

A VISION FOR MARPLE

During the Civic Society's extended consultation with British Waterways 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: this is still a vision, not a plan, and much work is required to turn the projects into reality.

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

- Reinstate 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 planned 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
- Opportunities for further canal/wharf based schemes depending on outcome of extended consultation with BW

MCS welcomes further suggestions to be included in this Vision

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

Current subscriptions are:-

- Individual Membership £5
- Household Membership £8
- Individual Life Membership £50
- Corporate Membership £10

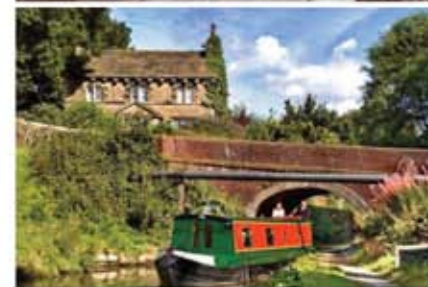


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Marple

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

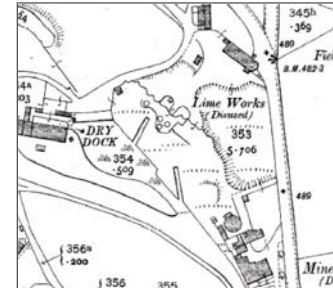


important to the people of Marple. We fought hard and successfully opposed a reduction in the Hollins forecourt planned to accommodate an extra traffic lane at the Stockport Road/Hollins Lane junction. We have also led public opposition to an inappropriate housing development at the historic Marple Wharf canal site.



Heritage and Conservation

The society takes a keen interest in the preservation and maintenance of the 120 listed buildings 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 are running a Civic Award Scheme to recognise good development in our town.



Talks

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



- *Restoration of the Iron Bridge*
- *Community Safety and Neighbourhood Policing*
- *Marple Tramway*
- *Role of your local councillor*

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*
- *The campaign to reinstate the Scroll Bridge in Brabyns Park*
- *Writing and painting competitions for local schools*
- *A Street Pride campaign to rid Marple of street clutter and rubbish*
- *The refurbishment of All Saints' Well*
- *The refurbishment of public benches at Hawk Green*



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 liaise with local councillors and council officers on a regular basis.

Links

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

