot stand it, others are delighted

It is clear that the members of the Trust are divided on their attitude to modern architecture. Some cannot stand it at any price, while others are delighted by the best of it. The discussion paper tries to distinguish between quality and style. It calls for the best quality, but maintains neutrality on style, other than to say that, whatever style is chosen, it should be done well, and that "pastiche" (superficial or inappropriate use of historic styles) should be avoided.

> *"I very much hope that Winchester wholeheartedly embraces this Vision and that the city retrieves its special character as a good place to five and work."*

The Trust sincerely thanks members for their support and thoughtful ideas and comments, which have been most interesting. It is clear that there is much more work to be done, both in spreading the word, in obtaining support from all sectors of the community, and in further studies on many of the points that members have raised. if any members feel able to help with this work, the Trust would be very pleased to hear from them.

Copies of 'The Future of Winchester – A Strategic Vision' can be obtained from the Hertiage Centre – 01962 851644.

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www.hants.gov.uk/cwt

For the increasing number of our members who are "web-wise", the Trust's website gives a more comprehensive view of the objectives and work of the Trust than it would be possible to put in the new yellow brochure that has recently been sent to all our members.

We hope to update the website regularly as the emphasis or nature of the Trust's work changes and develops, reflecting the needs and priorities of our City.

We have recently put on the web the text of the Trust's Policy on future design criteria for the built-up areas. It is probable that we will be adjusting the text in due course, in order to make it easier to identify specific sections on the website more quickly.

We are particularly grateful to Trust member Dick Selwood, who has spent many hours, at no expense to the Trust, translating our rather inexpert requests and ideas into a very readable website!

New Brochure

The new yellow brochure reflects the change of the Trust's name and logo, and updates the subscription types and rates. We hope very much that you can display this on your mantelpiece or hall table, with a view to letting people know what we are about, and encouraging them to join us. A personal recommendation is by far the best way of strengthening our membership.

Trust Display - City Library

In October 2001 there will a display of the activities of the Trust in the Jewry Street City Library.

General Purpose Flyer

We have also published a "one-side-of-A4" flyer for general use. Please ask the Trust Secretary for more brochures or flyers if you think they would help to spread the word.

Any ideas

We are always looking for better ways of publicising the work of the Trust, so please let the Trust Secretary or the members of the Publicity Committee know (Sally Patience, Gill Collymore and Antony Skinner).

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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 **15th January 2002**

The Hampshire Gardens Trust - TrustNews Summer 2001

The Trust was formed in 1984 Council at Avington Park in 1982. It has about 400 members and an office at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens at Ampfield.


Construction of 'The Willow Dome'

Helping Hampshire's Gardens

The motto of the Trust is 'Helping Hampshire's Gardens'. Firstly, it tries to protect the County's historic Parks and Gardens with advice and, sometimes, small grants to owners, mainly to fund surveys or plans for restoration or management. The Trust is also a consultee to the Planning Authorities. It has held several conferences, the most recent to introduce the "Hampshire Register of Historic Parks and Gardens", produced by the County Council with help from the Trust's Research Group. Last year, for example, the Trust helped the Atherley School at Grove Place, Nursling, to replant their magnificent lime avenue - already planted twice since the turn of the seventeenth century. The Trust recently helped the monks of St Michael's Abbey at Farnborough, where Napoleon III, the Empress and their son are buried. The

Planning Authorities have been pressed to include local lists of historic park and gardens in their plans, with a policy to protect them; nearly all those in Hampshire now have such a policy.

Children

Secondly, the Trust is very keen to introduce children to gardens and gardening. It helps children to learn about the environment through improvements to school grounds, often carried out by the children themselves, with help from parents, school staff and the Trust. For many years small grants have been given, mainly to Primary Schools, as well as advice, talks or practical help. With funds given by the County Council a similar programme is now being extended to children's homes in the County, to help relieve the rigours of institutional life. Schools areencouraged to send entries to the Southampton Balloon and Flower Festival, or to form links with bodies such as the National Trust. A newsletter is published every term and a web-site has been set up - (www.hants.org.uk/schoolgardens/). Hampshire County Council have now formed the Schools Grounds Advisory Forum on which the Trust is represented. Another welcome new scheme is the Trust Fund set up by Alan Titchmarsh to finance projects in Primary Schools. The message is spreading!

New gardens and parks

Lastly, the Trust helps to create new gardens and parks, it promoted the Queen Eleanors' Garden , behind the Great Hall in Winchester, which was opened by the Queen Mother in 1987. The Trust has its own public garden, the Physic Garden at Petersfield, on land presented to the Trust by the late John Bowen. Here they have both financed and built the garden and a new hall, run by a local Friends Group New gardens have been established at Alverstoke, Romsey, Fareham, Portsmouth and next to the Cathedral in Winchester. There is an Urban Projects programme in places, such as Southampton or Portsmouth, where Community Gardens are of particular value to local people, especially those who live in flats.

