



**WELCOME
to
SKIPTON CIVIC SOCIETY**

Registered charity no. 1047170

The Society was founded in 1961 to:

- promote high standards in planning, architecture and the environment of the town
- educate the public in local geography, history, natural history and architecture
- secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement exhibitions, publications and visits.

Skipton Civic Society is an active member of Civic Voice - the national charity for the civic movement in England - and a founder member of the Yorkshire & Humber Association of Civic Societies.

CONTACT DETAILS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Myfanwy Trueman (chair); Chris Nash (treasurer); Steve Wilton (membership); Jacqueline Towers (minutes); Sue Wrathmell (research); Claire Nash (planning); Sheila Clark; Dean Holdaway; Sandy Fishpool; Alan Simson; Dave Walker (*The Committee meets monthly.*)

EVENTS

Information about events will be e-mailed to members. The Craven Herald local newspaper and our Facebook page also feature information and articles about our activities.

SUBSCRIPTIONS & CHARGES

Membership: Annual - £20; 18-24 – free; Life - £100;

Speaker Meetings: members - £3; non-members £5; under 25 – free*

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st.

Subscriptions are payable to: Skipton-in-Craven Civic Society account number 90800619 sort code 20-78-42. Please include your name in the reference section.

Completed membership forms should be sent to:

The Civic Society, 12 Ash Grove, Skipton BD23 1QP.

OUR ACTIVITIES

Archive - We undertake a range of research activities related to Skipton and maintain an archive including a large collection of local photos that have been digitised with many appearing on the Rowley Ellwood website

Leaflets - We publish the following information leaflets based on our research:

Ginnels and Yards, Middle Row, 54 Buildings, War Memorial, String of Beads - highlighting fascinating details to be found in the town centre.

Information boards - We have supported the creation of information boards to help residents and visitors appreciate the town and its environs.

Skipton's natural environment – We have created several small green spaces, most notably at Mill Bridge and the Wilderness.

Gawflat Meadow - Our largest environmental project is preserving this ancient field, now part of Aireville Park, and providing related information boards and leaflets. It contains a rich variety of trees, shrubs and meadow flowers and in 2012 it was officially designated a 'Queen's Field'.

Greening the town - We work with other environment groups to install boxes, planters and plants for local residents and businesses together with the soil and compost to maintain them. Look out for these in Castle Street and at the Craven Arts House, Otley Street.

Tree planting - Together with other organisations and the local council, water and energy companies, we are involved with tree planting where appropriate.

The built environment - Our architects, historians and conservation experts review and comment on planning applications. We have also carried out extensive research of the High Street and its environs for the High Street Heritage Action Zone Programme. The results of the research ('Every Building Tells a Story') are available in the Reference Section of Skipton Library or can be requested directly from the Society.

Education – We hold illustrated lectures ('talks') on the first Wednesday of the month. Recent topics have included the Liverpool World Heritage site, the history of the former Rackhams buildings, Skipton Woods, Climate Change, Skipton's pubs.

Guided walks – We organise these for members, the public and local organisations.

Summer Excursions - We organise one or more trips each summer. Past visits have included: Hull, Wentworth Woodhouse, Silsden, Bingley,

Knaresborough, Hoghton Tower.

OTHER SOCIETIES AND GROUPS

The Civic Society has links throughout the town:

Friends of Craven Museum

Skipton and Craven History Society

Skipton in Bloom

Incredible Edible Skipton

Skipton Rotary Clubs

Skipton Town Council

Skipton Step into Action

White Rose Forest

Upper Wharfedale Heritage Group

Yorkshire Wildlife.

Details of these organisations can be found at Skipton Library and on the internet.

- * Under 18's are welcome to attend the speaker meetings if accompanied by an adult.

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