

THE GODALMING TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21
and notice of Annual General Meeting



The High Street, Godalming

*Working
to maintain
our heritage
and quality
of life*

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The Godalming Trust
Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Godalming Trust will be held on Thursday 28th October 2021 at 7.30pm at The Godalming Masonic Centre, Ockford Road, Godalming GU7 1RQ. The Meeting will be followed by presentation of the Trust's Civic Design Awards 2021

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for Absence**
- 2) Approval of the Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting**
- 3) Chairman's remarks**
- 4) Adoption of Annual Report of 2020/2021**
- 5) Adoption of Statement of receipts and payments for the year ending 31 March 2021**
- 6) Election of members of the Executive Committee for 2021/2022**
- 7) Existing Committee members (except P. Scarsbrook) are willing to stand for re-election**
- 8) Any Other business**

A member wishing to propose another for membership to the Executive Committee should send notice to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

If you have any questions on the Agenda or wish to raise Any Other Business, please contact the Honorary Secretary by either of the ways below.

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The Godalming Trust
Officers and Committee

President	Christopher Robinson
Vice Presidents	Alan Brown Ron Musk
Executive Committee	Pam Talbot – Chairman Graham Kimber – Vice Chairman Bridget Bagnall – Honorary Secretary Richard Gidlow – Honorary Treasurer Graham Kimber – Membership Colin Swait – Planning Pauline Scarsbrook – Web Manager
Planning Committee	Colin Swait – Chairman Bridget Bagnall
Co-opted	Mike Poulter
Civic Design Awards Committee	Vacant - Chairman Pam Talbot Colin Swait & other Exec Cttee members
Heritage Open Days Committee	Pam Talbot – Chairman Colin Swait Bridget Bagnall

Chairman's Introduction

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter, including our Annual Report and AGM agenda. My Annual Report is essentially what I wrote for the Spring Newsletter and a shortened version is included below. At that time, we had not been able to achieve very much in the year 2020-21. However, we have had a successful summer and Heritage Open Days and so there is something more positive to report.

Graham Kimber and I were able to start the guided town history walks in June and these were well attended and continued once a month throughout the summer. It was nice to find that new residents were keen to find out more about the history of the town they had moved to.

The Heritage Open Days programme was slightly smaller than previous years and attendance was a little lower for some venues, while others were completely booked. Visitors to the Pepperpot continue to enjoy the different view of the town and this year, in addition to the permanent exhibition, we mounted a small exhibition called 'Hidden History' where we tried to show heritage was not just about large, grand buildings. We are including one two with this report and will have all five of them on display at the AGM. We will also publish the remainder in subsequent newsletters. We received some appreciative feedback from both visitors and venues. I was also grateful to all those members who helped with stewarding throughout the weekend. The Town Mayor and Mayoress attended the guided town walk on Sunday morning and as lifelong residents were able to offer some additional information. We are grateful to the support of Godalming Town Council, Godalming Museum, Vantage Point, and all those who opened buildings during the weekend.

I am sorry to say that Pauline Scarsbrook has decided to stand down from the committee and as web manager once we can find a replacement. She has been proactive in adding things to the site and keeping it up to date and we will miss her expertise. The web has been subject to some malicious attacks and now requires some major redesign.

We did say at last year's AGM we would try to return to an early September date, due to a number of factors this was not possible, but hopefully we will get back on track in 2022. However, I hope you are all able to attend this year where Civic Design Awards will be presented.

The papers for the AGM follow.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Godalming Trust held by Zoom at 19.30 on Wednesday 11th November 2020

Welcome by the Chair

The Chairman welcomed Members and Members of the Committee to the meeting being held by Zoom in view of the current Covid restrictions and thanked them for attending.

