



# Nailbourne Protection Society

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Kingstone

Canterbury. Tel: 830039

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To: Canterbury Volunteer Bureau  
45 North Lane  
Canterbury.

Dear Mrs Arnott,

This Society exists to protect and preserve  
the beauty and attractiveness of the Nailbourne Valley.

We would like to be included in the new  
Directory which you are compiling.

I can be contacted at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

*Ian Taylor*

Nr Ian Taylor

Hon. Sec.

These buildings are covered by Tree Preservation Orders, and should not be demolished or destroyed.

North Kent Protection Society

Meeting Thursday 10th Feb 1976

Agenda

1. Brief Report of recent planning matters
2. Representation at Public Inquiry
3. Walk Abstraction at Beckenham
4. Arrange A.G.M. Tuesday 10/17 April
5. A.O.B.

The Inspector considering the appeal is urged to uphold the decision of Canterbury City Council, and dismiss the appeal.

The woodlands in question are part of the beautiful Kent Countryside and are of great landscape value. Such a valuable amenity should not be sacrificed or destroyed.

The Appellant's proposals are contrary to Sections 605, 607 and 608 of the Kent Wildlife Act 1961 which determine that woodlands should be preserved, and that sites of special scientific interest should be protected. The Appellant's proposals, if allowed, would result in the destruction of these woodlands, and the inevitable loss to the lovely Kent countryside, and to the landscape.

# CIVIC TRUST

17 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AW 01-930 0914

27 July 1982

Dear Mr Taylor

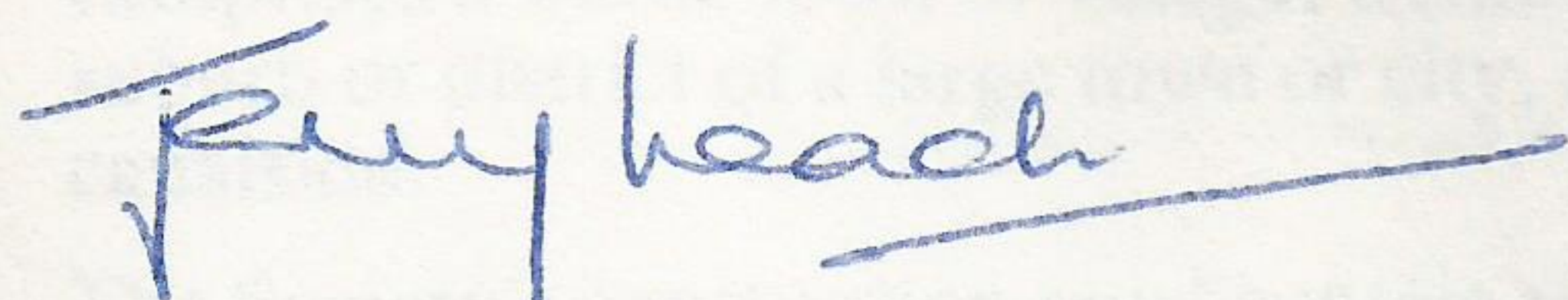
Thank you for your letter of 3 July and enclosed constitution for the Nailbourne Protection Society.

The constitution which you enclosed is not totally in keeping with the aims and objectives of the Civic Trust and I am sending you a copy of the Civic Trust's Model Constitution for a local amenity society. As you will see from the front page, societies registering with the Trust need to meet the six main requirements set out here. The Constitution has been drawn up in conjunction with the Charity Commissioners and, as such, enables a society to register as a charity with the minimum of formality. We do encourage societies registering with the Trust to adopt the Model in full.

If, however, you prefer to adapt your existing constitution to meet these six requirements this would be acceptable to the Trust. We would also need a fuller description of the society's area of benefit and probably the deletion of Clause 2 (2) of your existing constitution.

The Model which I have enclosed contains an application form to register but if there is anything more you would like to know before you apply please do contact me again.

Yours sincerely



Jenny Leach (Mrs)

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Ian Taylor Esq  
Nailbourne Protection Society

# Model Constitution for a Local Amenity Society

CIVIC TRUST, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW

Telephone 01-930 0914

## Registration with the Civic Trust

When the Civic Trust was formed in 1957, it realised that its efforts at national level needed to be backed up by local organisations with similar aims. It has therefore encouraged the formation of local amenity societies, and since it was formed the number registered with the Trust has increased from 200 to more than 1,000.

Provided that certain conditions are met the Civic Trust will be pleased to register a new society. This implies that it recognises it as the local amenity society for its area. Registered societies are also entitled to certain privileges, such as free receipt of one copy of each issue of the bi-monthly Heritage Outlook and the use of Trust visual aids at concessionary rates. Arrangements can also be made for them to be notified of all applications for the demolition of listed buildings in their areas. There is no charge for registration and no annual subscription. The relationship between Trust and society is *not* one of affiliation and both organisations remain completely independent of one another. Registered societies often carry the words 'Registered with the Civic Trust' on their letterhead.

Societies can only be registered by the Trust if they meet six main requirements:

- (i) Their main aims must be to educate the public in key aspects of the area concerned and encourage high standards of planning and architecture. These objects can be pursued in a wide variety of ways, as the Model Constitution (clause 2) makes clear; the Trust will not register organisations whose aims are narrower e.g. those concerned mainly with local history or the maintenance of footpaths.
- (ii) Membership must be open to all without qualification. Any society which reserves the right to 'vet' prospective members or expel paid-up members (for whatever reasons) is not eligible for registration.
- (iii) The society's area of benefit should usually not be identical with, nor overlap, that of another society already registered.
- (iv) The society's area of benefit must be large enough to enable it to take a broad view of environmental issues. A society whose area comprises only a particular housing estate or other group of adjacent streets in a larger community or just a single square or crescent is not normally eligible for registration. Societies eligible (providing the other requirements are met) include those whose area comprises a whole town or village, a small town and nearby villages, a group of adjoining villages, a suburb or district of a large town or city, or a coherent area of countryside, coastline, riverside or canalside.
- (v) The Society's constitution must contain the Declaration of Interest provisions contained in the Model (fourth sentence of Clause 6 and the whole of Clause 9).
- (vi) In the unlikely event of proposals being made for the dissolution of the Society, the Civic Trust must be notified at least 6 weeks before any formal motion to this effect is put to members in General Meeting.

An application form for registration is enclosed.

The Trust maintains three separate registers: one of local amenity societies; one of amenity society federations; and one of buildings preservation trusts. Details of these can be supplied on request. The Model Constitution which follows is not suitable for federations nor buildings preservation trusts, for which advice and application forms are available separately from the Civic Trust.

## Charitable status

Charitable bodies, unlike non-charitable organisations, enjoy certain tax advantages and, in particular, it is possible to arrange for members to pay their annual subscriptions under deed of covenant, the society then being able to reclaim the income tax they have already paid. The Model Constitution that follows has been drawn up with the co-operation of the Charity Commissioners, and, *provided that no attempts are made to tinker with it*, any society adopting it should be able to obtain registration under the Charities Act 1960 with a minimum of formality. Applications should be made to the Charity Commission.

Individual application is required in each case, and registration with the Civic Trust does *not* automatically entitle a society to registration as a charity. Societies wishing to apply for charitable status must submit their constitutions, together with a completed application form (Form RE1) to the Secretary, Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, St James, London SW1.

### Adoption

The Model Constitution which follows has been refined over the years and should meet the needs of any local amenity society, however wide its interests and activities. Even if certain clauses do not seem necessary at the outset (e.g. those providing for property ownership) they may be useful in the future and it saves time and avoids inconvenience at a later date to incorporate them from the start. *New societies are strongly recommended to adopt the Model as it stands, without any alteration.* The temptation to tamper, however strong, is best avoided, but if any problems do arise, the Trust will be glad to hear of them and to offer advice.

In cases where the Model Constitution is followed societies will need to duplicate their own copies for distribution to members. An application to register should be accompanied by one of these copies. A photocopy of the Model with typed or manuscript insertions is *not* acceptable to the Civic Trust.

*Notes giving detailed guidance appear at the end of the Model and should be read in conjunction with the Model Constitution. The letters ((a), (b) etc) in the left hand margin refer to the appropriate notes and do not form part of the Constitution.*

### CONSTITUTION

- (a) 1 NAME The name of the Society shall be the
- (b) 2 OBJECTS The Society is established for the public benefit for the following purposes in the area comprising
- (c) which area shall hereinafter be referred to as "the area of benefit"
- (i) To promote high standards of planning and architecture in or affecting the area of benefit.
  - (ii) To educate the public in the geography, history, natural history and architecture of the area of benefit.
  - (iii) To secure the preservation protection development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in the area of benefit.
- In furtherance of the said purposes but not otherwise the Society through its Executive Committee shall have the following powers:-
- (1) To promote civic pride in the area of benefit.
  - (2) To promote research into subjects directly connected with the objects of the Society and to publish the results of any such research.
  - (3) To act as a co-ordinating body and to co-operate with the local authorities, planning committees, and all other statutory authorities, voluntary organisations, charities and persons having aims similar to those of the Society.
  - (4) To promote or assist in promoting activities of a charitable nature throughout the area of benefit.
  - (5) To publish papers, reports and other literature.
  - (6) To make surveys and prepare maps and plans and collect information in relation to any place, erection or building of beauty or historic interest within the area of benefit.
  - (7) To hold meetings, lectures and exhibitions.
  - (8) To educate public opinion and to give advice and information.

- (d) (9) To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscription, donation and otherwise; provided that the Society shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its primary purpose.
- (e) (10) To acquire, by purchase, gift or otherwise, property whether subject to any special trust or not.
- (11) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the property or funds of the Society as shall be necessary.
- (12) To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Society on such terms and on such security as the Executive Committee shall think fit, but so that the liability of individual members of the Society shall in no case extend beyond the amount of their respective annual subscriptions.
- (13) To do all such other things as are necessary for the attainment of the said purposes.

**3 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be open to all who are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society. No member shall have power to vote at any meeting of the Society if his or her subscription is in arrears at the time. Junior members shall be those aged less than 18 years at the time their subscription is due; and they shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Society. Corporate members shall be such societies, associations, educational institutions or businesses as are interested in actively furthering the purposes of the Society. A corporate member shall appoint a representative to vote on its behalf at all meetings but before such representative exercises his or her right to vote the corporate member shall give particulars in writing to the Honorary Secretary of such representative. The subscriptions of a member joining the Society in the three months preceding \_\_\_\_\_ in any year shall be regarded as covering membership for the Society's year commencing on \_\_\_\_\_ following the date of joining the Society.

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**(g) 4 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The subscription shall be:-

(h)

Life members	£ _____
The joint life subscription of a married couple shall be	£ _____
Full members per annum	£ _____
The joint annual subscription for full membership for a married couple shall be	£ _____
Junior members per annum	£ _____
Corporate members per annum	£ _____

or such other reasonable sum as the Executive Committee shall determine from time to time, and it shall be payable on or before each year. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid three months after it is due.

**5 MEETINGS**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in or about \_\_\_\_\_ of each year to receive the Executive Committee's report and audited accounts and to elect Officers and Members of the Committee. The Committee shall decide when ordinary meetings of the Society shall be held.

Special General Meetings of the Society shall be held at the written request of fifteen or more members whose subscriptions are fully paid-up. \_\_\_\_\_ members personally present shall constitute a quorum for a Meeting of the Society.

The Committee shall give at least 7 days' notice to members of all Meetings of the Society.

## 6 OFFICERS

Nominations for the election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. The elections of Officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members. Nominees for election as Officers or Committee members shall declare at the Annual General Meeting at which their election is to be considered any financial or professional interest known or likely to be of concern to the Society.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of:-

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Honorary Secretary  
Honorary Treasurer

all of whom shall relinquish their office every year and shall be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. A President and Vice-Presidents may also be elected at a General Meeting of the Society, for periods to be decided at such a meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill casual vacancies occurring among the Officers of the Society.

## 7 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management and administration of the Society. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers and not less than \_\_\_\_\_ and not more than \_\_\_\_\_ other members. The Committee shall have power to co-opt further members (who shall attend in an advisory and non-voting capacity.) The Officers and members of the Committee shall normally be resident or work in the area of benefit but the Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members from outside the area of benefit. The President and Vice-Presidents may attend any meeting of the Executive Committee but shall not vote at any such meeting. In the event of an equality in the votes cast, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. They must be supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies, a ballot shall take place in such manner as shall be determined. Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Society, and outgoing members may be re-elected. The Executive Committee shall meet not less than six times a year at intervals of not more than two months and the Honorary Secretary shall give all members not less than seven days' notice of each meeting. The quorum shall, as near as may be, comprise one third of the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill up to three casual vacancies occurring among the members of the Executive Committee between General Meetings.

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## (k) 8 SUB-COMMITTEES

The Executive Committee may constitute such sub-committees from time to time as shall be considered necessary for such purposes as shall be thought fit. The Chairman and Secretary of each sub-committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and all actions and proceedings of each sub-committee shall be reported to and be confirmed by the Executive Committee as soon as possible. Members of the Executive Committee may be members of any sub-committee and membership of a sub-committee shall be no bar to appointment to membership of the Executive Committee. Sub-Committees shall be subordinate to and may be regulated or dissolved by the Executive Committee.

**9 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

It shall be the duty of every Officer or member of the Executive Committee or Sub-Committee who is in any way directly or indirectly interested financially or professionally in any item discussed at any Committee meeting at which he or she is present to declare such interest and he/she shall not discuss such item (except by invitation of the Chairman) or vote thereon.

**10 EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS**

The Executive Committee shall, out of the funds of the Society, pay all proper expenses of administration and management of the Society. After the payment of the administration and management expenses and the setting aside to reserve of such sums as may be deemed expedient, the remaining funds of the Society shall be applied by the Executive Committee in furtherance of the purposes of the Society.

**11 INVESTMENT**

All monies at any time belonging to the Society and not required for immediate application for its purposes shall be invested by the Executive Committee in or upon such investments, securities or property as it may think fit, subject nevertheless to such authority, approval or consent by the Charity Commissioners as may for the time being be required by law or by the special trusts affecting any property in the hands of the Executive Committee.

*(l)* **12 TRUSTEES**

Any freehold and leasehold property acquired by the Society shall, and if the Executive Committee so directs any other property belonging to the Society may, be vested in trustees who shall deal with such property as the Executive Committee may from time to time direct. Any trustees shall be at least three in number or a trust corporation. The Power of appointment of new trustees shall be vested in the Executive Committee. A trustee need not be a member of the Society but no person whose membership lapses by virtue of clause 4 hereof shall thereafter be qualified to act as a trustee unless and until re-appointed as such by the Executive Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall from time to time notify the trustees in writing of any amendment hereto and the trustees shall not be bound by any such amendments in their duties as trustees unless such notice has been given. The Society shall be bound to indemnify the trustees in their duties (including the proper charge of a trustee being a trust corporation) and liability under such indemnity shall be a proper administrative expense.

**13 AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of members present at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society, provided that 28 days' notice of the proposed amendment has been given to all members, and provided that nothing herein contained shall authorise any amendment the effect of which would be to cause the Society at any time to cease to be a charity in law.

**14 NOTICES**

Any notice required to be given by these Rules shall be deemed to be duly given if left at or sent by prepaid post addressed to the address of that member last notified to the Secretary.

**15 WINDING UP**

The Society may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority of members voting at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Society confirmed by a simple majority of members voting at a further Special General Meeting held not less than 14 days after the previous Meeting. If a motion for the dissolution of the Society is to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting this motion shall be referred to specifically when notice of the Meeting is given. In the event of the dissolution of the Society the available funds of the Society shall be transferred to such one or more charitable institutions having objects similar or reasonably similar to those herein before declared as shall be chosen by the Executive Committee and approved by the Meeting of the Society at which the decision to dissolve the Society is confirmed. On dissolution the minute books and other records of the Society shall be deposited with the Civic Trust.

