

# HULL CIVIC SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

January 2022



**The old Victoria Avenue Fountain: inspiration for the new fountain**  
**Photo supplied by Hilary Byers – please see article, page 5**  
(Unless otherwise stated, photos are by the Editor)

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## Winter / Spring Programme

Meetings are on **Mondays at 7.30 p.m.** at the Holiday Inn Express, St Stephen's, Ferensway Admission is free to members of Hull Civic Society, £2 for guests. Tea and coffee are available free at all meetings

### **10<sup>th</sup> January - Meeting cancelled and rescheduled.**

***Andrew Richardson, Heritage Action Zone Officer, Hull City Council will, instead, lead a daytime visit in March or April to look at the Whitefriargate & Silver Street Regeneration projects. This will be preceded by his presentation, which will be delivered in an Old Town venue. Venue and date to be confirmed.***

*The Whitefriargate talk was originally scheduled for 13th December, but on Fri 10th December, our speaker, Andrew Richardson, received Covid-related guidance (applicable to all City Council staff and still in force), which prevented him from attending. We are very grateful to Ian Wolstencroft for showing his film, "Hull - 60 Years of Change" in December, to fill the gap at short notice. Ian is willing to show more of his film footage later in the year.*

**14<sup>th</sup> February – Evolution of the Humber Estuary - *Richard Clarke***  
*Landscape historian and Vice Chairman, Hull Civic Society*

**14<sup>th</sup> March - Wykeland - *Dominic Gibbons C.E.O. Wykeland plc***

**11<sup>th</sup> April –Bridges of Hull, part 2 - *Malcolm Sharman.***

**16<sup>th</sup> May – Developments in Hull - *Alex Codd, Head of Economic Development, Hull City Council***

## Annual Subscriptions 2022

The annual subscription - £15 for one member or £24 for two members at the same address - is Hull Civic Society's only source of income.

Thankyou to all the members who have already renewed their 2022 subscription, due in January. Many members pay by cheque, some by bank transfer, a few by cash and some by standing orders - all very welcome! There are, however, a small number of standing orders still set at the old rate or even at the long-discontinued Student Rate (£5), so please check and amend to the current rate if necessary.

Once again, thank you for your continued support for Hull Civic Society.

### Directions to the Holiday Inn Express, Ferensway, Hull.



Holiday Inn Express – part of the St Stephen's complex

One of Hull Civic Society's aims is to make it as easy as possible for members to reach the meeting venue from all parts of Hull and the East Riding by all modes of transport - bus or train, cycling, or walking (all of which have lower impact on the environment), as well as by car which is the only option for some people. The Royal Hotel met all these criteria but is

now closed to public meetings to accommodate refugees. The two venues closest to Hull Interchange are the Holiday Inn Express (a locally owned franchise) and the Danish Church.

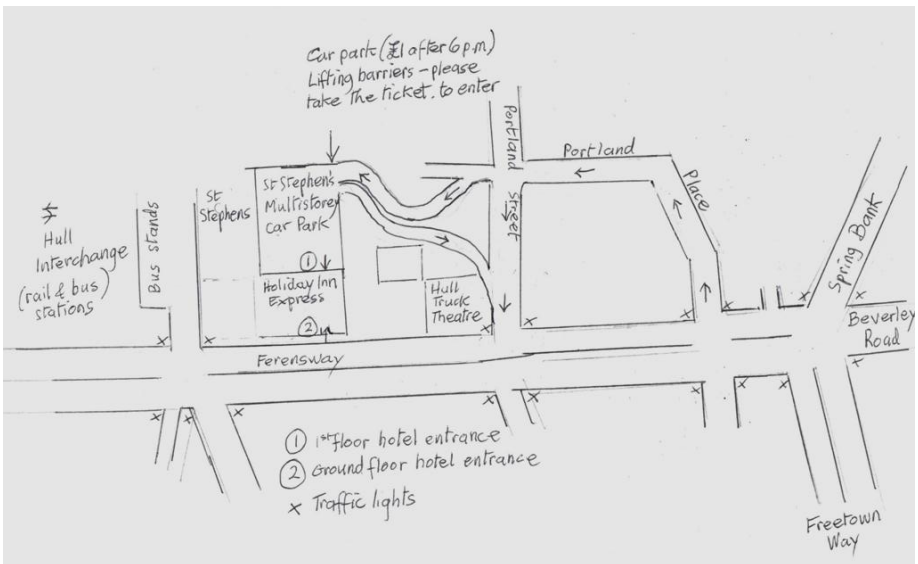
After considering advantages and disadvantages of both venues, our members voted at the AGM for the Holiday Inn Express.

The pedestrian entrance on Ferensway is under a canopy between "Superdry" clothes shop and the Albemarle Music Centre & Hull Truck. Take the lift to the 1st floor reception. The meeting room is also on the 1st floor.

