



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE BUILDING PRESERVATION TRUST BULLETIN

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Dear Member,

Judging from the complimentary remarks from a cross-section of our membership, it appears that the format of the new TRUST BULLETIN has been well received, especially as the work of the Trust extends to the County boundaries and few people are aware of the many things being done other than through this paper.

The theme of this Bulletin is the Work of the Trust. It indicates that the effort is spread over many areas and we hope you will find it interesting.

As well as the publication of the Bulletin, the Editorial team are already hard at work preparing the annual Newsletter which we hope to issue just before Christmas. If you have any suitable articles we would be glad to hear from you.

DCE LISTS TELEPHONE BOXES

The current listing survey re-examining the building stock has produced a few surprises, not the least being news that eight telephone boxes nationally have been listed and that up to 100 could follow, dated pre-1939.

British Telecom are replacing many kiosks with modern equipment, but together with the Department of the Environment and English Heritage some of the best examples starting from the 'K1' model of 1921 are being preserved.

DR. NORMAN SUMMERS' MEMORIAL FUND

The appeal fund in memory of Dr. Summers has now closed with kind donations totalling £418.50p. It has been decided that it will be put towards the Dovecote restoration fund and the last project, Wollaton Dovecote, which has been completed with a memorial plaque.

The Trust would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Richard Simpson success with his recent appointment as Architect for A.H. Turner Limited, 27 Grove Street, Retford.

Richard was previously employed as a Conservation Architect with Notts. County Council's Historic Building team, during which time he was fundamental in initiating, assisting and advising many of the Trust's schemes. We would therefore like to offer our thanks for his enthusiasm, dedication and hard work over the past four and a half years.

Good luck Richard.

THE WORK OF THE TRUST

The Trust was formed in 1965 to protect buildings of historic and architectural interest and to maintain the character of towns and villages in Nottinghamshire. This is largely achieved by the efforts of volunteers united by enthusiasm, professional ability and by the alert attention of its wide membership. The only paid post is held by the administration and typing assistant at the Trust office.

Finance of the Trust is by voluntary donations, of which the largest source is from individual Local Authorities. Since 1980, Local Government cutbacks have reduced revenue but it would appear that since that date, the most effective work has been done in the area of restoration projects using a Revolving Fund. A report on the current projects being considered by the Northern and Southern Revolving Fund groups is included later.

The Technical Panel

The Panel meets on a regular basis to examine the progress of the Revolving Fund projects, consider correspondence, review the Newsletter and Bulletin, and also plan Coach trips for the membership. Planning applications related to listed buildings received from Local Authorities are considered and a response is given within the limited period for a reply. Often, requests for advice from individuals are considered and a suitably qualified member of the panel is asked to help.

Normally, this help is given free of charge by the Architects and Planning advisers who sit on the Panel. The Technical Panel might be regarded as the active section of the Trust, with policy decisions being referred to the Council of Management.

Coach Trips

The Trust has always placed great importance on the Annual Coach Tour as a means of meeting the wider membership and also as a focal point during the year's programme. More recently, the tours have been increased in number and by inviting other interested parties, i.e. The Civic Society etc., the events have always been well attended.

Previous tours have visited Wiverton Hall, Winthorpe Hall, Flintham Hall, Winkburn Hall. Out of the County the Trust has travelled North near Doncaster to see the work of James Paine at the Mansion House, Wadworth Hall and Sandbeck Park. A previous trip has also included Rockingham Hall and village in Northamptonshire, featured in the historical series the 'Sword Divided'. The latest tours have looked at some of the vernacular buildings in the County and at some of the buildings designed by or attributed to Robert Smythson.

Education

Several members of the Trust assist in the WEA series of lectures on subjects ranging from 'Country Houses', and 'Vernacular Architecture' to theme lectures on 'The Nottinghamshire Pattern of Building' describing the rich and varied range of materials in the County. As guest speakers to professional and business dinner groups as well as Local History Groups the subject matter of the Trust is proving to be of interest to people other than Trust members.

It is hoped to develop and expand a slide collection owned by the Trust to assist in this interesting area.