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## Notes on Model Constitution

- (a) **Name** The most common practice is simply to add the word 'society' to the name of the area in which the society will be operating (e.g. Greenwich Society, Peterborough Society, Totnes and District Society). This has much to commend it, as qualifying terms such as 'civic' and 'amenity' may have overtones which can be considered restrictive. The use of the words 'Preservation', 'Protection' or 'Conservation' is not generally recommended. Though perfectly proper as aims of a society, they do not indicate the full range of work for which it is constituted, and may tend to alienate possible support by suggesting that the society is concerned only with "keeping things as they are". The words 'Action Group' are also not recommended because they imply an ad hoc group concerned with one particularly urgent issue. 'Community Association' may cause confusion with bodies encouraged by the National Council of Social Service intended to provide primarily social and recreational facilities. 'Residents' Association' implies that the society's main concern is with the welfare of residents rather than the general public interest of the area. 'Conservation Society' coupled with the name of the area may cause confusion with a branch of the national Conservation Society.
- (b) **Objects** It is essential not to tamper in any way with the detailed list of objects, which has been drawn up in association with the Charity Commission with the aim of ensuring that societies can register as charities with a minimum of formality. It will be found that the list of objects and powers is sufficient for the needs of any local amenity society, however wide its interests.
- (c) **Area of benefit** It is important not to encroach on the area of any existing local amenity society and joint consultations should take place if necessary. The Civic Trust will be pleased to tell new societies the names and addresses of Hon Secretaries of existing societies in adjacent areas. In rural areas it may be helpful for a society formed in a small town to include in its area of benefit nearby villages whose economies are linked with those of the town. The formula used in the Constitution to describe the area of benefit should be reasonably precise (e.g. in the case of a single large town whose boundaries coincide with those of a District Council, 'the District/Borough/City of Bluechester'; in the case of a sizeable district within a very large town, 'the wards of Oakbury, Elmbury and Alderbury in the District/Borough/City of Bluechester'; in the case of a smaller town without its own parish council, 'the wards of Eastwood, Westwood, Southwood and Northwood, together comprising the town of Loambury in the Bluechester District'; in the case of towns and villages which constitute civil parishes, 'the civil parishes of Market Northwell and Churchford').
- (d) **Trading activities** The organisation of occasional money-raising events, the issue of occasional publications which show a profit, or the sale at a profit in a facility such as a museum owned and/or operated by a society of publications conducive to its objectives does not constitute a 'permanent trading activity'. However should a society wish to undertake permanent trading activities in order to raise funds for its work, it can do so by forming a private limited company whose directors are appointed by its Executive Committee and whose articles of association provide that all profits shall accrue to the society. The initial capital should be separately subscribed, not drawn from the society's own resources.
- (e) **Purchase of property** Where buildings are concerned, purchase will often be for purposes of *restoration* and perhaps conversion to some appropriate new use, a principal underlying intention being the *preservation* of the building(s). It should be noted in these circumstances that if a society is registered as a charity it must take such steps as will ensure as far as possible that a building is preserved. This is because though 'preservation' has been recognised as a charitable object at law, 'restoration', as such, has not. After all if a society which had restored a building then disposed of it outright to another owner, there could be no guarantee that it would be preserved, i.e. maintained unaltered for a considerable period into the future. There are effectively five alternative ways in which a society can provide for the preservation of such a building:
- (1) By retaining ownership and occupying the whole of the premises itself.
  - (2) By letting on a lease which contains covenants by the lessee that the building will be preserved.
  - (3) If it sells the building, by an arrangement whereby the National Trust (or the National Trust for Scotland) receives a covenant enabling them to control the future planning or development or use of the property. Such an arrangement is likely only in the case of a building of exceptional architectural or historic importance.
  - (4) If it sells the building, by the retention of a small piece of land for the benefit of which restrictive covenants would be taken ensuring the preservation of the building(s) on the part of the land which is sold.

- (5) If it sells the building, by requiring the purchaser to sign a covenant containing any conditions necessary to safeguard the character, appearance and use of the building and including an obligation to offer the building, on resale, in the first instance to the society at its prevailing market value. Even though the society might not wish to buy the building back, it could take the opportunity of imposing a new covenant in similar terms on the next purchaser.
- (f) **Members who join within three months of subscription renewal dates** Members who wish to join the society in the three months immediately preceding the date of annual subscription renewals may be discouraged from joining if they have to pay twice within three months. The Constitution therefore provides that their first subscription will cover both the remainder of the 'old' subscription year and the whole of the 'new' one.
- (g) **Subscription groups** The Constitution provides for four main groups - life members (who compound their annual subscriptions); full members (members over 18 who pay an annual subscription); junior members (those under 18); and corporate members. In addition it is envisaged that there shall be concessionary rates for husbands and wives, for example that where the annual subscription is £1.50, the annual subscription for a husband and wife shall be (say) £2.50 rather than £3. Societies may also wish to provide a concessionary rate for old age pensioners.
- The Trust does *not* recommend provision for 'family' membership. There are two reasons for this. First, there is often no guarantee that *all* the members of a family who are said to be members of a society actually wish to support it. Second, it leads to considerable difficulty in calculating the numerical strength of a society. Apart from the statistical inconvenience this may cause, it may be a handicap at public inquiries, when very often societies are asked to state (as an indication of their standing) the number of members they have, and may be cross-examined about the accuracy of the figures.
- (h) **Subscription rates** It is important to ensure that the society is as representative as possible of all shades in the social spectrum, and that the size of its membership fully reflects public interest in the local environment. The more members a society has, the more it will be able to achieve and the more it will be able to influence the course of events. In particular, a society with 400 members is likely to cut far more ice with local authorities and at public inquiries than one with only 40. It is therefore important to maintain subscription rates at as low a level as possible. The basic annual rate should probably not be more than £1.50. The larger and more active societies are often able to pitch rates lower than this.
- (j) **Executive Committee - frequency of meetings** If the society is to be an effective force, then the Executive Committee will probably need to meet at least six times a year. However in some larger societies most of the work will be delegated to one or more sub-committees, and in such cases the Executive Committee may serve mainly as a review body, meeting perhaps only once a quarter.
- (k) **Sub-Committees - frequency of meetings** One of the most important functions of a local amenity society is to inspect the local register(s) of planning applications at periodical intervals and offer comments to the local planning authority. The applications will be considered by a planning committee of the authority, and the society's comments must be submitted in time for each meeting of that committee. This means that it is desirable for the meetings of the appropriate society committee (whether the main Executive or a sub-committee) to be geared to those of the council committee concerned. For example, if the council committee meets 8 times a year, then the appropriate society committee will also need to meet 8 times a year - about 10 days before the council committee, so that there is time for the Hon Secretary to notify the Council's Planning Officer of any comments on planning applications.
- (l) **Trustees** Should the society ever acquire any freehold or leasehold property (e.g. an old house for restoration), it will have to vest it in Trustees, and clause 12 therefore provides for their appointment. Even though no immediate application of these powers may be envisaged, the clause should be retained as it will be available in readiness and there will be no need to call a Special General Meeting to approve the insertion of such a clause at a later date.
- (m) **Disposal of minute-books etc in event of dissolution** It is very seldom that local amenity societies have to be dissolved. However sometimes when they have been, a new society with similar objectives has been formed within four or five years. The new society may find it helpful to draw on the experience of its predecessor, and for this reason the Constitution provides that the minute-books and other records of a dissolved society should be deposited with the Civic Trust. The Trust is not a permanent archive repository, however, and should no new society be formed, the documents would be deposited by it after an appropriate interval in the appropriate local or county record office.

## CIVIC TRUST

Founded in 1957, the Trust is a recognised charity supported by voluntary contributions. It encourages the protection and improvement of the environment. By means of conferences, practical projects, films and reports it focuses attention on major issues in planning and architecture. It publishes a bi-monthly magazine and maintains a library and photographic collection. It makes Awards for good development of all kinds. Among some particular concerns have been the initiation of co-operative street improvement schemes; the promotion of new techniques for transplanting semi-mature trees; industrial dereliction and urban wasteland; the problems of damage and disruption caused by heavy lorries. The Trust encourages the formation of local amenity societies and gives advice and support to over 1,000 such societies now on its register. Its proposals led to the creation of the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. It was closely associated with the drafting of the Civic Amenities Act 1967, which created the concept of the Conservation Area, and of the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974. At the request of the Government, it provided the United Kingdom Secretariat for European Architectural Heritage Year 1975. It administers the Architectural Heritage Fund, which provides loan capital to local buildings preservation trusts, and on behalf of the Department of the Environment, the work of the Heritage Education Group. Associate Trusts are linked with it in the North West, the North East, Scotland and Wales.

Some publications of value to Local Amenity Societies – available from the address below.

*Heritage Outlook*, published six times a year, is designed to keep local amenity societies and interested individuals in touch with current developments in planning and conservation. One copy is sent free to registered local amenity societies. Individual subscriptions are available at £4.50 per year.

*Environmental Directory*, essential for every amenity society, this popular reference book brings you the names, addresses, functions and services offered by 284 organisations concerned with amenity and the environment, including government departments and agencies, voluntary bodies, professional institutions and trade associations. (£2.00 post paid).

*The Local Amenity Movement*, a comprehensive picture of local amenity societies, their relationship with local authorities, their views on conservation, and their place in the community. Based on a survey by Anthony Barker, Reader in Government at the University of Essex. (£1.10 post paid).

*Pride of Place*, lavishly illustrated with photographs and sketches, this practical manual offers advice on a wide range of topics, including restoration; area improvement; colour in exterior decoration; landscaping; play-grounds; outdoor advertising; and street furniture. Useful appendices list books and organisations likely to be helpful. (£2.40 post paid).

*Understanding Our Surroundings*, the first manual of urban interpretation, giving step-by-step guidance from the initial stocktaking of an area to the final implementation of a scheme. Detailed advice on 17 different media, including trails and heritage centres. (£4.60 post paid).

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**APPLICATION FOR REGISTERING A LOCAL AMENITY SOCIETY WITH THE CIVIC TRUST**

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- 1 Name of Society in full: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The area of benefit of the society is the following local authority areas:  
(If the area of benefit is *part* of a District (or London Borough) Council(s) area, please specify the Civil Parish(es) or Ward(s) for *each* District Council)
- County Council: \_\_\_\_\_ (all of\*/part of\*)  
District Council: \_\_\_\_\_ (all of\*/part of\*)  
Parish/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_
- District Council: \_\_\_\_\_ (all of\*/part of\*)  
Parish/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_
- County Council: \_\_\_\_\_ (all of\*/part of\*)  
District Council: \_\_\_\_\_ (all of\*/part of\*)  
Parish/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_
- District Council: \_\_\_\_\_ (all of\*/part of\*)  
Parish/Ward: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Date of formation: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Date of formal adoption by the society of current Constitution: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Chairman's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Full address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Secretary's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Full address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Minimum subscription: Ordinary: Life: Junior:  
Corporate: O.A.P.:
- 8 Number of subscribing members:  
TOTAL: Ordinary: Life: Junior:  
Corporate: O.A.P.:
- 9 Is the society also a: Registered Charity? YES/NO  
Trust? YES/NO  
Limited Company? YES/NO  
Housing Society? YES/NO
- 10 Is the society affiliated to any other organisations? (please give details):

\*Delete where not applicable.

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This application should be returned to the Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AW (Tel: 01-930 0914). It should be accompanied by a copy of the constitution as formally adopted by the society. In cases where the Civic Trust model constitution has been followed it will have to have been duplicated for distribution to members. Please attach one of these copies. A copy of the Civic Trust model with typed or manuscript insertions is *not* acceptable.

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Jan 1983

Mr. G.W.P. Stubbs,  
Rye Croft,  
28, Warren Road,  
Blue Bell Hill,  
CHATHAM.

Dear Mr. Stibbs,

My Society may not have paid the subscription to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies. Please advise us of the subscription fee. Do we need to complete a membership form? If so please send one, as my letter to your secretary during 1982 may have gone astray, as no reply was received.

Yours faithfully,

I.D. Taylor,  
Secretary.

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

MR & MRS I. D. TAYLOR,  
3 WHITELOCKS CLOSE,  
KINGSTON, CANTERBURY,  
KENT, CT4 6JG.

Dear

There will be a meeting of the Committee of the Nailbourne Protection Society on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd, at 8.00p.m. at The Paddock, Bishopsbourne.

Your presence is requested.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes
4. Matters arising
5. Treasure's Report
6. The Railway Line-Situation and Future
7. Awards for Conservation. Too ambitious?
8. Future of Society- Positive projects or should we remain quiet?
9. Any other business.

Ian Taylor

Secretary.

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

POSSIBLE PROJECT

- COLLECTION OF RURAL ARTIFACTS.

OBJECT To collect farm machinery, tools and equipment, country items of interest from Elham Valley area particularly, for storage, preservation or restoration and possible exhibition in Society's own museum.

PREMISES Most vital and difficult. Large old barn, redundant church, or closed school if available at nominal rent. (Any hangers at Bekesbourne old airport?) Possibility of using Bourne Tunnel as storage if not actual Museum. Problems of security, lighting etc., construction of gates at each end.  
IN OR CLOSE TO THE ELHAM VALLEY !

RESTORATION  
WORK

A possible source of labour at no cost is under consideration. Work would involve degreasing metal parts, derusting with dissolver, and painting. Wood to be treated with Rentokil type solutions. Basic welding could be done to farm machinery but not expected to bring exhibits to working order.

MUSEUM Initially a private collection for viewing by arrangement but later..... ?

COSTS Rent - would have to be nominal.

Rates - hopefully none.

Exhibits - should be donated.

Restoration work - Expected no cost, except for transportation of items to place of work.

Materials - Paint etc. should not be unduly expensive.

Maintenance of premises - A major consideration but difficult to estimate.

Heat and Lighting. - Heating not required (except to 'air')  
Lighting hopefully not too expensive.

Access - ?

SECURITY - Needs careful consideration especially for smaller moveable and valuable items.

CATALOGUE - Each item to be numbered and recorded with all information known.

LIAISON - Valuable items or perishables items (eg. old clocks or clothing) might be loaned to Kent Society for Protection of Rural England Museum at Maidstone or Wye College Museum.

LIBRARY - of Books, old photographs, documents etc., care needed in keeping dry. etc.

Taylor

THE NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

RULES  
OF THE SOCIETY.

Furley Page Fielding & Pembroke,  
Solicitors,  
39 St. Margaret's Street,  
Canterbury, Kent.



THE NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

1. The name of the Society is "The Nailbourne Protection Society".

2. The objects of the Society are

(1) To promote the permanent preservation of all that is of merit in the rural environment of East Kent and especially of The Nailbourne Valley and for the attainment of the foregoing to consider and if thought fit, to promote, assist or oppose proposals for the use or development of land in the said area. ”

(2) To resist and to help others to resist by legal proceedings (or by contributing towards the costs of legal proceedings) or otherwise howsoever, any threat to the peace and tranquility and the rural character of The Nailbourne Valley and the surrounding countryside and neighbourhood and in particular to prevent the holding of any large assemblies of persons which may be thought likely to create a nuisance or disturbance to the peace or character of the said neighbourhood or to cause damage to property in the locality.

3. Membership shall be open to all who support the objects of the Society. Membership shall lapse if the subscription is unpaid six months after it is due.

4. (1) The entrance subscription for ordinary members shall be a minimum of 50p. or such other sum as may from time to time be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

(2) Members who have contributed the sum of £5. or more to the Fighting Fund shall be entitled to life membership without further payment.

(3) Subscriptions are payable on joining the Society and thereafter annually on 1st December in each year.

(4) All membership subscriptions may be applied for the general purposes of the Society.

5. The Society shall have power to make appeals, solicit donations and canvass and receive monies for the carrying out of the objects of the Society and in particular shall have power to raise money for litigation purposes in connection therewith.

6. The management of the Society shall be entrusted to a Committee consisting of the officers of the Society, that is to say, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and 17 other members. The first members of the Committee who shall hold office until the conclusion of the first Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be as follows:

Chairman	Walter Whigham	
Honorary Secretary	S.J. Rumary	
Honorary Treasurer	G.G. Elliott	
Other members	Shirley	) Bridge Parish Council
	B. Whigham	) Bishopsbourne Parish Council
	G. Cobbett	)
	C.W. Fagg	) Kingston Parish Council
	J. French	)
	Clough	) Barham Parish Council
	Mrs Crux	)
	N. Fowler	) Assistant Treasurers
	Mrs G. Arter	)
	G.D. Baker	)

L. Goddard  
Dr. H. Blazeby  
Dr. B. Christie  
J. Purchase  
Prof. R.T. Anstey  
Mrs P. Kirk

7. Nominations for the election of officers shall be made at or before the Annual General Meeting. Such nominations shall be in writing supported by a seconder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. The election of officers shall be completed prior to the election of further Committee members. All officers and other Committee members shall take office at the end of the meeting at which they are elected and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. A retiring member shall be eligible for re-election.
8. The Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies among the officers and Committee. An officer or Committee member so appointed shall hold office until the conclusion of the next following Annual General Meeting but shall then be eligible for re-election.
9. The Committee shall establish a sub-committee to be called "The Fighting Fund Sub-Committee" which shall consist of not less than eight of whom four shall be members of the Committee appointed by the Committee for that purpose and the first such members shall be:

G.G. Elliott  
N. Fowler  
Mrs G. Arter  
G.D. Baker

together with four members to be co-opted by the

Fighting Fund Sub-Committee (hereinafter called "the Fund Sub-Committee"). The Fund Sub-Committee shall elect from its own members its Chairman. At all meetings of the Fund Sub-Committee three shall form a quorum. The Fund Sub-Committee shall periodically report its proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct its business in accordance with the directions of the Committee.