The Jekyll garden at Townhill Park on the edge of Southampton is being restored with the help of an enthusiastic group of Friends and the Trust. There are also discussions with the Monastery at the Badia Fiorentia in Florence, to recreate a garden there which will celebrate the ties between the Cathedrals of Florence and Winchester. The Trust is now supporting Winchester City Council in a scheme at Hyde Abbey. This is the site of excavations carried out over some years by the City's archaeologists (and volunteers) to expose the foundations of the east end of the Abbey destroyed at the Dissolution. It was the final resting place of King Alfred, although his tomb had been robbed. Kim Wilkie has been appointed to design a new garden, or extension of the Park, an exciting project again supported by keen local residents.

These are some of the ways the Hampshire Gardens Trust is trying to help Hampshire's Gardens.

Roger Brown

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Published twice a year, the newsletter keeps members informed of the major planning applications, the Trust's main activities and many items of general interest.

If you have any articles for inclusion in future editions, would like to express your views on any related subject or would like help in researching a particular subject or building then the newsletter is the ideal way to reach over 1000 interested readers.

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Winchester's Historic Ironwork - TrustNews Summer 2001

Winchester Museums Service and Hampshire County Council Planning Department



A free self-guided trail leaflet on Winchester's decorative ironwork has been launched jointly by Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council at a guided walk around Winchester in June. The leaflet takes one around the centre of Winchester, pointing out the rich variety of historic and modem cast and wrought ironwork. It is available free, from the "Cast in Iron exhibition, at the Historic Resources Centre, which is at the headquarters of the Winchester Museums Service in Hyde Street until 28th September.

The ironwork trail leaflet is an important aspect of the 'Cast in Iron' exhibition, encouraging visitors to go and explore the ironwork of Winchester for themselves, with a heightened awareness of where they are to look, what they are looking at and how important the role of decorative iron work is in the overall look of a building or urban landscape. Another integral aspect of the 'Cast in Iron" exhibition is another free leaflet on the care and repair of iron railings (right) which is also available at the Historic Resources Centre.

The local community has also contributed to the exhibition by lending and donating items of decorative ironwork and photographs of examples of railings taken down for the war effort.

Tony Hunter - TrustNews Summer 2001

Died March 2001

Rosemary Kinnaird-Smith and Antony Skinner represented the Trust at the very moving funeral service of Tony Hunter at All Saints Church, Highcliffe, on March 22nd.

Tony was a steward at the Heritage Centre in the mid-90s before taking over as Manager from Alan Cooke; subsequently George Burnett with whom he lodged became Manager. Tony was a delightful character not everyone appreciated his laid-back style, but he was a very good companion. He was a most amusing character to chat with, with an interesting turn of phrase –often critical – to describe current events both nationally and Winchester orientated.

Not all knew that he was one of the founder members of the Action Group that saved the Theatre Royal; he was often front-of-house steward at performances; latterly he was not connected with the Theatre.

The service was enlivened by an exquisite poem especially written by his former wife, part of which was about his musical talent.

83/84 High Street/Staple Gardens - TrustNews Summer 2001



83/84 High Street/Staple Gardens

The last newsletter's request for information concerning the building on the corner of High Street / Staple Gardens, has brought some enlightening responses, the editor is most grateful for these contributions.

Mr. Ian Smith, surveyor, working currently in the building, Talbot House, 83 High Street has sent some extracts from Alderman Thomas Stopher's 'A History of Winchester Streets' (1895 - 1926):

No. 82 High Street.
Here stood a private residence some distance back from the street, in a line with Wakot. It was a mean-looking, uncared-for house, the garden wild and much overgrown. The occupier was a Mr. Brookman, a wine merchant carrying on a business in the wine vaults next "The Royal" in St. Peter's Street. Over the door to the vaults was this Inscription: "VINO BONO NON OPUS EGT HIDERA" Latin I believe for "Good wine needs no bush".

The Capital & Counties Bank building that now occupies the site was from the design of Mr. Crutchlow of Southampton. J.W. Snelling, an old friend of mine, was one of the early managers of the bank. Unfortunately he got into difficulties, had to leave, and died soon after. Mr. Merrick succeeded him and then the present manager, Mr. C W Joy came. The interior of the bank was altered and enlarged to my plans, and again in 1913.
Gross value £180, Rateable value £144

Nos. 83 & 84 High Street.
'The Star' public house. This was erected for Mr. G.H. Pointer in 1885 from my design at a cost with the adjoining, shop, of £2,448. it was greatly against my judgement that (it) was built so high. The old Star Inn was a low building occupied by Mrs. Lawrence for many years, with a small greengrocers' shop adjoining which is in my album of "Old Winchester". It was much used by tailors.' Three' skeletons were found in digging for the foundations of the new building all buried in an upright squatting position in square cists plastered with clay. They were evidently very early burials. I have written a full account in my "Milner's History of Winchester". Asa "hotel" the rebuilding has been a great loss to the owners. The old house paid much better. The shop has had several tenants, but has now been a butchers' for some years.

