

Gloucester Civic Trust Timeline

Aims and Objects – first item in the annual report **1972**

To stimulate public interest in the area. To promote high standards of planning and architecture. To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of local features of historic and public interest.

February 3rd. Civic Trust launched at the Guildhall.

February 4th. Council of Management inaugural meeting.

Sub Committees established; Planning Appraisal, Historic Features, Finance and Property and Fund Raising, Projects, Riverside Walk.

March 13th. First public open meeting of the Trust.

October. Trust officially incorporated as a charitable body.

1974

August. Historic Gloucester leaflet published. 2000 copies sold in 10 days.

November 12th. Docks Ginger Group set up.

1975

February. Tourist Guides formed.

December. Port of Gloucester leaflet published and a Town Trail.

1976

Sculpture in Gloucester leaflet and a key to the Sainsbury Mural published.

Historic Gloucester leaflet wins Design Council Award in a guide book competition.

1977

Ladybellegate House purchased by the Trust for £1.

Trust represented, with other bodies, at a public inquiry to oppose (successfully) the demolition of 30 Westgate Street.

1978

Restoration of Ladybellegate House started.

Trust involved with the Aviation Murals project.

August. Trust members staff Tourist Information Caravan in College Green.

1979

April. Ladybellegate House opened by HRH The Princess Anne.

April. Permanent Tourist Information Centre opened in College Street staffed with Trust volunteers.

Arts and Craft section set up.

1980

May 9th. Gloucester Historic Buildings Ltd. Formed in partnership with City Council.

The Trust and the Inland Waterways Association organise the Port of Gloucester 400 celebrations.

Ladybellegate House sold and funds transferred to Gloucester Historic Buildings Ltd.

1981

January 20th. Trust represented (with other bodies) at a public inquiry to oppose (successfully) the demolition of the North Warehouse.

September 20th. Aviation Murals unveiled.

Trust members represented on the Gloucester Team who win BBC TV's "Know your Place" series.

1982

August. French version of Historic Gloucester leaflet published.

1983

German version of Historic Gloucester leaflet published.

Restoration of St. Nicholas House (Dick Whittington) begins.

First restored section of the Riverside Walk at Sandhurst opened.

1984

GHB open negotiations to acquire 89-91 (Hyatt House) Westgate Street. Subsequently restored by The Avondown Housing Association.

Trust contributes to the restoration of St. Mary Magdalene Chapel.

1985

GHB acquire 71-83 Westgate Street (former Wood's Army and Navy store).

1990

Trust volunteers open a satellite Tourist Information Office in the foyer of the Waterways Museum.

1991

Trust involved with the restoration of Our Lady's Well at Hempsted and the repainting of the coat of arms on the Old Crypt Schoolroom.

1992

GHB involved with the restoration of Bishop Hooper's Monument.

Trust provides financial support to Oxstalls Action Group campaign to prevent the loss of the campus to redevelopment.

Restoration of the wells on Robinswood Hill.

Emperor Nerva statue project launched.

2002

Emperor Nerva statue in Southgate Street unveiled.

2005

Robert Raikes statue in Gloucester Park refurbished.

Trust information Point in the docks moved to Merchants Quay.

2006

Trust in cooperation with the city council launch Civic Awards scheme.

2007

Gloucester Civic Trust granted a lease for St. Michael's Tower.

2008

Tourist Information Point moved to 9 College Street.

2009

September. Tourist Information Point moved back to the National Waterways Museum.

September 9th. St. Michael's Tower dedicated by the Bishop of Gloucester.

Trust receives sponsorship from Ecclesiastical Insurance.

Civic Trust website created.

2013

July 10th. Queen's Award for Voluntary Service presented to Gloucester Civic Trust by HRH The Duke of Gloucester.

2015

September. 100,000th visitor on a Trust guided Tour.

2019

The Trust is a major donor to fund traditional style railings around St. Mary de Crypt church.

2021

Ownership of the Folk Museum buildings transferred to Gloucester Historic Buildings Ltd., and leased by them to Gloucester Civic Trust.