



Berwick-upon-Tweed Civic Society

Berwick Civic Society is a registered charity (no 508953) focusing on the conservation areas of Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal. For thirty years, its volunteers have worked:

- To encourage high standards of planning, architecture, landscaping and amenities
- To support and where possible to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest
- To stimulate public interest and promote civic pride

The Society is one of 850 Civic Societies throughout the UK, under the umbrella of the Civic Trust, the leading UK charity dedicated to bringing vitality, sustainability and high-quality design to the built environment.

The Civic Society is self-funding and represents hundreds of members of the public who care about Berwick and its surroundings. Joining the Society adds your voice to our efforts to encourage private and public developments that safeguard the town's heritage and character.

The Society participates actively in the planning and development process, and aims to help and advise local residents and businesses on planning matters, whether or not they are members. The Civic Society also seeks to work with other organisations in the town, including the local authority, to promote the conservation and enhancement of the built environment.

As well as staging displays in the Main Guard each summer, the Civic Society hosts an events programme of talks and visits on a wide range of subjects, publishes literature, holds a Summer Fair and organises an annual Doors Open Day of free visits to historic buildings each September.

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF CIVIC SOCIETIES

Many local amenity societies affiliated to the Civic Trust ... work closely with their local authorities to secure conservation objectives. The Secretaries of State attach particular importance to the activities of the voluntary sector in heritage matters, and hope that local authorities will work in close co-operation with national and local amenity bodies and draw on their expertise to the full.

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