No. 83. Gross value £77, Rateable value £62
No. 84. Gross value £75, Rateable value £60.

Mr Nick Goulder's comments:

"As a frequenter of Winchester pubs, and by coincidence also a member of the City of Winchester Trust, I was delighted to see the picture of The Talbot in the Spring edition of your excellent organisation:

The Talbot unfortunately turned into an estate agent's office some time in the early 1970's. As a pub it was notorious in more ways than one during the sixties. This notoriety was not unconnected with the reputation subsequently gained by the entire sixties decade.

Mr R Dudley Uttley RIBA (Rtd) writes:

I can assure you it was a fine hostelry up to that point - I guess that it was designed and built as an Inn".

"The building illustrated is what was known in the 50's and prior to that date as 'The Talbot Hotel' and was owned by Strong and Co of Romsey the Brewers, later to be

taken over by Whitbread & Company. It was of course a Pub (much used by news reporters covering spectacular cases at the Assizes in those days) with letting rooms over. I was offered the top floor as a flat soon after qualifying and lived there for some two years, as it was but 200 yds form my office then over the former Westminster Bank, at 91 High Street. The building was obviously constructed in Victorian times, of stout brick, flint and stone work, the latter probably coming originally from Hyde Abbey as much of it was used in building works in the North and North-West parts of the city."

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Summer Walks 2001

Complete List of Walks - 2001

All walks start at 6.30pm at the Heritage Centre unless otherwise indicated.
Suggested donation £1 - non-members welcome

7th June	**St Giles Hill Trees**	**Liz Ford BA MLA MLI** Landscape Architect
14th June	**Over 1000 Years of Redevelopment in Winchester**	**Roger Brown** Retired Planning Officer
21st June	**Winchester's Roofs and Chimneys**	**Richard Baker** Head of Architecture and Landscape Design Eastleigh Borough Council
2nd July	**The Western suburb of St Paul's** (meet by the Westgate)	**Richard Baker** Retired Architect and Planner
28th June	**Ghosts, Battles, Bodies & Burnings at The Barracks**	**Huw Thomas RIBA** Architect & Trust Member
5th July	**St Cross Hospital And Chapel** Meet at the Porters' Lodge, St Cross	**Michael Carden MBE** Trust Deputy Chairman
12th July	**Know Your Silhouette** Meet at St John's Church, St John's Street	**Andrew Rutter** AADip RIBA MRTPI Retired City Conservation Officer
19th July	**Contemporary Architecture for Winchester**	**Keith Leaman RIBA** Partner: architecture plb and Chairman of Trust's Chippindale Committee

26th July	**Cathedral Crypt And Icons** Meet outside the West Front	**Canon A K Walker** Cathedral Canon Librarian
2nd August	Winchester College Meet at the Porters' Lodge, College Street	**Patrick Maclure** Director, The Friends of Winchester College
9th August	**Wall Surfaces: Materials And Treatments**	**Robin Freeman** Architect and Researcher
16th August	**Victorian Winchester**	**Michael Morris RIBA** Member of Victorian Society
23rd August	**To Market, to Market, to buy a fat pig**	**Barbara Hall** City Guide & Lecturer
30th August	**Theatres of Winchester**	**Phil Yates** Trust Member

8-20th October	**Trust Display at Jewry Street Library**
5th November	**AGM. 7.30PM at the Guildhall**

The Trust AGM and David Mackay - TrustNews Summer 2001

The AGM will take place on Monday 5 November at 7.30pm at the Guildhall. The speaker will be David Mackay. We recommend that members come to the AGM to hear this international architect speak. David Mackay is a British architect, who has for the past 40 years worked in Barcelona with partners Josep Martorell and Oriol Bohigas. They are at present engaged in work in Aix-en-Provence, Salerno, Berlin, Rio de Janeiro, Hilversum, Dublin and, more recently, in the London Borough of Newnham. David Mackay is now a member of the Advisory Panel to The British Government for Urban Renewal, through English Partnerships, and is shortly to take up a teaching post at The London School of Economics.

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The current subscription rates are:
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Family £15 per year
(two adults plus children under 21)
Life Member - single £150
Life Member - double £200
Corporate Member £50 per year
(businesses/societies/ colleges etc.).

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Volunteer for the Archive

The archivist requires a volunteer to assist a small project in making a list of the contents of our reference collection. No experience needed. Please contact the Heritage Centre on 01962 851664.

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Can any Trust member shed light on this photograph (right), please forward comments to the editor.