

# **WILMSLOW CIVIC TRUST**

## Newsletter December 2021

### **Peter Stubbs**

Sadly Peter Stubbs, a stalwart of the Civic Trust and a past Chairman, died on 18 December after a long illness. We send our deepest sympathy to Rosemary, who has cared for Peter with great devotion, and the rest of the family.

Peter was a constant source of wise counsel and made a huge contribution to the Trust over many years.

### **Recent meetings**

It is hoped that members will feel the meetings during the year have been informative, enjoyable and worthwhile.

On 1<sup>st</sup> September Greville Kelly of Groundwork spoke about the work he has been doing on behalf of Wilmslow Town Council to revitalise Wilmslow town centre

On 6<sup>th</sup> October a panel comprising Cheshire East & Wilmslow Town Council Cllr Mark Goldsmith, Peter Yates, the former Chief Planning Officer of Macclesfield Borough Council & now a planning consultant, Brian Donohue, Chairman of the Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Group, & Roger Bagguley of Residents of Wilmslow, answered questions about planning generally & certain specific proposals, including the proposed redevelopment of Wilmslow Police Station.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October Dr Admos Chimhowu of the Global Development Unit of the University of Manchester spoke about climate change in low income countries. By way of illustration he told listeners of the steps being taken at his family's farm in Zimbabwe to grow crops better suited to future drought conditions. The meeting also included a brief but very interesting update from Wilmslow Wells for Africa on aspects of their work which are very relevant to the talk.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November Florence Collier, a local architect, gave a most informative talk on "*The home of 2030*" inspiring us to do more to protect the climate by improving our home insulation and with other energy saving suggestions.

### **Planning applications reviewed**

WCT continues to be pro-active in reviewing planning applications submitted to Cheshire East Council which relate to the Wilmslow Area. WCT submissions can be viewed on the CEC website, planning portal. Members with concerns about a planning application should contact the Chairman or Secretary. In general, focus is on strategic sites and applications with impact on conservation areas and major approach routes into Wilmslow.

Since the last newsletter there have been indications that the proposals in the Planning White Paper will be significantly modified. We hope to include a talk to up-date us on the proposals in due course.

## Forthcoming meetings

**In view of the uncertainty about the impact of the Omicron variant of Covid, meetings will be held on Zoom unless otherwise advised at 7.30 for 7.45.** Zoom details will be sent via email nearer the relevant date. If you do not receive email but would like Zoom details please phone the Chairman on 01625 529739

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** talk by Dr Susan Lee, Research Associate in Low Carbon Futures, Centre for Climate Change, title: ***“Time to hang out the washing and help save the planet”***

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:** Theme: ***Leisure and Fitness for All Ages in Wilmslow***. Speaker from Everybody Leisure - details nearer the date.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** talk by ***Dr. Jonathan Swinton, Author of Alan Turing’s Manchester***, a mathematical modeller by background and consultant to groups in pharma, biotech and academia. This will be a joint meeting with Wilmslow Historical Society (WHS) in connection with a public consultation to be launched by WHS & the Trust to gauge the degree of support, if any, for some more prominent commemoration in Wilmslow of Alan Turing & the form any such commemoration might take.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April:** AGM followed by an illustrated talk: ***“Romany: The BBC’s First Natural World Broadcaster?”***

## Subscriptions & donations

You will recall that taking into account the restrictions imposed because of the covid pandemic the annual subscription for 2021 was cancelled.

At a recent WCT Executive Committee meeting it was resolved that a subscription for 2022 should be requested from our members at the previous rate of £10 for a single subscription and £15 for a family subscription.

Details of how to make a payment are given below. As in previous years it is hoped that Life Members will be able to support the WCT by making a voluntary donation of a minimum of £5.

There is an option to pay by BACS and details are given in the subscription renewal form below. If you choose to pay by BACS please could you complete the form below and send it to the WCT Treasurer, 13 Parkway, Wilmslow SK9 1LS. This enables us to keep our membership details up to date and also our records regarding Gift Aid eligibility. We hope that you enjoy the talks and visits through 2022.

Thank You

## Treasurer

Keith Osborne would like to stand down as Treasurer of the Civic Trust at the next AGM. Is there any member who might be willing to take over from him?

If you would like details of what the job entails please speak to Keith on 01625 526547

### **Manager of Trust website**

We are looking for someone to manage the Trust's website i.e. principally keep it up to date. Is there any member who would be willing to take this on?

### **Design awards**

Have you noticed a building in Wilmslow completed or altered during 2021 whose design you consider to be particularly good? If so please send details to:-

[secretary@wilmslowcivictrust.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wilmslowcivictrust.org.uk)

Details will be forwarded to our panel who will consider whether it is worthy of a design award or, more probably, a commendation.

May I take this opportunity to wish all members a happy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our meetings, and in the summer, visits.

Christopher Dodson

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