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A Hampshire Chronicle Newstand advertising the Trust Awards

Chairman's Miscellany - TrustNews Dec 10

Members would be surprised and concerned if the Chairman's opening of TrustNews began "not a lot has happened.....". The Chairman and Trustees might sometimes dream of a quietening down for a while but I am sure that will never be more than a dream.

It has certainly not been the case since the last issue in August. The Annual General Meeting on 27th September was well attended by members who heard a fascinating presentation about BedZed, a sustainable development in South London which sets new standards in that essential field and is a good example of the benefits available to a close community, such as car shares. A visit to BedZed is in preparation for the

spring. Members were also able to view the short-listed entries for the Trust Design Awards 2010 and vote for their choice.

To have reached that stage meant a great deal of work by Chris Higgins, who organised the project with assistance from Vicky Feldwick, and by the panel of Judges. Their decisions were announced at a ceremony in the Ashburton Room of Queen Elizabeth II Court, made available to us through the generosity of Hampshire County Council. A report on the awards is included in this issue. Our warmest thanks go to Martin Willey, who chaired the panel and members Gill Collymore, Stephen Harte, John Stott and Barry Eaton.

Members of the Planning Advisory Group have been busy each week commenting on the rising number of planning applications. At the same time, members of the Policy Group were faced with the need for a response to the City Council's request for ideas on the future needs of Winchester. This is part of central government's desire for policy making to begin locally instead of being handed down from on high and set us a most demanding timescale which led to joint work with Winchester Action on Climate Change [WinACC] and Winchester Area Community Action [WACA]. The well attended public meeting on 6th November brought more views for the stalwarts to digest and formulate into a report to the Council in very short time. September saw the end of a most successful programme of walks organised by John Beveridge and led by members of the Trust. They give great enjoyment to those who go along and are another example of commitment by our membership. So it has been a very busy time for the Trust as a body but especially for the many members who willingly undertake these heavy burdens.

What of the future? The Barton Farm saga drags on with the public enquiry in February and one must wonder what effect on its proceedings will come from Cala Homes' recent successful application in the High Court. We may surely hope for a resolution of the present impasse over the Silverhill development.

In the short term, we think increasingly about Christmas. Good wishes to all members and warmest thanks to those members whose labours make the Trust work.

Iain Patton

Planning Appraisal Group - TrustNews Dec 10

The Planning Department has made a tremendous effort to catch up with the backlog of applications awaiting validation into the system, and as a result everyone concerned has been extremely busy trying to cope with the resulting influx. Over the past three months the Trust's viewing panels have looked at about 180 applications, with one week's panel having to comment on over 30, the average number seen in a month during the past year – that was a long morning that spilt over into the afternoon! However, we only look at the applications for Winchester itself, so our sympathy goes to the poor planners who have to deal with an equivalent increase of applications for the whole district.

There is nothing more to report on the long-standing schemes needing decisions that were mentioned in the last TrustNew, apart from two. The proposal to replace the **Snooker Centre, Radley House, 8 St Cross Road** and build six dwellings on **Edgar Road** has been granted, provided the replacement facility is completed before the residential units are occupied. The proposal to convert Chestnut Mead, Kingsgate Road and build two houses behind it has been deferred yet again for consideration by a viewing sub-committee – it is only hoped that the unfortunate building can survive possible total disintegration while a decision is being reached.

The applicants wanting to convert **28 Chilbolton Avenue** to multiple use have gone to appeal and we have written in support of WCC's refusal of the scheme.Permission has been given for added extensions and the refurbishment of **New Hall, Winchester College, College Street**, as was also given for the proposal to build six dwellings on land adjoining **St John's Croft, Blue Ball Hill**, where we had welcomed the reduced number of dwellings from fourteen to six, the result of discussion and consultation between local residents and the developers. It was therefore encouraging that this scheme was unanimously supported by the Planning Development Control Committee. They granted the scheme against the advice of the officers, who seemed to be sticking to the previous guidance of developing a site to its greatest number and mix of dwellings, whether or not this would be appropriate for either the site or the neighbourhood.