If you are arriving by car, the best place to park is in the St Stephen's multi-storey car park (not to be confused with Tesco car park!), which costs a flat rate of £1 for any length of time after 6.p.m. There is a door from the car park into the 1st floor of the Holiday Inn Express.



Left: the Ferensway pedestrian entrance  
Right: 1st floor entrance from St Stephen's multi-storey car park



## Victoria Avenue Fountain

As many Hull Civic Society members will know, the Avenues area of Hull originally boasted 6 large cast iron fountains at the main road junctions. Only two have



survived and none of them, sadly, now spout water. However, ten years ago a group of local residents formed a registered charity, Victoria Fountain, and embarked on fundraising to replace the fountain on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Salisbury Street that disappeared during the 1920s.

Many quiz nights, garage sales, pottery stalls and artwork sales later, we were delighted to find that we had raised enough money to have the fountain made by cast iron experts Lost Art, who had made such a splendid job of restoring the gates and other features in Pearson Park. It cheered us all up during 'lockdown' to see photos of the parts being cast, and then we were able to visit it in the workshop. Now we can't wait to put the finishing touches to it and bring it to the site so that it can be connected to the water supply and we can all enjoy the sight and sound of cascading water as was originally conceived by the developer of the Avenues, David Parkinson Garbutt nearly 150 years ago. We have given the design a modern twist by adding a quotation from Philip Larkin's poem 'Water'.

We recently launched a crowdfunding campaign and set ourselves an ambitious target to cover the costs of finishing the fountain, bringing it to the site and connecting it to water so that everything is ready for a switch-on ceremony next Spring. We greatly appreciate all the pledges that have already been made and we want to make sure we include everyone and make this a truly community effort. £75 will pay for one of the large leaves to adorn the central column; £25 will pay for a small leaf. Any businesses or organisations that can run to £2000 [I did say we were ambitious, didn't I!] will land a big fish for the base of the fountain.



We are very grateful to the Avenues Ward Councillors, who have just granted us the magnificent sum of £7,000, bringing our pledges so far to over £80,000, but crowdfunding is an 'all or nothing' system and unless we reach our target of £151,269 those pledges will have to be refunded. Please help us reach our target set for the end of February and bring back this piece of Hull's history. Pledges can be made by going to

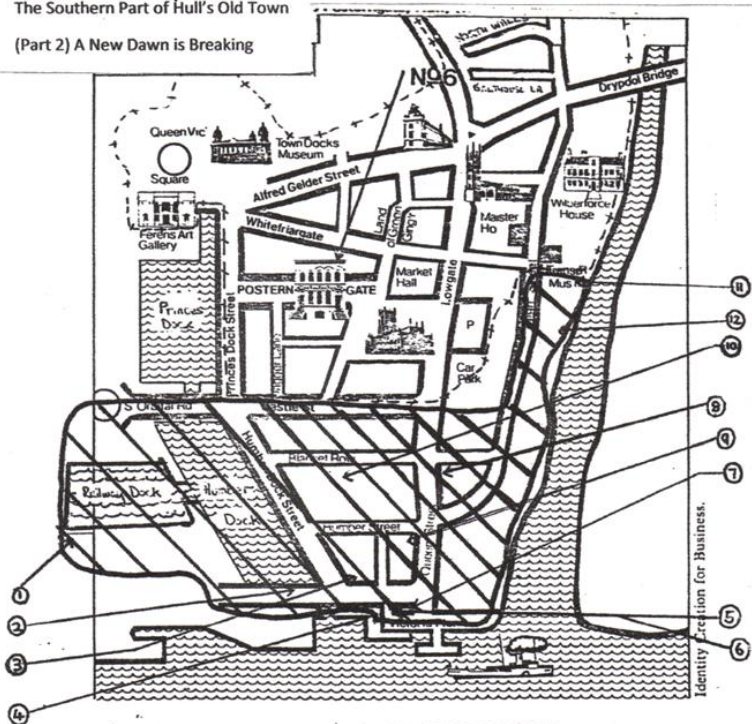
[www.spacehive.com/victoriafountain](http://www.spacehive.com/victoriafountain) , where there is more information about the fountain restoration project. If you have any difficulties or for further information contact Hilary Byers on 01482 445747 or Jackie Gilbert on 01482 445915.

Hilary Byers, Chairperson, Victoria Fountain

## The Southern Part of Hull's Old Town (Part 2) A New Dawn is Breaking (1973-1998)

*All illustrations in this article were supplied by Colin Cooper*

The Southern Part of Hull's Old Town  
(Part 2) A New Dawn is Breaking



### BUILDINGS DESCRIBED IN THIS REPORT.

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| (1) Wilson Line Offices.               | (7) B.R. Sealink Station.         |
| (2) Humber Dock Lock-keeper's Cottage. | (8) 24/27 Queen Street.           |
| (3) 5/6 Humber Place.                  | (9) Victoria Rooms.               |
| (4) The Minerva Hotel.                 | (10) 30 Scott Square & Humber St. |
| (5) 10 & 13 Nelson Street.             | (11) 52 High Street (warehouse.)  |
| (6) " " "                              | (12) Church Lane Staithe (w'hse.) |

(a) OLD TOWN 'Outstanding Conservation Area'.