Local Authorities and Appeals

Applications for Listed Building Consent are often referred to the Trust for comment. This requires in many cases a visit by a member of the Technical Panel, the preparation of his report and a reply, all within a limited period of time.

When sensitive applications are referred to the Minister and his Inspectors, involving the loss of historically interesting buildings, the Trust is represented at public inquiries.

Technical Advice

Members of the Trust are often approached to provide technical advice on the repair or appearance of buildings. This might simply be selecting the 'appropriate' colour for a period building, the choice of a mortar mix or the correct joinery details for a replacement window. More major areas covered include measured surveys, structural advice and repair techniques to the building fabric.

Revolving Funds

A major article describing the work of the Revolving Fund appeared in the Spring 1986 Newsletter with particular reference to two recent projects. The Hutt Lodge, Newstead Abbey Park and The Forest Lodge, Nottingham.

The repair of a derelict house in Old Sneinton in conjunction with the City Council has just been completed and features in a current exhibition, 'Time for Design'.

Publications

The Trust now publishes a Newsletter twice a year which features essays on major buildings or important architects in the County. The presentation is of high quality and is illustrated with photographs. More frequently, the Bulletin is published as a topical news-sheet describing current activities and short articles on local buildings in the news.

Past publications have been an illustrated poster on the County's dovecotes drawn by John Severn, and a booklet 'At Home in SHERWOOD'-villages and great houses in the Forest today. This booklet is still available.

It is hoped to develop this area of promotion for the Trust and we are keen to consider any similar publications in the forthcoming year.

REVOLVING FUND REPORTS:

SOUTH AREA:

Manor Farm, Colwick

Since the last issue of the Bulletin, the situation on Manor Farm has changed considerably. Dobson Park Industries, who run the property, have now decided that instead of handing over the property to the Trust they will carry out the necessary repair themselves. The Trust will be kept informed of progress, and will respond with advice or assistance should the occasion arise. Mr. Ray Craig is to be retained as Architect by Dobson Park.

34 High Street, Arnold

A scheme to repair and fully modernize the property has been prepared by John Severn, and it is hoped work will begin soon.

Dalestorth House

A proposal to develop within the kitchen garden walls at the rear of this property has been examined in detail and is now found to be not viable. The building remains in a neglected state and regrettably offers no apparent solution.

Winding Engine House, Bestwood

The Winding Engine and its House is regarded nationally as being of great significance in terms of industrial archaeology. The County Council, as owners, spent a considerable sum on repairs in the mid-1970's, with grant assistance from the Department of the Environment. Further repairs are now needed, and the Trust has proposed to offer its services as a Charitable Agency to attract in sponsorship and further grant support and use the Family First Manpower Services Agency to carry out certain works. The Trust is now awaiting confirmation from the County Council to proceed.



Rock Court, Mansfield

It is understood that Mansfield District Council is now purchasing the property. No further information is available, but the Trust is hopeful that this latest move will lead to the building's eventual repair.

NORTH AREA:

Ollerton Hall

The Trust has agreed to carry out essential repair works to the property, using grant aid available from English Heritage.

Shireoaks Station

Negotiations are continuing with British Rail, but in the meantime the Trust is hoping to undertake essential repairs to ensure the building's future.

RICHARD SIMPSON.

Industrial Buildings at Risk

During the second week in September, the Association for Industrial Archaeology had its annual conference at Loughborough University. The conference week was devoted to the Industrial Archaeology of the East Midlands and was well attended by the nation's leading industrial archaeologists, historians and conservationists. The Trust's activities were represented within a display by Nottinghamshire County Council's Department of Planning and Transportation.

On sale at the conference was a N.B.P.F./N.C.C. booklet entitled "Nottinghamshire's Threatened Industrial Buildings" which is intended to focus awareness to the risk of industrial buildings in the County. The buildings identified range from a late eighteenth century ramshackled wheelwrights shop at Norwell to the national importance of Bestwood winding house and engine. The booklet has also been produced as a forerunner to updated and complete "Buildings at Risk Register" which will be published early next year to coincide with English Heritage's "Buildings at Risk Year 1987". Copies of the nineteen page booklet containing industrial buildings from the eight County districts is available from the Trust Office, price 40p (including postage and package).

