

VICE-CHAIR'S REPORT 2018 (Mrs. Joy Brown)

(AS ADOPTED AT AGM 2018 ON 23rd NOVEMBER 2018)

I would like to thank the Officers of the Society and the members of the Executive Committee for their support this year.

In particular my special thanks go to Anne Winter, (Honorary Secretary), Martin Thomas, (Honorary Treasurer), and Andrew Slater, who faithfully monitors our electricity consumption and maintains our website.

Our Society depends for most of its funding on the income from our twice yearly coffee mornings, held here at the Mechanics Institute, and attended by many of you who are here this evening..

Since the 2017 AGM we have held six meetings of the Executive Committee. We remain mindful of the objects of the society, which are:

- **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.**

To this end, the agenda for each meeting includes opportunities to:

- Discuss and comment on planning applications and public rights of way, relevant to the four wards of Whaley Bridge
- To receive reports about the activities of other groups, such as Whaley4Wards, which is enthusiastically involved in protecting and improving the environment of Whaley Bridge

The future of our club room has remained a major topic on our agenda this year and Martin Thomas will talk about this, after he has given his Treasurer's Report.

Our membership is, sadly, decreasing, so please inform friends about this society, which continues to take a keen interest in the protection and development of Whaley Bridge.

Subscriptions are:

£8.00 full membership per annum

£4.00 full membership per annum, concessionary rate for the unwaged

£50.00 life membership

£20.00 corporate membership per annum

We have continued our subscription to 'Civic Voice', which keeps us up to date with the activities of other civic societies.

Thank you all for your attendance this evening and your continued support.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2018 - 2019

Friday, 23rd November 2018: 6.45pm: Doors open and Refreshments at Mechanics Institute 7pm: Talks, followed by 7.30pm: Start of Whaley Bridge Amenity Society ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Saturday, 4th May 2019: WBAS Coffee Morning, Mechanics Institute

Saturday, 7th September 2019: WBAS Coffee Morning, Mechanics Institute

Annual 'Spring Clean 2019' of Club Room: To be notified.

Joy Brown (Vice-Chair)

2rd November 2018