10. The Fund Sub-Committee shall be responsible for all aspects of fund raising including the terms upon which monies are raised and retained by the Society and the application of moneys received for the purposes (being objects of the Society) for which the same have been raised and shall be empowered on behalf of the Society to borrow for such purposes all such monies, at such rates of interest, and in such manner as the Fund Committee may think fit.

11. All monies received by the Society and not required for immediate application for its objects may be placed with some Building Society approved by the Fund Sub-Committee upon such terms as the Fund Sub-Committee shall authorise.

12. The Honorary Treasurer shall keep accounts of all monies received and expended on account of the Society and shall present such accounts at the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

13. The Society's bankers shall be Barclays Bank Ltd., Rose Lane, Canterbury, or such other bankers as the Committee may from time to time determine. All subscriptions, Fighting Fund and other monies received

by or on behalf of the Society shall be paid by the members of the Fund Sub-Committee direct into the Society's account at the said Bank. All cheques drawn on the said account shall be signed by the Honorary Treasurer and any one other of the members of the Fund Sub-Committee being members appointed by the Committee.

14. The financial year of the Society shall end on the 30th November in each year (or on such other date as the Committee may from time to time determine) and a balance sheet shall be drawn up as at such date in each year together with a statement of accounts in respect of the preceding financial year and a report of the Committee thereon.

15. The balance sheet and accounts shall as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year be audited by some chartered accountant appointed by the Committee Provided that if at any time the Fighting Fund shall have been wound up the duties of auditor may be carried out by two members of the Society, not being members of the Committee or of the Fund Sub-Committee, elected at the Annual General Meeting to serve as auditors for the ensuing year and any vacancy occurring in the office of auditor during the year shall be filled by the Committee

16. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held within three months of the end of the financial year of the Society. Provided that the first Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 1st May 1973.

17. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a time and place fixed by the Committee in accordance with the foregoing rules and for the following purposes:

- (a) to receive the audited accounts, balance sheets and reports of the Committee
- (b) to elect the officers and Committee for the ensuing year
- (c) to elect two auditors under the proviso to rule 15.
- (d) to transact any other business previously communicated to the Honorary Secretary and included in the Notice of Meeting.

18. The Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time and shall be bound to do so within twenty-one days on the requisition of one fifth of the members of the Society for the time being or twenty members whichever is the less. Such requisition must state the purpose for which such meeting is required.

19. The Honorary Secretary shall at least fourteen days before any General Meeting send to every member at his address as recorded in the Society's books a notice of the meeting stating the time when and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.

20. The business at a General Meeting shall be limited to that provided by these rules and those further matters set out in the notice convening the meeting. The quorum at any General Meeting shall except where otherwise specified in these rules be twenty or one-fifth of the members of the Society whichever is the less.

21. At all meetings of the Society each member shall have one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

22. The Chairman of the Society shall preside at all meetings of the Society but if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the meeting or has signified his inability to be present at the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be the Chairman of the meeting.

23. The Committee may expel any member of the Society whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render him unfit for membership of the Society. Before any such member is expelled the Honorary Secretary shall give him seven days' written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform him of the complaints made against him. No member shall be expelled without first having an opportunity of appearing before the Committee and answering complaints made against him nor unless at least two-thirds of the Committee then present vote in favour of his expulsion.

24. The Society shall have power to alter or amend these rules by a resolution passed by not less than three-quarters of those present and voting at a General Meeting the notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed amendment. Provided that in the case of any proposed alteration or amendment to rules 2, 26 or this rule no resolution to that effect shall be deemed to have been passed unless at an Extraordinary General Meeting held not less than six

weeks thereafter (of which not less than four weeks notice shall have been given to each member) and at which not less than one-half of the members shall be present that resolution shall be confirmed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

25. The Committee may from time to time make vary and revoke regulations not inconsistent with these rules for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Society. All regulations made under this rule shall, until revoked by the Committee, be binding on members.

26. If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Society shall be passed by a majority of the members present and at an Extraordinary General Meeting held not less than six weeks thereafter (of which not less than four weeks written notice shall have been given to each member) and at which not less than one-half of the members shall be present that resolution shall be confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting thereon, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such future date as shall be specified in such resolution, proceed to realise the property, cash and other assets of the Society and after

(a) the discharge of all liabilities of whatsoever nature including contingent liabilities and

(b) the return to the contributories entitled thereto of any sums due to them in accordance with the rules of the Fighting Fund shall pay the net sum to the Committee for the Protection



of Rural Kent for its general purposes or to such other voluntary organisation having in the opinion of the Committee objects consistent with those of this Society as the Committee may in its absolute discretion resolve and upon the completion of such payment the Society shall be dissolved.

Minutes of A.G.M. of Nailbourne Protection Society held at  
Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne on Thursday 12th. June, 1980.

Present : Col. Elliott (Treas.) Mr. Taylor (Sec.)  
 Messrs. Fagg, Purchase, Baker, Mitchell & Fowler.  
 Mesdames. Kirk & Elliott.  
 and about 15 other members.

Apologies : from some 20 members including -Mrs. A. Young, G. Cobbett.  
 Dr. Blazeby, Mrs. Charter, Mr. Sholte, Mr. Hamilton,  
 Prof. Warren, Mr. Lawrence, Mrs. Mount, Mr. Couzins,  
 Mr. Sheather, Mr. Forwood. Mr. F. McI. Heywood.

Chairman In Mr. Cobbett's absence it was agreed unanimously  
 that Mr. C. Fagg should Chair the Meeting.

Item 1 Minutes of last A.G.M.  
 Minutes of the A.G.M. of 16th. March 1976 were read  
 and approved.

Item 11 Matters Arising.  
 Since the A.G.M. of March 1976 the Society had  
 reactivated recently to oppose the threat to the  
 Old Elham Valley Railway Line.

Item 111 Treasurer's Report.  
 The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £726.61p.  
 as at 31st. Dec. 1979. However printing and postage  
 charges were high and more donations and subscriptions  
 needed to be attracted.  
 Several small donations had been made by the Society  
 to other Amenity Societies in the area, whose interests  
 had been threatened by planning and other proposals  
 and developments.  
 The accounts had been audited by MF. Pope Esq.,  
 The accounts were unanimously accepted on the proposal  
 of Mr. Taylor, sec. Mr. Mitchell.  
 A vote of appreciation was recorded to Col. Elliott.

## Item IV

Secretary's Report.

At the A. G. M. held on March 18th. 1976 it was decided to suspend normal activities of the Society until special need arose. Since then the Society has made representations to the Canterbury City Council regarding the state of disrepair and neglect of Bourne Park House, a listed building at Bishopsbourne. The Society also expressed concern to the City Council regarding the (then proposed) Caravan Parking Site adjacent to the A2 at Barham.

On April 3rd. 1980 the Committee met and decided to reactivate to oppose the proposal by Campion Controlled Tips to use the disused railway line through Kingston and Bishopsbourne, as a rubbish dump. At the Committee's request Mr. John Purchase agreed to present the Society's objections at the Public Inquiry at the Westgate Hall, Canterbury on June 24, 25 & 26th., 1980 at 10.00am. Also at that meeting the Committee invited Mr. Ian Taylor to the appointment of Hon. Secretary to the Society.

Whilst the Society has been less active in recent years, there are still some two hundred members and it is hoped that at the A. G. M. the Committee will receive a good indication of support, and of future hopes or expectations.

Membership was now about 250, but due to people moving from the area without our knowledge, it was difficult to be precise.

Mr. Mitchell offered the use of a copy of the Electoral Roll for the whole area. This was accepted gratefully. It was reported that Bourne House was now being well maintained.

The Secretary emphasised the role of the Society as an independent pressure group to preserve and enhance the attractive Nailbourne Valley.

## Item V

Appointment of Officers.

Chairman : Mrs. P. Kirk was unanimously elected Lady Chairman on the proposal of Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Treasurer: Col. Elliott was unanimously elected Treasurer on the proposal of Mr. Purchase, sec. Mr. Taylor.

Secretary : Mr. Taylor was unanimously elected Secretary on the proposal of Mr. Fagg, sec. Mr. Baker.

Assist. Treas: Mrs. R. Elliott was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer, on the proposal of Mr. Baker, sec. by Mr. Fagg.

V cont. Committee : The Following were unanimously elected to the Committee -

Mesdames G.Arter,	Messrs. G.Baker, J.Purchase,
M.A.Young	E.Clough, L.Shirley
R.Elliott.	C.Fagg, M.Forwood,
	N.Fowler, K.Cornish.
	L.Goddard.

on the proposal of Mr.Mitchell, sec. Col.Elliott. Mr.Cobbett had resigned, as had Mrs.Crux.

A vote of appreciation was passed for Mr. Cobbett's work, and the Secretary would write to him to that effect.

Item VI The Railway Line.

Mr, John Purchase will represent the Society at the Public Inquiry. Mr. Purchase addressed the meeting to state :

- 1) that the Society had won every campaign it had fought, starting with opposition to the Pop Festival.
- 2) the Society had been the first body ever to stop a Pop Festival.
- 3) that the Society had no possible doubt as to the justice of its cause re the Railway, and that it would be deplorable and a disgrace if Campion's gained approval to despoil the line.
- 4) that as many people as possible should attend the Inquiry even if only for a short period AND SIGN THE ATTENDANCE RECORD.
- 5) the Society would urge the use of alternative less attractive tipping sites.
- 6) that local people would suffer extreme nuisance, harm and danger if heavy lorries pounded through our Village lanes.
- 7) that the proposed tipping might well pollute water supplies.
- 8) that to date the old Railway line had returned to agricultural use where level, and otherwise had been left as embankment or cutting. Campion's proposal would not be allowed to set a precedent for other commercial or industrial uses.
- 9) that the Nailbourne Protection Society would make the strongest representations in opposing Campion's appeal.

VI cont.

A number of questions and considerable discussion followed regarding this threat to the Nailbourne Valley, and it was noted that there were proposals that the old Railway Line become a Public Amenity, and the public continue to be allowed to walk the Kingston/Bishopsbourne stretch of the line.

To bring the line into Public Ownership might well require funds in addition to any financial contribution from the Canterbury City Council or Kent County Council. It was thought *the time* for infilling of the cutting would be 8 - 10 years, but very difficult to estimate.

Item 10

Any Other Business

a) Support : Mr. Fowler commented on the small number attending the A.G.M. and hoped everything would be done to attract new members and support.

The Nailbourne Protection Society might arrange a stand at local Fetes etc.

Whatever the result of the Railway Line Local Inquiry a membership drive should be undertaken when the Department of the Environment announced its decision. Press and T.V. coverage should be sought when the Rail decision was announced. The Committee would consider these matters later.

b) Society "Awards" : Mr. Taylor raised the question of whether the Society, in addition to defending and protecting the Nailbourne Valley, should also institute some sort of recognition of positive work, restoration or preservation as a general encouragement throughout the Nailbourne Valley.

The matter was put back for further consideration by the committee.

c) Village Representative : It was hoped that Village representatives would encourage local interest, bring to the Committee Meetings matters of concern, and perhaps assist in membership matters.

Item 11

Next Meeting

It was agreed that a Committee Meeting be arranged by Sec. Treas., & Chairman for early October 1980.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1979

	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Building Society Interest	50.65	36
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Donations	7.00	52
Printing, Postage & Sundries	<u>15.02</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>22.02</u>	<u>67</u>
<u>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>		
(1978 Deficit)	28.63	(31)
<u>BALANCE AT 31ST DECEMBER 1978</u>		
brought forward	697.98	729
<u>BALANCE carried to Balance Sheet</u>	<u>£ 726.61</u>	<u>£ 698</u>

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 1979

<u>FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY</u>		
Income & Expenditure Account (as above)	£ <u>726.61</u>	£ <u>698</u>

Represented by:

CURRENT ASSETS

Huddersfield & Bradford Permanent Building Society Account	717.24	667
Cash at Bank	<u>19.37</u>	<u>36</u>
	736.61	703

Less: CURRENT LIABILITY

Sundry Creditor	10.00	5
	<u>£ 726.61</u>	<u>£ 698</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE  
NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The foregoing Accounts have been prepared from a basis of actual costs (without adjusting those costs for inflation) unless otherwise stated.

Subject to this, the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account give, in my opinion, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st December 1979 and of the surplus for the year ended on that date as disclosed by the records of the Society and information and explanations supplied to me.

20 MARCH 1980  
CANTERBURY

M.F. POPE  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT



# Nailbourne Protection Society

## NOTICE

The 1980 A. G. M. will be held at Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne on THURSDAY 12th. JUNE next at 8.00 p.m.

All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

### AGENDA:

- Item 1. Minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Election of Officers and Committee (max. 20)
5. The Railway Line — Champion's Appeal.
6. Any Other Business.

### Officers:

Chairman:	Vacancy (Mr. Cobbett resigning).
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. Ian Taylor.
Hon. Treasurer:	Col. Geoffrey Elliot.
Committee:	Mesdames G. Arter, J. E. Crux, P. E. Kirk, M. A. Young; Messrs. G. Baker, G. S. Cobbett, E. Clough, C. W. Fagg, N. Fowler, L. W. Goddard, J. Purchese, L. G. Shirley, K. Cornish.

Nominations for election should be submitted to the Hon. Secretary by June 12th. 1980. Will present Committee Members please indicate their willingness to be re-elected.

Ian D. Taylor, *Hon. Secretary*,  
3 WHITELOCKS CLOSE,  
KINGSTON.

*Tel:* Bridge 830039



## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Ian D. Taylor,  
*Hon. Secretary,*  
3 Whitelocks Close,  
Kingston,  
Canterbury.  
Tel: Bridge 830039

May 1980

Ian D. Taylor, Hon. Secretary,  
3 WHITELOCKS CLOSE,  
KINGSTON,  
Tel: Bridge 830039



3 Whitelocks Close  
Kingston  
Canterbury  
Kent

21.5.80

Dear Sir,

This Society is interested in being  
registered as a charity. Can you please  
advise about procedure, conditions etc?

Yours faithfully

R. Ian D. Taylor

Hon. Sec.

Nailbeam Post. Sec.

To: The Secretary  
Charities Commission  
Ryder St  
London S.W.1.



**Charity Commission**  
14 Ryder Street St James's London SW1Y 6AH

Direct line 01-214 6192  
Switchboard 01-214 6000  
GTN-214 6192

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Ian D Taylor Esq  
3 Whitelocks Close  
Kingston  
Canterbury  
Kent

Your reference

Our reference

DC-147967-(1188)-R

Date

9 June 1980

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Dear Sir

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

With reference to your letter of 21 May, I enclose a leaflet RE4 concerning the registration of charities and the requirements which an organisation must have in order to be registered.

For this it must be formally established for exclusively charitable purposes. By formally established I mean that there must be in existence some document such as rules, a constitution or trust deed etc setting out the objects of the organisation and making provisions for its administration.

If such a document exists kindly forward two copies to this office for our consideration. One copy may be required for examination by the Chief Inspector of Taxes (Claims) at Bootle, who is a "person affected" by registration under Section 5(2) of the Charities Act 1960.

If it is found to be satisfactory, an application form for registration of the society will then be sent to you.

If, on the other hand, no such document is in existence, before you go to the expense of preparing a deed kindly provide us with full details of the objects and activities of your Society so that we can consider its charitable status.

Yours faithfully

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# Nailbourne Protection Society

## COMMITTEE MEETING

### NOTICE

There will be a Committee Meeting at THE PADDOCK, BISHOPSBOURNE,  
at 8 pm. on Thursday April 3rd. 1980.

### AGENDA

- ITEM 1. Minutes.  
" 2. Matters Arising.  
" 3. The Accounts.  
" 4. Public Enquiry : Disused Railway Line.  
" 5. Future of the Society : Possible Dissolution.  
" 6. Any other business.

March 1980.

Geoffrey Elliott.



# Nailbourne Protection Society

## COMMITTEE MEETING

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### NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Committee at 8 pm on 20th February 1979 in Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne

### AGENDA

1. Previous Minutes
2. The Accounts
3. Future of the Society
4. Date of A.G.M.
5. Any other business

### NOTES:

At the <sup>4</sup>First Annual General Meeting held in 1976 it was decided to suspend normal meetings, and to leave the restricted affairs of the Society in the care of the Finance Sub-Committee. This mandate has now expired, and the Committee must meet to decide on future policy.