While the retention and conversion of the existing house would have been preferred by the members of the Trust's council and viewing panels attending the pre-application consultation of Banner Homes' development of 12 dwellings in place of **Park House, 21 Park Road**, it was recognised that the house is set far back in the plot and makes little contribution to the street scene, so they concentrated on the new housing that was being proposed. All considered the density would be too high for the neighbourhood and would constitute overdevelopment of the site, something that was reflected by the large area of hard landscaping and the small gardens that would be provided, especially for the larger houses. We felt there were too many of these and that more 3-bed houses should be built. An application has also been made to convert **Park House** from being a residential care home to single residential use so that the house could be rented while its future was being decided. We welcomed this proposal because the house would be less likely to deteriorate and might therefore be saved if people were living in it, but it was refused because of the possibility that the house could still be used for its existing or another use of benefit to the local community.

We also had a pre-application presentation of a scheme to build more accommodation for the students of the University of Winchester in **Burma Road, West Hill Green**. The general reaction was approval of the over all approach for the development, which would consist of 5 blocks, although there were some reservations about their elevations. It is hoped that our comments will influence their detailing, which has still to be decided.

We objected to a very inappropriate scheme at **Stanmore News, 86A Cromwell Road**, where it was proposed that an ill-conceived modern shop front with an off-centre entrance and a garish yellow fascia should replace the central entrance and small-paned windows of the existing shop front that are a good example of the

original design of the award-winning estate. Only one other shop front in the crescent has been changed from the original fenestration, which was regrettably permitted some time in the past, and we felt that a very undesirable precedent would be set if this change of shop front were allowed. The planners agreed with our view, and the application has been refused.

While recognising that Winchester needs more housing, especially at the affordable end of the market, it is worrying that once again it seems that planning policies are lagging behind this demand. For instance, it would be beneficial for the City's future if guidance existed about the type of housing that should be built, where the houses should be located, and whether the local infrastructure (roads, schools, medical provision, etc) would be able to cope with the needs of the new residents.

Two roads currently seem particularly at risk from haphazard development: **Stoney Lane** and **Lanham Lane**, where we've seen an increasing number of applications to either demolish an existing house for a development, or cram additional dwellings into the garden. As happened in Chilbolton Avenue, each proposal is considered individually without calculating how it would affect Winchester as a whole, or whether it is the right type of development for the area. The bungalows that make up the great proportion of Stoney Lane make this road especially vulnerable because it is difficult to defend either their design or the inadequate use they make of their sites. A recent example is the proposal to demolish **Longwood Cottage, 2 Stoney Lane**, for three 2-bed, two 3-bed and one 4-bed dwellings, to which we objected as being overdevelopment of the site because of the amount of hard landscaping that would result. Another recent example is **Copperfield, Lanham Lane**, where it is proposed two 2- bed houses should be built in front of the house, and a 4-bed house should be built at the rear. We felt the density of 50dph wouldn't be acceptable for a site on the outermost edge of the city, and again objected as being overdevelopment of the site.

It seems very probable that without adequate forward planning and guidance these two roads could follow the disastrous consequences of the developer-led housing that have so damaged the character of Chilbolton Avenue. There is, however, a recent exception to the list of disasters along the road. The Trust fought against the demolition of **Kirtling House, 52 Chilbolton Avenue**, because we felt this would be detrimental to the character of the neighbourhood, but we feel that Banner Homes are to be congratulated on a replacement development that successfully respects the local character of the road. Whether the local infrastructure is adequate to cope with the new residents has still to be determined.

Shione Carden

Blueprint - TrustNews Dec 10

Open meeting at the Guildhall on Saturday November 6th

This event, which was announced at the AGM and for which an invitation was sent to all members, was extremely well attended with 135 people around discussion tables for two hours. The event was arranged by the Trust in conjunction with the

Winchester Action on Climate Change [WinACC] and Winchester Area Community Action [WACA] in response to Winchester City Council's request to us to help them obtain the views of the public on Winchester's future.

135 people: two hour discussion

The topics, each lead by a facilitator, included: housing, sustainability, transport, landscape, education, culture, sport and the economy. Each topic was discussed at tables of up to 10 people, with tables being duplicated where more than 10 wished to join one of the topics. As suggested at the outset some people moved from table to table while others stayed put. Discussion was very lively and no one seemed ready to stop when the time came!

Detailed input from each discussion group has been gathered, and the joint steering committee now has to draw up a formal response to WCC before December 10th. This will be put on our website and will be reported in the next TrustNews. The public consultation exercise will not then be over, because WCC intends to hold a major meeting on the subject in the New Year, when we may learn to what extent we have been able to influence the thinking leading to the Local Development Framework that will govern forward planning for the next ten to twenty years.