Apologies for Absence:

Received from Pauline Scarsbrook and Ludi Lochner. A number of members had returned proxy voting forms prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting:

The minutes were approved unanimously and duly signed by proxy (Bridget Bagnall for the Chairman) – Proposed by Colin Swait, Seconded by Anthony (Tony) Gordon-Smith

Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman did not repeat the contents of her two contributions to the Annual Report. She said that she had hoped that we would be meeting other than virtually, but our plans had been overtaken by the increase in Coronavirus cases and the latest restrictions. She also said how disappointed she and the Committee were that they have been unable to run any events this year or work on the Trust's profile. With regard to Heritage Open Days the Trust did make an early decision not to run any events this year but obviously do wish that they had been able to something virtual. However, with lockdown not ending until late July there was little time to get anything organised. In Farnham they were able to offer some ideas for walks in the green spaces around the town and our article in Vantage Point did make the suggestion that people might like to do something like that in Godalming. The Trust does hope that in 2021 they are able to run a programme of events, even if more will be needed to be ticketed or that visits will be timed depending on the situation. Until the theme for next year's Heritage Open Days is known no plans can be made about alternative ways of bringing Godalming's Heritage to a wider audience

The Chairman reported the sad death of John Young who died at the end of October. John was the first person to become a freeman of Godalming in 2012 and had lived in the town nearly all his life.

He was a great supporter of the Trust and the Godalming Museum. For over 50 years he rarely missed a planning meeting at the Town Council and submitted his comments/objections in long hand. He knew the size of the Water Mains and Sewer Pipes from his meticulously kept records and often highlighted problems of which the planners were unaware. His photographic record of the town probably covers nearly 80 years and will be a valuable asset to researchers on the history of the town. He will be much missed and the Trust's sympathies were sent to his family and friends.

The Chairman thanked members of the Executive Committee for their continued support. The Planning Sub-committee have reviewed all planning applications during the year. However, with changes to permitted development and the Government White Paper on the planning going through it may be more difficult to object to schemes put forward that we would not have found acceptable in the past.

Finally, the Chairman urged those 'present' to stay safe and thanked all for supporting the Trust.

Adoption of the Annual Report:

The Chairman called for comments on the Annual Report. There was none so this was adopted. Proposed by John Talbot and Seconded by Ian Coult.

5. Adoption of Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31 March 2020

The Chairman called for questions on the Statement of Receipts and Payments. There were none and these were accepted. Proposed by Colin Swait and Seconded by Tony Gordon-Smith.

Election of Members of the Executive Committee

The following agreed to stand for re-election: Pam Talbot (Chairman), Graham Kimber (Vice-chairman and Membership), Bridget Bagnall (Hon. Secretary), Richard Gidlow (Hon. Treasurer), Colin Swait (Planning), and Pauline Scarsbrook (Website). There were no further nominations. The existing committee members were re-elected unanimously. Proposed by Joy Poulter and Seconded by Tony Gordon-Smith.

Any Other Business

The Chairman hoped that the Trust might be able to put together some virtual events for example a You-tube presentation on Godalming for the website and asked for members to get in touch if they had any ideas for this and also for properties/schemes to be included in next year's Civic Design Awards – This had been postponed due to the Covid circumstances this year. Some ideas had already been suggested. There does not appear to be a conflict with Waverley's Civic Design awards as theirs is more 'ad hoc'.

Colin Swait reported the death of John Janaway, who had written much on the Medieval Graves in Godalming and commended the Museum for their work in putting out daily archive material on their website during periods of Lockdown. Ian Coult asked when the Trust might know the theme for next year's Heritage Open Days.

The Chairman reported that this might not be before the start of next year but that the organisers, The National Trust, were holding a webinar in December which might provide this information, but the details would be made known to members in the Spring Newsletter. We would hopefully be organising opening of Properties for the 17th/19th September 2021.

The chairman confirmed that a number of members had offered help this year for the Heritage Open Days and hopefully such offers will still be there when needed

Date and venue for 2021 Annual General Meeting

This should be held in September 2021, the date to be fixed by the Executive committee having regard to Heritage Open Days and will be followed by the Civic Design Awards Presentations. Hopefully we shall be able to meet at the Masonic Hall once again

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 19.52, the Chairman again thanking participants of the Zoom meeting. Following this Tony Gordon-Smith reported the death of Tom Briggs (not a Godalming Trust Member) but the owner of Godalming's renowned Record Corner.

Chairman's Annual Report 2020-21

Our ability to undertake any activities in the last year has been limited. However, our Planning Sub Group has continued to keep a close eye on all the applications submitted to Waverley Borough Council during the year (see report on page 10), and I would like to thank all those members who supported the ZOOM AGM which took place in November. It was good to 'see' you all there.

