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AN OCCASIONAL NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

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Chairman's Welcome

In my previous report I gave an account of the Trust's involvement in the successful campaign to preserve the listed 17th Century buildings on Lombard Street, Newark, which formed the historic core of the Robin Hood Hotel now converted to a Travelodge.

The Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust's attempt to acquire the buildings and conserve them for a new use as offices was unsuccessful but revealed a Conservation Deficit of over £600,000, which was the cost difference between the carrying out the building work and the commercial value on completion. The Heritage Lottery Fund were happy to receive an application for such a grant but, sadly, the offer of the buildings was withdrawn by the owners.

However the deficit has not gone away and, I understand, NSDC took on the liability, in a partnership arrangement with the developer, to be recovered over time. It is, I believe, fair to state that, although the work was carried out competently, it was not to the highest conservation standards that the Trust would have required. It has been pointed out by a member that some of the historic detailing has been lost and NSDC is negotiating to have the flaking render paintwork replaced.

It is not always possible to achieve perfection and, although regrettable, we may have to settle for less. I hope that members and the general public will consider the outcome worth the battle.

David Atkins, Chairman

Harry Johnson Award : 2020

A disappointment is the postponement of the Harry Johnson Awards this summer. You will remember that these had been delayed because of Covid from the summer of 2020 and, perhaps because of building delays there has been a very low entry level. The Trust has therefore decided to defer the judging until July 2022, thereby returning to the even year of the competition. The entrants

have agreed to this and we hope that there will be additional entries next year when, I hope building work will have returned to an old normality.

You will recall that the Awards are sponsored jointly by the Trust and the Campaign to Protect Rural England and the four judges, two from CPRE and two from NBPT, will be looking forward to assessing the knowledge and skills in traditional building practice on restoration work and imaginative and appropriate design in new work.

If you know of a new or converted building in your locality which was completed since May 2018 and which you feel enhances the street or village, please encourage the owners/builders to enter the competition. You can, of course, nominate it yourself for an award by completing the application form available on the NBPT website (www.nbpt.co.uk) and return it to the office at Minster Chambers, Church Street, Southwell, Notts NG25 0HD or by email to info@nbpt.co.uk

Heritage Open Day 11th September 2021

The NBPT had a presence in Newark Market Place on the national Heritage Open Day (HOD) event organized by Newark Heritage Forum and the Newark Civic Society. A number of craft and society groups were represented and visitors to our stand were welcomed in the warm sunshine. It was encouraging to have so much interest shown in the Trust's activities..

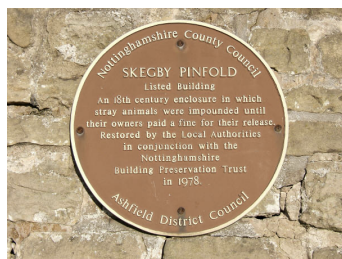
I want to thank the vice-chairman, Roger Upton, and our administrator, Jayne Saunders, for setting up and staffing the stand during the day. We look forward to greeting a number of new members.

AGM 2021

The Annual General Meeting 2021 will be held on **Tuesday, 7th December 2021 at 5.00 pm** via the Zoom platform (preceded by the Council of Management Meeting at 2.00 pm).

You are invited to join the AGM by contacting Jayne Saunders, NBPT administrator, on email info@nbpt.co.uk. Jayne will provide you with a link to use on the day.

Skegby Pinfold



I came across this pic of a plaque when searching through the archives. Does anyone know if it is

still there? And is the pinfold in good condition?

Photograph of the Pinfold: acknowledgement Alan Murray-Rust 2014.

Tuxford-A Progress Report

The previous newsletter concentrated upon the work and progress at the Walks of Life Museum. Since that time work has continued with areas of the site cleared, a facebook page established and a feasibility study enquiry in the pipeline.



The NBPT have also been invited to look at the old Grammar School building in Tuxford where the trustees responsible for the site are faced with an almost empty building with little income and the potential high cost of bringing the building and services up to modern standards that will attract new

users. It is understood that the public library which was using the ground floor left because of the poor standard of the facilities there. There is currently no public library in Tuxford and the library service is provided by a travelling library bus.

The current situation is understood to be that the trustees are of a mind to sell the building, although local people see the building as an asset of community value (ACV) and are seeking to have the building registered as such. The Grade II* 3-storey former grammar school is in need of attention. There is interest in the future of the building and a number of options no doubt for its future. It is hoped that there is sufficient support for a feasibility study to be commissioned, perhaps with the help of grant funding from the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) to secure its future for the benefit of the local community.



