

READING CIVIC SOCIETY

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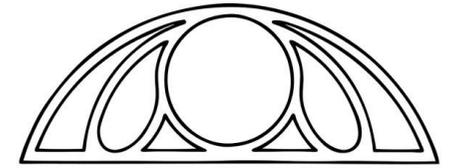
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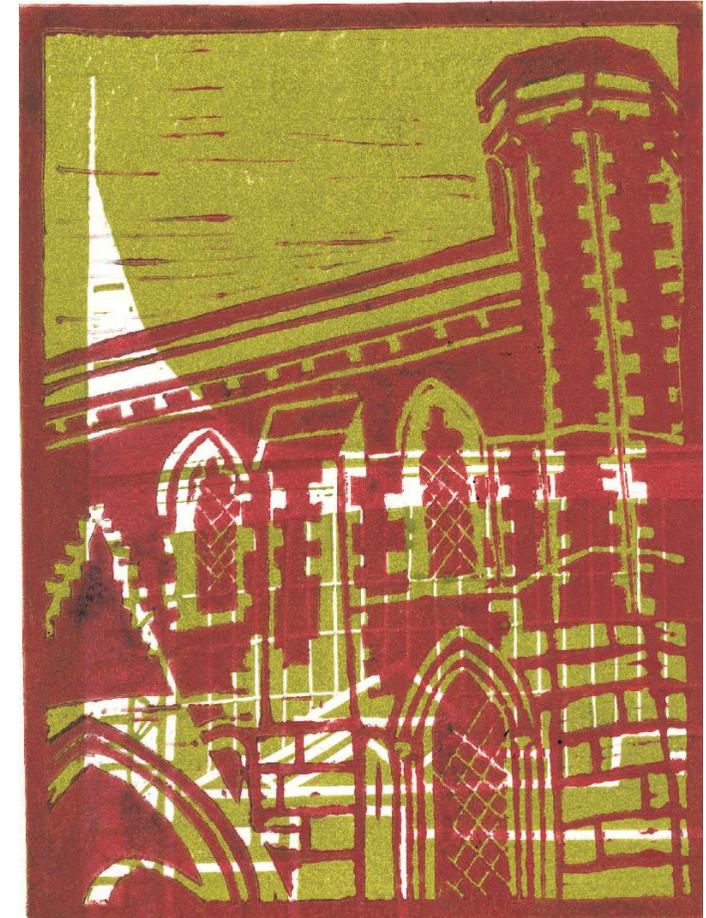
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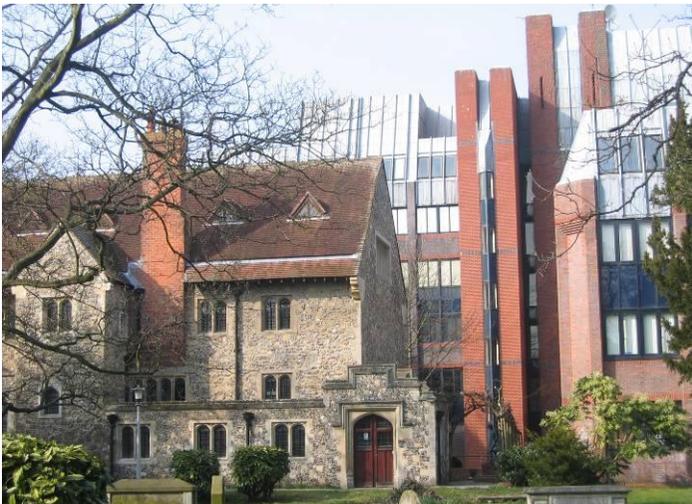
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Preserving Reading's past,
shaping its future

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Reading and its character

The Reading of today has been shaped by its history – it has 15 conservation areas and over 800 listed buildings, mediaeval, Georgian and Victorian. The traditional industries of brewing, seeds, biscuit manufacture, printing, brick-making and foundries have left their own legacy but have been supplanted by IT and service industries and leisure, retail and cultural facilities.

The challenge is to meet the needs of the future without losing sight of the past and, as a member of the Civic Society, **you** can help to influence the Reading of tomorrow as a place to live and work in the coming years.

What we do

Reading Civic Society was formed in 1961 at a period of rapid development in the town. It rallied public opinion when the Market Place and old Town Hall came under threat and there was the prospect of a road being driven through Forbury Gardens.

The Society is committed to promoting conservation in all its guises – not only safeguarding historic buildings but also enhancing parks, open spaces and waterways and raising public awareness of these assets. It celebrates the town's history by supporting the restoration of monuments and notable features, and erecting information boards in partnership with other local-interest groups and the local authority.

Much of the Society's work lies in examining applications for planning permission. We meet developers and submit comments to planning officers, and seek to encourage high quality new building design. Our observations are noted in planning recommendations. We give particular attention to work planned for listed buildings and conservation areas.

Help us to achieve this by giving us your support

By joining the Society you can:

- enjoy a programme of activities such as guided tours and walks around places of interest, events organised in conjunction with other local societies, and social occasions
- join our visits to other towns and cities to learn about the transport and planning issues they face, and threats to their particular architecture. These visits, to places as diverse as Docklands and Devizes, are often hosted by local Civic Societies.
- support the Society's comments on planning proposals
- receive a regular newsletter keeping you informed about local and national developments affecting our town
- participate in activities by contributing your special skills and knowledge.

Join **READING CIVIC SOCIETY** today

I/we wish to join Reading Civic Society and enclose a cheque for £_____ (£10 single, £15 double/family membership p.a.)

To pay by bank transfer we are with the CAF Bank; Sort Code 40-52-40, A/C No. 00019682. Quote "new member".

I/we would like **membership payments and any future donations** to be treated as **Gift Aid** donations. To enable the Society to reclaim from the Inland Revenue 25p for every £1 of my subscription/donation, I confirm that I am paying income tax equal to, or more than, the tax to be reclaimed.

Please tick the box and sign below if you wish to use Gift Aid

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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