The Southern Part (Conservation area after 1994) Crosshatched Area

(1) To (12) buildings in Civic Society Listing Report 1981 (Colin Cooper)

Due to slow economic progress, there was little change to the area in the early 1970s, except for indiscriminate bulldozing of much of Mytongate and Blanket Row (Including several mediaeval timber framed buildings). Later there was the irony of major archaeological work to reimagine what buildings were like when the dust had hardly settled from their destruction.



Post-demolition blues – Mytongate junction with Market Place 1973, after “indiscriminate bulldozing”

You will recall in Part 1 the mention of Wykeland Limited and their refurbishment of No 47 Queen Street. A Good Mark for this refurbishment was awarded in August 1976. The Warehouse conversion rightly claimed that it provided "Offices which were a pleasant place to work in", and was "Something the City could be proud of."

By 1980, Myton Bridge opened, alleviating terrible traffic congestion both on Lowgate and within the City Centre. In addition, the new 350 berth Marina (Opened by The Queen in 1983) was in progress, financed by a Government Derelict Land Grant, and work on a new 100-bedroom Post House Hotel nearby was about to start.



The sole listed building: Hull Pilot Office, 50 Queen Street (1819) Photo: C.A.Cooper

Despite all of this, the surviving buildings south of Mytongate



were still at risk. By 1981, despite new-found interest in Hull's historic core, there were still only 3 Listed buildings in the area (Joining the Pilot office were the Lock Areas and Dock walls of both Humber and Railway docks).

### The Society's Relisting Project

However, in the Society's Sept 1981 newsletter was news of a "Relisting Project" to be carried out by the Civic Society. The article "regretted" the lack of Listed Buildings in the area, which was claimed to be "unjustified" as the buildings south of the new road had "similar architectural features," namely being "Largely perpendicular in style, with much use of brick", also Georgian style town houses plus many "monumental" Victorian buildings and "tall riverside warehouses". These were often considered similar to and as good as many buildings in the "Outstanding Conservation Area " which the Northern Part of the Old Town had become in 1975.

It further added that Queen Street and Nelson Street were built to access the "focal point" of the area namely the Victoria Pier, all built to handle the new expanding steam ferry trade with Lincolnshire and the smaller Humber Ports in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, an integral part of Hull's maritime history.

By early 1981 a list of potential candidates had been drawn up. This consisted of 12 buildings, all photographed and documented by the Society in a booklet duly sent to the D.O.E on 26<sup>th</sup> October 1981. Nothing was heard until July 1982 (despite a reminder on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1982) and by 19<sup>th</sup> August we were advised that the Officer dealing with it "would be on leave until 30<sup>th</sup> September" and as Humberside was only a "Phase 2 county", no relisting work would be considered for a year. Sadly "No relisting program had been prepared" but they would "keep all of our recommendations in mind."

It took pressure for several years not just by ourselves but also by "Help Conservation Action Group" and other societies, and in spite of objections from the "Redevelopment Lobby" on Hull City Council, it

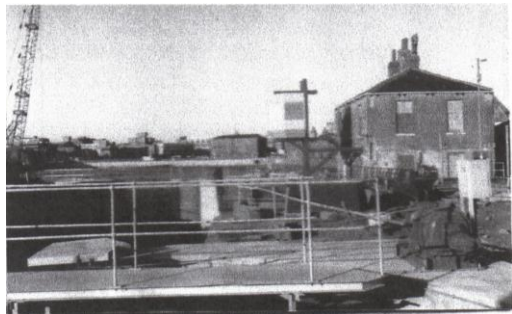
came to pass that the "Southern Part of the Old Town" would at last be a Conservation Area, giving a degree of protection to its many surviving buildings. Shortly after, in 1994, it was announced that the number of "Listed Buildings" in Hull had been increased following a Government resurvey- largely due to representations from Conservation Groups such as ourselves - from 219 to 445!

Hope at last for Hull's Built environment.

4 of the 12 buildings on the 1981 list (namely, the Minerva Hotel, The BR Sealink Station, The Wilson Line Offices, and the Warehouse/Office t 52 High Street) had been listed. And of the remaining 8 buildings no less than 5 had been or were being refurbished (mainly being in the Humber Place / Nelson Street area, where much regeneration work was being done). Some were for residential and some for office use and at least this helped to secure their future.



Above left: Minerva;  
above right B.R.  
Sealink (originally  
M.S.& L.) Pier Station  
(built 1880), Nelson  
St. Below: Humber  
Dock lock keeper's  
cottage (c.1809)  
converted for Marina-  
related uses.





Left: 5 & 6 Humber Place - new shops & offices  
Right: detail of door case.