A second publication to be produced for the conference is "A Guide to the Industrial Archaeology of the East Midlands" by Dr. M. Palmer and P. Neaverson, published jointly by the Association for Industrial Archaeology and the Leicestershire Industrial History Society. Copies of this excellent gazetteer containing photographs, maps and comments of a wide selection of sites is available from the Association for Industrial Archaeology, The Wharfage, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, TF8 7AW, price £1.50 (including postage and package).

Stuart Warburton.

RURAL ACTION AGENCY

The recently formed Rural Action Community Programme Agency, under the guidance of its Manager, Mr. John Worth, is proposing to make available its building and survey skills.

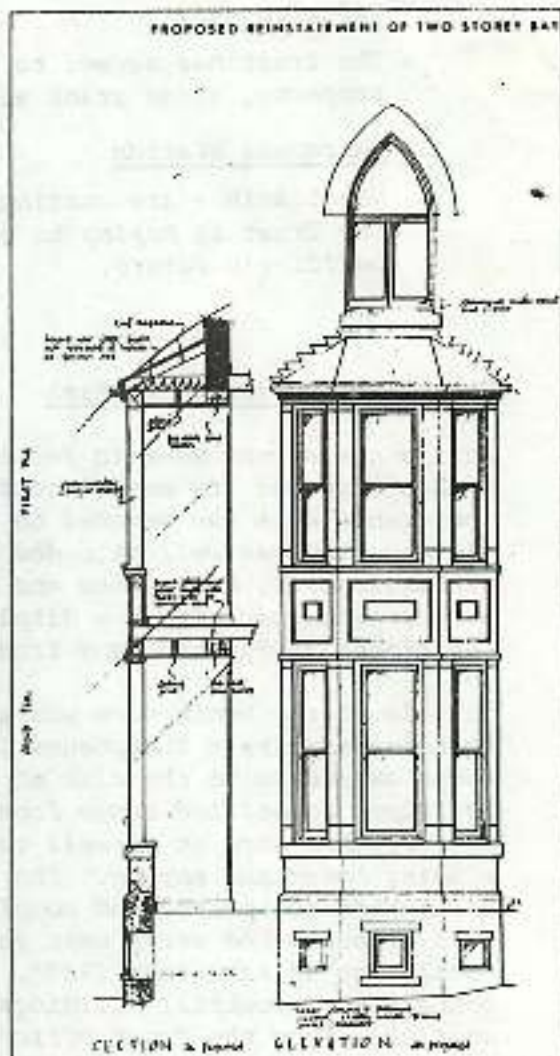
The Agency is unique in having available all the necessary skills for recording and accurate draughting techniques. It is hoped the service will be available to Amenity Societies and Groups, and members of the public, for the recording of historic buildings.

A building repair team is also being assembled to work primarily on smaller historic buildings which for some reason have been neglected. Dovecotes, ice-houses, waterhouses and pinfolds all come within this category and are likely candidates. Should the owner of such a building be interested in the scheme, Mr. Worth should be contacted at R.A.C.P.A., The Old School, Rumber Lane, East Stoke, Near Newark, Nottinghamshire. Telephone: East Stoke 795.

RICHARD SIMPSON.

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ST. STEPHENS ROAD
SHEINTON



On 30th September the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Councillor Frank Higgins, formally opened the house and shop which has been excellently repaired by the Trust. The ceremony was well attended and was televised.

