



Preserving Surrey's Heritage

Annual General Meeting 2016



The Annual General Meeting of Surrey Historic Buildings Trust will take place at Providence Chapel, Charlwood, on Wednesday 19th October, starting at 3.00pm. This unusual building was originally constructed in Horsham in 1797 as a barracks to house soldiers assembled to repel an invasion by Napoleon. After the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 it was moved to Charlwood and turned into a nonconformist chapel. When it became disused in 2012 it was purchased by the newly-formed Providence Chapel Charlwood Trust which is working on a programme to repair and restore the chapel so that its extraordinary

history can be presented to the public, and so that it can also be used by Charlwood School. This is a very worthwhile project, which Surrey Historic Buildings Trust is supporting. The chapel is currently on the Heritage at Risk register. An initial grant has recently been awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund but this is just the start of a major restoration programme.

Charlwood is a fascinating village with a wealth of history, including a fine Norman church and no fewer than *eighty* listed buildings! Please try to join us for our AGM on 19th October, which will include afternoon tea – as well as being a fantastic opportunity to find out more about Surrey Historic Buildings Trust's past, current and future activities and achievements. The Providence Chapel is in Chapel Road, Charlwood RH6 0DA. All Friends of SHBT are encouraged to attend. Guests (especially prospective SHBT members) will be most welcome.

Heritage Awards

Don't forget that the Trust's new annual Surrey Heritage Awards will be launched at Loseley Park on the evening of Wednesday 29th March 2017. Invitations will be sent to all paid-up Friends of SHBT in due course. The Awards will highlight 'Best Practice' in building conservation and give due recognition to the most impressive and significant conservation projects. Nominations are currently being sought from planning authorities, property owners, architects and conservationists. If you know of any heritage conservation projects that have been carried out in the last three years, and which you think deserve an Award, please let the Administrator know and he will send you the relevant documentation. The Awards ceremony is being held at Loseley Park by kind permission of our Patron, Mr Michael More-Molyneux, Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, and our very special guest speaker will be Dame Helen Ghosh, Director-General of The National Trust. Please make sure that you 'save the date'!

Friends' visits

Friends of SHBT have had two visits over the summer – to The Durdans (historic riding stables) in Epsom and to the historic village of Worpleston. Both visits were greatly enjoyed by all those who took part.

Recent conservation grants

Since the last issue of the SHBT Newsletter the Trust has agreed to make the following grants:

- £600 for a Milestone in London Road, Camberley. Dating from the mid-18th century, the milestone has been damaged and removed. It will now be repaired and replaced but in a position that avoids the risk of further damage.
- £700 towards repairs to studwork and replacement of weatherboarding at The Barn in Linden Road Conservation Area, Leatherhead.
- £2,800 for repairs to a stone slab roof on the Hope Mausoleum, Chart Lane, Dorking. The Trust has already grant-aided other facets of the ongoing conservation programme at the mausoleum; this particular project was unexpected and unplanned as the stone roof (very rare in southern England) was discovered during conservation work.
- £3,000 for the Parklands Farm Granary, Mole Street, Ockley. This is an extremely interesting building – a granary over a cart shed dating from the early 18th century. It is currently in a poor state and at risk of collapse in bad weather. Our funding is to make the granary stable, wind-tight and water-tight, so that it can continue to be used as part of the farm. The Trust is keen to support this sort of conservation project as it will save an interesting rural building and help keep it in traditional agricultural use.

Publicity for the Trust

The Trust has had two major publicity ‘splashes’ in Surrey Life Magazine. Two special double-page feature articles, entitled ‘Ten of the Best Historic Buildings’, appeared in the June and July issues of the magazine, featuring an eclectic mix of Surrey buildings including Chatley Heath Semaphore Tower, Shalford Mill, Brooklands Anti-Aircraft Towers, Royal Holloway University of London in Egham, Horsley Towers and the Lovelace Bridges. These articles have helped to raise the profile of Surrey Historic Buildings Trust as well as highlighting the extraordinary diversity of Surrey’s architectural heritage.

Trustees

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Simon Goodhugh to the Board of Trustees of Surrey Historic Buildings Trust. Simon has been an active supporter of the Trust for many years and has been a key member of our Grants Committee as well as being our principal point of contact with English Heritage / Historic England. At the same time we say farewell to Roger Steel, who as a Trustee has played a vital role in organising and facilitating visits by SHBT Friends to Farnham and Waverley Abbey House, and to our longstanding Trustee Jean Smith who has retired from the Board of SHBT after many years of service. We extend a very warm welcome to Simon and our thanks to Roger and Jean for their past contributions to the work of the Trust.

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