

Coventry Society - Priorities and Issues Considered at 2013 AGM and Action Taken Since

Priority	Priorities	Action Taken
1	Conservation areas/listing and maintenance of historic buildings [including investigating alternative use for such areas and properties].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Conservation Area Liaison Group; supporting Conservation Officer on the development of management plans for conservation areas. Participated in two walkabout reviews. • Met Cllr Ruane. • Sought expert advice on Article 4 Directions. • Updated webpage on Buildings at Risk and tied it in with Conservation Officer's Buildings at Risk Register. • Continued to support Charterhouse Trust in the development of plans for The Charterhouse. • Contributed to the consultation about Draper's Hall • Supported planning application for Keresley Old Hall • Sought advice from English Heritage over Leofric Hotel • Campaigned for / taken action in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black Horse PH ○ 5 – 7 Lower Holyhead Road ○ Bayley House ○ African Village / Bar ○ Cladding of houses in Lower Coundon ○ Craven Street Bakery ○ Copsewood Grange ○ Ritz Cinema, Longford Road ○ Protection of Whitefriars Gatehouse in Cov Uni development. • Lobbied for a better scheme at Bishopgate Green canalside development. • Opened St. Marks and Feibusch mural for Heritage Open Days. • Created a webpage listing all the First World War memorials in the city.

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2	Campaigning for more diverse city centre amenities [eg. civic hall, hotels, restaurants and shops – including areas to accommodate local/niche businesses].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigned for improvements to public transport and pedestrian access to Friargate. • Responded to consultation on Sports Strategy and relocation of City Centre Swimming Pool • Wrote to the Chamber of Commerce and also reminded the Council about the need to find adequate replacement facilities for the loss of City Arcade in City Centre South.
=3	Strategies/policies for dealing with planning issues such as student accommodation, proliferation of hot food take-aways/betting shops/charity shops.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobbied MPs about the relaxation of planning controls • Signed petition to bring betting shops under planning control. • Wrote to Chair of Planning Committee in respect of student accommodation. • Supported CAN to bring local organisations together to address the issue of HIMOs. • Argued for a better HS2.
=3	Developing ‘green’ areas in the city centre and suburbs, including further development of existing parks [other than the Memorial Park].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered to support the development of an urban greenspace in the city centre, but the Council did not pursue the project. • Objected to the planned development in the Keresley Green Belt. • Convened a meeting focussing on Nature in cities. • Supported the establishment of a Tree Network which has been set up in the city.
5	City Centre arts trail.	Not progressed.