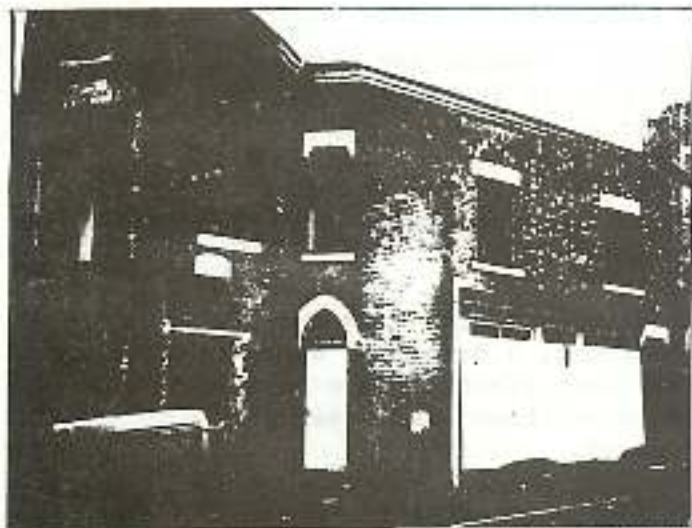
The project is small but important; the building was in such bad repair that it would normally have been demolished, and it was only the imagination of the City Planning Department, with the co-operation of the Trust, that saved it, enabling a depressing ruin to be turned into an attractive, valuable asset.

An exhibition was staged in the building from 22nd September to 18th October as part of the City Council's "Time for Design" experiment to encourage other restorations and to demonstrate the value of preserving traditional design and materials, such as sash windows, bay windows and slate roofs instead of modern concrete tiles and badly proportioned windows.

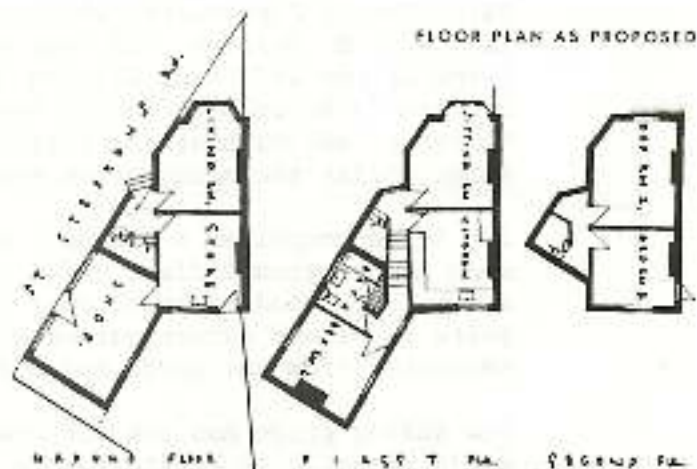
The City sold the building to the Trust for £3,500, who then spent about £28,000 on renovation works, but received a Department of the Environment Inner Area grant of £10,400. It was important to make a small profit to go into the Trust's Revolving Fund for the next repair project, so it was a great relief when the building was sold for £27,950 on the first day it was advertised.

Copies of "114-116 St. Stephens Road, Sheinton - An Example of Practical Renovation" are available from Nottingham City Planning Department, Guildhall, North Church Street, Nottingham.

Graham Beaumont.



114-116 ST STEPHENS ROAD BEFORE ACQUISITION BY THE TRUST



Coach Tour

The coach trip held on Saturday, 30th August was one of the most successful yet. Forty members and their friends turned out for what was, in many ways, an unusual experience. The tour was based on the work of Robert Smythson, who is one of those architects everyone thinks they ought to know about but doesn't.

Earlborough Hall is now a school. It is good to see an historic building put to such a good use, although one is fearful that the pupils might not have such a high regard for the premises as the members of the Building Trust. The headmaster and David Durant showed the party around the building, which taught us a lot about Robert Smythson as we began to recognise the features and foibles which characterise the architect.

The next stop was Worksop Manor Lodge where a courageous owner has taken over a badly neglected building and is living in it whilst restoring the building around him. This building is incredibly important and yet has been so sadly neglected over the years. David Durant has compared the building to a Medici Villa near Florence dated 1569, but more about that anon.

The party enjoyed a superb lunch with wine, supplied by the owner Mr. Runshaw and friends. This may have accounted for the rather devious route by which we then travelled to visit Thorpe Salvin and Shireoaks Hall via a local coal mine and under a bridge of about the same height as the coach in which we were travelling. Having eventually arrived at Shireoaks Hall we were again greatly impressed by the confident way in which the owners, Mr. Godlewski and family, had taken on the restoration of a building once described by a developer as being about to collapse upon innocent passers-by.

