



## **2024 Annual General Meeting**

*To be held at St. Paul's URC Hall on Belford Road*

**@ 7.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

*To be followed by short presentations from three guest speakers on  
**A Vision for the future of our Town** and an open discussion*

**Refreshments will be available from 7pm**

### **AGM AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence from Committee and any members
2. Approval of minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Trustees' Annual Report - summary
5. Re-election of Committee Members and Officers, and election of any Committee members co-opted since the last AGM.
6. Election of any Committee members nominated in accordance with the provision of the Constitution before this AGM
7. Any Other Business



### **Re-election of Committee Members and Officers**

1. Andrew Brown – *Chair*
2. Chris Dicken – *Treasurer*
3. Angela Fahy - *Secretary*
4. Henry Pankhurst
5. David Siddans

### **Nominations received for new Committee Members**

1. Nick Brennan (P – Susan Amaku, S – Andrew Brown)
2. Brian Dunsby (P – Stuart Holland, S – Angela Fahy)
3. Paul Fennimore (P – Chris Dicken, S – Angela Fahy)
4. Michael Laycock (P – Henry Pankhurst, S – Angela Fahy)
5. Mike Newby – *Vice Chair* (P – Nick Anderson, S – Chris Anderson)
6. Tony Thorndike (P – Stuart Holland, S – Angela Fahy)

*P- proposer S - seconder*



## **A Vision for the future of our Town**

**8 minute talks** by the following speakers and then an **open discussion**

### **1. BARRY ADAMS**

#### **A Vision for Harrogate**

*Barry joined the Civic Society after retiring (as a Chartered Architect) from a large multi-disciplinary practice in Birmingham in 2014. He qualified from the Leeds School of Architecture in 1973 where he gained a distinction in design studies. He is not a Conservation Architect but developed a particular interest and expertise in re-ordering of old building to ensure their continued life in a useful and sustainable form. This interest was kindled from a young age by his late father who was an experienced Town Planner knowledgeable in the conservation of historic places and buildings.*

*Barry worked closely with English Heritage on a large number of projects and they often encouraged him to add the 21<sup>st</sup> century chapter to the history of a building with modern insertions – a design approach he still believe in today. Most significant was the delivery of a complex award winding £35 million HLF funded project to render the Grade I listed Birmingham Town Hall fit for 21<sup>st</sup> century use as a performance venue. First opened in 1834, it is the oldest purpose designed concert hall, but having fallen into serious repair it was awarded the largest lottery grant at the time of over £11million. Barry believes buildings and places only come to life when people bring life to them, an ethos he developed whilst working closely with experienced urban designers in Birmingham.*

### **2. DAVID TURNER RHODES:**

#### **Putting the SPA back into Harrogate SPA Town**

*Retired architect, town planner & conservationist. Prior to retirement David worked for 15 years as Team Leader for the District, working on the natural and built heritage of Harrogate, Knaresborough Castle, Ripon Cathedral City, SR&FA WHS & Nidderdale AONB.*

*19th of August 2028 will be the 250th anniversary of the 1778 Great Award when the Duchy of Lancaster awarded 200 acres of open land in the setting of the springs. Gradually linking two small hamlets, High Harrogate with Low Harrogate to over time create the Harrogate we know today. Just four years towards our 250th Anniversary. The town with its diminishing Conference Centre must look to the remarkable rebirth of Spa Parks on the Continent and in particular at Bath, Buxton and Manchester.*

### **3. PAUL HATHERLEY:**

#### **Neighbourhood Planning and a shared Vision for the town of Harrogate**

*This talk will briefly describe the neighbourhood planning process and how a shared vision would produce local planning policy which shapes the town's heritage and future. North Yorkshire Council has started the process to replace the current Harrogate Borough Local Plan. With the demise of our local council, we have lost a tier of local governance in the town of Harrogate. A replacement town council to represent our local interests is some way off. We cannot expect a county-wide local plan to be specific about our local needs or reflect a vision for the town that has wide support in the community. This is important because we all have visions for the town and we need a process that helps the community to come together and create a shared vision. The neighbourhood planning process presents an opportunity to influence future planning and development in the town and the Civic Society is currently exploring how much support there could be for that process.*