### New Homes at last

The early 1980s had already seen the first residents moving into the area, not remarkable by today's standards, but remember there had been no new housing in this area for well over a century and, furthermore, there were no homes overlooking the Humber between Paull and Hesse foreshore! The new buildings were for the Hull & E R Housing Society and filled a bombed site between the BR Sealink building and the Pilot Office. A pleasing 5-storey brick building, it was followed 4 years later by Henry Vernone Court built for the British Legion Housing Association. This replaced the derelict part of Minerva Terrace and fitted in well with the beautifully refurbished Minerva pub and its new microbrewery alongside.

1986 saw the historic Victoria Rooms (erected as public rooms in 1837) converted into apartments. Originally it had shops below, but had

become a fruit warehouse by c.1900. Also, the former Carlo's Cafe, adjoining, became part of this scheme.

So by the late 1980s the area had a growing population, albeit rather slowly, plus many workers within the area who enjoyed the Pier and Waterfront, which had not gone into terminal decline in 1981 when the Humber Bridge finally opened and the New Holland Ferry ceased. In fact, Nelson Street and Minerva Terrace had been repaved and landscaped in 1994/5 by the City Council as part of their "Inner City Aid Programme".

### Hopes for the future

With the opening of the Marina in Humber and Railway Docks in 1983, plus the Marina Post House Hotel, more people came to the area and this helped trade at the surviving historic pubs and restaurants. Gradually, new attractions appeared: a casino, wine bars etc. As the millennium approached, the Society became aware that the Historic "Ruscador" Dry Dock in Humber Street had also been listed by the D.O.E. (in 1998). This was as a result of a scheme to build partially over this dry-dock. The Civic Society and other groups objected and pressed for "Spot listing" and helped preserve what had been a feature of the "South End" since 1820 (extended in 1875). The dry dock had originally been Gleadow's shipyard and later the Hull Central Dry Dock Company's premises. It was destined to become a key part of the area's regeneration in the new century. But would exciting pubs and restaurants and "seasonal" day visitors and boat owners give the area enough year-round vitality. Possibly not?

*(To be continued).*

Colin Cooper

### **Hull's Dynamic Drains**

The Environment Agency are creating a trail along the Beverley & Barmston Drain and are seeking Hull Civic Society members' help with historic information. For more information, please contact the Editor on [johnscotney126@gmail.com](mailto:johnscotney126@gmail.com) or 01482 492822.

## Kingston-upon-Hull's once Market Cross.

If one were to argue that Kingston-Upon-Hull's Corporation always favoured the new over the old, then the story of the city's Market Cross would be good supporting evidence – although it did all happen a long time ago.

On page eight of their book *A New Picture of Georgian Hull* (York, 1978 'in association with Hull Civic Society') Ivan and Elizabeth Hall reproduce an engraving of Hull's 17<sup>th</sup> century Market Cross, the engraving originally produced by J. Hilbert in 1731 and shown here as Fig. 1. This building, built between 1680-1682, replaced an actual market cross, or preaching cross, that had presumably existed since the Middle Ages in Hull's Market Place, immediately east of Holy Trinity church. The

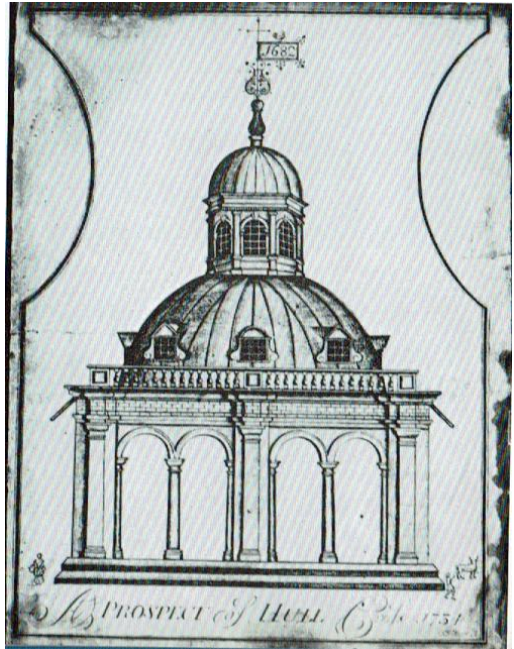


Fig. 1 Illustration of Hull's late 17<sup>th</sup> century 'Market Cross', copied from I. and E. Hall, *Georgian Hull*, (York, 1978, 8).

