

This first news-letter is very much an experiment and also something of a changeling. To survive at all it will need help and encouragement from all members.

The purpose is three-fold - 1) to tell what the Executive Committee is doing, 2) to comment on things which matter and so to provoke thought, talk and action and 3) to offer to all members a means through which they may express their views.

1. Recent and current action by the Executive Committee.

Parliament Street. Soon after the high noon of Midsummer's Day the re-painting of some of the houses in Parliament Street was completed. Others remain drab. A walk down the street points at least one lesson in urban manners.

Albion Street. General agreement has recently been reached on proposals for re-painting. Unfortunately execution is likely to be sporadic and the street result, therefore, likely to be rather more watery than exemplary.

Kingston Square. The Society's scheme was published in the Hull Daily Mail for 7th October and has now been formally submitted to the Town Clerk. It is hoped that this scheme may now be accepted and implemented in full by the Corporation.

Queen's Road. The length of Cottingham Drain (now filled) between Princes Avenue and Newland Avenue has formed the subject of a scheme which has now been submitted to the City Engineer.

Parking Meters. The City Engineer has considered favourably the suggestions made by the Society that Universal meters be installed where appropriate and that, in narrow streets, post-mounted meters be erected at the rear of the pavement instead of at the outside edge. This applies particularly to Parliament Street.

Current Studies. - The subjects of these are the road system and the Old Town; these are the two major problems which face the central area of Hull and are almost indivisible. It is hoped to present an interim report in the Spring. The purpose of the report will be to make known the Society's views on matters which are fundamental to the living environment of everyone in Hull.

The bridge across the Humber is now further off than ever and the East-West link takes precedence. The location and alignment of this affects the whole of Hull and the Old Town in particular; it is important that values and priorities be considered comprehensively. It is important, also, that when the time comes to face the Minister, the whole of Hull - people, elected representatives and officers - shall speak with one voice. It is here that the Civic Society can play a useful part.

2. Notes and Comment

a) Hull to-day. The clutter of street signs grows apace and Victoria Square stretches out sub-urban tentacles towards Queen's Gardens and the ideal of bucolic decor.

b) Photographic Exercise. One member responded. Is this the measure of interest?

c) Forthcoming Meetings.

Tuesday 30th November 1965 - Peter Dickens
'A Scheme for Hull Old Town'

Monday 10th January 1966 - Patrick Nuttgens
'The City - Progress and Preservation'

d) Newsletter. Pending the appointment of an Hon. Editor, communications may be addressed to Mrs. E. Seaton, Sands Lane, Elloughton, Brough,