The building is looking better with every visit and, again, a confident owner is putting Conservation theory into practice and shaming those more strident voices which offer free advice only.

We look forward to more coach trips in the future when, perhaps, fresh faces will join us.

Geoff Turner.

HOUSE FOR SALE

The Trust has now decided to restore and modernize the cottage in Main Street, Papplewick, which was left to it in the will of the late Miss B. Britton, and then to offer it for sale. Under the terms of the will Miss Britton requested that the cottage should preferably be sold to one or two single ladies. The Trust is therefore asking that any possible purchasers should make themselves known whilst the restoration work is underway.

The house comprises a kitchen, utility room, dining room and living room on the ground floor, with two bedrooms, a bathroom, a box room and a large studio/living room on the first floor. There is a quite large and mature garden with a summer house and a garage separated from the house and a fuel store.

The asking price has not yet been decided, but after restoration it would probably be in the region of £50,000.

The total floor area is about 1500 sq.ft.

If anyone is interested at this stage, please contact the Trust Office on Nottingham 819622.



WOLLATON DOVECOTE

I was very pleased to receive my copy of the first issue of the most informative and interesting Bulletin.

May I take the liberty of commenting on the reference to the Wollaton dovecote, the restoration of which was sponsored by the Trust and undertaken under the supervision of John Severn. This exercise has, of course, resulted in an architecturally and historically interesting building being restored and made accessible. However, members will be interested in knowing that since the actual work was undertaken by this Agency, the project also provided valuable training and work experience for a team of people who had previously been unemployed for long periods. This second achievement was only made possible by the labour costs being borne by the MSC under its Community Programme.

It is also worth mentioning that the work done on the Wollaton Park dovecote has led to the Agency, in conjunction with the Nottingham Civic Society, embarking on the restoration of the further dovecote in Wollaton Village and of the ice houses in Wollaton Park.

A.E. Woolrich, Agency Manager,
FAMILY FIRST PROJECTS AGENCY.

SHIREOAKS STATION

The Bulletin is a very welcome publication and will, I think, keep your membership informed of current activities as you foresee.

However, I would like to point out an error in the item on Shireoaks Station. The Chesterfield Canal at the rear of the station is not infilled! Good Lord sir! I can hear our members gnashing of teeth from here. If it was infilled there would be a lot of upset boat owners and anglers downstream as the weedy, shallow, reed encrusted, ditch in question is the mainwater to feed the navigable section of the canal. I grant you that it is very good at disguising this fact but infilled it most certainly is not. Indeed it is enshrined in our constitution that we will work towards restoring this area to a navigable standard.

In fact, it may interest you that at the moment we are working with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to clean up the canal in their area and to create a pleasant environment. I must admit that Shireoaks, being on the fringe of their area, could be one of the last sections to benefit but, nevertheless, there are stirrings in the reeds.

Christine Richardson, Secretary
CHESTERFIELD CANAL SOCIETY.

Thank you for both letters which are delighted to print in full. Please note that the Editor reserves the right to shorten any letters received for publication as space is at a premium.'

STOP PRESS

Keyworth School

The old village school at Keyworth is threatened by demolition. It was built in 1874 and was unfortunately not listed during the recent resurvey, although a similar school on Main Street, Misterton, was listed in 1984. The school has recently been sold to a developer who has plans to demolish the building and re-develop the site for an old people's home.

The Trust has written to English Heritage requesting the building to be spot listed and local residents are writing to Rushcliffe Borough Council objecting to the re-development proposals.

24 Moorgate, East Retford

We have received notification of the date of the Public Inquiry for 24 Moorgate. It will be held at Worksop Town Hall at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16th December, 1986. If anyone can help please contact Graham Beaumont of the Department of Planning and Transportation, Nottinghamshire County Council, who is co-ordinating representations. The inquiry is open to members of the public whose views are particularly valuable.

Graham Beaumont.