The replacement building was not clearly 'a cross', but, as elsewhere, the term endured.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Two examples of surviving preaching crosses that come to mind are in Hornsea and Barrow on Humber, the former next to the churchyard and near complete, the latter

Having decided to build a Baroque era market cross the Corporation spared no expense, neither on materials nor on craftsmen to build it, the main craftsman being Richard Roebuck a freemason (qualified stone mason). Hilbert's image shows that a futuristic Renaissance design was chosen with the open-sided structure topped by a dome which, in-turn, was topped by an octagonal lantern. Whether the lantern, or indeed the dome, might be termed a cupola is a matter of interpretation. The latticework of the lantern lights would not have been glazed but the dormers of the dome may have been. Although not clear from the engraving, the bulk of the building was square in shape, the four sides topped by an open balustrade. The steps from the street, the open neo-Romanesque arcading and the pilasters were, presumably, stone built while the roofs of the dome and lantern must have been sheet lead or sheet copper (Hull was a major trading place for lead, it being shipped down the River Trent from the East Midlands and along the Humber).

The exact site of the 'market cross' is not known to me but for a short while both the statue of 'King Billy' (William III) on his horse and the 'Market Cross' existed on the market Place, the former being erected in 1734. 'A short while', because in 1761 the futuristic 'Market Cross' was demolished, it being said to be 'an obstruction to traffic'!

Of course, Hullensians do not have to travel far to see a surviving 18<sup>th</sup> century 'Market Cross', this in Saturday Market Place in Beverley, the county town of the East Riding of Yorkshire (see Fig. 2). Although very similar in design to Hull's once 'Market Cross', the one in Beverley was not built until 1711-14 and, although designed by an architect

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merely the steps of the base and the very bottom of the stem, although still in its original position.

from Wakefield, it might be consoling to think that the one in Hull, that had already existed for 30+ years, might have had some influence.



Fig. 2 Beverley's Georgian 'Market Cross'.

In the book *The Buildings of England, Yorkshire: York and the East Riding* (revised version) David Neave considers that Beverley's Market Cross was/is 'the show-piece of the Georgian Town', (p. 305).

Just as an afterthought, it could be asked if the similarity in size and design between Georgian market crosses and municipal park bandstands is a coincidence or not, see Fig. 3 showing the cover of Hazel Conway's book *Public Parks*, the bandstand shown being in Queen's Park, Crewe. In Hull the bandstand in Pearson's

Park was recently built to the design of the original one from the 1860s<sup>2</sup>, while the one in Queens Gardens may date from when the dock was filled-in, but I am not sure. Susan Lasden in her book *The English Park* argues that bandstands evolved from a 19<sup>th</sup> century

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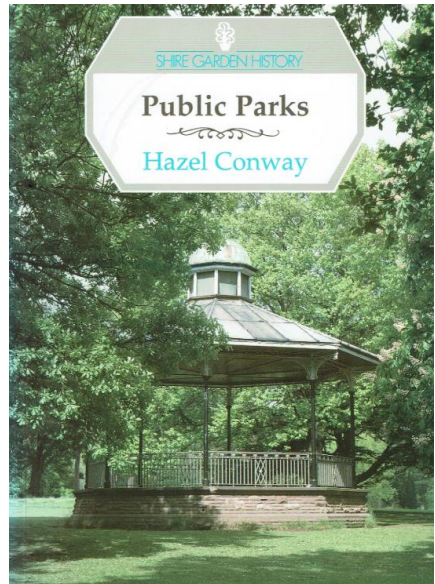
<sup>2</sup> At the time of writing the bandstand in Pearson Park is bedecked with Christmas lights.

fondness for Chinese pagodas in public parks, also to meet the demand for performance places for the rapid increase in the numbers of local brass and silver bands.

So, Hull has no Georgian market cross, but once did have. This is a shame because market crosses in other towns tend to symbolise the 'age of improvement' in towns that lasted between the reign of Queen Anne and the later Georges. But as my father used to say 'No good crying over spilt milk'.

Richard Clarke

Fig. 3 The cover of Hazel Conway's book.



## Lowgate, Part 1

John Markham's book "Streets of Hull" says that "Lowgate was the back street to High Street and therefore 'low': the narrow plots of land between had their 'heads' in High Street and their 'tails' in Lowgate. It was originally called Market Gate and sometimes referred to as Low Market Gate. Lowgate stretches from Queen's Gardens (originally Queen's Dock) to Scale Lane, where it becomes Market Place. Despite boasting some of Hull's best Victorian commercial buildings and medieval church, it rarely features in its entirety in history trails, yet there is much to look at.



Walking southward with our backs to the Wilberforce Monument, the modern building on the east side is the Hull School of Art and Design (part of Hull College), which faces onto North Walls. This building and the Guildhall pay & display car park occupy the site of numbers 1-13 (consecutive), seen on the right hand side of this post-1908 picture

Apart from and electricity sub-station, the first building to be seen is number 14 Lowgate. It is part of the City Hotel, Grade 2 listed, constructed in brick with granite plinth and stone dressings, with slate mansard roof, to the design of W.S Walker of Brodrick, Lowther & Walker of Hull, in 1904.

Next to it is Maritime Buildings

(1910), also by Walker. The buildings form part of the triangular public open space created when Alfred Gelder Street was built across this part of the Old Town.