You can find out more about "Blueprint" at http://www.community-blueprint.co.uk/

The Winchester Town Access Plan - TrustNews Dec 10

The Winchester Town Access Plan (TAP) is a set of aims and priorities which seek to improve the way people can reach facilities and services spread throughout the town. The Plan along with other documents and policies will guide transport development within Winchester over the next 20 years. The TAP has been developed by Hampshire County Council in partnership with Winchester City Council and was the subject of public consultation between 20th September and 28th November.

The four key aims of the Access Plan are:

- To ensure that the vitality and resilience of the local economy is strengthened by planning for movement and access which is economically and environmentally sustainable.
- To lead a transition to cycling, walking, public transport and low-carbon modes of travel including low emission private and commercial vehicles.
- To enhance the social and cultural wellbeing of Winchester by providing access for all.
- To reduce the negative effects of transport on residential neighbourhoods and the town's historic environment, particularly in relation to air quality and the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

The Trust responded to the consultation and whilst it has supported these aims it has made a number of comments on the more detailed proposals and priorities in the plan. The response was prepared by the Trust's Policy Committee and approved by the Trust Council.

This is the latest in a number of consultations about traffic and access in Winchester and we have had considerable success in influencing policy over the years. The Trust is particularly pleased with the recent work to improve the High Street and looks forward to similar improvements in The Square.

For over 20 years the Trust has pressed for the provision of park and ride to relieve the city centre of traffic and welcomes the new provision of 800 spaces at Winchester South. However traffic relief will not be achieved unless there is a reciprocal reduction of parking in the central area. We are therefore now urging the local authorities to reduce traffic generation within the one-way system by releasing some of the car parks for residential or commercial development.

We are also pressing for the speed of traffic to be reduced and strongly support proposals for 20mph speed restrictions in central and residential areas.

Many other issues were addressed and the full response can be read on the Trust's website, http://www.cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk. A link is also provided to the Town Access Plan.

City of Winchester Trust Design Awards - TrustNews Dec 10

The City of Winchester Trust Design Award Scheme has been established since 1984 on a bi-annual basis to recognise quality in the design of buildings and landscape within the City of Winchester. It covers new buildings (of any size) rehabilitation and restoration, landscape and planting, shop fronts, signs and environmental improvement schemes.

Design Awards 2010

The awards for 2010 were administered by Trust Member Chris Higgins. The Award Ceremony was held in Ashburton Hall, Queen Elizabeth II Court on 1st November 2010.

Judging Criteria

Awards are made for schemes which display a high standard of design, make a lasting contribution to the City of Winchester as seen by the public, and demonstrate a positive understanding of the character of the surroundings. This year a new category of Public Art was introduced to encourage enlightened clients in sponsoring sculptures, paintings or other examples of fine art which is publicly accessible, and it was encouraging to have several enthusiastic submissions.

The Judges

The Judges were Stephen Harte, Barry Eaton, Gill Collymore and John Stott from the Trust with Martin Willey, Past President of RTPI as visiting chairman. They were impressed by the high standard of this year's submissions and all short-listed entries are to be congratulated; all those entries not receiving awards or commendations have contributed to the changing street scene of Winchester.

The Entries and Awards

New Buildings

Trinity Centre	Award	Houseman Henderson
University Centre	Award	Design Engine
Waitrose + Doctors Surgery	Commendation	MBP Architects
Becks Mews, 108 Stockbridge Road	Commendation	Chaplin Farrent

1 Long Close, Stanmore; Emmaus Centre; Performing Arts Centre

Conversion/Refurbishment/Extension

Discovery Centre	Award	HCC Architects
Lighting in St Cross Church	Award	Seymour Bainbridge
Sparklers Sure Start, Winnall	Commendation	HCC Architects

8 St Thomas Street; 8 Fallow Field, Badgers Farm; Abbey Gardens Lavatories; Queen Elizabeth II Court; Scholars Chambers, Winchester College

Public Art

Discovery Centre Wall Hanging	Commendation	Alice Kettle
Collective Art at University	Commendation	Alice Kettle

