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The 'splashouts' team for the Church of England (Aided) Primary School, Compton, present their conception for the proposed Visitor's Centre at Twyford Pumping Station.
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Chairman's Message - TrustNews Summer 1998

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Rosalind (Rolly) Thomas as the new Secretary to the Trust. She is a retired Civil Servant and lives in Alresford.

Our Treasurer, William Winterton, has regretfully retired from the post. His place has been taken by a Member of the Trust, Captain Ian Grant RN, with effect from 1st April 1998. William Winterton has done much for the Trust during his two and a half years in office and we are very grateful to him for all the time and expertise he has devoted to the Trust's financial affairs. We wish him well in his retirement. At the

same time we are very pleased to have the services of Captain Grant in this important post.

After many years as Editor of the Trust's biannual Newsletter, Gill Collymore has retired to devote herself to her music and her many other interests. On your behalf I thank her for all the time, effort and imagination she has given to this important task. She has done so much to make our Newsletter an interesting and informative publication. I am glad to be able to tell you that she remains a member of the Trust's Council so we will retain her wise counsels in our affairs. We wish her well. Her place is taken by Margrit Waldron. We welcome her to this post and we are very grateful to her for volunteering to take on this important task.

We still have no final resolution to the lease of the The Heriage Centre but are hopeful that the matter will be resolved in the near future.

As forecast the year has so far been a busy one and the pressures on our historic City show few signs of abatement.

The County Structure Plan - Housing 2001 to 2011

Although the question of the number of houses to be built in Hampshire is not the only issue unresolved in the Structure Plan, it is certainly the one which could have the biggest impact on Winchester's landscape and environment.

The Deposited Plan called for 44,000 houses to be built in Hampshire. This figure was not accepted by the Panel at the Examination in Public. It preferred 56,000 which results from projecting a trend estimated possibly as early as 1990, and certainly at a South East Regional Planning Conference in 1992. During the last year various lesser figures have been proposed by the County Council. None of these came anywhere near the original figure of 44,000, which had been arrived at after consultation with experts and careful study of all the conflicting factors. It remains an impeccably calculated figure which can be emphatically argued is the correct one and that the figure chosen by the Panel was wrong.

The whole issue of housing numbers has been under scrutiny, not only in Hampshire, but in other counties as well. The protest at the perceived threat by the Government to the countryside has snowballed. As a result the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr John Prescott, has made a statement which has given scope for a reappraisal of total housing numbers and of their distribution nationally and locally.

In the light of this the County Council is now to submit proposals restricting the residential development to a maximum Planned Figure of 42,000 over the period 2001-2011. Hampshire as a county is not rich in "brownfield" development sites so there is inevitably pressure to expand in to the countryside. However if a Planned Figure of this order can be achieved, then some of the pressure on "greenfield" sites will be relieved, and this could well spare us from development to the north of Winchester.

The Trust is now considering its strategy to deal with this potentially serious threat to the setting of Winchester. One thing is quite clear. This is an intensely political issue

but it is not one to be treated in a partisan party political manner. All shades of political opinion must be harnessed to oppose the threat. If you are concerned for the preservation of the landscape around Winchester, and for the environmental impact that major development would bring in its train, then please let your concerns be known to your Councillors, both City and County, and to our Member of Parliament. This is very important so please pick up your pen or motivate your "mouse" and let them have your views on this significant issue.

The Bushfield Area

There is much in the local press. Knowing that the report on the Landscape and Townscape of Winchester is not to be published until July it is surprising that some of our Councillors are pressing for the provision of a leisure facility on this site, with all that that implies for the landscape and the setting of the City. Such a facility may well be possible in the Bushfield area but let us wait until the contents of the report are available. An alternative site for this complex could be at Bar End on land now owned by Tesco.

Landscape and Townscape Study

Hampshire County Council in conjunction with Winchester City Council, the Countryside Commission, the Winchester Preservation Trust, the Hampshire Gardens Trust, and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust have commissioned a firm of consultants to carry out a comprehensive and holistic study of the City in all its aspects to enable:

> The Consultants to recommend which areas require a more detailed study to support a bid for Heritage Lottery Funding should Heritage Lottery Fund decide to accept bids for Cathedral Cities and their settings and enable the participating partners to use:
>
> The information obtained for each character area to assist the analysis and evaluation of the impact of a particular development scenario on each character area.
>
> The findings of the study in the testing process for scenarios of future developments as part of the "Future of Winchester Study".

This is a pilot scheme and may well be followed by similar studies in other cathedral cities.

