

VICE- CHAIR'S REPORT 2017 (Mrs. Joy Brown)

I would like to thank officers of the society, and the executive committee members, for their support this year. In particular I want to thank Cllr Anne Winter, (Honorary Secretary) and Cllr Martin Thomas. (Honorary Treasurer).

Thanks also to Andrew Slater, who monitors our electricity consumption, and who manages and maintains our web site.

The WBAS largely depends for funding on the continued success of our Coffee Mornings, held twice yearly at the Mechanics Institute. So my thanks go to those responsible for the management and success of these coffee mornings.

Since the 2016 AGM we have had six meetings of the society. We are always pleased to welcome members who would like to attend these meetings.

Last year our departing Chairman, John Pritchard, reminded us of the Objects of the society, and today I will do this again. I have found it helpful to be reminded of these Objects, as the Whaley Bridge Amenity Society is the first civic organisation that I have personally encountered.

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture in, or affecting the area of benefit, which is the civil parish of Whaley Bridge.
- To stimulate public interest in, and care for the beauty, history, and character of this area, and its surroundings.
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.

The agenda items which brought most debate concerned Planning, and Rights of Way, and clearly there is a continuing interest which I hope promotes these objects, and which ultimately benefits the community.

Unfortunately there has been no development in the future of the clubroom, despite our endeavours. However this year our expenses remain relatively low, and we continue to explore our options.

We hope to see the installation of an interpretation board at the Toddbrook Reservoir Historic Valves Project in the near future.

We have continued our membership of Civic Voice and receive regular newsletters, which keep us informed of its activities and those of other civic societies.

Finally, congratulations to our President, who celebrated her ninetieth birthday in August.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2017 - 2018

Friday, 24th November 2017: 6.45pm: Doors open and Refreshments at Mechanics Institute 7pm: Talks, followed by 7.40pm: Start of Whaley Bridge Amenity Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Saturday, 21st April 2018: WBAS Coffee Morning, Mechanics Institute

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Annual 'Spring Clean 2018' of Club Room: To be notified.

Joy Brown (Vice-Chair)

3rd November 2017