The Kite Flyer, Parchment Street; Painted Bollards, The Square

Sustainability

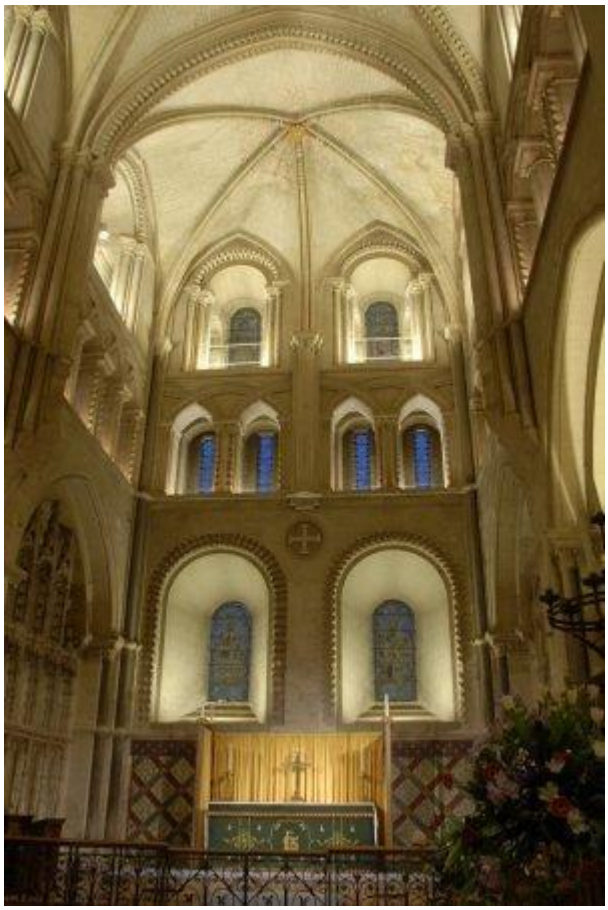
Queen Elizabeth II Court	Award	HCC Architects

Members' Choice

At the Trust's AGM, shortlisted entries were exhibited and members were invited to vote for their preferred scheme. The overriding winner was Queen Elizabeth II Court.



Trinty Centre - Award Winner



Lighting in St Cross Church - Award Winner



Uiversity Centre - Award Winner



Queen Elizabeth II Court - Award Winner



Discovery Centre - Award Winner

The Corner Shop - TrustNews Dec 10


Corner Shop

A phrase rarely used these days is “just popping round to the corner shop”. The reason is very simple: proprietors of businesses such as grocers, newsagents and butchers, who ran the shop on the corner, or those sometimes referred to as “the handy store”, cannot compete with modern day mini-markets and supermarkets which are expanding so rapidly throughout the country. The BBC TV series of the 1980s Open all hours featuring Ronnie Barker and David Jason was a good example of those halcyon days.

So, let me take you back in time and reveal a few of these gems which no longer exist in Winchester. There are too many to mention here and I leave you to do your own research discovering the rest! Unless otherwise stated the following shops have now been converted into private dwelling houses and you can see the newly installed brickwork where the shop windows and the entrance door once stood. I have taken these shops from Warren’s street directory of 1953.

The residents of Fulflood were well equipped with four corner shops the first being on the corner of Stockbridge Road and Cranworth Road. It is still in existence but not as Hugh Hughes the grocer, trading instead as Greenbanks Homecare “the people who care”. The logo is painted on the side brick wall for all to see. This was the practise for some shops which made good advertising of their trade. Further down Cranworth Road, on the corner of Fairfield Road, was E.A. Thompson, butcher and greengrocer, whilst on one corner of Stockbridge Road and Western Road the dairymen Collis Cobb & Harrison had one of their branches.

The premises are now occupied by Direct Denture Care. The shop on the other corner was, for many years, The Omega Wine & Spirit Stores latterly taken over by the Thresher chain. On inspection last September I found the property empty and understood from the decorators that a “speciality cake shop” was “on the cards” for opening shortly.

The occupiers of North Walls properties were also lucky to have three corner shops in close proximity of one another. W.J. Ponsford & Sons, bakers and confectioners, had several shops in the city, one of them being on the corner of Parchment Street. On the next corner with Upper Brook Street Mr. W. Coates ran The General Stores. Three signs are still visible painted on the walls advertising Nestles Milk. The final one, appropriately called The Handy Shop, stood on the corner of Park Avenue, the proprietors being F.G. & L. Dawson.