In view of the pressure on Bushfield the part of the report relating to areas south of Winchester is being given priority in the research programme. This will be complete by 8th June and the full report by 3rd August.

Other Issues

Other issues in which the Trust is involved or holding a watching brief are:

- The Future of Winchester Study

- The development of the Post Office site with The Broadway and Friarsgate
- Traffic management throughout the City Lighting in the High Street
- The development of the Theatre Royal
- Cycle routes both national and local

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 2nd November in the Guildhall.

R.B.Merton, Chairman

Development Control Committee - TrustNews Summer 1998

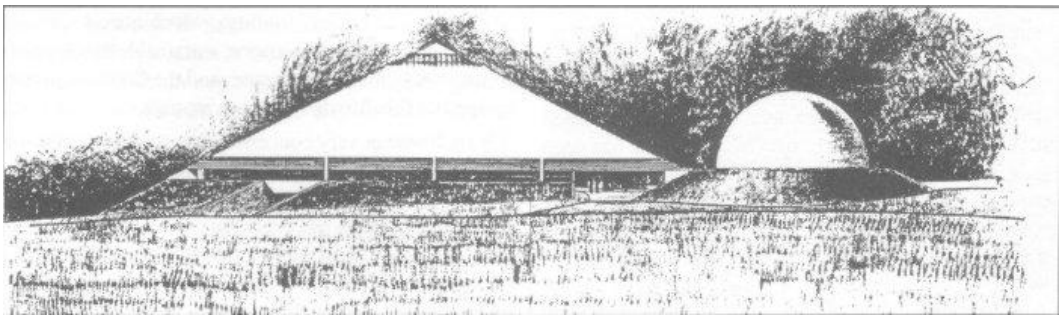


Illustration of Morn Hill design
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Marks & Spencer Warehouse

Decisions have now been made on several schemes about which the Trust felt strongly. As reported in the last Newsletter we had objected to those for the **Chantry Mead Hotel**, **Bereweeke Road**, and the **Old Market House, High Street**, and we are glad to say that permission for both applications has been refused.

A more recent scheme was the proposal to build four new retail units on the site of the present **Winchester Post Office**. While the actual proposal was acceptable in general terms, we felt it was premature to take a decision before it was known what was going to happen on a sizable plot of nearby land, and we had objected to this scheme. The future of the **Marks & Spencer warehouse** and the adjoining **Bus Station** has been under discussion for some months and has still to be decided. However, it seems likely that whatever is eventually built on these sites there could be a pedestrian link through them from the Bus Station to the Brook Centre area via

Tanner Street and Silver Hill. The proposed Post Office scheme has been designed without consideration of this possibility, and gaping caverns for service vehicles similar to those existing would face onto Tanner Street and this stretch of the approach to the Brooks Centre area would be rather dreary as a result. Despite being asked to defer the application until the future use of the two sites had been decided, at the beginning of the year the property developers pressed ahead, and their application was granted with what seemed almost indecent haste compared with other instances when months of haggling and negotiations take place.



Winchester Bus Station

This has certainly been the case with schemes for what is now known as the **Queen's Court Block** on the upper level of **Peninsula Barracks**. Here the proposed building has been under discussion since the end of 1996, when proposals for the Black Tower (same site, different building) first saw the light of day. The contemporary design proposed in October last year for the present Queen's Court Block was not found upsetting by the Trust, but has caused considerable ire on the part of some Peninsula Barracks residents. Its size has however been found unacceptable by everybody, including the Planning Committee, who in April deferred the application for further negotiations about its size, landscaping and relationship to neighbouring buildings - the Mons Block in particular would have suffered considerable overshadowing from the proposed structure - and further details on a variety of aspects are also being sought.

This is an important and sensitive site, and it is very appropriate that as much time as is necessary should be given to the process of reaching the correct solution for this location. The Trust very much hopes this will also be the case with the proposals for Morn Hill and that as much time as is necessary will be given to reaching the best development for this important and highly visible site. We are however very afraid that this might not in fact happen.

The designers have recently given us a presentation of the current proposals for the development at **Morn Hill**. This is for an Intech exhibition hall and lecture theatre/ planetarium, workplace buildings and a hundred-bedroom hotel, and there is much to recommend the proposed development. For one thing the unsightly mess fts, of wrecked cars will go, and a site and funding towards the Intech centre will be provided by the developers. The design of the simple pyramid and dome of the Intech structures is exciting and suitably high-tech, and they should most admirably provide the highly visible scheme to mark the Millennium that is desired by the City.

There is an environmentally-sensitive approach to the design of the hotel and other buildings, which aims to provide a low energy, high performance, sustainable development that merges into the landscape, and the Trust very much welcomes this forward-looking attitude.