Dissolution is one alternative. This can only be resolved by an Extraordinary General Meeting, and the due notice to all surviving Life Members who can be traced. If dissolution should be agreed in principle, any monies after dissolution could either be divided equally among the surviving Life Members (not a measure to be recommended in view of its complexity, and the comparatively small individual sums resulting) or given to the ~~Committee~~ <sup>Committee for the Preservation of Rural England</sup> for the Preservation of Rural England and/or other deserving causes. There should be about £600 for disposal.

If you cannot attend this meeting, please inform me - and your views would be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

GEOFFREY ELLIOTT

Hon. Secretary



# Nailbourne Protection Society

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report to the Committee for 1977

To all Committee Members

Dear

The Society remained in suspended animation in accordance with the policy approved at the A.G.M. held in 1976.

There was one major threat to our interests in June 1977. Champions Tips Limited applied for planning permission to dump rubbish in the disused railway cuttings between Bishopsbourne and Kingston, and to level the embankments.

After consultation with other members of the Finance Sub-Committee, your Secretary wrote to the City of Canterbury at length, protesting against this measure. Other interested parties, e.g. Committee for Preservation of Rural England, Kent Branch, were also alerted and provided with the necessary information for added protests. Eventually the City of Canterbury refused the application. It is not known whether the owner of the line intends to appeal.

The City of Canterbury has also applied for a Tree Preservation Order on the old line, to which the owner, Mr. Frank Wood, has objected. This matter has, therefore, been referred to the Ministry of the Environment for decision. We have sent a representation to the Ministry, supporting the City's recommendation. In November 1976, Kent County Council produced a draft Stour Valley Local Plan, asking for comments. We replied that we supported this measure in principle, but would be more interested if the designated area be extended to include the Little Stour Valley to Barham, or at least Bishopsbourne.

The railway cutting controversy raises an interesting point. If this threat had arisen in, say, 1970, it might have been necessary to mount a campaign to enlist support to resist this application. In recent years, however, conditions have changed for the better. This Society was formed hastily in 1970 to resist a major threat, because it was apparent at that time that the parish councils were too weak or too disinterested, and the rural district council and others, including the police, too unconcerned about protecting the environment and the interests of the local residents and farmers. Today the same parish councils are better represented by members prepared to resist threats to the environment, and the City of Canterbury has also shown genuine concern for countryside conservation. Consequently the "raison d'être" for the Nailbourne Protection Society is not so obvious as formerly.

However the Society even in its present restricted form serves as a useful "watchdog" on conservationist interests, and ready at once to support any local authority or other amenity Society if necessary. The Finance Sub-Committee therefore recommend that the status quo be maintained until at least 1979, when the Committee should meet again to review the situation. Any comments on this matter would be appreciated.

The audited accounts for 1977 are included with this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne  
Bridge 830337



# Nailbourne Protection Society

## FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1976

### NOTICE:

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in the CONRAD HALL, BISHOPBOURNE, at 8 pm. on Tuesday, 16th March, 1976.

### AGENDA:

- Item 1 – Minutes of Third Meeting.
- Item 2 – Hon. Secretary/Treasurer's Report; The Accounts.
- Item 3 – Motion: to modify normal procedures of the Society until further notice (see Appendix A).
- Item 4 – Motion: to amend the Rules to allow for voting by proxy (see Appendix A).
- Item 5 – Election of Officers for 1976 onward.
- Item 6 – Any other Business.

G.G. Elliott, Hon. Sec.  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury.  
Tel: 830337.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1976

### AGENDA

Appendix A.

#### ITEM 3:

MOTION – Due to the financial situation and rising costs, and the comparative lack of interest and/or any environmental threat at this time, it is proposed that the activities of the Society be suspended and/or modified as follows:–

1. Meetings – There will be no Committee or Annual General Meetings until further notice, but any Life or Ordinary Member who requires a copy of the audited accounts may apply to the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Barclays Bank, Rose Lane, Canterbury, by 1st February (for the previous year), enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.
2. Funds – The funds of the Society will remain invested in the Huddersfield and Bradford Building Society, with a cash balance of NOT more than £25 with Barclays Bank. The four members of the Finance Sub-Committee will be responsible for these funds, as laid down in the Rules. The Hon. Treasurer will produce the accounts to 31st December annually for audit. Thereafter the accounts will be presented to the Finance Sub-Committee, circulated to the Committee and entered in the Minutes.
3. Reactivation – Any three Life or Ordinary Members acting together may write to the Hon. Secretary calling for a Committee Meeting to consider their particular request. Thereafter the Committee, with at least five members attending, may reactivate the Society and/or call a General Meeting. Unless reactivated previously, the Committee will meet to review the situation in April 1978.

#### ITEM 4:

MOTION – Voting By Proxy. In future voting at a General Meeting on a motion circulated in the Agenda may be either in person or by proxy. A member unable to attend may write to the Hon. Secretary before the date of the General Meeting appointing either the Chairman or another member by name (who will be present), to record his or her vote on any specified motion or motions.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

1st. February 1976

Dear Member,

The Society was formed in 1970 with the prime object of organising resistance to the proposed pop festivals in Charlton Park. After the successful conclusion of this campaign, it was decided that the Society should continue as an area amenity society available to support any individual, or other amenity society or local authority. This aim has been pursued with some success, within our limitations.

We are now faced with increasing problems — in particular inflation and lack of interest. The increasing costs of postage, printing and stationery are only barely covered by the interest from our capital of about £670 in the Building Society, and few if any ordinary members join or renew their subscriptions. Furthermore, attendance at annual general meetings has been minimal. We should now face these problems rather than drift indefinitely.

These problems were discussed by the Committee on the 18th November, 1975, and the two motions, Items 3 and 4 (in Appendix A) were carried unanimously. The aims behind these two motions are:—

- (a) To reduce procedures and expenditure to a bare minimum, and at the same time
- (b) to remain in being as a 'watch dog' preservation society ready to mobilise at once to meet any unexpected threat to the local environment.

Until Item 4 is carried, there is no provision in the Rules for postal voting. However, Item 3 is an important issue, and if any member wishes to comment or criticise, but cannot attend the A.G.M., written comments will be welcomed and considered.

There are some members who subscribed initially to fight pop festivals but who may not be interested in local conservation matters, or who may have left the area. It would save time, postage and stationery, if members in this category would write to say that they do not wish to receive further notices of general meetings.

ITEM 5:

Election of Officers — According to the Rules, nominations for election must be submitted in writing before the meeting. If Item 3 is carried it follows that these officers may continue in office until 1978

The present serving officers are:

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman: Mr. G.S. Cobbett  
Hon. Secretary:) Col. G.G. Elliott  
Hon. Treasurer:)

FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. G. Arter, Mr. G.D. Baker, Mr. N.G. Fowler, Col. G.G. Elliott.

COMMITTEE (max. 20)

Mrs. G. Arter, Prof. R.T. Anstey, Mr. G.D. Baker, Mr. E.V. Burrows,  
Mr. G.S. Cobbett, Mr. E.J. Clough, Mrs. J.E. Crux, Mr. C.W. Fagg,  
Mr. N.G. Fowler, Mr. L.W. Goddard, Mrs P.E. Kirk, Mr. J. Purchase,  
Mr. L.G.S. Shirley, Mr. G.F. Tyler, Mr. B. Whigham, Mrs. M.A. Young,  
Mr. K. Cornish.

Geoffrey Elliott,  
Hon. Secretary.  
The Paddock, Bishopbourne.  
Canterbury.



# Nailbourne Protection Society

## MOTION A - Suspension

MOTION - Due to the financial situation and rising costs, and the comparative lack of interest and/or any environmental threat at this time, it is proposed that the activities of the Society be suspended until further notice.

FUNDS - The funds of the Society will remain invested in the Halifax Building Society, with a cash balance of NOT more than £25 with Barclays Bank. The four members of the Finance Sub-Committee will be responsible for these funds, as laid down in the Rules. The Hon. Treasurer will produce the accounts to 31st December annually for audit. Thereafter the accounts will be presented to the Finance Sub-Committee and entered in the Minutes. There will be no Committee or Annual General Meetings until further notice, but any Life or Ordinary Member who requires a copy of the audited accounts may apply to the Hon. Treasurer by 1st February (for the previous year), enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope.

REACTIVATION - Any three Life or Ordinary Members acting together may write to the Hon. Secretary calling for a Committee Meeting to consider that particular request. Thereafter the Committee, with at least five Members attending, may reactivate the Society and/or call a General Meeting. Unless reactivated previously the Committee will meet to review the situation in April 1978.





# Nailbourne Protection Society

## MOTION B - Dissolution

MOTION - Due to the financial situation and rising costs, and the comparative lack of interest and/or any environmental threat at this time, it is proposed that the Society be dissolved.

FUNDS - After discharge of any liabilities, the cash balance will be:-

1. Paid to the Committee for Preservation of Rural Kent and to the Kent Historic Buildings Committee and/or the Canterbury Society (in shares to be decided by the Committee);

OR 2. Returned in equal shares to surviving Life Members.

NOTE: There are 297 Life Members and about £640 on account. If alternative 1. is adopted about £625 should be available for distribution to the ~~Conservative Society or societies~~. Alternative 2. involves the employment of accountants to work out the details and to distribute the monies, at some expense. Each member might receive about £1.75 in return.

Kent Voluntary Service Council

General Secretary:  
Lt. Col. A. H. Thrift, M.C.

KENT BRANCH OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND

President:  
F. E. Cleary, M.B.E., F.R.I.C.S.

Chairman:  
Philip H. Toy, F.R.I.C.S.

Hon. Secretary:  
J. D. Lovatt

*Kent Voluntary Service Council*

15 Manor Road,  
Folkestone, Kent.  
CT20 2AH.  
Phone 52333

15th December 1975.

Dear Secretary,

At the Annual General Meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Rural Kent in September it was agreed that the affiliation fee for the new C.P.R.E. (Kent Branch) should be £2.00.

We hope that your Society will wish to become affiliated and will let us have a remittance for this amount.

The high cost of postage prevents the routine issue of acknowledgments, but if you require one, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully,

J. D. LOVATT.

Hon. Secretary.

Hon. Secretary,  
Nailbourne Protection Society,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury,  
Kent.

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CPRE (Kent) ✓*

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26th Nov. '75

Beech Cottage  
Budge  
Canterbury.  
Kent.

Dear Colonel Elliott,

I am most upset to find, after a short bout of ill health followed by a nasty motor accident to my son, that I have missed the A.G.M. of the Nailbourne Protection Soc. last week. I had every intention of being there, but it quite slipped from memory under temporary

stress - Please accept my  
humble apologies.

I hope you were able  
to come to a satisfactory  
arrangement for the  
Society to continue and  
that you have found  
someone to take over  
the burden of running  
it - We all owe you a  
deal of gratitude for  
working so long on our  
behalf.

Yours sincerely,  
Annie Young.

1939 Melvin Road,  
Oakland,  
California,  
7th. November.

Dear Colonel Elliot,

I am sorry that I will not be home in time to attend the meeting on November 18th.

I fully appreciate the problems you outline and the personal position in which you find yourself and see little hope for any sudden improvement in our fortunes.

As we discussed at our last meeting it would be unfortunate if the Society disappeared but it is difficult to suggest ways to reactivate it on its own. I wonder if the solution lies in some form of affiliating with, or incorporation in, some other local "preservation" society. Would the Stour Society, for example, be interested in taking us under their wing? No doubt there would be problems over financial adjustments, "life" memberships etc., but I feel that this might well be a solution that would appeal to our members.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Ken Leonard*

Leol. Elliot, SHIRLEY Little Bridge Place,  
The Puddock, DISSING Mill Lane,  
Berkshams. Bridge.

11th November 1975

Dear Geoffrey,

I thank you for sending the  
notice of the Northham Protection  
Society meeting on the 18th of this month.

Please take my apologies for some.

With regard to the future I  
feel that the Society should be  
wound up and the cash balance  
given to or divided among the  
local rural and naturalist  
protection bodies. I nearly made  
this commit last year, but —

decided to wait a further  
year in case there appeared a  
good reason for continuing.

Your work as Sec. <sup>of</sup> Lumber  
has been much appreciated by  
those who live in this brushy  
valley and your hard work in  
helping to replant various evergreen  
stands in the remaining beauty  
of the countryside.

Yours sincerely

Lumber.

**EWART J. CLOUGH**

FORESTER AND FARMER  
TELEPHONE BARHAM 389

*Dissolve*

COURTLANDS,  
BROOME PARK,  
BARHAM, CANTERBURY

29th October 1975

Dear Col. Elliott,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Nailbourne Protection Society.

In view of your remarks I would be in favour of winding up the society to prevent a lingering death.

I have tried to think of a way to deal with the capital but cannot come to a reasonable solution. It is a pity that it cannot be salted away in case another event like the pop festival should threaten us. Possibly tree planting to enhance the amenity aspect might be a solution.

Yours sincerely.

*E. Clough*



QUINE. NISSURUK (BUT)

THE OLD PALACE,  
BEKESBOURNE, CANTERBURY,  
KENT. CT4 5ES.  
BRIDGE (0227) 830319

28th October, 1975

Col. G. G. Elliott, DSO. MA.,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
near Canterbury,  
CT4 5HT

Dear Col. Elliott,

Nailbourne Protection Society

I am replying to your notice about the Committee Meeting to be held on 18th November as unfortunately I shall be unable to attend.

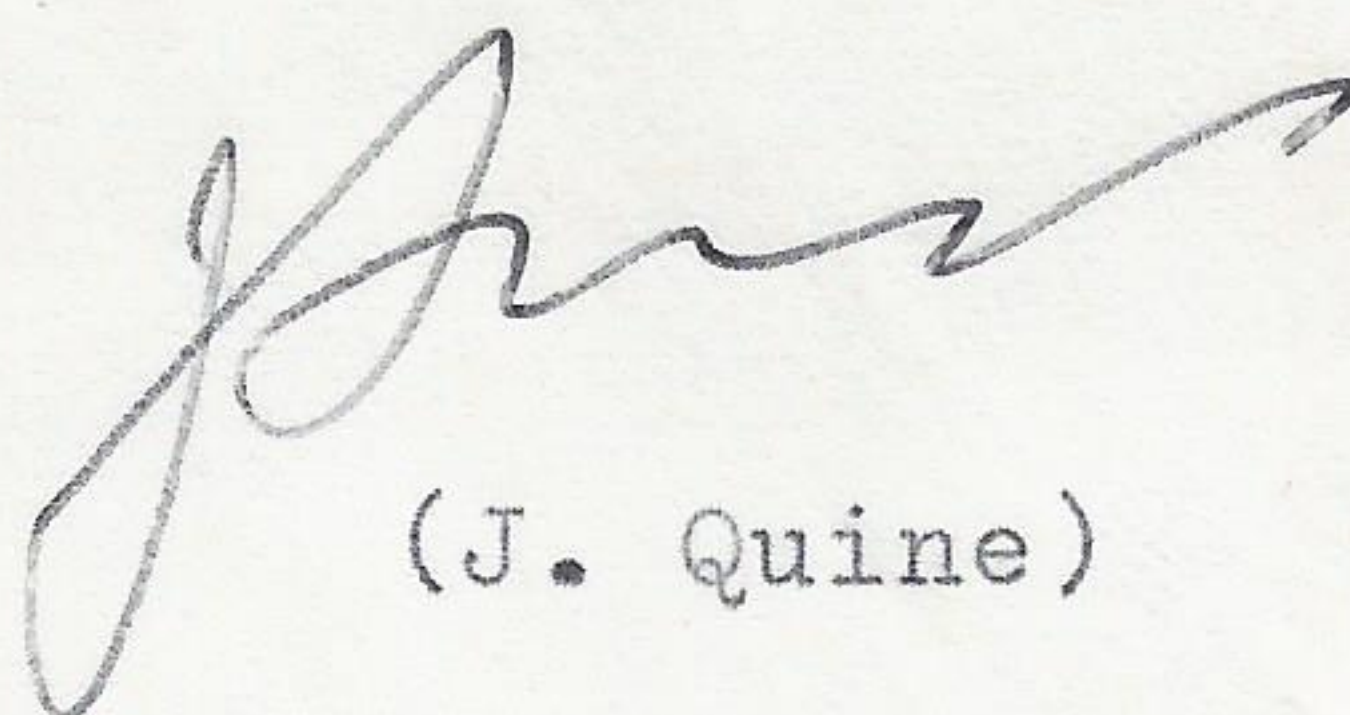
I have only attended one meeting - the last one - as I was abroad when the Society was originally set up.

It seems a pity that, after all the trouble in establishing the Society, it should now be stagnating but as it has served its original purpose so well perhaps this is understandable.

