The Worthing Society

I should like to become a member of the Society

(N.B. Use Block Capitals please)

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Annual Subscriptions:

Single £15 Joint £25 Under 21 £5

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Send the completed form to our Membership Sec.

Ms Christine Wood
30 Summers Place,
Billingshurst, RH14 9GN

Or Email your completed form to:
ctcwood2@hotmail.co.uk
(Once received we will issue you a Membership Card).

How did you hear about The Worthing Society?

We welcome anyone with an interest in Worthing and aim to include on our Committee anyone with knowledge or experience of planning, legal or historical matters. We aim to be represented at relevant public inquiries and have already succeeded in modifying developers' proposals which would have seriously affected a number of historic areas of Worthing

Meetings are held quarterly, and include talks on topics of interest given by experts in various fields. There are also social events and outings and a biannual Newsletter is distributed.

Look out for our posters in outlets around the Town publicising our events..

We are members of :-

- Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (C.P.R.E)
- Open Spaces Society
- South Downs Society
- The Victorian Society
- Worthing Heritage Alliance

THE WORTHING SOCIETY

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Beach House

The Worthing Society, originally the Worthing Civic Society (founded 1973), was formed in 1982. Its main aims are to conserve and preserve the architectural amenities of Worthing and the surrounding area, and to stimulate interest and research into the town's history.

It is concerned principally with conservation and preservation but also operates within broader terms to enhance the present conditions of the town and surrounding area, the character and life of which it is anxious to safeguard, and to act as a watch-dog for future developments.

Many buildings of historical and architectural value to the town had been demolished over the years up to the foundation of the Worthing Civic Society. We regard it as vitally important to preserve buildings of historical significance, particularly the fine remaining examples of Regency, Victorian and later architecture. Examples of our work in helping to conserve, preserve, and safeguard our heritage are described and illustrated below.

Listed Buildings

Since its foundation the Society has been responsible for, or primarily instrumental in, gaining the listing of a number of significant buildings by what is now the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) e.g.

Beach House, Worthing (1820)
The Burlington , Worthing (1865)
The Rustington Convalescent Home (1897)

The Dome Cinema

The Desert Quartet

Conservation

We are active in ensuring that our conservation areas are preserved and protected from neglect and inappropriate development

Ambrose Place

Park Crescent

A Cause Celebre !
Heritage Lamposts- Victims Of Neglect
Farncombe Road

Preservation

We were instrumental in:-

- Saving Stanford Cottage in the old Warwick Quarter from demolition
- Resisting architect's proposals to build over Montague Place
- Saving the Beach House Setting

Unveiling a Blue Plaque on Stanford Cottage to commemorate Jane Austen's stay in 1805

Protection

We try to protect our open spaces and Woodland from overdevelopment :-

- Protecting Titnore Lane and ancient woodland (West Durrington development)
- Supported the establishment of the South Downs National Park and secured the inclusion of Castle Goring
- Preserving the Goring Greensward
- Saving historic twittens

Planning the Future

The Worthing Society has fostered good working relationships with Worthing Borough Council.

It believes that it is its duty to ensure, so far as lies within its power, that the design of new buildings should enhance existing surroundings. We are of the opinion that good design should be a necessary requirement of any planning approval.

Whenever the Society opposes a development application it makes a point not simply to express opposition but to offer constructive suggestions.

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Promoting our Heritage

Blue Plaques

The Worthing Society plays a key role in putting up Blue Plaques to commemorate notable people, buildings, or events in the town's history. We are also producing a series of leaflets to publicise the sites.

So far (Jan 2024) we have produced two trail leaflets (**The Blue Plaque Trail and The Town Centre Trail**) and for the following sites, we have produced a separate leaflet describing the subject in more detail:-

1. Beach House (1820) Brighton Road
2. Jane Austen (1775-1817) Stanford Sq.
3. St. Pauls (1812-2012) Chapel Road
4. Philp McCutchan (1920-1996) 107 Portland Road
5. Harold Pinter (1930-2008) 14 Ambrose Place
6. Gladys Morgan (1898-1983) 30 Salisbury Road
7. W.H.Hudson (1841-1922) 8 Bedford Row
8. Dr Frederick Dixon (1799 – 1849) Union Place
9. Alma Cogan (1932-1966) – 29 Lansdowne Road
10. Pat Baring (1895-1982) – 2 Church Walk
11. Warnes Hotel (1899-1985) – Marine Parade
12. Sir Frederick and Lady Stern (1884-1972) –Highdown
13. Keith Noel Emerson (1944-2016) – Assembly Hall
14. Carl Seebold (1873-1951) & Dome Cinema – Marine Parade

The leaflets are currently available from our Web Site and the Museum.