We are however very concerned that so many aspects of the design and siting still remain to be decided. There are computer-generated views of the site as a whole, but it is not possible to get much idea of what the buildings would be like from within the site, for there are no perspectives of the buildings and the drawings of the elevations are not detailed enough to give an adequate impression of their appearance.

Some other aspects are even more worrying, and they raise questions which need to be answered before permission for the development is granted. The most important of these is:

What happens if the Development Group fails to complete or, even worse, start construction of the scheme? There have been few grounds for resisting this present scheme because permission was given in the past for a two-hundred bedroom hotel on part of the site. Fortunately the current proposal is an unusually sensitive scheme that respects its surroundings, but once it has received planning consent, what happens should this consortium fall by the wayside? Permission will have been given for a larger development than before - an exhibition complex, workplace buildings and a hundred bedroom hotel - and what protection will this vulnerable site then have from the depredations of a determined developer intent on building a more intrusive and damaging scheme?

We have therefore urged the City to seek expert advice on this aspect, and have regretfully objected to the scheme as presented in the current application because inadequate details about the proposed development and insufficient protection against possible future disasters have been provided.

The Trust however very much fears that the impetus for an early decision will prevail because the Millennium component of the project will be pushing for the scheme to be virtually completed by the turn of the century. Desirable though this might be in the short term, if too little time is allowed for a full discussion of all the aspects arising from the development, we shall then have to live with the possibly unsatisfactory results of a premature decision for many years to come.

Shione Carden

Neighbourhood Studies - TrustNews Summer 1998

Winchester is a fascinating city, and those who know and love the place will realise that there is always something new to discover, no matter how long one has lived here. The city as a whole is made up of a variety of neighbourhoods, each one having a distinct flavour. For example, the St. Cross area is characterised by its position between the St Cross Hospital and Winchester College, and its location in

the river valley. This contrasts strongly with Oram's Arbour, with its hillside position, affording views out over the city in a number of directions.

Over the past few months, the Trust's projects group has been engaged on compiling a short series of "neighbourhood studies", focusing on these individual areas of Winchester. The studies are not intended to be definitive guides to the areas concerned, but is hoped that they will provide some useful background information concerning these separate areas. In particular, the studies will be of use as "briefing papers" for members of the City Council's planning committee, as well as being of interest to Trust Members.

The first of the series, about to be published, concerns Fulflood. This area feels somewhat set apart from the main parts of the city, separated as it is by the railway line and the major roads which define it. The vistas across the area, and the sense of "containment" offered by the tree-lined belt to the north of Fulflood, emerge as important features, every bit as important as the varied building stock.

Copies of the study will be made available through the Trust. Future studies will include Hyde, St. Cross, Christchurch Road and Oram's Arbour.

Antony Feltham-King RIBA

Archives - TrustNews Summer 1998

John Brimfield died on the 17th April 1998, at the age of 56.

John had been an active and good supporter of the Winchester Heritage Centre and the archive group. He had himself mounted an exhibition of a selection from his fine and extensive collection of local postcards, and had also created a large display of the work of the Cathedral "Holy Dusters".

John became aware that local photographer E.A. (Bob) Sollars was seeking to place his forty-year collection of many thousands of negatives into safe keeping, and some two thousand of these are now with the Winchester Preservation Trust.

From these John selected a number of negatives of local interest and published them in the Archive Photographs Series under the title "Winchester from the Sollars Collection", published by the Chalford Publishing Company of Stroud, Gloucestershire. John gave valuable assistance to a second book by E.A. (Bob) Sollars, using negatives from a wider selection. Both books are on the shelves of local book shops.

Under the auspices of the Winchester Preservation Trust John had also published, from a tape recording, "Memoirs of a Working Man" by Percy Crockford.

May John and his widow Jennifer find peace after much pain.

Rosemary Kinnaird Smith

An Interview with Steven Bee, Chief Planning Officer for Winchester - TrustNews Summer 1998

Steven Bee started as Winchester's Chief Planning Officer at the beginning of March but though he has hardly got his feet under the table, agreed to speak with Margrit Waldron and Ray Attfield about his approach to planning the future of the City.

His previous job was in private consultancy as technical director of Llewelyn Davies, and in this capacity headed the team which prepared the Friarsgate Study, an investigation into development possibilities for the central area initiated by his predecessor Simon Birch, and now under review before being presented to committee in the Summer. Working on this study has given Steven a very good introduction to Winchester's problems and needs. Before Llewelyn Davies he spent 10 years at the London Borough of Lewisham so the world of local authority planning will be familiar, but his move to Winchester comes with what he sees as the benefits of a refreshing spell in private practice and being a newcomer to the area. As he put it, an outsider with fewer prejudices and considerable optimism stands a better chance of pulling the team together to act in a more focused and positive way.