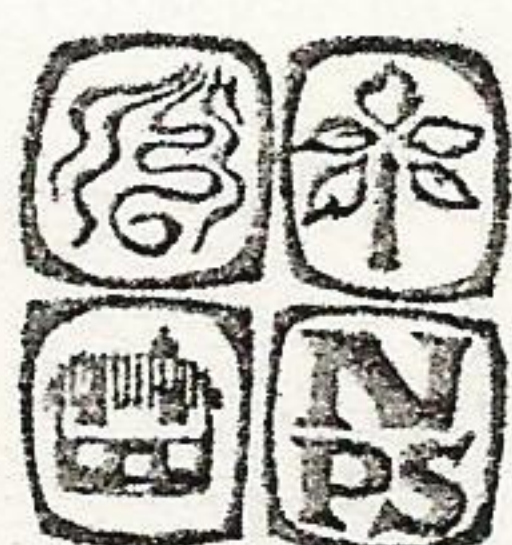
Another important problem for the Society to have concentrated on was the Bridge bypass, but as that is now well under way there is nothing further to be done there.

In view of this I feel, regretfully, that there is no sound case for keeping the Society in existence.

Yours sincerely,



(J. Quine)



# Nailbourne Protection Society

Col. G. G. Elliott DSO. MA.  
The Paddock, Bishopsbourne  
Nr. Canterbury CT4 5HT  
Tel: Bridge 830337

There will be a Committee Meeting of the Society at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th November, 1975, in the Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne.

## AGENDA

1. To consider the future of the Society, including the question of dissolution.
2. Any other business.

The Society was formed with the prime object of organising resistance to the proposed pop festivals in Charlton Park. After the successful conclusion of this campaign, it was decided not to disband the organisation which had been formed at so much trouble and expense, and that the Society should continue as an Area Amenity Society available to support any individual, or other amenity society or local authority. This aim has been pursued with some success, within our limitations.

We are now faced with increasing problems - inflation and lack of interest. Many of the original Life Members joined to fight the pop festival and thereafter declined to ask for total remission of their subscriptions, some perhaps through carelessness, some perhaps from gratitude at the outcome, but certainly not many from any dedication to countryside conservation. Yet each Member, regardless of interest, must continue to be circulated at least once a year with an invitation to the A.G.M. to approve the accounts. The increasing costs of postage, printing and stationery are only barely covered by the interest from our capital of about £640 in Building Society, and few if any ordinary members join or renew their subscriptions. We are stagnating.

From a personal aspect, I have been Treasurer from the beginning, and in addition Secretary for 3 years. Apart from the A.G.M. preparations, this task is not arduous, but I have interests in other voluntary organisations which I hold to be comparatively more important and I would prefer to resign at the next A.G.M.

The time has come to face these problems and before the next A.G.M. "Winding up" in itself would be a difficult problem.

Please say if you cannot attend, preferably with a brief letter expressing your views.

Yours sincerely,



# Nailbourne Protection Society

The Paddock

1977

Bishopshorne

Canterbury

24 Oct 78

Dear John.

Thank you for your letter 26/28 FG, 7 Oct 1975.  
I cannot have explained myself too well, and I had  
forgotten that you were not involved in the big repayments  
exercise in 1972.

There are 297 life members, each of whom pay £5.00  
today [ 65 ordinary " , at 50 p.p.y. - (45 of these fall  
due for renewal 1 Jan 1976) They are  
not eligible for return, strictly speaking.

Judging by past AGMs only about 30-40 of the  
above are interested. The rest paid up for the  
pop. festival, and remained as life members either  
from carelessness or gratitude! Certainly not from  
any interest in country conservation problems.

The snag is the wording of Rule 26 - which your  
Office produced, and which we all signed for - although  
at that time no one looked to the future, or read the small  
print.

"And at which not less than one half of  
the members shall be present" - This is an impossibility,  
and I doubt whether any similar Society could conform  
under the same circumstances, except by proxy votes.

However, not to worry now - we will  
see what the Committee have to say when  
we meet, and we will find some  
loop hole - If it is agreed that we should  
wind up.

If we eventually wind up, the final account  
will be audited by Michael Pope, and the

Minutes and the few important documents  
must be lodged somewhere neutral - could  
this be your office?

Yours ever  
Gertie

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COMMISSIONERS FOR OATHS  
AND AS E. A. BARTON IN WHITSTABLE AND TANKERTON

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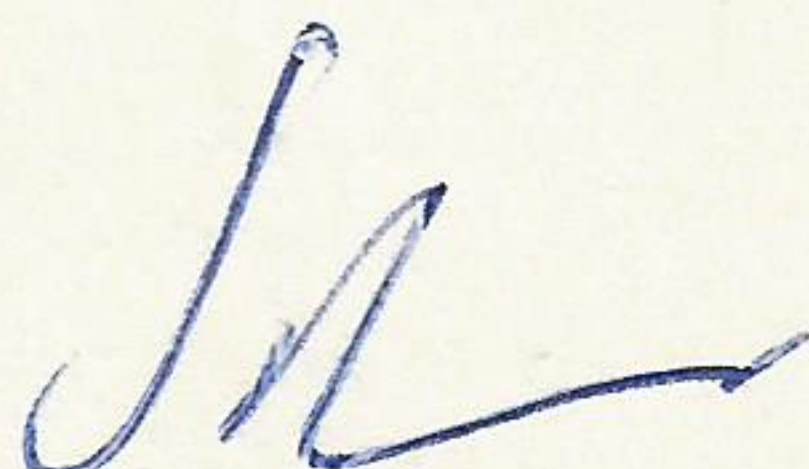
21st November 1975

Dear Geoffrey,

Nailbourne Protection Society

I do not seem to have heard from you since my letter of 7th October and I was wondering if there was anything further I could do. Perhaps we could have a word on the telephone.

Yours sincerely,



J.H. Goulden

Colonel G.G. Elliott,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury,  
Kent.

*Phoned  
Nil Reply*

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YOUR REF.

7th October 1975

Dear Geoffrey,

Nailbourne Protection Society

Thank you for your letter of 2nd October. I am most interested to learn of the current doings of the Society.

I agree that you are in a dilemma because the rules do not make any provision for proxy voting. What is more important there is no provision for proxies to be counted in the quorum at General Meeting.

Do I understand from your letter that it would be impossible to get a quorum even of 20 members or one-fifth of the membership, (whichever is the smaller)? If so you really are in a difficulty. However if it is merely that you could not achieve the larger requirement (under rule 26) for dissolution we might be able to work something out.

I have in mind that some of the "members" on your books could be eliminated. In particular "life" members who had less than £5 retained by the Society after the pro rata return of contributions.

I suggest that you go through the register and prepare a breakdown i.e. ordinary members who pay 50p per annum and who are not more than six months in arrear with their subscription (see rule 3). N.B. subscriptions are due annually on 1st December in each year (rule 4(3)). Secondly any remaining life members, under the provisions of the fighting fund i.e. those who paid £5 or more, further sub-dividing them into those who (a) left more than £5 in the funds and (b) those who left less.

Continued.../

You will gather from the above that the only course of action which I think is really appropriate is to try and wind up the Society. I think that any idea of putting it in cold storage would create difficulties for the surviving officers. There would be the annual bore of getting out accounts and notifying members of the Annual General Meeting. The expense of these formal activities would be a steady drain on the Society's resources accelerated, as you point out, by inflation, especially rising postal costs.

Yours sincerely,



J.H. Goulden

Colonel G.G. Elliott,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury,  
Kent.

Bridge  
830288

THE BARTON  
PATRIBOURNE  
CANTERBURY  
KENT CT4 5BP

April 15/75

Dear Col Elliott,

I have just received your letter of March 14<sup>th</sup>  
from the Nailbourne Protection Society regarding  
the bridge in Bepous Park carrying the footpath  
over the Nailbourne.

Bridge Parish Council have passed your  
letter to me as the bridge is in this parish  
& I will place the matter on the agenda  
for the next parish meeting.

Yours sincerely  
Paul Greenwood

Acting Clerk, Patribourne  
Parish Meeting

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Burrow Park (House)

Objected 3 July



9. 2. 75

Beeds Cottage;  
Bridge, *A*  
Canterbury,  
Kent.

Dear Colonel Elliott,

Thank you for your  
note - I have delivered the  
cards with the exception of  
Edwards & Chapman, both  
of whom have left the district  
so I should think you could  
exclude them in future.

I regret that I shall be un-  
able to attend the A.G.M. as  
it is our statutory annual  
Parish Meeting that night,  
and as P.C. Chairman, I shall

have to take charge there.

I am not unwilling to continue to serve on the Committee, but would stand down if you would like someone else. It is perhaps a good thing to have a Parish Council Rep. and now that Mr. Shirley has left us for higher spheres, I am the only one.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Young.

A. TAYLOR - OAST COTTAGE - 17 NARGATE - LITTLEBOURNE - CANTERBURY

LITTLEBOURNE 383

12. March

Dear Col. Elliott,

You were, I think, away when we made previous arrangements for a meeting & as a result set up an informal group of Amenity Societies. We hope for cooperation in case of need & as a last enterprise have arranged this meeting with the planning authorities of the new district Council. We should be very pleased to see representatives of your society at this meeting if you think it relevant to you

Yours sincerely

K. Taylor

on  
15<sup>m</sup>

Canterbury District Amenities Group.

A meeting has been arranged between representatives of amenity societies, the Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Planning Officer. This will take place at the Bridge Blean R.D.C. Offices at 41, Old Dover Road, Canterbury at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21st.

I hope that you will be able to send two representatives to this most important meeting. From discussion with Mr Jackson the new Planning Officer I know that he is very anxious to make contact with the societies and to explain the procedure for dealing with planning applications. I would think it desirable that he should be asked to give a short introductory talk. Afterwards we shall no doubt have points to put to him. It is perhaps not necessary to have any preliminary meeting to decide what these points are, but if you would let me know of any points that you would wish to make or to ask about, I will arrange them as an agenda for each to make their point in turn.

Please let me know if you are able to send representatives to this meeting.

*K. A. Taylor*

N.A. Taylor,  
Oast Cottage,  
17, Nargate Street,  
Little bourne,  
Canterbury.

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Westwood Farm,  
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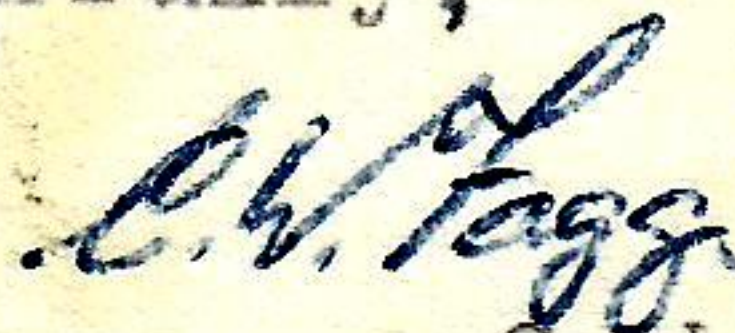
5th. March 1974

N.P.S.,  
Col. Elliott,  
Bishopsbourne.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 13th, February concerning nominations to the committee of the Nailbourne Protection Society I would confirm that I am willing to stand for re-election to the committee if so asked, but my present commitments do keep me rather busy so the amount of work I could put in would be rather limited, and so I would be willing to stand down in favour of any member who may be able to spare more time for the Society.

Yours faithfully,



C.W. Fagg.

Beech Cottage,  
Bridge,

Canterbury  
5. Mar. 1974

Dear Colonel Elliott,

I must apologise for not having dealt with this matter earlier, but have been in Wiltshire where my mother died last week-end.

I regret that I am not free to attend next week's meeting as I am taking part in running a

Teachers' workshop that  
evening, so it seems  
to me that I had  
better not stand for the  
Committee again -

Yours sincerely,

M. A. Young.

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Yours sincerely,

M. A. Young.



Barham 269

Hearts Delight Farm,  
Kingston,  
Canterbury.

16. II. 74.

Dear Col. Elliott

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your predecessor once that was  
cleared up that I could  
not carry on owing to my  
other interests & am  
surprised that my name is  
still on the list.

Yours sincerely

Jack Shuman.

KENT COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

1 Holmesdale Terrace,  
Folkestone, CT20 2AH.

(Tel: Folkestone 52333)

7th March 1974

Dear Col. Elliott,

Thank you very much for completing the questionnaire about your Amenity Society. The information obtained as a result of this survey will undoubtedly be of great value to other societies and to the local authorities.

Your co-operation is therefore greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

M.E. Booy

M. E. Booy, B.Sc. (Miss)  
Countryside Officer.

Col. G.G. Elliott, DSO., MA.,  
Hon. Treasurer, Nailbourne  
Protection Society,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury, Kent.

# Kent Federation of Amenity Societies

(Registered with the Civic Trust and affiliated to the C.P.R.K.)

President: Sir Henry J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., M.P.

19th March, 1974.

Col G.G. Elliott, D.S.O., M.A.,  
Hon Secretary,  
Nailbourne Protection Society,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Nr Canterbury,  
Kent CT4 5HT.

Dear Colonel Elliott,

I am sorry to learn from your letter dated 15th March 1974 that the Nailbourne Protection Society has decided to cease subscriptions to the K.F.A.S., as I am sure my Executive Committee will be when it is reported at our next meeting.

I am surprised to know of the doubts which resulted in the decision but perhaps your Society may feel that, later on, it would like to renew its membership.

Regarding your request to receive The Defenders of Kent material I would suggest that you contact that Association in order that your name may be added to their list.

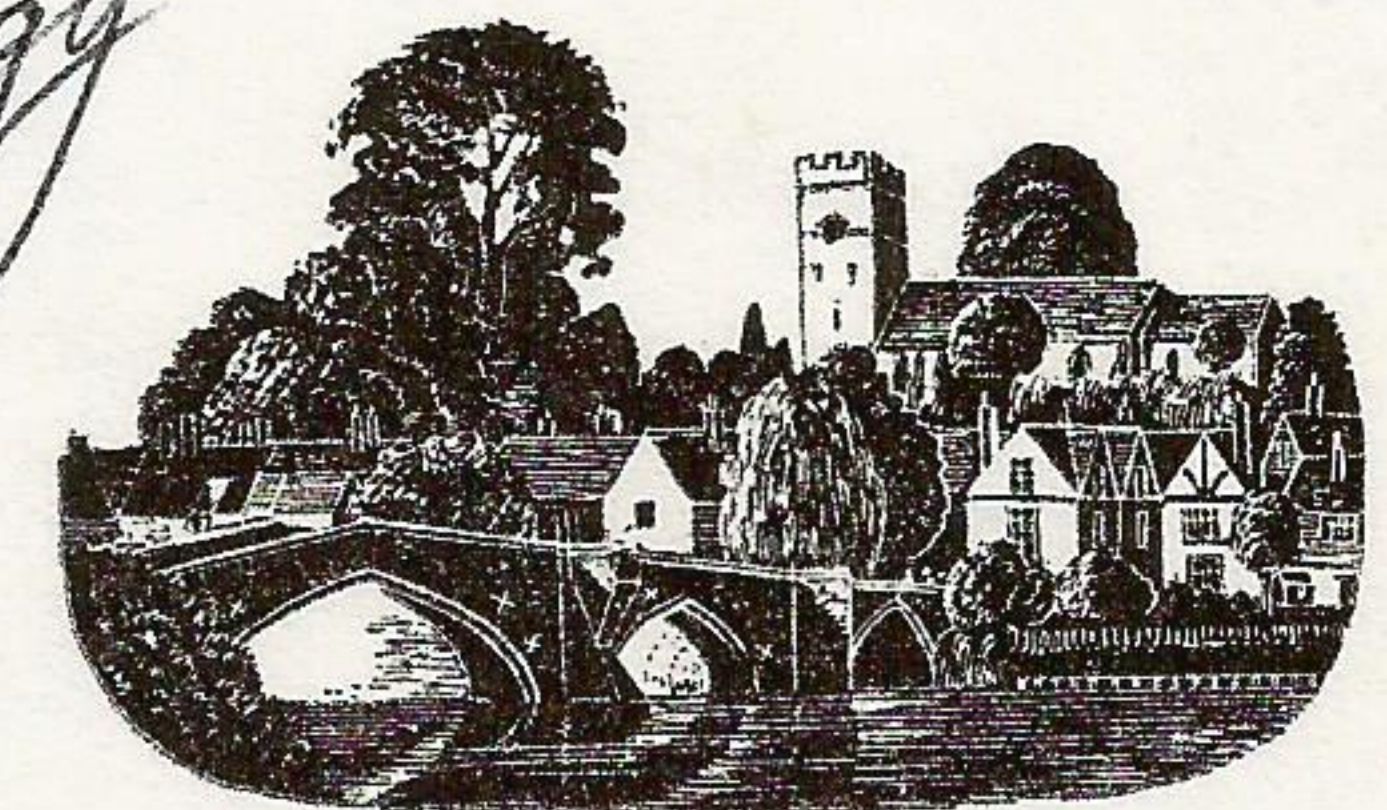
Yours sincerely,

*Helen Bragg*  
Hon. Secretary: Mrs H.M. Bragg, Holbeam Cottage, Stalisfield,  
Chairman: Nr Faversham, Kent. ME13 0HN.

