

THE CAMPDEN SOCIETY

Statement of Activities for the 13 month financial year ended 31 January 2024

During the financial year we were kept busy by various ongoing issues in the town, by our business-as-usual activities, by the matters that we have identified as being of importance and by the projects that come up without warning.

Activities.

- Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) As most of you know, Committee Member David Roberts is on the Town Council's Working Party for developing this important piece of planning guidance and a wider team of Members was involved in developing the Local Green Spaces proposals. Earlier this month we provided you with a commentary and prompts for your own responses. The consultation period lasts until 22 May and we will add the Society's own observations shortly.
- We have also recently commented on the CDC partial update of the Local Plan and we will be sending in our thoughts on the draft Chipping Campden Design Guide. We also gathered, and are continuing to gather, views from local architects, including myself, to develop a response to the draft Cotswold Design Guide.
- Over the financial year, we reviewed and commented on key planning applications including the development of Lloyds Bank in the High Street and the tree management on the Cley. We also supported residents at Olympick Drive over problems with the flood management on the Leasows; and the poor standard of finish of the landscaping. With our Committee Member Sue Pritchard as Lead, we monitored and reviewed the Planning Applications that came before the Town Council and where appropriate make representations to the Town Council Planning Committee and the Cotswold District Council and will be continuing to make such efforts. We have also conducted a survey of Litter Bin design which we hope will provide guidance on future purchasing.
- Julianne Davis will give an update on the developments of maintaining and enhancing Wolds End Orchard in a moment. I would like to give special thanks to Julianne, who is stepping down from the Society's Committee and the Orchard Sub-Committee, for the extraordinary time and effort Julianne has put into the Society's affairs and in particular Wolds End Orchard.
- We are looking at ways to further protect and increase the biodiversity of the town and Sue has volunteered to be on the Town Council's Climate Emergency Committee. We will be putting our thoughts to the Town Council about what the CEC should focus on with regards to the issues we think are most pertinent to Chipping Campden.
- Vanessa Rigg along with a small team commenced a project centred around on the Cam which, among other things, is planning to set up the regular testing the water quality of this important feature of our town.
- Towards the end of the financial year, in anticipation of the winding-up of the affairs of The Campden Conservation Trust Fund, the Fund's trustees arranged for the Fund's cash at bank and investments to be transferred to the Society. We are most grateful to the trustees for their support. The Committee's intention is to use such funds to finance conservation and other projects which will promote any of the first four of the Society's objects (that is, its objects other than those related to Wolds

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End Orchard). We would like to thank Alex O'Donnell for joining the Committee from CCTF for a year and the valuable advice she has provided.

- We are committed to keeping our members updated about our work and activities relating to the Town and we have done this on a monthly basis by means of our newsletter, and we keep the town informed through the Campden Bulletin with a condensed update.

What will be happening this year?

- We will continue to monitor the progression of the Aston Road development, press for design excellence in the proposals and monitor how this project will impact the Town. We are currently looking at models that can 'bake in' good design and urban planning to the process of the land sale.
- We will continue to support Chipping Campden School in their development of the new town car park which will be created out of the existing car park at the front of the school.
- We will continue to support the residents of the Olympick Drive development in in whatever way we can.
- We will continue to monitor any developments at the Town Council regarding the future of the Craves.
- We will be looking at ways to improve the overall sustainability of the town and to promote zero carbon measures for the town.
- We will be making a call for volunteers for both the Orchard and the Cam Project.

Elizabeth Devas
Chair

9 April 2024