The fact that his appointment will ultimately embrace Building Control, Engineers and Estates as well as Planning and the fact that he opted to use the title, Chief Planning Officer suggests that in his view planning will be more pro-active and set the direction rather than have to follow the accidental pressures of development. And seeing planning as a process of looking forward, of thinking ahead, should reduce the number of situations where, in the past, the City has been caught on the wrong foot with too little time to consider problems only revealed by a planning application. This view could be discounted as the optimism of the 'new boy', but other indications suggest that there is a will to create a difference through co-operation, the adoption of different priorities and the use of different methods.

Our conversation was loosely framed by some key questions.

The first question, what do you see as the key issues for the future of the City of Winchester? prompted an answer which went straight to the big issue, sustainability, and then to the big question, what is Winchester? Before developing these points, Steven referred to the conservationist policy of the last two Hampshire Strategy Plans which had, by minimising change, placed the City in a very strong position from which to negotiate its future. Winchester, unlike many cities, is in the privileged position of being able to consider alternative futures. It was equally clear that in order to decide what future was appropriate and possible the City had to reconsider its relationship within South Hampshire. The City Council has just adopted the Winchester District local plan and authorised the next review which has to deal with pressures from government down which were pushing the City towards expansion. How should this be interpreted? It has to happen to some extent and in one form or another but should it be by expanding in size or by intensifying development within existing boundaries? This question requires an answer but can only really be presented as a change of direction or emphasis. With housing statistics for example, a change in the method of predicting future needs gives a different answer.

As an example of how different emphasis can guide policy, Steven cited the value of particularity and difference between places but "the fact is that viable shopping centres do, for the time being, require the key players to generate 40 a volume of activity sufficient to support the smaller independents. How Winchester functions as a shopping centre, and how we can help it gain strength in diversity will be an important part of our work." It is possible to develop an economic and sustainable city around very localised characteristics providing these are viable in the wider context.

These issues will all be considered in the Future of Winchester Study now being prepared in three stages. Topics such as health, housing will generate issues for public discussion, and from that different possible scenarios will be set out. Steven explained that to realise the different qualities within the city, the process of examination had to be 'plan lead', area by area, using planning briefs where appropriate to clarify and amplify policy. The question of how to produce a view of what the city should be, as distinct from an evaluation of what it is now, exposed the limitation of character assessment methods and lead to the next question on our list:

What references should be used to guide the form of change and future development of the City?

The response to this was still optimistic though more constrained by awareness of the limitations of planning powers to determine anything more than land use. Steven did suggest that 'supplementary planning guidance' could be more effectively used to set out specific expectations, area by area, and that 'policy guidance' can be an effective tool to determine use eg. the limitation placed on office development, though it might be argued that economics is an even stronger factor. Perceived 'problems' such as the number and size of pubs and the many and complex issues surrounding traffic and transport will be a severe test of both the methods used in policy making and the effectiveness of 'guidance' as a control. None of this however sheds much light on what values are used to determine policy in the first place.

The reference used by Government for sustainable development originates in Opportunities For Change consultation paper, which sets out some very laudable criteria of mixed use and balanced living which Steven regarded as "too motherhood and apple pie" and therefore open to question as to its usefulness in determining real policy for cities. He would accept that we have to learn from analysis of our own history and from what other cities have done well, or badly. The qualities we have now are where we must begin but without as such cannot guide our hand in forming the future.



Winchester Bus Station

The third question focused on public space in the streets. Even in Winchester it is a battle for rights over the use of public space. The conflict of interest, here as in many cities, is between an efficient traffic system which determines almost everything that happens in the streets, and streets without traffic, that is pedestrianised. Though "many in the County and especially in he City are very keen to reduce traffic and give the pedestrians a better deal," there is still little understanding of he different qualities and character of streets which should be, first and foremost, places rather than routes. An approach which takes a formal view of the whole set of design issues together, facades, paving, lighting, furniture, is still absent. This different understanding is reinforced by the fact that the budget is controlled largely by the County Council Highways Department, to lesser extent by the City Engineers, and only slightly by Planning.

One key space which Steven hopes will benefit from this new approach is The Broadway, important to the Friarsgate study the subject of our fourth question.