Vice-Chairman:

Hon. Treasurer:

Hon. Editor:



The Barton

Petriebourne

Canterbury

March 2/74

Dear Col Elliott,

I am sorry I shall not be able to come to the Annual General Meeting of the Wildlife Protection Society on 14<sup>th</sup> March next as I have another meeting on that day

Regarding your letter of 28<sup>th</sup> February, I do not wish to stand for re-election to the Committee; I no longer drive a car as I haven't renewed ~~my~~ my driving licence on medical advice. It is therefore rather a handicap in getting about so I should be grateful if you ~~would~~ will kindly accept my resignation from the Committee

Yours sincerely

Paul Greenwood

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# CHARITIES ACT 1960

## CENTRAL REGISTER OF CHARITIES

### **Purpose of the register s.4(1)**

1. Until the Charities Act 1960 set up the Central Register, there was no general register of charities in England and Wales. The purposes of the register, which is kept by the Charity Commissioners, are:-

- (1) to provide a permanent central record of property devoted to charity;
- (2) to provide the public, including social workers and potential beneficiaries and benefactors, with information about charities (other than the ephemeral or insignificant), whether open to all or restricted to special needs and localities; and
- (3) to provide simple and authoritative means of determining whether an organisation is charitable in law, so that what is registered as charitable shall be treated as charitable for all purposes, subject only to correction by the High Court.

### **Registration compulsory s.4(6)**

2. Registration of all charities in England and Wales is compulsory, subject to certain exceptions which are outlined below. The fact that a charity is known to the Charity Commissioners does not relieve its trustees of the obligation to apply for registration.

### **How to apply for registration s.4(5)**

3. The trustees or committee of a charity should write to the Charity Commission to ask for a form of application. When the completed application form is returned to the Commissioners, full certified copies of the trusts of the charity should be sent with it, unless either (a) the trusts are contained in a scheme for the administration of the charity made by the Commissioners or the Secretary of State for Education and Science or (b) the Commissioners already have a copy of the document declaring the trusts. If the trusts are not set out in any extant document, particulars of them should be sent, with any available evidence in support.

**Duty after registration  
s.4(6)**

4. The Commissioners will inform the trustees as soon as the charity has been entered on the register. As long as the charity remains registered, it is the duty of its trustees to inform the Commissioners of any change in its trusts (unless effected by a scheme made by them) or in the particulars of it entered in the register. If the charity ceases to exist while it is still registered, it is the duty of its trustees (or the last trustees) to notify the Commissioners so that it can be removed from the register.

**Effect of registration  
s.5(1)**

5. An institution is for all purposes conclusively presumed to be or to have been a charity at any time when it is or was on the register. Registration of a charity by the Commissioners does not, however, imply that they approve of the objects of the charity or are satisfied that it is well managed.

**Exceptions from registration  
s.4(4) and (9)**

6. There are four classes of charities which are excepted from the requirement to register. These classes are:-

- (1) charities which are referred to in the Charities Act as 'exempt' charities and are described in detail in the second schedule to the Act; these are for the most part large institutions for which Parliament has provided other supervision, but they include any charity which is either a registered society within the meaning of the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 or a registered society or branch within the meaning of the Friendly Societies Act 1896;
- (2) charities which have been excepted individually by an order made by the Commissioners or which belong to a class excepted by statutory regulations made under the Act (See paragraphs 7 to 10);
- (3) small charities which have neither (a) any permanent endowment (i.e. property held subject to a restriction on its being expended as income); nor (b) income from investments and other property exceeding £15 a year (this includes income from investments which may themselves be realised and expended as income); nor (c) the use and occupation of any land (including buildings). To be excepted a charity must satisfy all three of these tests: that is to say, it is not excepted if it has any permanent endowment (however small the income arising from it), or an income of more than £15 a year from investments and property (not being permanent endowment), or the use and occupation of land;
- (4) places of religious worship which are registered under the Places of Worship Registration Act 1855. For further particulars please see the companion leaflet RE.4R.



**Exception of  
voluntary schools  
from registration  
S.I. 1960 No. 2366**

7. The Charities (Exception of Voluntary Schools from Registration) Regulations 1960 except from the obligation to register those voluntary schools which, being charities, have no permanent endowment other than their premises.

**Exception of  
certain charities  
for Boy Scouts  
and Girl Guides  
from registration  
S.I. 1961 No. 1044**

8. The Charities (Exception of Certain Charities for Boy Scouts and Girl Guides from Registration) Regulations 1961 except from the obligation to register funds, not representing permanent endowments, which are being accumulated for the purpose of local units of the Boy Scouts' Association and the Girl Guides' Association and which produce an income of more than £15 a year.

**Exception of  
certain religious  
charities from  
registration  
S.I. 1963 No. 2074  
S.I. 1964 No. 1825**

9. The Charities (Exception from Registration and Accounts) Regulations 1963 and the Charities (Exception from Registration and Accounts) Regulations 1964 except certain charities wholly or mainly concerned with the advancement of religion from the obligation to register. For further particulars please see the companion leaflet RE.4R.

**Exception of  
certain charities  
for the promotion  
of the efficiency  
of the armed  
forces from regis-  
tration.  
S.I. 1965 No. 1056**

10. The Charities (Exception from Registration and Accounts) Regulations 1965 except from the obligation to register any charity wholly or mainly concerned with the promotion of the efficiency of the armed forces of the Crown, provided that the charity has no interest in land in England and Wales greater than a yearly tenancy, that its objects do not extend to the assistance of anyone not serving in those forces, and that it is not a charity for the exhibition or preservation of articles of historical interest.

**Voluntary  
registration  
s.4(2)**

11. Even though a charity is excepted from the requirement to register, its trustees may, if they wish, apply for it to be entered in the register, and the Commissioners may, if they think fit, register it. But if a registered charity falls within the classes of excepted charities, whether or not it was in those classes when it was originally registered, it may at any time be removed from the register either on the decision of the Commissioners or at the request of the charity. The Commissioners must remove it if such a request is made.

**Removals and  
appeals  
s.4(3)  
s.5**

12. The Act makes provision for the removal of institutions from the register in certain circumstances and for appeals against the decision of the Commissioners to register or not to register an institution. The Commissioners must remove any institution that appears to them to be no longer a charity or that has ceased to exist or does not operate. Any person affected by the registration of an institution as a charity may object to the Commissioners on the ground that it is not a charity and apply for its removal. Finally, appeal against the decision of the Commissioners lies to the High Court and may be brought either by the Attorney General or by the trustees of the institution claiming to be a charity or by any person whose objection to the registration has been disallowed.

13. The register is open to public inspection at all reasonable times. The registered particulars of charities operating in areas south of a line drawn roughly from the Bristol Channel to the Wash and of charities operating over the whole or a substantial part of England and Wales are normally kept at the Commissioners' office in London,

while the registered particulars of charities operating in areas north of that line or in Wales are normally kept at the Commissioners' office in Liverpool. Copies of the information on the register and of the trusts will be supplied on request, on payment of the cost of transcription. For convenience of reference, indexes of the charities have been prepared listing them alphabetically and classifying them in accordance with their purposes and with their areas of operation. Copies of the indexes of all registered charities are kept at both offices.

**Local Index  
s.10**

14. The councils of counties, districts and London boroughs have power to maintain indexes of local charities and for this purpose these councils have been supplied by the Commissioners with copies of such entries in the Central Register as are relevant to their local indexes. The Commissioners keep the councils informed of any changes in the particulars shown in their local indexes.

**War Charities  
etc.**

15. Registration of an institution by a local authority as a war charity or charity for disabled persons under the War Charities Act 1940 or the National Assistance Act 1948 does not exempt the institution from the requirement to register under the Charities Act 1960 if its purposes are wholly charitable at law. Nor does registration under the Act of 1960 excuse a war charity or a charity for disabled persons from securing registration or exemption from registration under the Acts of 1940 and 1948 before any appeal is made to the public.

**Charitable  
appeals and  
other fund-  
raising  
activities**

16. Charitable appeals to the public by way of flag days, bazaars, entertainments or similar efforts are frequently organised for the benefit of specific charities. These appeals are not themselves charities and do not, therefore, require to be registered under the provisions of the Charities Act. Public charitable appeals are governed by other statutory provisions and regulations. Registration under the Charities Act does not take the place of registration by a local authority under the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 nor does it in any way affect the other liabilities imposed by statute on the promoters of public charitable appeals. Powers to regulate house-to-house collections and street collections in the City of London and in the Metropolitan Police District are vested respectively in the Common Council of the City of London and the police authority for the Metropolis. Elsewhere the regulating authority is the council of each district. The appropriate authority should be consulted before any attempt is made to raise funds for charitable purposes by means of a house-to-house collection or a street collection.

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Bishopsbourne,  
Nr. Canterbury,  
Kent.

Telephone: Bridge 830337

5/5/81

Dear Jan,

I thank you for your  
letter & for the generous  
donation to the new Hospice.  
I felt it to be a worthy cause  
as we were so fortunate to  
be able to have him home  
amongst us for his last  
few days. We realised there  
was little we could do  
other than make him  
comfortable & give him all our  
love. She & family have been  
wonderful & a great support

I am fortunate to have  
had such a wonderful  
courageous husband. The  
last eleven years in  
Bishopstone have been particularly  
happy ones.

Please convey my  
thanks to other members  
of the N. P. S. I

have a box of papers  
which I will pass on  
to you.

yours very sincerely  
Rosemary

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3 Whitelocks Close,  
Kingston,  
Canterbury.

30th April 1981

Dear Rosemary,

All the members of the Committee of the Nailbourne Protection Society are deeply sorry to learn of the sad news of Geoffrey. As one of the Founder Members of the Society, his enthusiasm, energy, and dedication will never be forgotten. We have lost a dear friend.

As Geoffrey wished, the Society will continue its work to ensure the protection of this delightful Valley, which he loved so much. But he will be greatly missed. His integrity and magnanimity will always be remembered.

Please accept our heartfelt wishes to you at this difficult time. We are thinking of you and know that you will cherish many happy memories of your highly respected husband.

The example Geoffrey has set will be an inspiration to us all.

Our most sincere wishes,

Ian Taylor and all Members of the  
Nailbourne Protection Society.

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

There will be a meeting of the Committee of the Nailbourne Protection Society at the Paddock, Bishopsbourne, at 8.00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY APRIL 29th 1981.

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

3. Secretary's Report

4. Treasurer's Report

5. Railway Line

6. Bridge Motel

7. Channel tunnel

8. Publicity for the Society's work

9. Links with other Amenity Societies

10. A.O.B.

LETTERS

~~Corcoran~~

Cover Lane - Loose Box/Corcoran.

South Barton Bangalow.

Conservation Office Maltkil Downs.

Rail County side Pla

Brickfield Lane Bangalow Barton

Assisted Barton Society.

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Kingston Exh. Dec 1981  
County Fair Borne Ak 1982

An invitation has been extended to the Barham Society and the Elham Society to send representatives.

Ian Taylor

Hon. Sec.

Tel. 830039

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The Nailbourne Protection Society exists to preserve the attractiveness of the Nailbourne Valley.

During the last year the Society has;

- a) opposed the proposal to dump waste in the cuttings of the old Railway Line.
- b) questioned the illegal siting of caravans.
- c) opposed the destruction of good farming land by unsightly building developments,
- d) assisted Barham village to bring into existence its own Protection Society
- e) made representations to Kent County Council in favour of the proposed appointment of a Conservation Officer for the North Kent Downs.
- ~~f) made representations to Kent C.C.~~
- f) expressed general agreement to the K.C.C., for their draft Countryside Plan.

Anybody wishing to assist the Society in its work may become a member, (50p per year), or make a donation.

Ian Taylor

Hon. Sec.

6.3.1981.

3 Whitelocks Close  
Kingston  
Canterbury  
CT4 6JG.  
3rd July 1982.

To: The Civic Trust  
17 Carlton House Terrace  
London,

Dear Sir,

This Society wishes to register with the Civic Trust.  
I enclose a copy of our Constitution and I will be pleased to  
receive details of fee etc.,.

Yours faithfully,

*Ian D. Taylor*

Ian Taylor  
Secretary.





# Nailbourne Protection Society

LIFE MEMS.

Coat	11	
Pelton	4	
Oth	19	
Silham	18	
B. m. stye	10	
Bekesh	6	
Paton	5	
Bil	14	Dear
R. m. stye	39	
Bala	42	
Kingst	31	

3, Whitelocks Close,  
Kingston,  
Canterbury, CT4 6JG

A. G. M. THURSDAY, 18th. MARCH, 1982

8.00 pm., THE BARN, KINGSTON

204 Life Members.

You are invited to attend the A.G.M. The Agenda will include :

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of last A.G.M.
3. Matters arising
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Adoption of Revised Constitution ✓
7. Appointment of Officers
8. Appointment of Committee
9. Affiliation to Civic Trust & Kent Federation  
of Amenity Societies
10. Any other Business

1. Exhibition at Fetes  
for publicity + members  
SUNDAY MAY 30
2. News letter BISHOPS.
3. Dates / Com Meets.
4. Village Reps.

Will present Committee members advise the Secretary immediately of their willingness to stand again for election. Other nominations to be communicated to the Secretary.

The Society's work is increasingly important as development plans threaten the beauty and tranquillity of the Nailbourne Valley, and its peaceful villages. The proposed Channel Tunnel could have a serious impact upon the Valley. Support for the work of the Society is important. Please join and encourage others to become members; just £1 per year.

I.D.Taylor, Secretary.

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 81

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Donations and Subscriptions	11.00	115.00
Building Society Interest	59.71	65.28
	70.71	180.28
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Donations and Subscriptions	130.00	5.00
Printing, Postage and Sundries	33.05	133.70
	163.05	138.70
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-	41.58
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	92.34	-
Balances at 31st December brought forward:	768.19	726.61
	£675.85	£768.19

NOTE: Donations and Subscriptions paid in 1981 were:  
    Kent Council of Social Services     £5.00  
    East Kent Hospice                     £25.00  
    Bridge-Canterbury Traffic Group   £100.00

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st DECEMBER 1981

<u>FUNDS OF THE SOCIETY</u>		
Income and Expenditure Account (above)	£675.85	£768.19
<u>Represented by:</u>		
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Huddersfield and Bradford Permanent Building Society Account	663.08	752.52
Cash at Bank	12.77	25.67
	675.85	778.19
<u>Less: CURRENT LIABILITY</u>		
Sundry Creditor	-	10.00
	£675.85	£768.19

Report of THE AUDITORS to the members  
of the NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

The foregoing Accounts have been prepared from a basis of actual costs (without adjusting those costs for inflation) unless otherwise stated. Subject to this, the foregoing Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account give, in our opinion, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society as at 31st December 1981, and of the surplus for the year ended on that date as disclosed by the records of the Society and information and explanations supplied to us.

R. J. Orrett, "Escley", Church Lane, Kingston. *R. J. Orrett*  
C. E. Baker, Gorsley Lodge, Bishopsbourne. *C. E. Baker* February 1982.

CANTERBURY LIFE MEMBERS.

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Dr. J. V. Broad, 78, Old Dover Rd. Canterbury.

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G. & H. Finn, Nackington Farms, Nackington.

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Mr. F. Rowlands, Marley Farm, Kingston.  
Capt. & Mrs. D. Scholte, Little Court, Kingston.  
Mr. C. Sheather, 5, Whitelocks Close, Kingston.  
Mr. & Mrs. Smith, 1, Nailbourne Close, Kingston.  
I.D. Taylor, 3, Whitelocks Close, Kingston.  
M. Thorp, Avoca, Black Robin Lane, Kingston.  
Mrs. P. Titcomb, Marley House, Kingston.  
H. R. Marley, Sunny View, Kingston,  
Mr. R. Orrett, Escley, Church Lane, Kingston.  
P. Wood, 62, The Street, Kingston.

Minutes of A.G.M. of Nailbourne Protection Society held at  
Conrad Hall, Bishopsbourne on Thursday 12th June, 1980.



Present : Col. Elliott (Treas.) Mr. Taylor (Sec.)  
Messrs. Fagg, Purchase, Baker, Mitchell & Fowler.

Messrs. Kirk & Elliott.  
and about other members.

Apologies : from some 20 members including - rs. A. Young, G. Cobbett,  
Dr. Blazeby, Mrs. Charter, Mr. Sholte, r. Hamilton,  
Prof. Warren, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Mount, Mr. Cousins,  
Mr. Sheather, Mr. Forwood.

