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It is a member of Civic Voice, the national charity for the civic movement. Civic Voice aims to "make places more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive" and promotes civic pride (www.civicvoice.org.uk)



Shaping Reading's Future

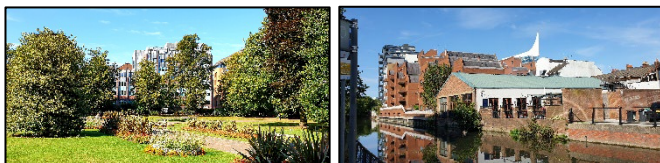
Preserving Reading's Past

Reading Civic Society

We are an independent voluntary organisation that has worked to promote pride in our town, improve our built environment and celebrate our heritage since 1962.

We work in partnership with local groups and Reading Council and meet developers to:

- Support people to be active citizens and contribute positively to our town
- Commemorate the people and places that have shaped our town
- Influence major developments in our town; their design and contribution to the built environment
- Promote and protect our heritage buildings, public spaces and public art for all to enjoy
- Encourage community engagement in civic decisions



Our town

Reading is proud to call itself the biggest town in England. We consider it to be among the best places in the country for a good work-life balance. The assets include the Abbey ruins, great parks, the nearby Chilterns and our two beautiful waterways: the River Thames and the Kennet & Avon canal. It has excellent transport services, entertainment venues and business opportunities.

Proud of our town – why not join us?

Our strength as a civic society depends on our members. New, and especially active, members are always needed to bring new ideas and support us in our efforts to make Reading a better place for everyone.

If you would like to get involved in any of the work we do, perhaps as a committee member, particularly in planning and events, please do get in touch.

Our members receive regular newsletters and updates, and a varied activities programme. There are opportunities to meet developers about their proposals and thus aid the shaping of Reading's built environment.

We visit places of interest, often linking up with local civic societies, sometimes hosting them in Reading. Our events are included in the Heritage Open Day programme. AGMs have a special speaker. Events have included visits to new housing developments, historic gardens and local businesses. There is an annual members' lunch.

Our projects have included:

Since 2022 delivering, with the support of young engineers and architects, an educational project LOOK DRAW BUILD@Reading Station, to 10 Reading primary schools, some 450 children, each year, and in 2025 also to 9 Bristol schools.

Documenting Reading's heritage plaques which mark the history of Reading's buildings and people who have lived and worked here, and identifying potential new plaques.

Documenting for the council some 130 heritage assets and their condition, which assisted the prioritisation of spending on repairs and cleaning.

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.)

I/we would like **my/our membership payments and any future donations** to be treated as **Gift Aid** donations. To enable the Society to reclaim from the Inland Revenue 28p 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.



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