The statue of Charles Henry Wilson, 1<sup>st</sup> Baron Nunburnholme, is a reminder of the Wilson Line, the



Above: Lowgate in 1908 or later, showing some of the lost buildings on the east side (1-13) and the surviving ones opposite (76-79).  
Below: east side of Lowgate today.



largest shipping fleet in the world, which was based in Hull.



Top: City Hotel, Maritime Buildings and Charles Henry Wilson. Bottom: Hull Combined Court Centre, Alfred Gelder St and Lowgate facades.



Some older members may remember a 1960s scheme by Needler Developments which would have given Hull its first “skyscraper” development on the corner of Lowgate and Alfred Gelder St. It was never built and the present building on the site is much more in keeping with the scale of this part of the Old Town. The domed Hull Combined Court Centre (1988-90, by Building Design Partnership), houses the Crown Court, which deals with the more serious criminal cases, (referred to it by the Magistrate's Court), the Family Court and the County Court, which deals

with civil cases. It is an attractive building constructed to a high standard, but the demolition of the listed Georgian buildings it replaced was a source of conflict between Hull Civic Society and Hull City Council between 1970 and 1972. The Secretary of State for the Environment, Michael Heseltine, ruled that three listed Georgian buildings should be retained but the City Council, who had compulsorily purchased them, neglected them, instead of finding new uses, until they became so dangerous that they could justify demolition on grounds of public safety. The then leader of the Council said that

“Hull Civic Society members should be dragged in chains to see the monstrosities they had caused to be preserved”



Above left: The corner of Alfred Gelder St and Lowgate 26.9.1970, showing the buildings compulsorily purchased by Hull Corporation. The three 4-storey Georgian buildings on Lowgate were listed Grade 3.

*To be continued.*  
John Scotney

## **Planning and Buildings August to December 2021**

### **Old Town**

- Flood defence work was completed in December and Nelson St and the pier have become accessible again.
- Internal alterations at 2 Bishop Lane (listed) for conversion from an office to an apartment / studio were approved in w/c 30/8
- In w/c 29/11, there was an application to convert the listed Hull Lighting premises at 9-11 Chapel Lane into 36 flats, with 9 parking spaces.
- In Market place, work has started to transform the old Argos store at the corner of Liberty Lane into a new Tesco.



9-11 Chapel Lane

- During the autumn, Warehouse 6 (Ask Italian Restaurant) has been the subject of a series of applications relating to the outdoor dining area and the building of a bin store.

- The same week brought an application to convert the rear part of 28-



Whitefriargate  
Above: 52-53; Below: 55  
(photo: Dr Mark Nash)

29 Silver St into a single dwelling.

- At 52-53 Whitefriargate consent was granted in w/c 27/9 to re-create moulded window surrounds and install a new shop front at 53.

- The conversion of the former HSBC (55 Whitefriargate at the opposite corner of Parliament St) into premises for the 55 Group was completed on 12/11. The 55 Group includes: Pagabo, a procurement company



which helps mainly public sector organisations engage professionals for projects across the UK; Sypro, a risk, management and compliance software company; Loop, social value specialists and Tequ, a digital-first training platform. The premises are also home to Hotham's Gin.

- Next door, at 57-58, permission was granted in w/c 4/10 for conversion of the former Bon Marché clothes shop into a cocktail & wine bar.

15 Whitefriargate, newly restored as Wrecking Ball (café, record & book shop), really came into its own during Heritage Open Days in September when most of the talks were held in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor function room.



Above: 57-58 Whitefriargate  
Middle: No.15 - Wrecking Ball  
Below 22 Alfred Gelder St

- By September 2021, work had started to create a job centre in the 1931 Marks & Spencer building and work is still in progress.

In Alfred Gelder St, the former Co-op Bank at no. 22 is back in use, after standing empty for about a decade. It is now occupied by Feral Art School and Hull Dance. Like many buildings in the Old Town, it is older than it looks. It received a modern makeover for the Co-operative Bank, which moved here in 1983 or 1984 from its previous home in Methodist Central Hall premises in King Edward St. 22 Alfred Gelder St was the brick-built



office of McGregor, Gow and Holland, Ship Brokers at least as early as 1928 and the building itself appears on the 1908 OS Map.



94 Alfred Gelder St

At no. 94, a change from wholly residential on the upper floors to flexible use for short term holiday lettings, medium term lettings for temporary workers or full time residential was approved in w/c 8/11. Until 2020 the ground floor was the Kardomah 94 cafe and entertainment / meeting venue.

Nearby, no.98 (Hanover House) is one of the three sections of Payne & Payne solicitors' offices, approved in w/c 15/11 and 22/11 for conversion into 11 apartments. The premises include two properties on Manor St: 13 at the corner of Duncan's Place and the listed Salop House next door.

Right: Hanover House, 98 Alfred Gelder St.  
Below left: Salop House.  
Below right: 13 Manor St.



- Work on 79 Lowgate (former City Archives) to provide additional modern offices for use by Hull City Council appears to be complete.