The interregnum between the departure of Simon Birch and the appointment of Steven Bee, put the study on the back burner but it is now being revised and updated for presentation to committee after which it will be presented to the public. The Llewelyn Davies recommendations were applauded by Council Members but scepticism remains regarding financial viability. There is still a problem getting major landholders involved and much depends on devising a more rational strategy for bus movements and finding a more appropriate location for a bus station. Serious thought is being given to making Friarsgate work better and to providing a new bus station and allow the Broadway to become the important public space it should be. Some readers will remember proposals along these lines being produced at the study workshops in the summer of 1996.

The scheme recently submitted for the Post Office site was assessed against the general strategy of the consultants report and though not in conflict with the general form and use of the site it might prejudice the financial viability of a comprehensive

approach. However, because of the uncertainty about achieving a clear plan for the whole area there was no basis for either delay or refusal of this scheme.

Our final question tried to get under the surface of the issue of how to accommodate the inevitable requirement for an expansion of the population of the City and how this related to the formation of a view of what the City should be in the future.

Obviously this was far too complex an issue to expect much more than another set of questions but Steven Bee referred back to the point which came top of his list at the start of our conversation, namely what can be sustained into the future, how to assess this and make the distinction from what we have now.

The Landscape Assessment Study currently being carried out by the City County and others, can be regarded as one of a number of Topic Studies which will set out current values. Other Topics will be added such as the studies of traffic and transport, of public places, and policy studies concerning the retail and commercial structure of the City. Steven added one value into this mix which I have not heard used as a matter of public policy before, that undue privilege should not be given to any group or interest. While it is easy to read too much into this I would like to think that it does herald the beginning of a new and hopeful vision based on the ideals of planning for the common good of the City and its citizens.

Much needs to be done to complete the major task of forming a vision of the future now defined as The Future of Winchester Study. Something has been started which will at least offer a basis of what we have but leaves very much unanswered the question of what is desirable.

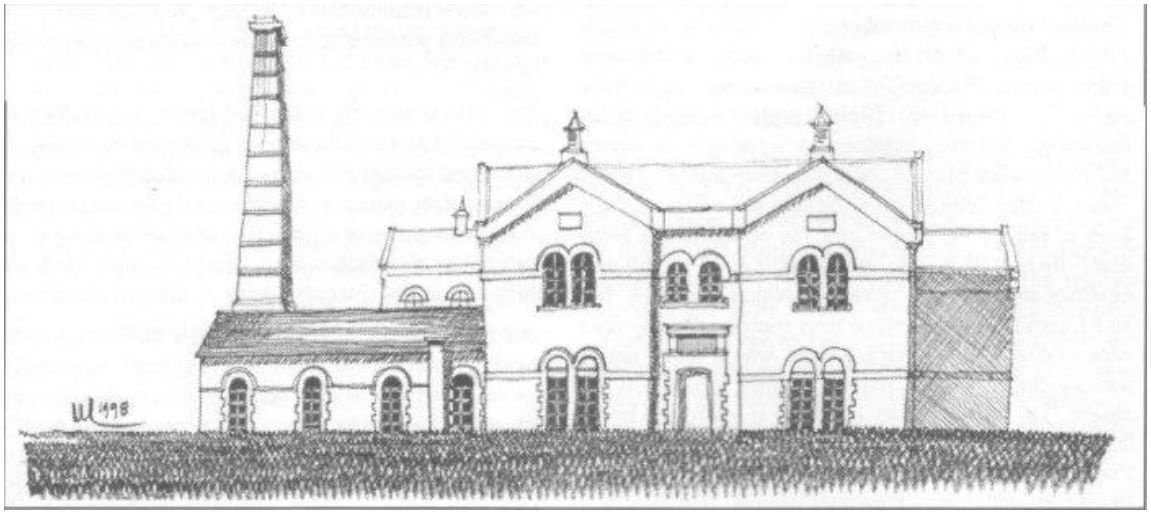
Steven Bee has taken over the planning hot seat of a wonderful city with great potential. We wish him well and success to his ambitions, for all our sakes.

Ray Attfield

Chippindale Venture - TrustNews Summer 1998

The Chippindale Venture is an exciting environmental education project, set up by the Winchester Preservation Trust's Urban Studies Group, itself founded by the late Frank Chippindale. Frank, formerly Head of Architecture at Leeds University, had the idea of involving primary and secondary pupils in design, through the participation of architects, planners and landscape architect.

PROJECT 1998



Drawing of Pumping Station by Keith Leaman

DESIGN FOR HERITAGE CENTRE AT TWYFORD WATER PUMPING STATION

In February pupils from four Primary Schools St Faith's, Twyford, Owslebury, and Compton presented their approach to designs for a Heritage Centre at the rural pumping station at Twyford.

