

## A VISION FOR MARPLE

During the Civic Society's extended consultation with British Waterways ( now Canal & River Trust - CRT ) regarding Marple Wharf, it became clear that Marple and its canal system has much to offer to residents and visitors alike.

Following consultation with many local groups and societies, MCS put together a Vision for Marple. To turn the Vision into reality, work has started on the projects below marked \*

### Areas included in the 2010 'Vision for Marple':

#### Marple Wharf to Brickbridge – Upper Peak Forest Canal

- Limekilns \*
- Heritage walk leaflet – Bottoms Hall to All Saints' Church\*
- Signposting and Information Boards\*

#### Marple Wharf to Aqueduct – Lower Peak Forest Canal

- Reinststate the old canal arm into Memorial Park – increase moorings
- Hollins House – convert part of the building into a Community Hall and Museum
- Disabled toilets to increase accessibility
- Bandstand in Memorial Park
- Monument to Samuel Oldknow
- Upgrade and extend the popular skate park and ramp\*
- Marple Aqueduct - clear woodland below and create a viewing/picnic area \*
- Create a footpath from the Aqueduct to Marple Dale to link with the bridge at Chadkirk (Connect 2 project )\*

#### Marple Wharf to Goyt Mill – Macclesfield Canal

- Signage for the approach to Marple for boaters
- Improvements to the play area behind Ecclesbridge Estate
- Goyt Mill
  - Improve/renovate external elevations
  - Residential units
  - Additional moorings
  - Marina

#### Marple Wharf

- Toll House – Visitor Information Centre  
This project is no longer possible due to the decision by CRT to use the Toll House and adjoining cottage for residential use.
- Opportunities for further canal and wharf based schemes depend on the outcome of discussions with CRT and Stockport MBC

### We are here to help you

We welcome your questions, concerns, requests for advice or help over planning issues, and comments or suggestions concerning the built environment and the countryside where we live.

For example:

- *Is a certain building listed?*
- *Can anything be done about the neglected state of a particular area in the town?*
- *I do not like the scheme in a particular planning application, and what should I do?*
- *How can I help the Civic Society achieve its aims and objectives?*



### We need your support

To meet our aims and objectives we need the backing of as many people as possible; together we can make a difference! Why not join us?

Complete the form enclosed or visit our website:

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

Current subscriptions are:-

Individual Membership £6

Household Membership £9

Individual Life Membership £50

Corporate Membership £10

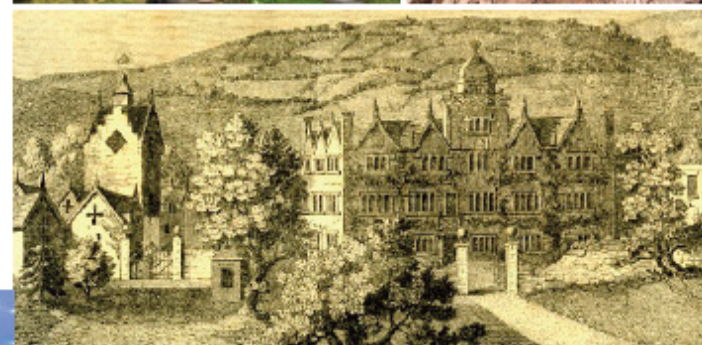
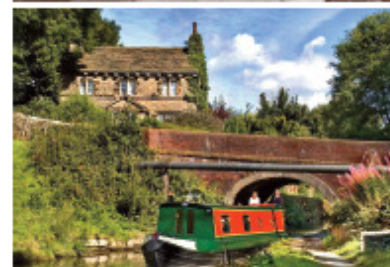


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# Marple

CIVIC SOCIETY

## CARING FOR MARPLE'S PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE





# AN INDEPENDENT VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY

Marple Civic Society is a registered charity which is concerned about all aspects of our town, surrounding villages and countryside. We work to make our area a better place to live, work and visit.

Marple Civic Society was started by four architects who lived in Marple, with a constitution based on that suggested for the whole country by the Civic Trust, established a few years earlier.



The first project undertaken by the society was in 1961 in connection with a major countryside plan to get canals back into use for recreational purposes. This task was to tidy up and landscape the bank for the basin on the Peak Forest Canal just below the

Posset Bridge on Stockport Road. This was completed in 1967 and formally opened by Her Majesty the Queen the following year.

## Campaigns

The Society campaigns in its own right or with others on contentious issues and matters important to the people of Marple.



In 2008 we successfully opposed a reduction in the Hollins forecourt planned to accommodate a widening of the road junction. In 2013 the junction came under threat again as part of the traffic scheme associated with the Chadwick Street car park supermarket development. We are campaigning to save the junction this time by calling for an 'Independent Public Realm Design Study' which will include the Hollins and other road junctions.

In 2009 we led public opposition to an inappropriate housing development at the historic Marple Wharf site. We continue to campaign for a mixed-use community scheme.



## Heritage and Conservation

The society takes a keen interest in the preservation and maintenance of the 153 listed buildings and structures, and 7 conservation areas within Marple. We also seek to protect other buildings of local interest using the 'local listing' process. A further aim is to protect our beautiful countryside and report concerns regarding Rights of Way issues.



## Planning

We monitor all planning applications and, where appropriate, submit objections and comments to the local authority. Our principal concern is to encourage good development and we have organised Civic Award Schemes to recognise good development in our town.



## Talks

We organise a programme of talks which are open to the public. Recent subjects have included:



- Local Listing
- The Canal & River Trust
- 'Revealing Oldknow's Legacy' HLF project
- Marple Tramway

## Projects

The society is involved in a variety of interesting projects. If you would like to help us as a volunteer, please contact us through our website.

### Recent and current projects include:

- A Vision for Marple – a series of regeneration projects in collaboration with Stockport MBC and the community
- Representation on the Management Board of the 'Revealing Oldknow's Legacy' HLF bid for £1.5m
- Supporting the annual Civic Voice national 'Civic Day'
- A Street Pride campaign to rid Marple of street clutter and rubbish
- Actively supporting the MiA campaign to oppose an ASDA supermarket development on the Hibbert Lane College site
- The refurbishment of All Saints' Well



## Public Services

We take a keen interest in, and monitor the performance of, local authority services including:

- Neighbourhood policing
- Transport
- Environmental and highway services

We attend monthly Area Committee meetings, where decisions about Marple are made, and we liaise with local councillors and council officers on a regular basis.

## Links

We have strong links with other societies and groups within Marple and we are a founder member of Civic Voice, the national civic movement that has replaced the Civic Trust.