- The scheme for remodelling Queens Gardens was approved in w/c 15/11, but there has been concern about the intention to fell the avenue of mature trees.

79 Lowgate  
Right: Queen's  
Gardens on 14.11.13  
Below: Brown's Books  
on 7.6.16 (green shop  
front)



### City Centre

In w/c 23/8 an amended application to change the former Lloyds Bank at 1-7 George St into 24 flats was approved. Also in George St, consent was given in w/c 29/11 for conversion of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors of the listed Brown's Books into 14 flats, with the ground floor being divided into 2 retail units.

- Permission was granted in w/c 30/8 to enlarge the car park next to the former Staples store by demolishing the disused American Golf Centre and Maplins electrical store, (built c.1999) to create a 166-space pay & display car park at the junction of Ferensway, Castle St and Myton St.



- Nearby, as the first phase of the scheme to re-erect the Earl de Grey next to Castle Buildings on Waterhouse Lane, the Grade 2 listed pub has been dismantled brick by brick. In w/c 2.8.21, there was an application in w/c 2/8 to amend some of the details of the scheme.

- In w/c 20/9, conversion of Europa House (the curved building at the corner of Ferensway and Anlaby Rd), from offices into 63 flats was approved.

- Hammonds of Hull opened its Food Hall on 3rd December. There are several outlets serving hot food (at reasonable prices), hot or cold drinks or cocktails. Customers can sit at tables, on sofas or easy chairs. On the day we visited a guitarist added to the relaxed ambience. There is also a section selling vinyl records. The shop window displays add to the external attraction of a much-loved store that has been brought back to life in a new way. The upper floors house Res-Q call centre.



Above: Europa House  
Below: Hammonds of Hull



Hull College Park Street Site, which closed in 2016, has been transformed into The Park Hotel, with fully air-conditioned rooms, serviced apartments and studio rooms, with Scalini's Italian Restaurant and a bar. The handsome exterior is unaltered. The core of the building



dates from 1856 and was a private school. In 1867 Sir Titus Salt bought it to accommodate the Sailors' Orphan Homes. When the homes relocated to Newland, the building became the Municipal Technical School in 1898, later absorbed into Hull College.

### East

- A single storey extension and other alterations were approved in w/c 20/12 at Odlings (stonemasons) premises at 59 New Cleveland St.

Over-cladding of the shot tower with profiled steel sheeting at Gamebore Cartidge Co. Great Union St, was proposed in w/c 23/8. A similar application for steel cladding at the Premier Inn, Tower St, was approved in w/c 6/12.

- Permission was granted in w/c 18/10 for the 30-bed Trinity Hotel, 309-323 Hedon Rd, (near to Alexandra Dock) to be converted into 17 serviced apartments. Further east, approval was given in w/c 18/10 for a new pumping station at the southern end of Holderness Drain.

- As part of the City Council's "Green Homes Scheme" an application was submitted in w/c 23/8 to install air source heat pumps in the back garden and solar panels on the roof of a show house at 14 Bexhill Close in Marfleet.

- Prior approval was granted in w/c 20/9 for demolition of the former warehouse of Coopland's bakery in Lorraine Street, off Stoneferry Rd.

- Phase 2 of the residential development at Wawne Rd - 664 dwellings - moved a step forward with approval of "reserved matters" in w/c 30/8.

- A 5-storey extension to the Cornmill Hotel at the corner of Holderness Rd and Mount Pleasant was proposed in w/c

Cornmill Hotel, Holderness Rd



Shot tower at Gamebore



12/7 to provide 19 serviced apartments.

- In w/c 13/9, permission was granted for erection of a freestanding glazed solar dome in the grounds to the NW of the listed Holderness House.

- An application was submitted in w/c 26/7 to divide the long-disused supermarket at 258-264 Holderness Rd (opposite Summergangs Rd) into two retail units at ground floor, with 12 flats above.

- Since closure, East Hull Fire Station has found a new use (temporary, we hope) as a Covid Vaccination Centre.



Above: former supermarket,  
258-264 Holderness Rd  
Above Right: East Hull Fire  
Station Southcoates Lane  
Below: Euler Academy,  
Saltshouse Rd



- In w/c 27/9 an application was submitted for erection of extensions to the existing Sport

Centre to provide a new sports hall (eastern side) and five classrooms (western side) at Malet Lambert School on James Reckitt Ave (opposite the north side of East Park).

- At the corner of Saltshouse Rd and Dunvegan Rd, a new primary school, the Euler Academy, is under construction for the Venn Academy Group. The website says that it is a specialist school for

children aged 5-11 with social, emotional and mental health as their primary need. This is on the site of the old "Deaf School".

- In w/c 15/11, there was an application to build a 3-storey block of 11 apartments on land next to the listed Sutton House on Kingfisher Rise, Sutton.



Above: proposed 3-storey block to be sited on vacant land next door– elevations – Qube Property Developers / NU Architects  
Right: Sutton House (listed).