For four weeks on Tuesday afternoons they had been working in groups of five, each with the support of an architect or landscape architect.

Ideas from the children were matched by their skills in presentation, both visual and oral, which embraced many areas of the curriculum written work, drawings and three dimensional models on display; evidence of the use of numbers in calculations of area, volume and distance; appreciation of the forces of energy and the use of materials in the industrial processes at the works as well as materials for use in the existing buildings and the structures they proposed.

Techniques used by architects (for example how relationships between rooms and spaces can be shown in the form of a 'bubble diagram" before arriving at a layout plan and section) were grasped enthusiastically and recorded in the design sketches.

The process was shown to be as important as the end product of a building design. Presentation to an audience of one hundred or so was coped with skilfully. Some young people had clear marketing skills and were persuasive in their arguments.

Imagination had been allowed to run free and then to address realities. Every group was aware of the need for access by people of all ages and degrees of mobility. The challenge of car parking was addressed.

Members of the Twyford Waterworks Trust, present at the Village Hall event, were impressed with the range of concepts and designs, more modern than ancient, and how readily their working monument could be enhanced with new structures, many with an engineering spirit to them. Steam and other power, the lime production and the provision of drinking water as well as the Victorian, Edwardian and later buildings

had certainly inspired the learning of the children, and their own efforts were an education for the adults.

Historic Background

For nearly a hundred years, drinking water for the villages around Twyford has been pumped from deep wells under Hazeley Down.

Southern Water Services use only a small part of the buildings for pumping, using electricity, and chemical treatment of the water before it is piped to local reservoirs for storage.

The land and buildings, including the disused lime kilns, and the chalk quarry, are an Ancient Monument.

In the existing buildings there is a collection of engines:

pumping engine
steam engines
hydraulic engines
diesel engines
gas making plant
petrol gas engine

DESIGN BRIEF FOR THE WORKING GROUPS



Presentation by a Twyford Pupil

How this project was approached with the pupils
The brief to the pupils (9 year olds) began as follows: What we can see at Twyford.

First you will describe the existing buildings and how they are positioned on the different levels of the site.

You will note the trees and chalk grassland, and see the plant machinery.

The chalk waste from the water softening process (that which was not used by Eucryl for toothpaste) was dumped on the north side of Hazeley Road. The high bank is now covered with birch trees, behind which was recently built a water bottling plant.

You will also look at the spaces in the buildings, the exhibits, lavatories and kitchen / messroom. Imagine how they are used when open to the public on Open Days.

PURPOSE:

A HERITAGE CENTRE for the interpretation of the Ancient Monument and its setting; for telling the story of drinking water to display water pipes and pumps, water treatment and bathroom and kitchen fittings.

WHAT DID THE ADULTS GAIN?

The built environment professionals have found it stimulating to work with children, and have banished outdated perceptions of education based on their own experiences. In having to explain their professional roles they had to think about and evaluate their own practices. The planners found it stimulating to see children's schemes "uncontaminated by the bureaucratic process".

They all learnt that although they might be experts they did not have all the answers.


One of the models by Twyford pupils. Photo by Pam Moore

Benefits flow in two directions - to those in education and to the design professionals.

For the pupils and students there is an awakening of interest in architecture, buildings, spaces, places (urban design), landscape, construction, materials and

design decision processes. Built Environment Education (BEE), involves "experiencing, understanding and shaping place".

BEE is part of Environmental Education, a cross-curricular theme, through which pupils develop skills of co-operation, communication, handling data, problem solving, decision making, questioning, observing and making.

Active learning approaches include brainstorming, ranking, surveys, photography, visits, interviewing, research, and map work as well as design. Children's vocabulary can be expanded.

Through classwork and outdoor experiences the "attainment targets" and "programmes of study" of the statutory National Curriculum can be delivered effectively, even when the normal timetable is suspended. There are strong linkages with the Design and Technology curriculum and with Art. Geography and History require a knowledge and understanding of places and buildings.

There is much scope for English language expression and use of Mathematics, even Music and Drama. Methods of questioning are akin to the "detective work" of Science and to the techniques of Personal and Social Education - another cross-curricular strand. (Others are Careers, Citizenship, Economic and Industrial Understanding, Health Education - all of which resonate in connections with BEE).



Two pupils from Twyford Primary saw the pumping engine in steam and were delighted as Lord Briggs to engage in conversation with him about the design project

Relationships between adults and children, collaboration, awareness of values and attitudes of others, responses and behaviour can be stimulated by designers working with teams of children or students.

