

Tenbury & Burford Civic Society

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(for membership year ending 30 September 2009)

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2. I wish to become a Society Member and enclose my £5.00 fee

3. Tick box to make a one off donation

Donation amount £

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Post Code *Telephone

*Please add your E-mail address if you have one - it helps us to communicate with members quickly and economically.

All cheques to be made payable to the Tenbury and Burford Civic Society and sent to:

The Treasurer:

Mrs A Williams, 23 The Oaklands, Tenbury Wells, WR15 8FB

Or: Hand in to Nick Champion's office, 16 Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, WR158BA

Thanks to those who have already paid.



Tenbury & Burford Civic Society

Autumn 2008 Newsletter - Our Second Year

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Dates for your diary:

Committee meetings will be held monthly but we are aiming to hold six members' meetings per annum to which all members are welcome. The dates for these are as follows:

2008

23 October - Methodist Church
18 December - Christmas Event

2009

19 February
23 April
18 June
17 September

Venues will be confirmed in due course and you will be notified by email and/or newsletter.

At the recent Extraordinary General Meeting of the Civic Society officers and members were elected to form the new committee which currently comprises:

OFFICERS

Chairperson: Frances Eachus

ViceChairman: Phil Wakeman

Secretary: Anne Grosvenor

Treasurer : Anne Williams

Membership Secretaries:

Sue and Roger Craddock

MEMBERS

Alan Eachus

Ian Little

Ann Officer

Peter Ray

One of the Committee's first tasks has been to establish a constitution for the Society.

This was unanimously approved at our first meeting as follows:

Constitution

The Tenbury and Burford Civic Society has been established by a group of residents who have a strong concern for the future of the town. We exist to:

- stimulate interest in the town and its environs
- champion excellence in the development of the built and natural environment, promoting the highest standards of planning, architecture, conservation and regeneration
- secure the preservation, protection and enhancement of buildings or features of historic or public interest
- encourage development that will ensure the vitality of the town
- liaise with local authorities and other organizations in pursuit of the Society's objectives

The strength of the Civic Society lies in its members - without YOU there is no Society - so please do not forget to renew your subscription TODAY.

Some issues that concern us

Tenbury Business Park

TBCS would like to see the Tenbury Business Park a thriving place for companies whose use is appropriate to the site i.e. B1 Business Use only (being a use which can be carried out in any residential area without detriment to the amenity of the area). The buildings should enhance the site which is located at the entrance to the town and next to housing and take into account difficulties of servicing and access.

The site is seriously underused partly, perhaps, because of location difficulties and partly through poor management. We are aware of businesses who have expressed interest in locating or expanding on the site but so far no new development has taken place.

Meanwhile Teme Business Park in Burford is fully occupied, similarly the Eco Park in Ludlow is thriving. The buildings on both sites are modern, well designed and attractive. The Tenbury Business Park is competing directly with these sites and in comparison looks old, dated, run down and generally lacking investment. It is not surprising, the Burford and Ludlow sites engender confidence whilst the Tenbury site does not.

Why the difference? Why the missed opportunities?

We have made representation to all the concerned local authorities about the Biomass Power Plant proposal for Tenbury Business Park, expressing our grave concern about such a development and its impact on the business park. This proposal has not yet gone away.



The Business Quarter Ludlow



Lower Teme Business Park



Tenbury Business Park

We believe the site needs investment in good buildings, positive management and active marketing. The Civic Society will be strongly arguing this case with the local authorities.

Flooding

As we speak the town is still recovering from last year's disastrous multiple flooding. The tremendous effort put in by the townspeople to repair their homes and businesses can only be admired and there has been substantial investment in these restoration works. As a Society we are committed to do what we can to ensure that we build upon these efforts. The issue of flood defence measures should be given the attention the people of the town deserve, but we should also be looking to see improvements in our streets and pavements to complete the picture and maximize upon the private investment that has been made.

Streets, public spaces and buildings

Tenbury is being promoted for its tourist potential but, again, there has been little investment in the fabric of the town - in its streets, public spaces or many of its public buildings.

The Teme Bridge, a Listed Building, is one of the first features of the town seen by visitors and yet it is in a very poor condition. We understand that structural repairs are required to the bridge and



painting will not be undertaken until these have been completed. The Society will be taking a keen interest in these proposals.

Similarly the pavements and carriageway in Teme and Market Street require urgent works to bring them up to an acceptable standard for a Conservation Area in a town being promoted for tourism.

Such improvements have been undertaken in nearby market towns such as Ludlow, Bewdley and Stourport-upon-Severn, including repaving schemes that have enhanced the Conservation Areas and made the towns more attractive to both



Repaving in Ludlow

Creating an attractive environment would, we believe, significantly contribute to the economic health and livelihood of the town.

Many of the public buildings in Tenbury, such as the Community Centre, are in a similarly poor state and need major investment to bring them up to modern standards making them more attractive to a wider user group.

TBCS has a representative on the Tenbury Area Partnership (TAP) and they have appointed consultants to look at the condition of all the public buildings in the town considering their user requirements. The report is expected soon and will establish where there is a shortfall in facilities, looking at the existing public buildings to see if they can accommodate these facilities and to make recommendations on required improvements etc. We will keep you informed of developments.

So as you can see there are things going on in the town that the Society is already involved with. The first aim of the Society is to 'stimulate interest in the town and its environs' and we want to achieve as large a membership as possible to make our views as representative as possible.

TBCS will be pleased to receive your views on issues raised here or any others that you think the Society should address.

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So please join the Civic Society today and encourage your neighbours and friends to do the same.

We hope to see you at one of our forthcoming meetings.

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