

Merseyside
Civic
Society

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Who we are

Since 1938 the Merseyside Civic Society has campaigned to preserve the best of our existing buildings and spaces, such as the Albert Dock and green spaces and parks, and, to insist on good quality design for our new ones.

While Liverpool is at the hub of our activities, we embrace the whole of the city region and take a concerned interest in its environmental development and regeneration.

Although we admire many of its achievements, we do not live in the past. We believe Liverpool and the wider city region have a splendid future and we want to contribute to making that all the more splendid for all residents and visitors.

Our members come from all walks of life, and are mostly local citizens with an interest in making our city region a better place to live. A large part of Merseyside Civic Society's current activity is the delivery of topical public events.

We also engage in expressing independent views on matters of public concern, particularly those relating to development projects, threats to heritage, the protection and enhancement of parks and open spaces, and, make awards in support of activities which celebrate personal and institutional achievements contributing to the city region's quality of life.

Leading the debate

This year MCS has held 11 public events with an attendance of around 400 people, and we've been particularly pleased with not only the thematic breadth of these, but also the good attendances these have drawn. Many of these events sell out quickly and give access to events and spaces that you might otherwise not see.

- Mersey Waters: Liverpool Waters & Wirral Waters
- Visit and Heritage Interpretation Award (1) to Wirral History & Heritage Association, at Birkenhead Park
- A Waterfall in the City: The design, construction and unique character of Richard Huws' Kinetic Fountain at Beetham Plaza
- Civic Day: Heritage Interpretation Award (2) to the Friends of Anfield at Cabbage Hall Hotel and tour of Anfield Cemetery
- Everton: The People's Project: briefing and site visit
- Wirral Waters guided visit
- Willis Organ Works visit
- What Future for High Streets and Town Centres?
- Saving and Re-purposing our Historic Warehouses
- Royal Liver Building visit
- Liverpool Beyond the Brink": Roger Phillips in conversation with Prof. M. Parkinson



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How we work

Merseyside Civic Society is organised into a number of working groups which focus on distinct aspects of the Society's business. These meet regularly to respond to matters of public interest, to plan our events and campaigns and to organise the Society's working and membership services. If you want to contribute and have ideas on issues which need attention, suggestions for events or activities, or can help with administration, we want to hear from you: chair@merseysidecivicsociety.org

Be in the know Become a member

Membership has continued to grow, from individual members to affiliated societies and corporate members. We actively seek new members and welcome their contribution to our activities from volunteering to supporting the work of the Groups within the Society and spreading the word about events and discussions. We also connect groups with the expertise they need from marketing to campaigning and fund raising.

We have a number of vacancies on the MCS Council and its working Groups which we will be seeking to fill. If you are interested in getting more involved and would like to discuss the opportunities please contact chair@merseysidecivicsociety.org

The Council meets 4 times a year, with much of its activity now actioned through its three working groups.

Getting it right Join our Planning, Campaigns & Policy group

MCS reviews and responds to planning issues and activities within Liverpool and the wider city region. We encourage public engagement with on-going debate and aim to draw together diverse voices from our member communities and make a positive contribution to discussion that have an effect on the quality of life for us all. The Planning, Campaigns & Policy Group brings together professional experience and community engagement to provide realistic well informed comments on planning proposals.

In the course of 2019, the group has engaged with a number of topical issues:

- Responding to Liverpool City Centre Connectivity proposals for Lime Street
- Production of Advice Note on Liverpool Tall Building Policy Study and meeting with consultants
- Objection to Belvedere Academy planning application
- Raising support for the Beetham Plaza Bucket Fountain Campaign and celebrating their success in obtaining Grade II Listed status
- Responding to Everton FC's Design Proposals for Goodison Park
- Production of a Framework for analysing Waterfront Development Proposals
- Campaign support over the neglect of Heap's Rice Mill and building deterioration
- Response to Liverpool Commercial Business District Consultation
- Membership of World Heritage Site Steering Group



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Get the Word Out

Join our Communications & Events group

The group has met five times in 2019 to consider members' interests and ideas for meetings and visits together with current leading issues which need open discussion and to plan and organise the Society's programme of events, and engage with promoting those events and membership via social media.

Strength in Numbers

Join our Resources, Governance & Membership group

The group met 3 times during the year, and focuses its activities on: membership recruitment and services; governance issues, including the production of a Code of Conduct; financial supervision; and, liaison with national and local groups

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Preserving the past Shaping the future

When it comes to the place
we live in, we should be
more than just bystanders.

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