Presentation to other pupils, parents, governors and local councillors involves public speaking, describing the design / decision making process and demonstrating the results with three dimensional models, drawings, diagrams, poems, and other written work. This echoes the skills of architects and designers - whose own training and practice uses such techniques.

Sometimes a student will consider architecture, planning or design as a career option. Many of the children will be future clients, as users or as managers / patrons of the built environment.

Those who have been part of a Chippindale Venture will be better informed, possibly more sympathetic both to the environment and to the designers of its future.

"Environmental education is partly about generating environmentally aware citizens of the future, but it should never be forgotten that environmental education can show young people that they have a valuable contribution to make today, that their actions and opinions matter."

Nigel Green, Winchester 1993 unpublished - Analysis of a unique environmental education project

For this project other sponsorship has included donated time of the many architects and allied professionals who worked in the schools, and materials in kind from Countryside and Environmental Planning, of Winchester. Hampshire County Architects provided a contour model.

This Chippindale Venture was organised by Phil Turner, planner in private practice and former director of the Twyford Waterworks Trust, with assistance from Deane Clark, Architect and Director/Clerk of the Works. Other Waterworks Directors who assisted included Charlie Simpson and Pam Moore, also the administrator of the Chippindale Venture.

Asa Briggs recalled that he and Frank Chippindale were contemporaries on the staff of Leeds University.

Phil Turner

Other working attractions are open to visitors on the Open Days in May and October each year (and other weekends during the summer months).

Andrew Rutter's Retirement - TrustNews Summer 1998

It is hard to remember a time before Rutter. Andrew must have started attending our meetings soon after the first Local Government reorganisation in 1974 when he came to the City from the County Council with Jack Thompson, Winchester's first and last Director of Planning. They were a great team and it is a measure of his confidence in Andrew that Jack asked him to go to our monthly evening meetings, with the object of improving relations between the Trust and the Planning Department.



Andrew's own drawing of the Hampshire Hog made for him by Maurine Wilbourn of the City Planning Department. He apparently is delighted with it as it's rather how he sees himself

So Andrew has attended some 250 meetings in his spare time because it was for the good of Winchester. This has not been his only extra curricula activity; there are stories circulating that the police were troubled by lights burning in the Council Offices at 3 o'clock in the morning, and guess who it turned out to be! And I remember a Saturday morning when, spotting the unmistakable figure of Andrew striding up and down the High Street, umbrella under one arm and a bundle of white plastic bags under the other, I managed to persuade this Flying Dutchman to heave to and explain what on earth he was doing: pinning the white bags on the slopes of St Giles's Hill so that he could sketch the height of the proposed multi-storey car park for the Planning Committee, enabling its members to understand the effect the building would have on views from the Westgate! Andrew poo-poos this tale, but it's true.

It would be nice to think that the City Council has kept all his drawings - they would serve to paper the walls of the Guildhall from top to bottom as an instructive history of an eventful period in Winchester's development! Those of you who draw, have you ever tried to produce huge panoramas of townscape with imagined buildings drawn in to scale? Don't! It's fiendishly difficult and requires courage and perseverance of an exceptional kind.

There is so much else one should say about this remark¬able man, but with space for only a few more words, I must conclude by confirming that Andrew's attendance at our meetings has served Jack's purpose admirably well. The Trust has had a remarkably good working relationship with the Planners ever since, and this owes much to Andrew's ability to say what he believes must be said, to listen attentively to what we have to say and, whether in agreement or opposition to treat us with affection and respect. Which is exactly how we feel about him.

Enjoy your retirement Andrew. but please don't entirely abandon us or Winchester.

Michael Carden

Organisation - TrustNews Summer 1998

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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 **4th January 1999**

Diary Dates - TrustNews Summer 1998

Summer Walks 1998 - TrustNews Summer 1998

11th June	**A walk through West Hill Cemetery**	**Colin Burden** Landscape Architect Director Plincke Landscape
18th June	**A look at the changing face of Winchester** Past, Present and Future	**John Townsend** Planning Officer Winchester City Council
25th June	**Gateways to the City**	**Andrew Rutter** Emeritus City Conversation Officer
2nd July	**Winchester Waterways**	**Richard Baker DipArch RIBA** Head Architecture & Landscape

		Design Eastleigh Borough Council
9th July	**Some Winchester Houses & their History**	**Dr. Tom Beaumont-James** Archaeologist, Author & Lecturer King Alfred College
16th July	**Peninsula Barracks: Completion**	**Huw Thomas** Architect
22nd July	**St Cross Hospital & Chapel** Meet at Porters Lodge, St Cross Hospital	**Michael Carden AADip RIBA** Arcitect and Trust Vice Chairman
30th July	**Winchester College** (Porter's Lodge, College Street)	**Patrick Maclure** Director, Friends of Winchester College
6th August	**Good Modern Design?** Examples in Winchester	**James Webb** Hants County Historic Buildings Officer
13th August	**Hyde: The Village in the City** Historical Episodes & Recent Major Change	**Michael Morris** Retired Architect and Victorian Society Member

