

HARTFORD CONSERVATION GROUP

Hartford Conservation Group is a local Civic Society and a registered charity.

The area of benefit is the Hartford Conservation Area and surrounding area.

The objectives are:-

- To promote high standards of planning or architecture in or affecting the area of benefit
- To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture in the area of benefit
- To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit

An Annual General Meeting is held in October of each year. The Committee of Officers and Members is elected at this meeting.

The Committee meets approximately 6 times a year. The main work is to examine planning applications and respond as they affect the area of benefit, to organise events for members relating to the objectives of the group, to monitor the financial status and arrange fund raising events, to increase membership numbers and to identify areas where protection, development or improvement may be indicated.

The success of the Conservation Group depends upon your support. Please join by completing the attached application form.

Hartford is situated on one of the most picturesque reaches of the river Great Ouse in an area of best landscape. Hartford was the earliest settlement on this part of the river.

The village is older than either Huntingdon or Godmanchester. Traces of Stone, Iron and Bronze Ages have been found.

In Saxon time it was called Hereforde meaning "army ford". It is recorded under this name in the Domesday Book.

The Parish Church was built in 1180. Christian worship can be traced back to 1086 when the Domesday Book records a simple wooden church.

The village originally spread along the banks of the river as this was the main artery of transport. Goods were brought in and taken to other villages and towns up and down the river. There was a road beside the river traces of which can still be seen.

Another road also ran from the Manor House to the river. In 1275 a water wheel was built near Anchor Cottage which itself was not built until Tudor times.

In 1771 there were fewer than 50 houses but there was already one public house formerly the King of the Prussians later to become the King of the Belgians. The Barley Mow was built in 1804 from masonry from St Benet's Church, Huntingdon. Biennial Courts were held in the Barley Mow over many years.

The Manor House is half-timbered, built in the early 17th Century and situated in Main Street. Hartford House, also in Main Street, is an elegant 17th Century mansion with grounds edging the river.

The historic buildings and artefacts are the very substance of Hartford and we believe it is vital to preserve them and in so doing maintain the character of this place where we live.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Surname.....

Title.....Initials.....

Address.....

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Postcode.....

Phone/Fax.....
email.....

I would like to join the Hartford Conservation Group as

*Annual member.....£8.00

*Two annual members in the same household.....£12.00

*please indicate which category is required and please complete the Gift Aid declaration below.

*I should like to pay by standing order

Please make cheque payable to
"Hartford Conservation Group"

I would like to receive information by email in accordance with GDPR and HCG Privacy Policy yes/no* please indicate

Signature.....

RETURN TO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 25 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.

The Hartford Conservation Group is registered for charitable tax exemption on donations and membership subscriptions. If you are a basic rate taxpayer and would like to help us in this way please sign the declaration.

I want all donations and subscriptions I have made since 6th April 2000 and all donations and subscriptions in the future to be Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise.

Signature.....

Date.....

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