

## **SLEAFORD and DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

Sleaford's Civic Trust has for many years worked to protect the town's heritage and to encourage high standards of planning, architecture and restoration.

In its early years, the Trust was heavily involved in the campaign to save the River Slea and fundraising for the engineering work that was undertaken. We now provide awards for successful heritage projects and new developments of architectural merit or social significance. We organise talks on cultural and heritage subjects, have arranged social events for our members and regularly promote the Trust's objectives and activities at local fairs and events. More recently we have become increasingly active as an enabling, fundraising and coordinating organisation involved in, for example:

- Development of cultural community activities and art projects

- Creation of a Sleaford audio-visual trail

- Restoration of the Bristol Water Fountain

- Research into and promotion of Sleaford Castle

Our work on the Bristol Water Fountain has pioneered the restoration of historic water fountains to supply fresh drinking water and reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles. This twelve-month, £40,000 project was formally opened by the current Marquess of Bristol in October 2019. We have also launched a local education programme into clean water.

Initial survey and investigatory work on the Castle project has begun and is expected to continue for 5 years. Working with an initial budget of £10,000, it is expected that the Civic Trust's initiative will help secure substantial additional funding to attract community involvement in exploring the remains and history of an important Registered Ancient Monument that played host to King John and other notable characters from the middle ages.

The Civic Trust's Heritage Trail was the first of its kind in England, providing visitors with an opportunity to meet some of the town's Victorian characters. Further development is planned.

A key ambition of the Trust is to involve our local younger generation and so far, they have been involved in art projects, photographic competitions, projects and practical, a geophysical survey on the castle and other projects are planned.

The Trust is a registered charity and relies on donations to finance its work. Everyone involved in the Trust's activities and administration is a volunteer. Whilst we have been successful in securing grants and other public funds for specific projects, we nevertheless need money to finance initial research, our administrative costs and other expenses associated with our work.

Our members are all private individuals, but we would like to involve the corporate and public sector by inviting a small number of organisations to become **Corporate Members of Sleaford and District Civic Trust**.

We now need your help, as a Corporate Member you will be kept informed of our work and you and your staff will have an opportunity to participate in projects that may interest you.

We ask our Corporate Members to donate £180 per annum, either as an annual payment or by monthly instalments of £15. In recognition of this, each Member will have:

Their name included on our Annual Report and Sponsorship Record which is sent out with all communications and quarterly newsletters

Their name and web link will be displayed on our website in a section listing Corporate Members.

As Corporate Members they will be entitled to use the Trust's logo on their website(s) and on Business stationery and documentation if they so wish, while continuing in membership.

Annual Certificate and membership card for one vote at Annual General or Special Meetings.

Free admission for up to four Directors or Staff to all Civic Trust talks and other events.

Complementary Limited-edition Print of Malcolm Doughty's painting of Market Place Sleaford on initial joining.

We would also welcome your involvement in the Trust's work.

**Most important of all will be the knowledge that you are helping to promote Sleaford and develop community engagement in the town's heritage and culture.**

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**PLEASE WILL YOU HELP?**

Your name: .....

Company/Organisation: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: ..... Email: .....

Description of organisation: .....

DONATION: £180 pa. payable by cheque/ £15 per calendar month payable by standing order\*

Please send me an invoice YES/NO \* Please send me a standing order form YES/NO \*

Signed ..... Date .....

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