Friday 4 September Visit to President's Garden

The president of the Trust Sir Peter Ramsbotham and Lady Ramsbotham invite members to visit their garden at East Lane, Ovington, and take a glass of wine. (Directions: take A31 towards Alresford. Leave roundabout at the end of the dual carriageway as though going to Alresford, but turn left almost immediately towards Ovington. East Lane is the first house on the left after about 300 yards)

Open Days at Twyford Pumping Station

Saturday October 3
Sunday October 4 1998
June 14
July 5
August 2
September 6
December 27/28 1998
11 am to 4 pm on all the above dates

PLEASE NOTE: AGM 1998

Monday November 2nd at Guildhall
All members and friends are welcome to the AGM and encouraged to come. Wine will be available after the proceedings.

Introductory Meeting: Friday 19 June 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm The Local Studies Library, Jewry Street, Winchester
Led by Robin Merton and Phillipa Stevens

The Winchester Preservation Trust, together with the Countryside Commission, Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council, the Hampshire Gardens Trust and the Hampshire Wildlife Trust have recently commissioned Landscape Design Associates to carry out an important study, **The Townscape and Landscape Assessment of Winchester City, its Setting and Approaches**.

The purpose of the Study is to provide a strategic, objective database of information on the environmental capital. This means the archaeological, built, social, cultural, industrial and natural heritage and environmental assets. All these elements contribute to the character of the City and its setting. The boundary of the study area is currently being determined by research and survey work but it is approximately the bowl formed by the valley and hill in which the City is set.

An important part of the Study is to determine those historic and contemporary elements of the environmental capital within the study area that are of particular importance to the people of Winchester. One objective way of finding this information is to research the letter pages of The Hampshire Chronicle over the last ten years. If local people have been concerned enough about their local heritage to write to the paper and the Editor has considered the topic to be of sufficient concern to publish it, that is a measure of public interest. This research will not only inform the Study but also be of lasting value to the Winchester Preservation Trust in their work to conserve the character of the City.

At the meeting on 19th June, Robin will explain the importance of the project. Copies of the plan for the study area will be available. Mrs Phillipa Stevens, County Local Studies Librarian, will explain the research method and the use of the the Studies Library. It is hoped to find a number of volunteers prepared to help when it would be convenient for them to do so. Library staff are always on hand to give advice so the work should not be too daunting and it will be a major asset to the Preservation Trust.

Do come on 19th June. If you are able to attend, please ring Robin on 01962 853690, preferably by 15th June as it would be most helpful to know numbers in advance.

Book Sale - TrustNews Summer 1998

The book sale held in March raised the excellent sum of £289.40 for the Trust. Many thanks to all those who helped. The next sale is planned for the autumn.

Jo Gordon-Watson

Membership - TrustNews Summer 1998

Subscriptions for 1998/99 became due on 1st May 1998. As notified in the last newsletter the rates of subscription have been increased for the first time in 5 years.

The new rates are:
Single £8.00
Family/Household £12.00
Corporate £15.00
Junior (under 21) £5.00
Life (single) £100.00
Life (family) £120.00

Those members aged 65 or over who wish to continue their subscription at the previous rates may do so.

May I take this opportunity to remind those of you who pay by Banker's Standing Order that you must alter your instruction to the bank to reflect the new new membership rates. For orders payable on the 1st May it will be too late to alter this year's amount now, and I should be very grateful if you could send any balance due by cheque, addressed to me at the Heritage Centre.

Rolly Thomas

Comments on the Spring Newsletter Designs Awards 1997 - TrustNews Summer 1999

As the Friends of Winchester College were responsible for Hallifax Gate, I thought I would respond to the observations in the recent Trust Newsletter with its very fine front cover.

We are, of course, aware that the concrete and tarmac surface adjacent to the gates leaves a great deal to be desired and it is the intention that this should be replaced as soon as the budget permits. It is also the intention to repair the stonework of the archway supporting the gates. As the Friends of Winchester College were responsible for Hallifax Gate, I thought I would respond to the observations in the recent Trust Newsletter with its very fine front cover.

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I read the last paragraph to mean that the gates deserved a better location, but I imagine the intention was to make the point that they deserved a better setting.

Patrick Maclure