Wawne View, the large residential development between Sutton and Wawne comprising 750 dwellings to the east of Wawne Rd in Phase 1, has reached the stage at which the technical conditions attached to the planning permission have been met. Phase 2, to the west of Wawne Rd, an outline application for new dwellings, a local centre, recreational facilities, roads, drainage and an extension to Broadacre Primary School has also met the conditions and this was all confirmed in a “Discharge of Conditions” (CONDET) application approved in w/c 29/11.

## West

- Hull Royal Infirmary – the Allam Diabetes Centre is finished externally and the new 3-storey entrance at right angles to the main tower block is being fitted with insulation panels (observed 31.12.21).

- In w/c 20/9, applications were submitted for internal and

external alterations to the grade 2-listed St Matthew's Church, Boulevard, for change of use to a mixed community facility including cafe, business/workshop space, meeting and teaching rooms, event space, education zone and community market.

- Permission was granted in w/c 13/12 for Albert Ave Pools to be completely refurbished with new extensions to the plant room and the changing block, more car parking and a new 2-storey building for a gym and studio space .

- Relocation of the Queens Garden bandstand to Pickering Park was approved in w/c 29/11.



Allam Diobetes Centre.

## North

- The Wellington Inn, Russell St has been closed for some time. In w/c 30/8 there was an application to convert it into two flats.

- An application to build an extension to the rear of De Smet Rosedowns works at Cannon St was submitted in w/c 4/10.

- Permission was granted in w/c 13/9 for Bridlington House care home, Bridlington Ave. (built as the vicarage to St Paul's church) to be converted into 9 single-person flats.

- Approval was given in w/c 11/10 for the listed 53-55 Beverley Rd to be converted from offices into 9 flats - preferable to the earlier proposal for change into a house in multiple occupation.

- Permission was granted in w/c 26/7 for the creation of a memorial garden and the repair of the listed ruins of the National Picture Theatre, Beverley Rd.

- Aldi on Beverley Rd had closed by late August or early September. Refurbishment of the front and other alterations were approved in w/c 27/9 and an "Advert Approval" in w/c 13/12 revealed that it is to become "Haris Foods: Foods from around the world - local to you".

- In w/c 6/9 there was an application to demolish part of the Blind Institute premises behind the shop that faces onto Beverley Rd to extend the car park.

- The Spring Bank branch of Iceland is vacant and for sale or to let.

- Approval was given in w/c 27/9 to divide Newland Tofts Lane café bar into three units for



Bridlington House



Above: Newland Tofts Lane cafe bar  
Below: 51 Pearson Park (Bromby House)

shops, takeaways or bars. The building was erected in the early 1950s as Teal's furniture store and 30 or 40 years later became a pub called Hogs Head, then Nags Head then Newland Tofts Lane café bar.

- In Pearson Park, the new flats at 51 were complete and occupied by 23/11.

- Work to refurbish the Avenues Centre in Park Ave was still in progress in late December.

- School extensions were proposed for Sirius Academy North, Hall Rd, in w/c 11/10 and approved for Wyke 6th Form College in w/c 13/12.



### **Observers Wanted!**

The Society needs more eyes and ears, both in Hull itself and in the surrounding places north, east and west of the city boundary. If you notice any new building or demolition work we would be very grateful if you could inform the editor.

### **Local Heritage List**

Many thanks to all - Society members and members of CAAC (Conservation Area Advisory Committee) - who have contributed suggestions for buildings to be added to the Local Heritage List. Martin Rispin has led a small team of Civic Society and CAAC members on two survey walks and prepared the part of our submission relating to the Old Town, while several members have reported on other parts of the city.

### **Website**

Many thanks to Graham Latter for all his work on the Society's website.

## **Hull Civic Society Committee, elected at the AGM (22.11.21)**

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**Martin Rispin**, Membership Secretary.

**Ian Pearson**, Maritime Heritage. (Ian has also volunteered to work with  
the Hon. Sec. as Acting Treasurer)

**Ian Wolstencroft**, Hull History and DVD Project

**Malcolm Sharman**, (YAHCS)

### **Committee Changes**

Welcome to all our new committee members and welcome back to Malcolm Sharman. During 2020 or 2021, David Ostler, Sally Walker, Pete Lowden, John Netherwood, Malcolm Sharman (now re-elected) and Hilary Blackstock resigned from the committee over policy disagreements with the Chairman and Hon. Secretary. All the resignations represent a loss to the Society, so we hope that 2022 will see reconciliation and we are grateful for their engagement in some of the present committee's new initiatives. All of these trustees made valuable contributions to the Society's work during their membership of the committee, (which in the case of John N. and Malcolm S. is measured in decades) and this is greatly appreciated. I would also add our thanks to Peter Shipp, who resigned as President in 2020. He represented the Society to the outside world, and contributed many ideas at committee meetings during his period of office.

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