Some corner shops served a dual role one of which was on the corner of Egbert Road and Danes Road where William Bullen was sub-postmaster and grocer at the premises. Painted on a decorative board attached to the brick wall are the words The Old Hyde Post Office which apparently closed about 5 years ago. The property has now been tastefully converted into two flats. F.G. Croft & Sons, grocers, whose main shop was in Jewry Street (now Prezzo restaurant) had a branch on the corner of Clausentum Road and St. Faith’s Road. The occupiers of houses in St. John’s Street didn’t have far to travel for their fish and chips as Ken’s Fried Fish Shop stood on the corner with Bridge Street.

There is, however, one corner shop still “going strong” to my knowledge in the city. This is situated on the corner of Hyde Street and Hyde Church Lane known simply

as Hyde Newsagency. In the 1953 street directory it was run by Leonard Best as a confectioner and newsagent. The present proprietors of the business are Diane Duckett and Norman Roberts.

Finally, the shop now converted into a private dwelling on the corner of Alswitha Terrace and King Alfred Place was for several years run by George Lovelock, the baker. In the window was a large notice stating “No burnt cakes sold here”. George obviously had a sense of humour!

Phil Yates



Another lost corner shop on Northwalls and Park Avenue

Phil Yates - TrustNews Dec 10



Phil Yates was presented with an honorary degree by Winchester University at the degree ceremony in Winchester Cathedral in October.

Phil Yates was born and brought up in Winchester and is an honorary life member of the City of Winchester Trust. His book Time Gentlemen Please about Winchester's public houses was published by the Trust in celebration of the Trust's 50th anniversary. Phil kindly donated the proceeds of the book to the Trust. Phil is also an archivist and historian for the Theatre Royal. As a founding member of the action group, he was a leading campaigner in the fight to save the building from demolition in 1974. He was appointed Honorary Historian and Archivist of the theatre in 1980 and over the years he gathered a great deal of historical material which culminated in the publication of the book Behind the Curtain in 2009.

Over the past 20 years, Phil has written several other books, mainly about Winchester. He worked in the legal profession for 40 years reaching the position of Senior Legal Executive with a firm of Winchester solicitors. He was conscripted to the Yorkshire coal mines during World War II and was among the 'Bevin Boys' to be honoured by the Prime Minister with a commemorative medal in 2008. He is an active member of The Bevin Boys Association, attending reunions and parades.

Review of the 2010 Summer Walks Programme - TrustNews Dec 10

Looking back over the programme, we felt it included a good range of subjects; from the historic to the new, from the well known to the more technical and sometimes to the hidden or under-appreciated. All in one way or another were relevant to the appreciation of some part of Winchester's character.

We continued later in to September than usual as we had more offers from experts and enthusiasts to lead groups than had been expected. The Trust is fortunate in being able to count on the goodwill of so many who have a range of expertise and knowledge both among its members and from other Winchester based bodies like our two local authorities, the tourist guiding fraternity and local architects. The walks are only as good as its leaders so we should not only value and appreciate those who have provided their services in the past but also seek others with new knowledge to impart.

The way we run the walks does not give advance knowledge of numbers which can vary from a dozen to over 50. While it is good that so many want to attend, numbers at the upper end can cause concerns over managing a big group, worries about traffic safety and difficulty in hearing the leader. We want to avoid a formal booking system but we may need to introduce this for one or two walks which we judge to be likely to attract high numbers.

Looking forward to planning next year's programme, I have had suggestions for subjects and we welcome other ideas and also the names of individuals who are knowledgeable about a relevant subject whom we could approach.

John Beveridge

Dear Editor

I should like to thank all those who organised and lead the Thursday evening walks this past summer. They were all most interesting yet different as we were able to hear about the subject, “from the horse’s mouth”, from the designer, architect, enthusiast or other expert in the subject.

My only concern is that the walks are becoming the victim of their own success and the large numbers on some walks meant it was sometimes difficult to get close enough to the speaker to hear, especially when the walk went along traffic laden streets. I believe there used to be a system of registering one’s intention to attend. Reinstatement of this system via e-mail would add a layer of administration and penalise those without computer access but I think some way of limiting numbers should be explored.

In spite of worrying about numbers I recommend the walks as a very pleasant way to spend a summer evening, learn a lot and get to know some of the other members.

