



## **Newsletter no. 1**

Welcome to the first newsletter of our new Society and thank you for joining. We have 42 Founding Members and many more have expressed an interest in joining. Please encourage them to do so and an application for membership is at the bottom of this newsletter.

I want to inform you of our committee, details of the next few meetings and the initial goals we plan to achieve.

### **COMMITTEE**

Henry Cator: High Steward of Great Yarmouth, has accepted our invitation to be the President  
Chairman: Hugh Sturzaker, retired surgeon  
Secretaries: Anne Edwards, Archant Coastal Editor  
Rachel Moore, TMS Media  
Treasurer: Michael Muskett, retired accountant and chair of Macmillan Cancer Relief

**John Burroughs**, Ex Mayor of Great Yarmouth and Publican

**Paul Davies**, retired GP, author and chair of GY Minster Preservation Trust, Local History and Archaeological Society etc.

**Gemma Manthorpe**, Senior Planning Officer of GY Borough Council

**David Marsh**, Leading light in tourism, local businesses and previously non executive director of Local Enterprise Partnership

**Ian McCreadie**, Managing Director of SPP Digital, Chair of Enterprise GY, School Governor

**Stacey Nash**, Development Officer at Harbour Radio and former Community Advocacy and Befriending Service Coordinator at [Voluntary Norfolk](#)

**Paul Patterson**, Managing Director of Associated Sourcing Web, Director of ATEC Design, historian and author

**Graham Plant**, Leader of GY Borough Council and Councillor for Norfolk County Council

**Andrew Smith**, Partner of Paul Robinson Partnership

**Bruce Sturrock**, Chairman of Palmers and Town Centre Partnership

### **NEXT FEW MEETINGS**

**November 21 Civic Movement: The Future**

**Ian Harvey**, CEO of Civic Voice

**January 16 Great Yarmouth Town Walls**

**Paul Patterson**, Historian, Author and Designer

**March 6 The Work of the Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust**

**Darren Barker**, Project Director of Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust

## **All meetings will be in Christchurch, King Street, NR30 2HL on Tuesday at 7.30pm**

Details of these meetings are at the bottom along with an application for membership if you have any friends or acquaintances who might be interested in joining.

### **PLANNED EARLY GOALS**

The committee met on 2 October and the following topics were selected.

**Roundabouts:** Many are a disgrace and owned by the Highways Authority. The Borough Council has been in discussion with the Highways Authority and we are discussing ways in which we can bring pressure to bear on a resolution to the impasse.

**Activating Communities:** Stacey Nash and myself have met with Holly Notcutt, Community Development Manager, and Daniel Hastings of Comeunity and Neighbourhoods Which Work and discussed various ways to involve the communities which we hope to put into effect

**Attracting Youngsters:** I did a short presentation to Cliff Park Ormiston Academy Governors and suggested the formation of a junior Civic Society in the school. This received support and we discussed looking at the problems in the Market Place and how the youngsters could tackle them. Ultimately I would like to see a junior Civic Society in every school that we could liaise with and invite their members to our meetings. If you have any connection with local schools and colleges perhaps you would make some approaches.

**Heritage Walks:** These have finished for the next few months but we are hoping to arrange some for the society's members.

**Yarmouth in Bloom** has had great success and we would like to link up with them to expand their good work.

**Town Centre Master Plan:** Work is just starting on this project and Bruce Sturrock is a member of that team

**Awards:** Carrots are better than sticks and we would like to institute some annual awards to reward good design and care of buildings and areas. We are working on the best ways of doing that.

**Lighting up tree in St. George's Park:** Julie Staff who was behind the establishment of a memorial to those who died in the Suspension Bridge disaster is raising money to light up a tree in St. George's Park. We think this is an excellent idea and anyone keen on supporting it can do so by going to the following:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/julie-staff-2?utm\\_id=2&utm\\_term=erEPW8ykY](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/julie-staff-2?utm_id=2&utm_term=erEPW8ykY)

Ultimately we would like to apply for grants to help this initiative and light up other trees in the park.

**Publicity.** The website is up and running; Facebook should be up and running soon; I have done some broadcasts with Big Nevv on Harbour Radio and there have been articles in the Mercury and EDP. Just as important is word of mouth and I hope you will help in this. Ian McCreadie is providing some car stickers.

**Litter Picking:** This can improve the appearance of an area and can draw people's attention to the problem. We plan to organise some and would like them to be a social affair with tea and cake afterwards. If anyone is keen to organise one of these events please get in touch.

**FINANCE.** To enable us to produce awards and to further our work we will need more finance than the subscriptions bring in so we are looking at various grant awarding bodies.

## **CIVIC VOICE** ([civicvoice.org.uk](http://civicvoice.org.uk))

This is an umbrella organisation for Civic Societies and the benefits of membership are listed below. We have already joined and are delighted that the Civic Voice's Chief Executive Office will be delivering our next talk. I hope you will be able to come to that meeting and bring some friends with you.