Finally, another plug for the town. If you are seeking a visit to a local attraction why not pop along to the Museum of the Horse in Tuxford where you can spend a few hours wandering around the museum there, or looking at the splendid gallery, secondhand bookshop or, on open days, sampling the delightful cafe in the courtyard. Free parking too at the rear of the building.

Further details can be found at www.sallymitchell.com. Please let us know what you think if you visit.

The photograph below shows the recently repainted front of the building with the commemorative signpost and lamp standard in the square opposite. The signpost commemorates, inter alia, the diamond jubilees of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. The signs pointing to York and London are an indication that the main road through Tuxford (now bypassed) was once the Great North Road.



Alan Wahlers. Hon Sec

The Lodge, Newstead Abbey Park.

A recent visit to Newstead Abbey, one of my favourite places in Nottinghamshire, took me through the gardens where there is a noticeable improvement in upkeep due I understand to the help of the many volunteers who look after the grounds. A pleasant surprise on the way into the site can be seen on the photograph which is of the recently refurbished gate lodge at the Abbey Gates. The work has been undertaken by the current leaseholders, Margaret and Eddie Thomas, who hold the lodge on a 999 year lease from the Nottingham City Council.

The NBPT were involved in a previous restoration of the lodge back in the 1970s when we had a back-to-back agreement with the City Council to rescue the building. Since that time the lodge had fallen into neglect to such an extent that it eventually became unused and the Council decided to let the building on a long lease. Luckily the current occupiers stepped in and, with the expert workmanship of experienced contractor Phil Turton, have restored the lodge to its former glory.



Incidentally there is an excellent report of an 1860 visit to Newstead Abbey published in the Nottinghamshire Guardian, dated 17th May 1860 which describes the contents in detail prior to disposal by auction. Better still, the book about the owners and history from 1540 to 1931 with illustrations by Rosalys Coope and Peter Smith is highly recommended.

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Raising the Profile of the Trust

As Members, you will all be aware of the great work that the Trust has undertaken around the County over the years. In this changing world, it is difficult to know how to encourage new people to join us and help to preserve our important buildings.

Social media is one way to highlight the work that the Trust has done, and to promote what it is doing now.

Our Administrator is looking to share and promote the Trust on Facebook. If you are on Facebook, and haven't already done so, could you please 'like and share' our page 'Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust'.

If you have any other ideas on how we can promote the Trust please let us know.

Archives – Can you help?

We need help in identifying the attached photographs from our archives. If you can place any of these please let us know at info@nbpt.co.uk. If successful we can find a few more for you from the archives!



Contact Details

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The Heritage Buildings Project part of the Minor to Major Scheme is in full swing with in-person and online training for volunteers.

Survey training has taken place on two very sunny days in Blidworth and Calverton.

Volunteers have used their skills from their online and on-site training to extend the survey to several other villages including Linby and Farnsfield. Non-listed buildings are being recorded and some previously unrecorded buildings are being discovered. Volunteers get together online to share their findings and any interested parties are welcome to join. For more information about getting involved with this survey please contact

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Jason Mordan of NCC will be running an online course for people involved with the care and maintenance of historic buildings. Run through Inspire the course fees are covered by the project so it is free to attend. Starting on Tuesday 18th January for 4 consecutive weeks. Scan code below with your phone camera to find out more.

Course Title	Caring for Old Buildings
Course Dates	18 th Jan, 25 th Jan, 1 st Feb and 8 th Feb
Day	Tuesday
Start /End Times	7.00-8.00 Online
Number of sessions	4

The project is also building practical heritage building craft skill by its work with young people at Eastbourne House in Sutton in Ashfield. Researchers have compiled a report on the mining building stock of the area which is to be followed by research of the equestrian buildings of the area to demonstrate the huge role the horse played in the area's history.

Leaving a Legacy to the Trust

A bequest or legacy in your Will is one way of leaving something for future generations which is the mission of the Building Preservation Trust which seeks to protect, preserve and enhance the built environment of Nottinghamshire. All gifts made to a charity in your Will are tax-free and deducted from your estate before inheritance tax is calculated. Therefore, you could reduce or remove your estate's potential inheritance tax liability by including a gift to the NBPT in your Will. If you would be prepared to consider leaving a legacy in your Will to the Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust, please contact the Chairman in the first instance by post to : NBPT, Minster Chambers, Church Street, Southwell, Notts NG25 0HD.

Thank you so much. Be assured that a legacy will help the NBPT to preserve historic Nottinghamshire buildings.