Chairman In Mr. Cobbett's absence it was agreed unanimously  
that Mr. C. Fagg should Chair the Meeting.

Item I Minutes of last A.G.M.  
Minutes of the A.G.M. of 16th March 1976 were read  
and approved.

Item II Matters Arising.  
Since the A.G.M. of March 1976 the Society had  
reactivated recently to oppose the threat to the  
Old Elham Valley Railway Line.

Item III Treasurer's Report.  
The Treasurer reported a healthy balance of £726.61p.  
as at 31st Dec. 1979. However printing and postage  
charges were high and more donations and subscriptions  
needed to be attracted.  
Several small donations had been made by the Society  
to other Amenity Societies in the area, whose interests  
had been threatened by planning and other proposals  
and developments.  
The accounts had been audited by MF. Pope Esq.,  
The accounts were unanimously accepted on the proposal  
of Mr. Taylor, sec. Mr. Mitchell.  
A vote of appreciation was recorded to Col. Elliott.

Item IV Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's Report has been circulated.

Membership was now about 250, but due to people moving from the area without our knowledge, it was difficult to be precise.

Mr. Mitchell offered the use of a copy of the Electoral Roll for the whole area. This was accepted gratefully. It was reported that Bourne House was now being well maintained.

The Secretary emphasised the role of the Society as an independent pressure group to preserve and enhance the attractive Nailbourne Valley.

Item V Appointment of Officers.

Chairman : Mrs. P. Kirk was unanimously elected Lady Chairman on the proposal of Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Fowler.

Treasurer: Col. Elliott was unanimously elected Treasurer on the proposal of Mr. Purchase, sec. Mr. Taylor.

Secretary : Mr. Taylor was unanimously elected Secretary on the proposal of Mr. Fagg, sec. Mr. Baker.

Assist. Treas: Mrs. R. Elliott was unanimously elected Assistant Treasurer, on the proposal of Mr. Baker, sec. by Mr. Fagg.

V cont. Committee : The Following were unanimously elected to the Committee -

Mesdames G.Arter,	Messrs. G.Baker, J.Purchase,
M.A.Young	E.Clough, L.Shirley
R.Elliott.	C.Fagg, M.Forwood,
	N.Fowler, K.Cornish.
	L.Goddard.

on the proposal of Mr.Mitchell, sec. Col.Elliott. Mr.Cobbett had resigned, as had Mrs.Crux.

A vote of appreciation was passed for Mr. Cobbett's work, and the Secretary would write to him to that effect.

Item VI The Railway Line.

Mr. John Purchase will represent the Society at the Public Inquiry. Mr. Purchase addressed the meeting to state :

- 1) that the Society had won every campaign it had fought, starting with opposition to the Pop Festival.
- 2) the Society had been the first body ever to stop a Pop Festival.
- 3) that the Society had no possible doubt as to the justice of its cause re the Railway, and that it would be deplorable and a disgrace if Campion's gained approval to despoil the line.
- 4) that as many people as possible should attend the Inquiry even if only for a short period AND SIGN THE ATTENDANCE RECORD.
- 5) the Society would urge the use of alternative less attractive tipping sites.
- 6) that local people would suffer extreme nuisance, harm and danger if heavy lorries pounded through our Village lanes.
- 7) that the proposed tipping might well pollute water supplies.
- 8) that to date the old Railway line had returned to agricultural use where level, and otherwise had been left as embankment or cutting. Campion's proposal would not be allowed to set a precedent for other commercial or industrial uses.
- 9) that the Nailbourne Protection Society would make the strongest representations in opposing Campion's appeal.

VI cont.

A number of questions and considerable discussion followed regarding this threat to the Nailbourne Valley, and it was noted that there were proposals that the old Railway Line become a Public Amenity, and the public continue to be allowed to walk the Kingston/Bishopsbourne stretch of the line.

To bring the line into Public Ownership might well require funds in addition to any financial contribution from the Canterbury City Council & Kent County Council. It was thought ~~the~~ <sup>time</sup> for infilling of the cutting would be 8 - 10 years, but very difficult to estimate.

Item 10

Any Other Business

a) Support : Mr. Fowler commented on the small number attending the A.G.M. and hoped everything would be done to attract new members and support.

The Nailbourne Protection Society might arrange a stand at local Fetes etc.

Whatever the result of the Railway Line Local Inquiry a membership drive should be undertaken when the Department of the Environment announced its decision. Press and T.V. coverage should be sought when the Rail decision was announced. The Committee would consider these matters later.

b) Society "Awards" : Mr. Taylor raised the question of whether the Society, in addition to defending and protecting the Nailbourne Valley, should also institute some sort of recognition of positive work, restoration or preservation as a general encouragement throughout the Nailbourne Valley.

The matter was put back for further consideration by the committee.

c) Village Representative : It was hoped that Village representatives would encourage local interest, bring to the Committee Meetings matters of concern, and perhaps assist in membership matters.

Item 11

Next Meeting

It was agreed that a Committee Meeting be arranged by Sec. Treas., & Chairman for early October 1980.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

3, Whitelocks close,  
Kingston,  
Canterbury  
CT4 6JG

16th. June, 1980.

Dear Mr Cobbett,

At the A.G.M. held on June 12th. 1980, the Society received your resignation with regret. It was the unanimous wish of the meeting that I write to thank you for the keen interest, hard work, and support you have given for so long as a Committee Member and as Chairman. Your contribution will be missed.

Our sincere appreciation and our good wishes are extended to you for your future good health and well being.

Yours sincerely,

I.D. Taylor,  
Hon. Secretary.

Mr. S. Cobbett,  
Bower House,  
Stelling Minnis.

N.P. Soc.

3, Whitelocks Close,  
Kingston,  
Canterbury,  
CT4 6JG

Mr. Graham Harvey,  
Secretary,  
Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.

11th. January, 1982

Dear Mr. Harvey,

This Society would like to renew its affiliation to  
the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.

Can you please send me the appropriate information?

Yours sincerely,



I.D. Taylor,  
Hon. Secretary.

N.P. Soc.

① Meeting to be arranged

② Mt Whitney <sup>new chairman</sup> see Nat. Fed of Am. Soc.

Sec:  
Graham Harvey  
Ordnance Dem  
High St  
61 Hollow Rd  
Tombidge.

③ <sup>High St</sup> Civic Trust - MEMBERSHIP - Change Constitution.

④ Warden to be applied to supervise North Downs.

⑤ Letter of support to I.C.F. A. Soc - <sup>letter already</sup> <sub>at</sub>

- 1) Absence handbooks
- 2) Alkham Valley - Ray trees felled in a Cons. Area
- 3. Helling been lost 12000 ac. - Chopping trees - available
- 4. Planning at bridge - water meadow, common market
- 5. Hares + Stelling Minors

Land to available  
no work  
possibly  
+ common market  
cool.

⑥ Letter to KCC for Conservation Officer.

⑦ N. Time? ABM - will accept <sup>member</sup> <sub>and</sub> <sup>committed</sup> <sub>Members</sub>  
<sup>letter</sup> <sub>been</sub> <sup>Members</sup> <sub>will</sub> <sub>stand</sub>

DATE FOR ABM

Revised Const  
100 points at Allitt  
cube member - NO OF. AGENDA



# Kent Federation of Amenity Societies

(Registered with the Civic Trust and affiliated to the C.P.R.K.)

President: Sir Henry J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., M.P.

10th February, 1973.

The Hon. Treasurer,  
The Nailbourne Protection Society,  
The Paddock, Bishopsbourne.

Dear Sir,

I wish to thank you for your Society's cheque for £2.10 and to inform you that membership of the Federation was confirmed at a committee meeting today.

As requested, I enclose a bankers' order form which you may wish to use for future payments.

Yours faithfully,



Hon. Secretary:

Chairman:

Vice-Chairman:

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R.R. Redman, 19, Tanners Hill Gdns., Hythe, Kent.

Hon. Editor:

## STANDING ORDER AUTHORITY

To ..... Bank

..... Branch

Please pay on ~~receipt of these instructions~~ <sup>the 1st day of January 1974</sup> and on the 1st day of ~~April~~ <sup>January</sup> thereafter the sum of £ 2 : 10 from my/our account to the National Westminster Bank, 63 High Street, Hythe, Kent branch, (Sorting Number 53.61.17) for the credit of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies (A/c. No.092.14.224).

These payments are to continue until you receive written instructions to cancel them.

Signed .....

.....

Return to the Hon. Treasurer, K.F.A.S., 19 Tanners Hill Gardens, Hythe, Kent.

# CIVIC TRUST

17 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AW 01-930 0914

AP/SPF

10 January 1973

Dear Mr Elliott

## Registration Etc.

Many thanks for your letter of 5 January and I am glad to hear that you will invite the membership to approve the deletion of the offending clause at the Society's next General Meeting in November. If, when the time comes, you can confirm that the clause has been deleted, we will register the Society formally.

In the meantime I am arranging for one copy of each issue of our Newsletter to be sent to the Society and I hope you will let me know if there is any advice or help we can give. As you probably know already one type of help which we cannot give is support at Public Inquiries: there are now nearly 1000 societies, and much as we would like to, we cannot help in this way with our staff as small as it is.

Yours sincerely



Arthur Percival

G G Elliott Esq  
Nailbourne Protection Society  
The Paddock  
Bishopsbourne  
CANTERBURY  
Kent

Elham A-9: 17, Hog Green, Elham.

15. Jan '75

Dear Colonel

Response to the enclosed has not been very encouraging yet, but it is early days.

Unfortunately Martin actually had this final draft printed before I saw it. Had he not done this it ~~might~~ would probably have included the fact that the NPS really proposed this idea, and would like to see such societies elsewhere in their area. Some of our hangers back are probably unwilling to pay twice.

Yours sincerely

EV Burrows

Loriners,  
Elham,  
Canterbury.

Elham 225.

ELHAM PROTECTION

Dear Sir or Madam,

Early last year there was an encouraging response to an appeal for funds for, or membership of, the Nailbourne Protection Society, a Society created initially to deal with the serious threat of Pop Festivals at Bishopsbourne. Many of those who joined became life members. Its basic purpose was to

".. promote the permanent preservation of all that is of merit in the rural environment.... and to resist any threat to peace and tranquility and the rural character of the Nailbourne Valley and surrounding countryside".

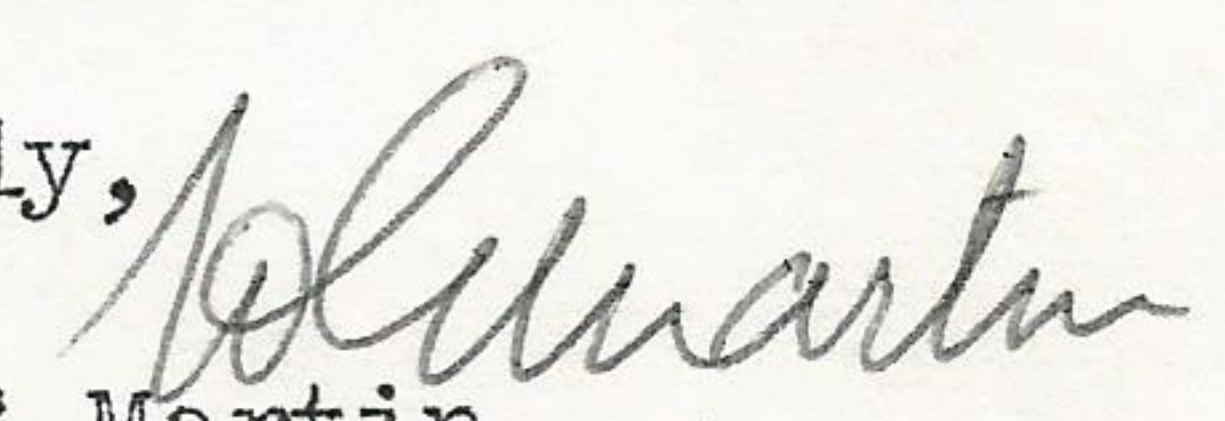
As you will remember the protest was entirely successful. But the threats for the future are considerable, as for instance, the coming impact only a few miles away of the M 20 Motorway and later, possibly, the unpredictable effects of the Channel Tunnel operations. These surely remind us of the necessity to have always an organisation in being to act promptly and effectively against undesirable developments.

Folkestone and Canterbury are both looking forward to a great increase of commercial activity. The former by expansion of tourist trade and the latter by increased overflow of London concerns seeking to operate on lower overhead costs. These could well mean severe pressure for more building in the Elham Valley -- only a comfortable commuter's trip from either town. A distinct increase in the number of heavy lorries using the B2065 road has been noted. Where are they going, or coming from? Is there some long term plan to widen this road to accommodate them?

The numbers of people who subscribed to the N.P.Society demonstrated the interest taken locally in such matters and suggests the desirability of forming an Elham Society on the lines of the Nailbourne one, to support their effort to preserve the environment.

Accordingly you are invited to complete and return the slip at the foot of this letter and to return it to any of the undersigned to enable further action to be considered.

Yours sincerely,

  
W.G. Martin.

Mr.W.G.Martin, Loriners, High Street, Elham.	Tel.225.
Miss.E.Marsh, Trentham, High Street, Elham.	Tel.388.
Mrs.E.Cooke, Updown Cottage, Old Road, Elham.	Tel.---
Mr.E.V.Burrows, 17 Hog Green, Elham.	Tel.409.

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I am willing to support an Elham Society on the lines of the Nailbourne Protection Society.

..... Mr./Mrs./Miss.

3, Whitelocks Close  
Kingston  
Canterbury

24th October 1980.

At a meeting last Thursday, the Committee reaffirmed its determination to continue to work to safeguard the beauty and tranquillity of the Nailbourne Valley. A recent major threat had been resisted and prevented, and ~~appreciate~~ appreciation was extended to Mr John Purcese for his hard work in this respect.

Concern was expressed regarding the increase in caravans illicitly sited in the Valley, and the matter would be referred to the City Planning Office.

The Committee proposed to prepare a small moveable exhibition including archaeological finds from the Valley, photographs depicting its attractiveness, and documents and maps displaying the Society's work in protecting and conserving perhaps the most splendid Valley in all Kent.

*Ian Taylor*

Ian Taylor  
Hon. Sec.

*To Editor  
Kent Gazette  
(Not published)  
J.T.*

NAILBOURNE PROTECTION SOCIETY

c/o 3 Whitelocks Close

Kingston

7th July 1980.

Dear Mike,

I am pleased to advise you that at the Society's A.G.M. held on June 12th 1980, you were elected to the Committee. We are pleased to welcome you and look forward to your sound contribution to the Management Body.

I enclose a copy of the minutes.

The next Committee meeting is planned for the Autumn and you will be advised in due course .

Yours sincerely,

Ian Taylor

Hon. Sec.

Mr M. FORWOOD  
Whitelocks,  
Kingston.

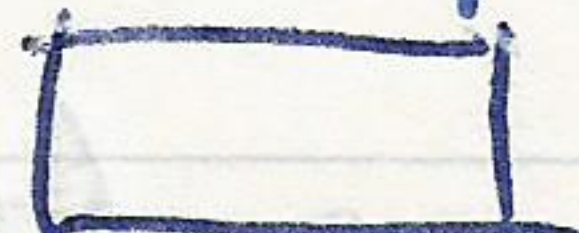
N.P.Sa.

1981 - 1982 - 1983

Report to Committee 10/2/84

1 Registrar Civic Trust. No C.T. wanted to dictate a changed constitution

2 South Barton Rd - Bengalow Plan - Not granted  
Oct-81 Appeal - but withdrawn  
into full app. - opp. withdrawn

3 Appointment of Conservation Officer for Malt Down Feb 81  
Letter to KCC urging approval  


4 Kent Countywide Plan Feb 81 gen approval letter

4 ~~Public Act - Sign on~~ <sup>Nov 81</sup> ~~B2065~~ ~~Letter opp.~~ ~~Not granted~~

5 ~~6~~ 3.85 acres for Bengalows at Kings St. - April 81 - opp. - Not granted

6 ~~7~~ 2 houses at top of Kings St. - April 81 - opp. - Not granted

7 ~~8~~ 3 Houses (opp Bar) Kings St (Oct 81) - see 2 banyl. - 3 houses granted

8 7.8 acres <sup>1 house</sup> at Bushfield Rd Barton - Houses Feb 81 - Not granted

10 Coppicing, App. at Q & F Woods Jan 83 -  
Not opp. but protest - TPO  
- Coppicing allowed  
but TPO to remain

11 Feb 83 Mtd a Bridge Byways - small but questions asked  
NR answer 1

12) House on Kings old rail line - opp. - N.J. Green L.J. April 83

13) June 83 Karl Fed (Am Sa) - Question re Fly Tipping + Dump - Reply sent.

