

# Application for membership of Tonbridge Civic Society

Registered Charity No. 227956

## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Single Adult £7.50  
Family (all in the same household) £10.00  
Corporate membership £25.00

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP** – Single payment of £100.00

The subscription is renewable annually by 1<sup>st</sup> April  
(New members after 1st January are free until April)

I/We wish to apply for membership of the Society and  
enclose the completed Standing Order Mandate or a  
Cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_ for single/ household/ corporate/ life  
membership (delete as appropriate)

Please complete the Standing Order Mandate (preferable)  
or make cheques payable to “Tonbridge Civic Society”

NAME(s).....

ADDRESS.....

.....

..... POSTCODE.....

TELEPHONE.....

E-MAIL ADDRESS.....

SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

## GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer and would like your payments to be  
treated as Gift Aid, please tick the box below. You need  
to pay enough UK Income and/or Capital Gains Tax to  
cover the tax reclaimed on all your Gift Aided donations.

Name of taxpayer .....(one only)

Please return this complete brochure with your completed  
Standing Order Mandate or cheque to the Hon. Treasurer  
Jeremy Hills, 17A Yardley Park Rd, Tonbridge, TN9 1NB

## STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To: (Name and address of your Bank)

.....Bank

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..... Postcode .....

**Bank Sort Code** .. - .. - ..

Please Pay

**CAF BANK Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings  
Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ**

**Sort Code 40-52-40**

for the credit of:

**TONBRIDGE CIVIC SOCIETY**

**A/c No. 00012288**

the sum of £ .....

amount in words: .....

commencing on ..... (date)

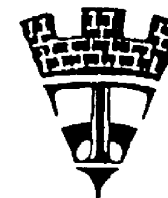
and thereafter annually on **1st April**.

This instruction cancels any previous order in  
favour of the beneficiary named above under  
this reference.

Account to be debited: .....  
(ie. Name of Account Holder(s))

Account No: .....

Signed ..... Date .....



## Tonbridge Civic Society

*Four questions you need to ask yourself  
about Tonbridge*

- *Do you enjoy living in Tonbridge?*
- *Are there ways in which you would like to see Tonbridge improved?*
- *Are you concerned that you have little control over changes in the town?*
- *Do you wish to help influence the planning, design, environment and transport issues facing the town?*

*If you answered ‘Yes’ to any of these  
questions, you may wish to join us.*

Founded in 1963, the Society now has over 450  
members. Membership is open to all who wish  
to encourage conservation of the town's  
historical features, enhancement of its present  
character, and excellence in planning for its  
future.

[www.tonbridgecivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgecivicsociety.org.uk)

**This leaflet tells you more about the Society  
and how to apply for membership**

## AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

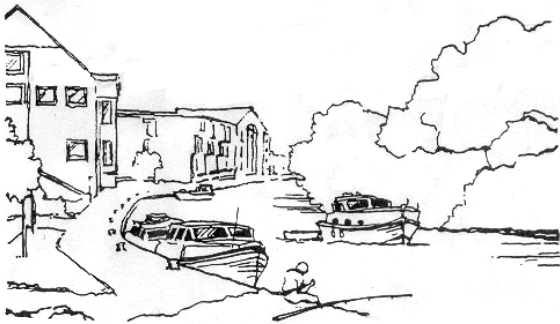
*Our aims are to encourage and promote:*

- interest in, and care for, the history, character and beauty of Tonbridge and its surroundings.
- the preservation, development and then improvement of features of general public interest.
- high standards of architecture and town planning in the Tonbridge area.

*We pursue these ends:*

- by means of meetings, lectures, exhibitions and publicity.
- by representing our views to the local authorities and by supporting them in all measures conducive to our aims.

*We wish to help ensure that Tonbridge is a pleasant place in which to live, work and play, as well as an attractive town to visit.*



*The Medway in Tonbridge*

## WHY WAS THE TONBRIDGE CIVIC SOCIETY FOUNDED AND WHAT IS ITS PLANNING ROLE?

Strong indignation about the demolition of historic buildings between the Chequers Inn and the Big Bridge over the Medway led to the Society's foundation in 1963.

Since then, the Society has acted as a 'watchdog' to help to ensure that nothing like this could happen again without the voices of local people being heard.

The Society scrutinises and expresses views on all significant planning applications and makes formal representations concerning major planning policies and issues which affect the town as a whole.

It also meets regularly with senior officers of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, working with them very much as a 'critical friend'.

## WHAT DOES THE CIVIC SOCIETY PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERS?

- A channel for the expression of views.
- Monthly meetings on a wide variety of topics of local interest.
- Social events, such as the Summer garden party and visits to places of interest.
- A comprehensive and detailed Newsletter for information and stimulus.

## MONTHLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

The very well-attended monthly meetings are held on Tuesdays in the Angel Centre between September and May at 8 pm, with coffee available from 7.30 pm.

Recent speakers who have given well-illustrated talks have included the Architect for the Hadlow Tower Restoration Project and the Territory Properties Curator for English Heritage, as well as other experts on local history, planning and conservation issues.

Recent visits have included guided tours of Faversham, of Southwark and the South Bank, as well as a very successful tour of Dover Castle.

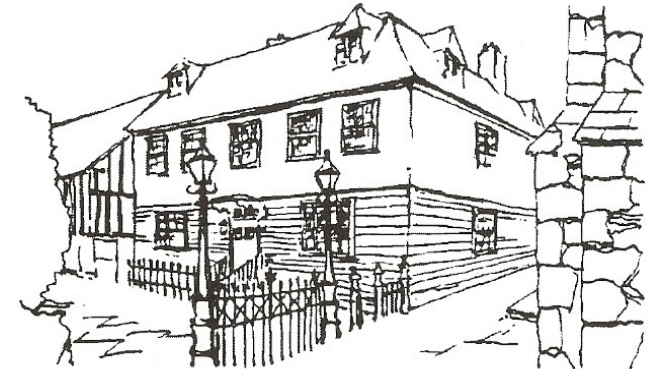
## NEWSLETTERS

The Society produces a 16-page, full colour, illustrated Newsletter three times a year, which is circulated to all Members as well as to Borough councillors and senior officers.

These Newsletters keep members informed of key planning and other issues as they arise, illustrate some of the latest development proposals and contain brief articles on recent talks and visits.

## CIVIC DESIGN AWARDS

For well over 25 years, the Society has made Civic Design Awards for excellence in new buildings or restorations and holds an annual Awards Dinner for



Members, when presentations are made to the owners, developers and architects.

*Church House (Civic Award Winner)*

## BECOMING A MEMBER

Although the Society is successful and has a strong and enthusiastic membership, we are always very keen to attract new members.

**If you would like to join us and become a member of TONBRIDGE CIVIC SOCIETY, do please fill in and return the Membership Application form overleaf**