## **Membership Benefits for Civic Societies**

**By joining Civic Voice you are part a national civic movement, giving you a national voice. Other benefits also include:**

- 1 **All Party Parliamentary Group** - The APPG for Civic Societies was established to represent the civic society movement in Parliament and help make the movement's voice heard. Only Civic Voice members will be invited to APPG meetings in 2017-2018.
- 2 **Civic Update** - This is our weekly news update giving you all the latest news and updates on all things "civic"
- 3 **Insurance** with Lockton - Member civic societies are able to benefit from a choice of insurance packages which have been specially designed for civic society activities and can save you on average £100 . [Read more here.](#)
- 4 **National Trust day pass** - Members of civic societies who join Civic Voice will be eligible for a free day access pass to the National Trust (worth up to £14). If they are already members this can be given to a friend or relative.
- 5 Policy development and influence enabling us to speak with a collective national voice
- 6 **Civic Voice Annual Convention** and AGM - The Civic Voice Annual Convention and AGM is the largest single gathering of the civic movement each year. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/civic-voice-annual-convention-in-wakefield-tickets-33693749913>
- 7 **Co-Op Bank account** - The Co-operative Bank will provide free current account banking services for civic societies that join Civic Voice and pay interest on these accounts.
- 8 **Civic Voice Design Awards** - The Civic Voice Design Awards are the people's choice for architecture and the built environment. <http://www.civicvoice.org.uk/get-involved/design-awards/>
- 9 **Advice** on governance issues from the Charity Commission and access to a standard constitution.
- 10 **National Civic Day** - Your chance to be civic alongside 250 other groups across the country on a single day, each year in June. You also have the chance to apply for the Civic Day Awards presented at the Civic Voice Annual Convention.
- 11 **Helpdesk support** - in 2016 over 1500 enquires on a national level to Civic Voice from civic society members
- 12 **IHBC Funding** and Grants as part of the Big Conservation Conversation campaign -
- 13 **Regional liaison** through the Civic Voice Regional Forum (chaired by Helen Kidman, Yorkshire) and via Regional Associations.
- 14 **Parliamentary outreach meetings** - Parliamentary Outreach organise a range of lectures, training sessions, workshops and other events about how Parliament works.
- 15 Local networking through the **Regional Forum, Larger Society, Smaller Societies** and themed interest groups
- 16 Opportunity to contribute to our national **manifesto** enable us to speak on collective national voice on behalf of the movement
- 17 Marsh Civic Awards with the chance to win £1000 to recognise the Outstanding Civic Society in the country - **The Marsh Awards** are in partnership with Civic Voice and are presented each year at the Civic Voice Annual Convention.
- 18 **Hard copies of all Civic Voice publications** including our Annual Review, Civic Voice Design Awards brochure and leaflets
- 19 As part of Civic Voice membership, you are automatically registered with **NCVO** giving you access to governance, organisational and strategy support. Civic Voice has a partnership with NCVO the largest umbrella body for the voluntary and community sector in England. Every group taking out full membership of Civic Voice benefits from free community membership of NCVO

- 20 Opportunity to **vote** on our campaigns and projects at the Annual General Meeting. In the past our Civic Voice Design Awards, War Memorials and Local Listing have all come directly from Civic Voice members
- 21 **Speaker panel** - Civic Voice can provide national speakers including our Executive Director, Chair and individual Trustees to speak at your events.
- 22 **Voting rights at the AGM.** All Trustees are voted on by our members each year.

If we are to be successful we need to work together, develop partnerships and I look forward to hearing any ideas and suggestions you may have. Before each talk we will have a short session for business and to discuss ideas.

Best wishes,  
Hugh Sturzaker  
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## CIVIC SOCIETY OF GREAT YARMOUTH

**NOVEMBER 21** "CIVIC MOVEMENT: THE FUTURE"

IAN HARVEY, CEO CIVIC VOICE

**JANUARY 16** GREAT YARMOUTH TOWN WALLS

PAUL PATTERSON, HISTORIAN, AUTHOR  
AND DESIGNER

**MARCH 6** THE WORK OF GREAT YARMOUTH

PRESERVATION TRUST

DARREN BARKER, PROJECT DIRECTOR,  
GREAT YARMOUTH PRESERVATION TRUST

ALL TALKS WILL BE HELD AT CHRISTCHURCH,  
KING STREET, NR30 2HL ON TUESDAYS AT 7.30PM

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS OVERLEAF



**CIVIC SOCIETY OF GREAT YARMOUTH**

I wish to become a Founding Member of the Civic Society of Great Yarmouth and agree with its aims.

Name (Please print).....

Address.....

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Post code.....

Home telephone number.....

Mobile number.....

Email address.....

I enclose my cheque/cash for £10.00

(please make payable to Civic Society of Great Yarmouth and send to Tracey Nash at Harbour Radio, King Street.)

For the purpose of the Data Protection Act, The Civic Society of Great Yarmouth is the data controller in respect of your personal data. The Civic Society will use your details to send you news of special events either by post or email if you have provided this information. If you do not want to receive such updates and information please tick this box.