

# The Portsmouth Society

*Registered with the Civic Trust*

*WHO CARES FOR*

*PORTSMOUTH?*

*WE DO.*

*IF YOU DO TOO*

*COME AND JOIN US.*



[www.portsmouthsociety.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthsociety.org.uk)

## **We are interested in**

Planning  
Architecture  
Historic buildings  
Conservation  
Transport  
Street furniture and signs  
Public art  
Urban design  
Our seafront

## **We saved from demolition**

The Palace Cinema (now Club Europa);  
The New Theatre Royal; St Mary's House  
(the old workhouse at Milton); St Jude's  
Church, Southsea; New Road School,  
Buckland.

## **We saved as public open space**

The best part of the beautiful grounds of St  
James's Hospital.

## **We improved**

The design of the new Fleet Headquarters at  
Whale Island.

## **We promoted**

Foster's revenue earning design for the  
Millennium Tower (sadly not adopted);  
Seminars on improving the design of new  
housing.

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## WHO ARE WE?

The Portsmouth Society is a voluntary group interested in preserving the best of Portsmouth's environment: buildings, streets, open spaces and seashore, and in encouraging well designed new buildings and amenities.

We are the local Civic Society, registered with the Civic Trust, which has since 1957 worked towards creating vibrant local environments which people enjoy living and working in. We are one of a thousand such groups nationally, which promote and celebrate high standards of architecture and planning and public facilities in their area.

We subsist solely on members' subscriptions and donations which allows us to be a genuinely independent body - not an offshoot of any political party or of Portsmouth City Council.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

We keep up to date with proposed changes in the city, and advocate new ideas to enhance it, campaigning vigorously in support of the principles we believe in. We keep members informed on local issues, drawing on their knowledge and expertise to put forward the Society's views to decision-makers.

We hold monthly meetings and lectures, arrange visits to interesting places, and publish a regular newsletter.

In our annual Design Competition we make awards for the best new building, best restoration and best landscaping in the city. Recent award winners include Admiral Lord Nelson School, the University's Portland Building, the Customs House public house at Gunwharf and Landport Community Garden.

## WHY JOIN?

Decisions taken now on the shape of the city affect future generations as well as ourselves. Without the voices of local people, including groups like the Society, it is all too easy for these decisions to be based principally on cost considerations rather than on improving the quality of the local environment.

We need your help in putting forward positive views. Only if the Society is known to represent a substantial body of opinion will our voice be listened to. The more people who join the stronger that voice will be.

## HOW IS THE SOCIETY RUN?

The Society elects annually a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer/Membership Secretary, together with an number of Executive Committee members. The Committee carries out the day to day decision-making.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

Simply fill in the application form and send it to the Membership Secretary, or come along to one of our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at a venue in Central Portsmouth. All meetings are open to visitors, and we look forward to welcoming you.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Come along to a meeting without charge to find out about us. If you decide to join, the annual membership fees are: Ordinary members £7 Joint members £10 Student £5 Senior citizen £5 Senior couple £7 Junior member £5. The membership year starts each April.

To raise a local issue, and for further information, please contact The Membership Secretary, The Portsmouth Society, 6 Livingstone Road, Southsea, Hampshire, PO5 1RT. Tel. 023 9282 1667. Email: [mailbox@portsmouthsociety.org.uk](mailto:mailbox@portsmouthsociety.org.uk) or visit our Web site at: [www.portsmouthsociety.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthsociety.org.uk).

## THE PORTSMOUTH SOCIETY - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name ..... Address ..... Post Code .....

Phone Number..... Email Address .....

I enclose cash\* / cheque\*/Postal order made payable to The Portsmouth Society for £..... (\*Please delete as necessary)

Type of membership (annual rates): Full (£7) ..... Joint (£10) ..... Senior (£5) ..... Senior couple (£7) ..... Student (£5) .....

Please tick if you have any specialist interests : Historic Buildings ..... Planning ..... Transport ..... Trees & Shrubs .....

How did you hear of the Society? .....

Signed ..... Date .....

Data Protection: We will record only the details you supply on this form solely for administrative purposes. We will not pass this information to any third party without your prior, written, consent.

Please send completed forms with remittance to: The Membership Secretary, The Portsmouth Society, 6 Livingstone Road Southsea, Hampshire, PO5 1RT. Visit our Web site at [www.portsmouthsociety.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthsociety.org.uk) for more information.