Our finances are healthy as you will see from The Treasurer's Report. We shall try and take forward some of the projects that we have outlined previously. As for 2021, the Executive Committee is optimistic that some of our events will take place though all plans will be dependent on any Government guidelines or restrictions at the time and may need to be rescheduled at short notice. Indeed, we hope to restart our popular Town History walks in June and continue through to September and are very positive that some Heritage Open Days properties and tours can go ahead between 17-19 September. Certainly, our participants are keen to open their properties if they can.

The other event put on hold last year was the Civic Design Awards. There are a number of potential properties for the various categories, and we hope that we can make some awards at our AGM,

Treasurer's Report

We have again had a rather quiet year in terms of financial transactions. The main difference this year has been the decision, welcome by ourselves, by Godalming Town Council to take over directly the major printing costs of the Heritage Open Days Weekend. We therefore no longer receive their usual contributions. I say welcome by ourselves, in that we were unable previously to reclaim VAT that had been charged to us on the costs of publishing and advertising of the Open Day Weekend. So we have saved some money, in that the contribution received was never quite sufficient to cover all our costs. Godalming Town Council have also benefited in that they have been able to reclaim the VAT charged. Good news all round.

Our finances continue to remain healthy. We have been fortunate to have received a very generous one-off donation this year. The Committee have yet to decide exactly how best to use this Donation. The main expenditure during the year again related to our website, in that this year 2 of the committee had to go on a training course in order to be able to maintain the site following a change of personnel, our newsletters and other publicity material including a re-design of our leaflet. Insurance and postage costs have risen this year as well. We did of course incur Civic Design Award costs for our Biennial Award scheme.

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.

Richard Gidlow
Honorary Treasurer

THE GODALMING TRUST
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>£</u>
Subscriptions	1,114	1,345
Gifts and Donations	50	262
Bank Interest	3	6
HMRC Gift Aid	256	295
	<u>1,423</u>	<u>1,908</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Insurance	202	202
Postage and Stationery	50	52
Subscriptions	140	190
Travel costs	-	72
Website	123	69
Newsletter	86	174
AGM and Other Events and Costs	-	142
Charitable Donations :-		
Godalming Museum	500	-
St Marks Trust - Foodbank	500	-
	<u>1,601</u>	<u>901</u>
 2021 (DEFICIT) / 2020 SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	- 178	1,007
 Bank Balance brought Forward	14,141	13,134
 Bank Balance carried forward	<u>£ 13,963</u>	<u>£ 14,141</u>
 Current Account	738.14	2,419.71
Deposit Account	13,224.55	11,721.26
	<u>£ 13,962.69</u>	<u>£ 14,140.97</u>

Planning Committee Report 2021

According to reports in the press, the new Minister for Levelling up, Housing and Communities is expected to pause the government's planning changes and review them before deciding how to proceed. We hope that the Local and Neighbourhood Plans already agreed will continue to be valid planning documents.

On a local level, we have continued to monitor applications every three weeks, and have made any objections we have known to Waverley Borough Council (WBC). It has been frustrating that changes to the WBC planning computer system continue and a large number of applications are delayed and some information not available. We hope these issues will be resolved soon.

Colin Swait

Chairman – Godalming Trust Planning sub-committee.

Hidden History – Part 1

These articles are hoping to show that heritage is not only about large grand buildings. We have highlighted 5 buildings around Godalming, that have 'hidden history' whether it is their architectural roots, philanthropic purpose or perhaps they are just 'follies'. Two of the five are reproduced here and we will display them again at the AGM and publish the remainder in future newsletters.

When we chose these buildings, we had no idea what we would uncover and how there are surprising links between some and equally how some things remain a mystery.