Margaret Barber
1, St.James Lane, Winchester

First AGM of Civic Voice - TrustNews Dec 10

Following the demise of the Civic Trust we have been an enthusiastic supporter of the formation of a new national body to represent all civic societies and promote them and their concerns nationally. To help with this, the Trust provided financial support at an early stage. The new body was launched with the name of Civic Voice in London earlier this year and in October the first annual meeting was held in Peterborough over two days which I attended on behalf of the Trust. It was good to see nearly 200 people present, representing about 40 different civic societies. In the 6 months from the launch of Civic Voice 258 societies have joined with a total membership of 68,000.

Tony Burton, the director recruited from the National Trust, gave an impressive account of the work he and Ian Knight, the only other paid member of staff, have been doing promoting the civic movement through the media and with government ministers and raising the profile of issues like the street pride campaign for the removal of scruffy signs and street clutter.

The next big event which Civic Voice will be promoting is Civic Day on Saturday 25th June when all civic societies will be encouraged to take part and the Trust will soon be considering what we should be doing in Winchester. Presentations were made at the meeting on possible subjects for the day which would help in promoting civic pride among residents: in particular the need to save favourite but unprotected buildings, trees and the removal of street clutter.

Other subjects covered during the meeting included English Heritage's commemorative plaques on buildings, and actions taken by some societies to increase their membership.

It was interesting to learn about the very different experience of Peterborough since World War II following its designation as a 'New Town' in the 1960s. Its population subsequently doubled to 170,000 and 4 new self-sufficient well-planned townships were created; and we learned how they avoided over- reliance on the car for transport in to the centre.

John Beveridge

Look Up! Winchester - TrustNews Dec 10

With perfect timing between the splendid repaving and the Christmas shopping season, architect Rodney Graham and writer and photographer Christopher Newberry suggest you Look Up! Winchester. This neat little book takes you from City Mill and King Alfred on his plinth to the poor decapitated Black Swan and the gargoyles on the Westgate - looking always at the tops of buildings. With a lot of local history and a little bit of architectural primer, it shows what we miss if we only look in shop windows, as well as illustrating the great sweep of ages of buildings that gives Winchester its character. And now we can Look Up! safely without fear of uneven paving. Published with the help of Winchester City Council, paperback £6.99 (hardback also available) from bookshops and the Tourist Information Centre.

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New Members - TrustNews Dec 10

A warm welcome to the following members who have recently joined:

Mr Christopher Ward
Mrs June P. Stratford
Sharon Watson
Anthea Fortescue
Amanda Bryant
Dr Mary Tiles
Ms C. Holloway & Mr P. Gregg
Mr & Mrs G. D. Miles
Mr Chris Corcoran
Mr P. & Mrs S Vining
Jackie Moetteli

Winter Talks - TrustNews Dec 10

What a Load of Rubbish!

Thursday 10th February
The Emmaus Centre, Winchester

Alison Thompson, Chair of Trustees,
Emmaus, Hampshire

Thursday 10th March
Project Integra

Waste Management in Hampshire
John Redmayne

Thursday 14th April
"Rubbish on Our Streets"

Members meeting led by
trust Council members

All talks take place at the Heritage Centre
32 Upper Brook Street, starting at 7.00pm.

Suggested donation of £2.50 per person. Tea & Coffee will be available

Space at the Heritage Centre is limited,
so please arrive in good time to avoid disappointment.
Space will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

For more information please contact the secretary on 01962 851664
or email secretary@cityofwinchestertrust.co.uk

Trust's Christmas Cards - TrustNews Dec 10



We are fortunate again this year to be able to offer two new cards from paintings by Patricia Spink and by Sir Colin Stansfield Smith and thank them both for their generous support in their creative way. Tricia's card is of a festive scene in front of one of Winchester's best loved older buildings, now combined in a modern setting as a well- proportioned entity. Colin's card catches a dramatic mood, which enfolds in the Christmas story, set in one of the oldest parts of our city. There are also cards available from paintings by the same artists from last year. The Trust aims to offer several Christmas cards, generally ordering sufficient to spread over two seasons.



Sometimes the cards are contemporary in style, sometimes traditional and at other times in a combination of both. The cards are now on sale at the Guildhall Charity Cards Shop. We encourage you to visit the shop for your Christmas cards as sales have been a welcome source of income for the Trust for many years.