

THE GODALMING TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18 and notice of Annual General Meeting



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our heritage
and quality
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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of The Godalming Trust will be held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at The Masonic Hall, Ockford Road, Godalming at 7.30pm (doors open from 7.10pm)

Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting
3. Chairman's remarks
4. Adoption of the Annual Report for 2017/2018
5. Adoption of Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year to 31 March 2018
6. Election of members of the Executive Committee for 2018/2019. One member has resigned during the year, the remainder are willing to stand for re-election
7. Election of new Committee Members*
8. Timing and date for future AGM
9. Any other Business

* The Committee would be pleased to hear from any member wishing to join the Executive. Please contact the Honorary Secretary prior to the Meeting

The Meeting will be followed by the Presentation of the Civic Design Awards at 8.00p.m.

Officers and Committee 2017-2018

President	Christopher Robinson
Vice Presidents	Alan Brown Ron Musk
Executive Committee	Pam Talbot – Chairman Bridget Bagnall – Honorary Secretary Richard Gidlow – Treasurer Graham Kimber – Membership Jacqui Springsguth – Vice Chairman* Colin Swait Gareth Munro Caroline Hopkins
Planning Committee	Colin Swait – Chairman Gareth Munro Bridget Bagnall Keith Powell (co-opted) Jacqui Springsguth *
Civic Design Awards Committee	Gareth Munro – Chairman Colin Swait
Heritage Open Days Committee	Pam Talbot – Chairman Colin Swait Caroline Hopkins

*Resigned June 2018

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Godalming Trust held at The Masonic Hall, Godalming at 20.00 on Wednesday 6th September 2017

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from: Ludi Lochner, Graham Kimber, Richard Gidlow, David Coombes

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes were approved unanimously and duly signed (Proposed by Damien Wheeler and seconded by John Talbot)

3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Copy attached. The Chair asked that a list of attendance was circulated with those present asked to include their email addresses as appropriate. In other matters she confirmed that Richard Gidlow and Graham Kimber have been co-opted onto the committee with RG agreeing to become the Treasurer and GK assisting with Membership. The recent illness of Jeni Goddard who with Stephen are so important in the operation of the Heritage Weekend was noted and the Trust had sent her our best wishes. Stephen has distributed Heritage Packs as appropriate and will continue with his walks over the weekend. The need to find new committee members was mentioned, with more help required particularly over the Heritage Weekend.

Other matters included condolences being sent to the families of two of the Trust's members who have died during the year and that the Trust's funds were not as healthy as previously although reserves had been used for certain 'one off' matters. She expressed thanks to the committee members, with special thanks to Val and Colin Venton who are both standing down as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer respectively after 5 years' service to the committee, and to the Masonic Hall for the use of their premises.

4. ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016/2017

The Chairman called for comments on the Annual Report. There were none so this was adopted (Proposed by Colin Swait and seconded by Gareth Munro)

5. ADOPTION OF STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

The Chairman called for questions on the Statement of Receipts and Payments. There were none and these were accepted (Proposed by Angus Palmer and seconded by Robert Springsguth)

6. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following agreed to stand for re-election: Pam Talbot (Chair), Jacqui Springsguth (Vice-chairman), Colin Swait (Planning Committee), Bridget Bagnall (Hon. Secretary), Gareth Munro, Caroline Hopkins. These Executive Committee members were re-elected unanimously (Proposed by Val Venton and seconded by John Talbot)

7. ELECTION OF RICHARD GIDLOW AND GRAHAM KIMBER TO THE COMMITTEE

Both are long-standing residents of Godalming, RG having been an accountant 'all his life' and GK worked in the pharmaceutical industry. The latter has a keen interest in local history and heritage. Both were unanimously voted onto the committee (Each proposed by Colin Venton and seconded by Gareth Munro)

8. AOB

1) The timing of future AGM's was discussed as the Annual Report duplicates much of the Spring Newsletter and it is proposed that to save on postage one mailing in the spring/summer rather than two would help funds – the AGM being held in future probably towards the end of June. The meeting was asked to approve the committee investigating moving the AGM when all the consequences of so doing had been considered. No objections were raised from the floor to such a suggestion with the meeting happy for Vantage Point to publish details of the Heritage Weekend programme (The Surrey Advertiser no longer providing the 'insert service' previously used). In addition an Autumn Newsletter would also be sent

2) Since the publication of the Annual Report the Museum has changed one lecture with Professor Martin Biddle (an Archeologist) now giving a talk on Nonsuch Palace and Loseley Park on 21.03.2018

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.16

Following the meeting a presentation was made of card and garden token to Val and Colin Venton in recognition of their services to the Executive Committee This was followed by a representative of the Freemasons telling those assembled of their proposals for opening over Heritage weekend and their proposed Teddy Bears' Picnic and Raffle

The meeting concluded with the first showing of the films made by the Munro Studios of the animation of Old Photographs of Godalming, which will be used eventually on the Trust's website whilst drinks and nibbles were served

Chairman's Report 2017-2018

At last year's AGM we asked the membership for permission to investigate changing its timing, but after careful consideration we decided to keep an early September date. Particularly with Civic Design Awards being due in 2018, it was felt that more properties under consideration might have reached a state of completion for judging.

The town history walks continued to be popular each month during the summer of 2017 and 2018 looks like being equally well-supported. We have also undertaken two evening walks for other local groups. We are happy to consider doing walks for small groups. Talks about the work of the Godalming Trust have also been presented to local organisations and others are booked for later in the year. All these ventures are important in trying to attract new members. We have had a number of requests for information, including, two, unrelated, concerning the former home of George Mallory, the climber, who was married to Hugh Thackeray Turner's daughter Ruth. One asked about Buildings of Local Merit (BLM) and the other was from someone due to visit the area and asked if the house still existed. Although we did not feel able to deal directly with the BLM we were able to help with information from contacts and a member who checked the censuses for us to see who had lived there before the Mallorays.