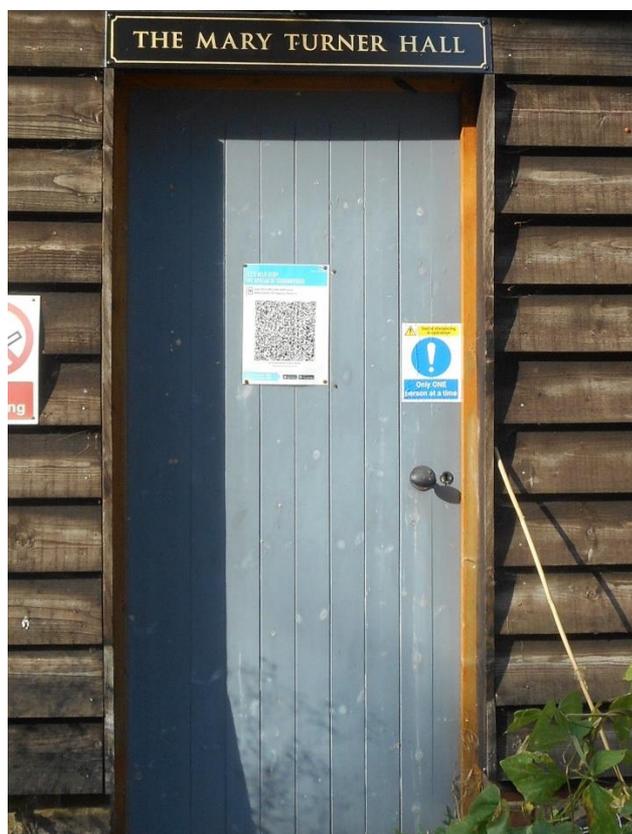
We hope that this will encourage you to look more closely at the buildings in and around the town and realise its rich heritage. You can also see how some roads got their names.

St. Peter and St. Paul Scout Hut, Charterhouse Road



One of the few remaining buildings from the Deanery Farm Estate, which occupied the northern part of Godalming, is the 18th Century Barn, now a Scout Hut, in Charterhouse Road. Deanery Farm Estate was originally owned by the Deanery of Salisbury and acquired in the 1860s by the British Land Company, an early Building Society. Charterhouse School was built on land which was also part of the Deanery Farm Estate.

The Barn was acquired by Hugh Thackery Turner, who set up a trust for the building, and presented it to the Parish Church where it was to be used as the headquarters for the Church troop of Boy Scouts. The Scouts first used the building in 1921 and this year they celebrate their centenary there. The scout Hut has now been renamed as the Mary Turner Hall, in recognition of the wife of the donor.



Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scout movement, was a pupil at Charterhouse School when the school moved out of London and opened in Godalming in 1872.

Hugh Thackery Turner (1853 – 1937) was an Arts and Crafts architect by profession and an amateur china painter. In 1899, Turner bought land in Godalming to build a house and designed “Westbrook” which became his residence. He also designed, in collaboration with local garden designer Gertrude Jekyll, the riverside Philips Memorial Cloister, in commemoration of Jack Philips, from Farncombe, the radio operator on Titanic who lost his life in the disaster.

In 1888 Turner married Mary Powell and in 1914, their daughter Ruth married George Mallory, the Everest climber. Mallory was a teacher at Charterhouse School until he resigned in 1921 to join the first Everest expedition. He joined the 1924 expedition and in June he and his climbing partner left advanced base camp at 21,000 feet to climb to the summit. There is a plaque in memory of Turner in the Parish Church.

They were seen a few hundred feet from the summit but were not seen again. His body was not found until 1999. There is a possibility that Mallory did reach the summit, nearly 30 years before Edmund Hillary.
Graham Kimber

The Summerhouse



Have you ever glanced up from the High Street and seen this small building on the hillside and wondered what it is?

This Grade II listed structure—built c 1835—is the Summerhouse to what was the family home of Henry Marshall the first elected Town Mayor called The Croft (now Caffè Nero). The garden spanned what is now Flambard Way, Croft Road all the way to Summerhouse Road at the top of the hill. It was given to The Godalming Trust in memory of Robin Matthews by his mother and restored with Surrey Historic Building Trust and freehold transferred to them in 1990s. It is now a private house.



Croquet on the lawn in The Croft rear garden. (photo courtesy Godalming Museum) Based on information from Historic England website and The Godalming Trust archive

Dates for your Diary 2021-2022

Godalming Museum and Godalming Trust Autumn – Winter Lecture Series no date has been agreed for their resumption

Guided Town History walks will take place May, June, July and August and dates will be published the Spring Newsletter

Heritage Open Days 2022 – date to be agreed with participants

Should you wish to contact the Trust on any issue please write to Bridget Bagnall, Honorary secretary, 2 Brook House, New Pond Road, Compton GU3 1JL info@thegodalmingtrust.org.uk

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