9) temp (24) Cover at Westwood Farm Kings Dec 1982  
NA Offices - but question re 2 yrs

14) A2 Radio Sign Aug 83 - Question re suitability with KCC  
- To follow up with Dept of Transport

16) £100 given to Bridge/Coast Traffic Group.  
£50 to be returned on 1/2/84

17) Water Abstracts at Becherborn - Under investigation

18) Public Participation Meeting Attended.

As Ellis + Daphn for house

No action.

Out line Demos Phil Feb 83



# Nailbourne Protection Society

CHAIRMAN: Walter H. Whigham, Cobham Court, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent Bridge 203  
HON. SECRETARY: } ~~S. J. Rumary, 3 Nailbourne Close, Kingston, Canterbury, Kent Barham 350~~  
HON. TREASURER: } G. G. Elliott, The Paddock, Bishopsbourne, Canterbury, Kent Bridge 337

22 Dec 72

Dear Mr Percival -

Thank you for your letter of 19 Dec.

To take your first point, which puzzles me. Membership of this Society is open to all, without qualification. Perhaps I omitted to send you a copy of the Rules, but I now enclose one - reference page 3. In fact the

membership is wide and varied, and includes Lord Cornwallis for one, and our local postman and other locally employed people <sup>as well</sup>. I can see no difference

between the membership qualifications of this Society, and our adjacent societies - Canterbury, Ickham, Wingham & District, and Kingston.

Your second point.

The membership of this Society embraces (from North to South). Bekesbourne, Patrichtown, Bridge,

Bishopstone, Kingston, Barham and Elham - i.e. the Nailbourne Valley (and Elham valley). Except for

Kingston - a comparatively small society concerned solely with village affairs, there was - before the formation of the Nailbourne, a large void in the Canterbury - Dover - Hythe Triangle. (It is indeed an 'area' rather than a particular society)

I haven't had time to do a thorough check,  
but I am sure that all the members of the  
Kingston <sup>Village</sup> Society are also members of the Nailhouse.  
The Secretary, Gerald Baker is also Asst Treasurer  
of the Nailhouse, and a friend of mine. <sup>Some of their officers' are also on the N.P.S. Committee</sup>  
We feel that the Nailhouse - although 'Sparked off'  
in the first instance by the River & main north.  
Festivals in Charlton Park, has a useful  
role to play in protecting this particularly lovely  
area - now under pressure from motorways,  
bypasses and the side effects of the Channel tunnel  
project. If, for example Kingston had a problem  
somewhat wider than their powers, the Nailhouse would  
support them, or 'fight' the case in their behalf. The  
other villages, in particular Elham, Barkham, Bridge  
and Bishopstone, from which the majority of our members  
come, also look to the Nailhouse for those aspects which  
may not be safeguarded by Parish or local authority.  
It would have been unthinkable and impractical, to have  
regarded Kingston as an 'island' in the middle of our area.

Today we have ~~us~~ becoming directly involved  
over the Bridge Bypass - for the following reasons.  
Some of our members - eg the ~~the~~ Chairman, own land  
in the path of the proposed northern route - only a  
small minority, admittedly.

# Nailbourne Protection Society

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The A2 Group - an organisation formed solely to agitate for the ~~building~~<sup>construction</sup> of the new bypass - may also be described as an unofficial section of the Nailbourne - the individuals who are leading this campaign are also members of the Nailbourne.

17 - and this seems most unlikely - the Kent County Council / Ministry plan for a northern route was to be changed for an alternative southern route through Bourne Park and Bishopsbourne.

Then I would summon a general meeting, and I have no doubt that the Nailbourne would support ~~the~~ any attempt to spoil this particular area. I fear that the vociferous minority from the north side (ie from Patixbourne) may be forced a Public Enquiry - which will only delay the building of the road. I am sure that we ~~should~~<sup>would</sup> be represented at this - on the side of the present and official plan.

We have applied for affiliation to NFAS and CPRK. (Drake-Brockman - Secretary of the latter - is a constituent)

my wife's), and we have a very close  
tie-up with them, and incidentally with the  
Letcham, Wingham Society. We helped the  
latter in their recent <sup>contest at the</sup> enquiry about the R. Stone.

I think that the attempt to construct large  
gravel workings at Bekebourne may have been  
 thwarted - but we are prepared to fight that  
particular issue if the Company concerned, Brett's  
appeal against the decision of the County.

I am sorry to write at such length,  
but it may give you a clearer picture.  
A motion for registration with the Civic Trust was  
agreed unanimously at the last (and first) AGM,  
and I must try to persuade you that the  
Society is a useful asset to the movement.

PS) Incidentally, Bridges,  
Bishopshampton and Barham  
are being designated as  
Conservation areas - Kingston  
is not; nor could there be any  
justification, as the Village  
Society admit.

Yours sincerely

Colin Elliott

(Col. G. G. ELLIOTT DSO T9A)

# CIVIC TRUST

17 Carlton House Terrace London SW1 01-930 0914

AP/CRG

4 January 1973

Dear Mr Elliott,

Thank you for your letter of 28 December. I am afraid the position is that we do not register any society which includes in its constitution the power to expel members. I imagine the reasons for this are fairly obvious. But I would hope that before too long the Society might perhaps consider whether it could delete this clause from its constitution. We should then be delighted to register it. It may perhaps help if I say that there are now nearly 1000 societies registered with the Trust, <sup>that</sup> though not one of them has a constitution incorporating a provision of this kind, and that no difficulties of the kind that I imagine are anticipated in your clause 23 have ever arisen.

Thank you also for the information about Kingston. I am sure, as you say, there is no practicable difficulty here.

Finally I was most grateful for the information about the current state of building on the Bridge by-pass alignment controversy. As a matter of interest, I think you will find that Bridge High Street has already been designated as a conservation area.

Yours sincerely,



Arthur Percival

G G Elliott Esq  
Hon Secretary  
Nailbourne Protection Society  
The Paddock  
Bishopsbourne  
Canterbury  
Kent

Replied 5 Jan.

Matter rests until next CTR - probably 30 Nov 72

Jan 73

**COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL KENT**

*Chairman :*

Philip H. Toy, F.R.I.C.S.

*Hon. Secretary :*

Lt.-Col. R. F. H. Drake-Brockman

**1, HOLMESDALE TERRACE,  
FOLKESTONE. Phone 52333**

4th December, 1972.

Dear Geoffrey,

Affiliations

... I enclose a Banker's Order form which will do for your society's affiliation to C.P.R.K. The fee is 50p per annum, or such greater sum as a society chooses to give - several give more.

For affiliation to the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies, fee is £2.50 per annum. Write to the hon. secretary, Mrs. H.M. Bragg, Holbeam Cottage, Stalisfield, Nr. Faversham.

52 For registration with the Civic Trust, write to Arthur Percival Esq, Civic Trust, 17 Carlton House Terrace, London, S.W.1. They do not charge a fee for registration.

Is your society doing anything about the proposed alignment of the Bridge By-Pass? I intended to ask at your A.G.M. the other evening, and had brought a letter which I had received from a resident at Patricxbourne, but your Chairman was so obviously in a hurry to bring the meeting to an end that I didn't dare raise it. The same resident rang me up this morning, very angry, and very nearly damned rude. I suggested he should get in touch with Mr. Whigham or you.

Yours

*Rupert*

Colonel Geoffrey Elliott D.S.O.,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury, Kent.

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KENT COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE

General Secretary:

J. L. H. DAVIS, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Jan 73

COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL KENT

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Philip H. Toy, F.R.I.C.S.

1, HOLMESDALE TERRACE,  
FOLKESTONE. Phone 52333

Hon. Secretary:

Lt.-Col. R. F. H. Drake-Brockman

2nd January, 1973.

Dear Geoffrey

Nailbourne Protection Society

Many thanks for the Banker's Order from your Society. We are very pleased that you have affiliated to us.

We are certainly watching the Bridge by-pass proposal, but I do not think that siting it through Bourne Park stands a chance. We will bear in mind what you say about the beech trees running up Rose Lane.

I must admit that I did not entirely envy you taking over as hon. sec., as the amount of interest shown by the small attendance at your A.G.M. was not very impressive. As is always the case, there is a loud hue and cry when some big development or some such threatens a village, but when that battle has been won, as in your case, interest flags, and small threats such as loss of trees, footpaths etc., which all mount up, do not arouse interest, or are left entirely to the hon. sec., and people are apt to sink back into apathy.

You can count on us to take an interest in your problems, and, incidentally, I put forward, as our recommendations, your wishes about the Bishopsbourne conservation area.

Col. G. G. Elliott D.S.O., M.A.,  
The Paddock, Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury, Kent.

Yours  
Rupert

# CIVIC TRUST

17 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5AW 01-930 0914

AP/CRG

19 December 1972

Dear Mr Elliott,

## REGISTRATION

Thank you for your letter of 7 December, and of course I am pleased to hear that the Society wishes to register with the Trust.

I am afraid, however, that clause 23 of the Constitution renders the Society ineligible for registration as we insist that the membership of a registered local amenity society should be open to all, and remain open to all, without qualification.

It may be helpful if I sent you a copy of our model constitution for a local amenity society. I am also enclosing other literature which may be of interest.

There is one other possible complication in this case, and that is the the Society's area of interest appears to overlap with that of the Kingston Village Society, and we do not normally register more than one society operating in the same area. However, this is probably less of an obstacle than clause 23 as your Society appears to be an area organisation rather than a local one.

As a matter of interest, finally, is the Society becoming involved in the Bridge ~~for the~~ by-pass alignment dispute?

Yours sincerely,



Arthur Percival

G G Elliott Esq  
Nailbourne Protection Society  
The Paddock  
Bishopsbourne, Canterbury, Kent. Encls.

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Dec 72



# Kent Federation of Amenity Societies

(Registered with the Civic Trust and affiliated to the C.P.R.K.)

President: Sir Henry J. d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., M.P.

20th December, 1972.

G.G. Elliott Esq.,  
Hon Treasurer,  
Nailbourne Protection Society,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury, Kent.

Dear Mr Elliott,

I acknowledge your letter and enclosed cheque for the sum of £2.10p. Your application for your Society's membership to the F.K.A.S. will be put forward at our next Executive Committee Meeting on the 10th February next, after which time I will contact you again.

Your remarks concerning the voracious minority at Bridge are noted but I feel sure that they will not prevail against the parishes of Bridge, Patrixbourne and Bishopsbourne who I understand are all in favour of the northerly route.

The contents of your letter will be made known to the Committee at our next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

*Melen M. Bragg*

Hon. Secretary: Mrs H.M. Bragg, Holbeam Cottage, Stalisfield, Nr Faversham, Kent.

Chairman:

Vice-Chairman:

Hon. Treasurer:

Hon. Editor:

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14th December, 1972

G.G. Elliott Esq.,  
The Paddock,  
Bishopsbourne,  
Canterbury,  
Kent.

Dear Mr Elliott,

I am pleased to receive your letter dated 6th December 1972, and enclosure, informing me that your Society is interested in becoming a member of the Kent Federation of Amenity Societies.

I note that your Society will be registering with the Civic Trust and is becoming affiliated to the C.P.R.K., this is the preliminary towards membership which is open to all amenity societies within the geographical area of the County of Kent who are interested in the aims of the Federation.

The membership subscription is £2.10p per annum payable on the 1st of the month, in the following and each year afterwards, in which it was paid. Your Society would be able to call on the Federation for any guidance and advice it may need in environmental problems and would also be entitled to send two delegates (official representatives) to the two Conferences held each year and as many other members of your Society who are able to attend would be very welcome. It would receive three copies of each of the two yearly editions of the Federation's News, a specimen copy of which I am enclosing and which I am sure you will find interesting and informative.

I look forward to hearing from you again in due course.

Yours sincerely,

*Helen M. Bragg*

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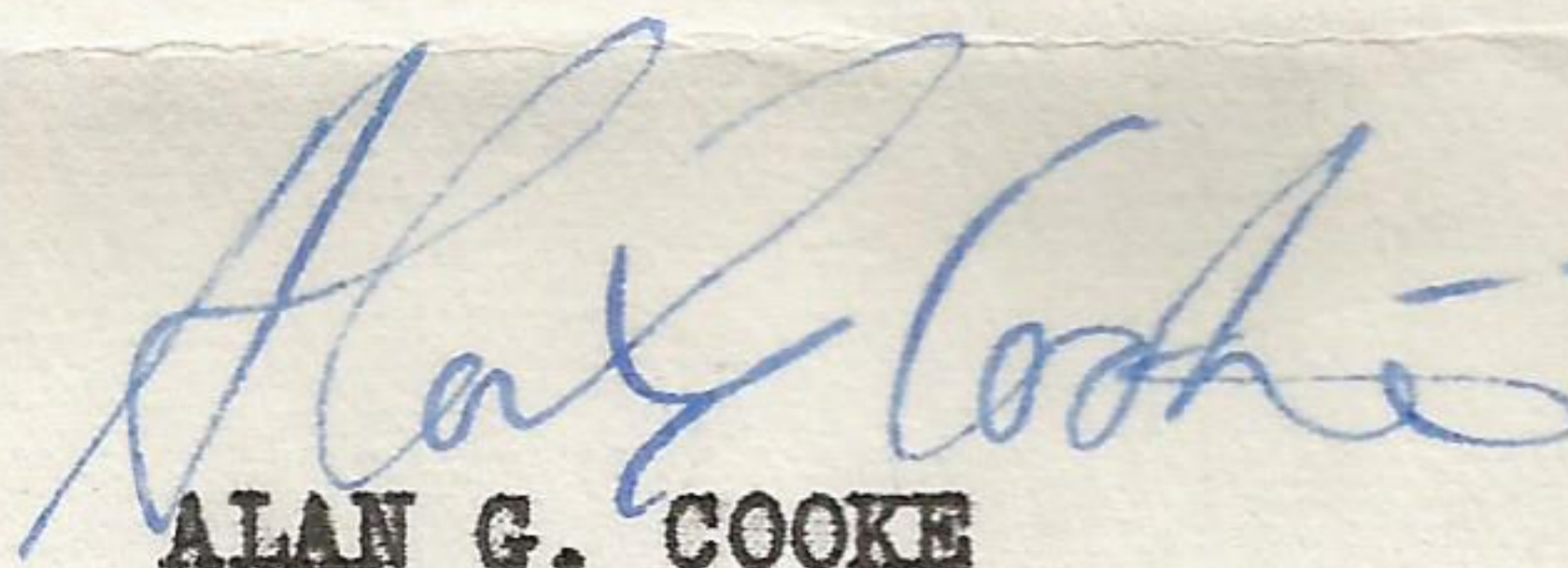
11th December 1972.

Dear Mr. Elliott,

Thank you for your letter of 1st December. I am pleased to hear that my talk was of some interest to you! It was unfortunate that there were no "before and after" slides and few of conservation areas in United Kingdom but I hope the "Caribbean" conservation area items were of interest.

I note the comments in your letter concerning Bridge, Bishopsbourne and Harham. I suggest that if you wish to press your views concerning conservation area boundaries, you contact the County Planning Officer direct or the Clerk of the Rural District Council or the Committee for the Protection of Rural Kent, whichever you prefer. This will enable the appropriate organisations to look into the matter officially.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Sir,

Re: Earnest George Neame deceased.

We regret to inform you that Mr. Neame who was a member of the Nailbourne Protection Society died on the 22nd November and no doubt you will amend your records accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

*Kingford*  
*Canterbury*

16, Watling Street,  
Canterbury.

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THE ICKHAM, WINGHAM AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

*Affiliated to the Committee for the Protection of Rural Kent*

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**THE AIM OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO PRESERVE THE RURAL  
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Colonel.G.G.Elliott. D.S.O.  
The Paddock  
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New Place,  
Ickham,  
Canterbury.

5th October. 1972

*Dear General*

We have at last been able to finalise the Little Stour Fund accounts, except for the fees for auditing and advertising the balance sheet (probably) in the Press.

It appears we shall have a credit balance after this of about £100. We are going to keep this separate from our main account against any future threats or contingencies.

My Committee have asked me to say how grateful we are for your Society's support, and if we have not had to use our reserve we will contribute to any appeal you may have to launch. I hope you feel this is ~~right~~ *all right*.

Incidentally, there is no secret about it, but Anthony Harvie's bill eventually was £1,000, fortunately the Water Engineer's whose bill we expected would be £1,000 was only £311, otherwise we would have been a bit pushed.

I will send you a copy of the Audited accounts in due course.

*Yours ever  
Jech.*

J.H.Slade-Powell  
Chairman