The Heritage Open Days weekend is our main public event. As you know Jeni and Stephen Goddard have organised these for over 12 years but have now stepped down, we are extremely grateful to them for all their hard work and commitment over the years. They have also supported us with background papers and information for 2018 and we thank Stephen for allowing us to continue to use his sketches in publicity material. We would also like to thank Godalming Museum for their help with ticketing, Godalming Town Council for their support with the programme and the people who open their properties without whom, there would be no Heritage event. The full programme for the 2018 weekend will be in Vantage Point August issue, some separate flyers will

also be in Godalming Museum and Godalming Library. We would like to hear from anyone who can help with stewarding over the Heritage Weekend 15 & 16 September 2018.

The Percy Woods Blue Plaque has arrived and should be installed at Brook House shortly.

Reports on Finance, Planning and Membership, along with the Minutes of 2016-17 AGM will cover other aspects of the Godalming Trust's business. Finally, I would like to thank all of the Committee for their continued support and commitment. However we do need several more Committee members if the Godalming Trust is to continue with all its activities. Without more help it will seriously affect our ability to cover our aims and objectives. We would welcome a Town Planner & Architect who could share their expertise on the occasions when needed by the Planning sub committee as well as others with IT experience, although we would like to hear from anyone who feels that they can offer some help. The Executive Committee meets approximately 8 times per year. Please email info@thegodalmingtrust.org.uk and a member of the Committee will be happy to tell you more about what may be involved.

Although strictly outside the period of the report, our Vice Chairman, Jacqui Springsguth has stood down for personal reasons. She has been on the Committee for 15 years: she was on the planning sub-committee for about 14 years and chairman of it for 3 years. She has also looked after publicity and publications and membership. More recently, she oversaw the revamp of our website and kept it updated. The Committee would like to thank her for all her support and we shall miss her knowledge and skills enormously. We wish her well for the future.

Treasurer's Report

First and foremost I have to thank Colin Venton, our previous Treasurer who resigned during the year, for his contribution to the Trust. He was in the post for a number of years. I and my fellow Executive Committee members wish him well for the future.

We have again had a fairly stable financial year and rather a quiet one in terms of financial expenditure. Our finances continue to remain healthy. The main expenditure during the year relating to our Website and AGM newsletter and other publicity material. We have sponsored a band at the Godalming Bandstand and contributed to the Godalming Music Festival.

Again with councils continuing to be financially constrained by the government it is to their credit that Godalming Town Council have continued to be generously supportive of the financial costs of the Heritage Open Days. Long may that continue.

I must thank members for their continued support of the Godalming Trust through their membership fees and a special thank you to those who pay over and above that which is due.

Finally, as this is my first period in the post of Treasurer, I must thank not only Colin Venton but also the other Committee members for making my introduction into the Trust and taking up the reins of office, very smooth indeed.

Richard Gidlow
Honorary Treasurer

THE GODALMING TRUST

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Subscriptions	1,375	1,298
Gifts and Donations	234	169
Bank Interest	129	88
Town Council Grant	1,200	1,000
Sale of Publications	120	60
HMRC Gift Aid	927	-
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	3,985	2,615
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Insurance	196	246
Postage and Stationery	169	281
Subscriptions	95	93
Heritage Open Day	1,593	1,297
Website	616	76
Newsletter	172	246
Band Sponsorship	200	200
AGM and Other Events and Costs	103	231
Blue Plaque Donation	308	250
Newsletter Design	-	60
Civic Design Awards	-	240
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	3,452	3,220
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2018 SURPLUS / 2017 DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	533	- 605
Bank Balance brought Forward	12,209	12,814
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Bank Balance carried forward	<u>£ 12,742</u>	<u>£ 12,209</u>

Planning Committee Report 2018

I am grateful to the members of the committee who join me at Waverley Borough Council's offices every 3 weeks to review the planning applications. We continue to be very concerned on the impact of more traffic through the town and the effect that Dunsfold Park will have on our road system and that of surrounding villages. This also applies to a proposed development of 270 dwellings named Ockford Park which was in the Green Belt but has been removed in the local plan. Whilst this could be the salvation for Green Oak School, access through the narrow lanes to the A3 and to Ockford Road will cause major problems. Charterhouse School have also just announced that they will be applying for 132 dwellings on Broom & Lees which is in the Green Belt.

We will be meeting to discuss this and decide on Godalming Trust's response. Government directives have over-ruled the objections to turning offices into flats but we are concerned over the loss of a prominent Headquarter Building being granted consent for more flats when other uses might have been explored. We alternate with Waverley Borough Council in making Civic Design awards and this year it is our turn. We are always happy to receive recommendations from the Public.

Colin Swait
Chairman, Godalming Trust Planning Committee

Dates for your diary 2018-2019

15 & 16 September 2018 – Heritage Open Days

Godalming Museum & Godalming Trust Lecture Series:

All take place at the Octagon, Godalming 7.30 for 8.00pm. Tickets available from Godalming Museum in advance or at the door.

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| 17 October 2018 | Anne Anderson : 'Lutyens and Voysey - Tradition and Innovation |
| 21 November 2018 | Mary Caroe : 'Vann and the Caroes' |
| 23 January 2019 | Hazel Morris : Bargate Stone - Eight Centuries of use around Godalming' |
| 20 March 2019 | Alan Bott : Writing Guide Books to Fourteen Local Churches' |

Should you wish to contact the Trust on any issue please write to
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