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SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES 2010-2011

THE CITY IN CONTEXT: THE COUNTY PLAN

The main, and almost constant, attention of Trustees during the year has been the succession of consultation documents issued in connection with the County Durham Local Development Framework, now popularly known as the **County Plan**.

The documents threaten the City as we know it. Many of them are inter-linked, and all concentrate disproportionately on the City, with no indication that the Authority has taken into account responses received through the earlier consultation process.

The County Authority has been unswerving in its intention which was initially announced in its *Core Strategy Issues Paper* in October 2009. The City – by which is meant the immediate environs, not the more extensive former District – is to be expanded so that its success will, in turn, spread out to the rest of the County. In the words of the key document, the City “needs a critical mass of population, employment and visitors...to maximise this potential for the benefit of the County.” The County Planning Officer re-emphasised this view: “The population is too small to attract many of the facilities we want. Population is really holding Durham back in many respects (*Durham Times*, 6th August 2010).

In summary, such steroidal growth of the City is to result in 5050 new houses, major office development, cultural facilities to achieve the status of a major international tourist destination, more retailing and two new roads (a Northern and Western Relief Road). The City’s recently-established and hardly generous Green Belt is scheduled to receive much of this development. The real possibility here, if protection of Green Belt land were to be removed, is that is that the monetary value of the released land would increase astronomically, so that, in effect the Green Belt would provide funds for its own destruction. In similar manner the government’s new Community Infrastructure Levy would provide funds to build the two relief roads.

Trustees have responded with counter-argument and action. We claim that (1) the Authority has put forward no empirical or theoretical evidence to show that expanding the city will ultimately bring regeneration to the rest of the county; (2) The attack on the Green Belt is contrary to national policy, which emphasises its permanence, and is also contrary to the Inspector’s Report on the current Local Plan, which recommended that future development should be beyond the narrow, protecting strip of Green Belt.

In view of the Authority’s unswerving strategy to pursue what it terms Option A, with its concentration on the City despite the counter-argument just listed, Trustees have written to all 126 County Councillors asking them to urge the Council to start working on a credible Option B alternative, suggesting that, otherwise, there is a real risk that the Inspector at the forth-coming Examination in Public could conclude that the Plan is unsound.

Trustees further action springs from the fact that, while overall only 40% were said to have voted for Option A at the consultation stage, the percentage for responses from Town and Parish Councils was even lower (20%). We are therefore contacting these councils to share views over the proposed unbalanced development which will put the wider County at a disadvantage while taking a gamble on its long-term benefits.

One further comment or, rather, statistic: Trustees have so far submitted more than three-dozen pages of counter-argument on seven separate Plan documents.

A TOWN COUNCIL

It is irony indeed that, while the County Authority targets the City for unprecedented growth, for the first time in its four-hundred year history the City is in limbo, unable to make any comment in response. Trustees are fully in favour of a **Town Council**, thus fully supportive of the campaign led by Alderman Mary Hawgood in her efforts to bring this to fruition. We are pleased that the required number of signatures has recently been achieved.

THE MARKET PLACE

It was hoped to include a design and townscape assessment of the **Market Place** as a sequel to the argument Trustees put forward to the application at all its stages, but the ‘regeneration’ programme is behind schedule, and a review must await a future Bulletin. Meanwhile, dissatisfaction with the treatment of the application continues to be examined: since the matter has not been resolved through the Council’s Corporate Complaints procedure, it is now being considered by the Local Ombudsman.

One early application seeking to take advantage of the newly-emerging Market Place was submitted by the **Market Tavern**. In wishing to place seats in front of its premises, it applied for a change of use to “highway and public seating.” - Highway, because future commercial vehicles and funeral cars for St Nicholas will undertake a

circular route around the edge of the Market Place. (The application was refused.)

ENVIRONMENTAL PLUSES

The sensitive restoration or alteration of several internal environments drew the admiration of Trustees during the year. In the basement of the Deanery a vaulted 13th century undercroft was converted into a **Chapel of the Holy Cross** under the guidance of cathedral architect, Christopher Downs, with sculptor, Colin Wilbourn. Nearby, the University carefully renovated **Bishop Cosin's Library**. The **North Road Methodist Church** took advantage of its restoration to update its facilities. The **Indoor Market** saw the completion of a mezzanine floor across its lower end, with its balustrading forming a unifying feature above the diversity of the stalls. In view of its contribution to the liveliness of the City centre, it was heartening to learn in February that it had been judged joint Best Private Market by the National



High-level Riverbank under repair. (D.Pocock)
Association of British Market Authorities.

'Outside', all are grateful to the **Cathedral authorities** for their latest restoration or, rather, repair of the river banks' high-level path at the base of the Galilee Chapel. Extensive engineering was involved, with tons of earth and stone temporarily stored across the river. Storage was beside the sculpture, 'Revealed', the stones of which - formerly part of a pinnacle on the Nine Altars - made the similar river crossing two decades earlier. (The next daunting task is repair of Prebends' Bridge, on English Heritage's list of buildings in danger and currently cocooned in scaffolding.)

The **Friends of Flass Vale** achieved a notable success in persuading B.T. to remove a mast and wires,

which suddenly appeared and which intruded into the best view of the cathedral from this Local Nature Reserve. The Friends' organisation generally have taken commendable care of the precious Vale since their formation a few years ago.

A second, more recent organisation, the **Friends of Old Durham Gardens**, has already made an effective start to bringing the historic gardens back to life. Meanwhile, the **Woodland Trust** has undertaken a second season of planting on its extensive site at Low Burnhall and appropriate fencing has been erected alongside the A167.

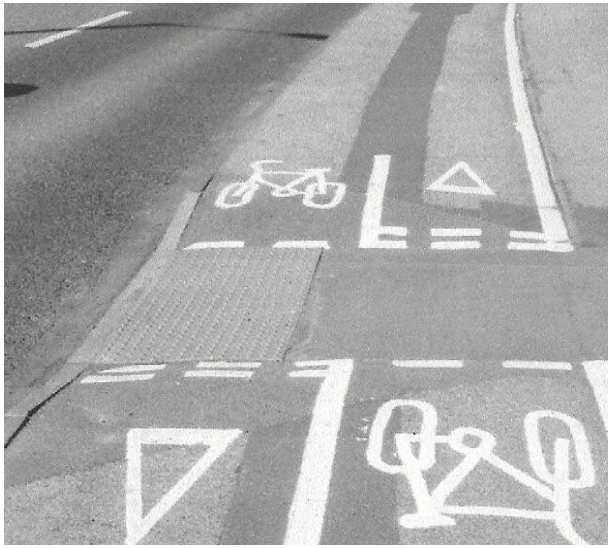
Two further items which it is hoped will lead to environmental pluses were the Authority's **North Road Consultation** exhibition and meetings organised by the Durham Action Area Partnership on **Elvet Waterside**. The most recent meeting of the latter sought to derive ideas for a Design Brief for the area. Such meetings are to be welcomed, even though A.A.P.s were not set up to have any planning input. Janet Gill is the Trust's representative at the meetings.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUERIES

The County Authority is currently proposing a series of sections of **bus lanes** in order that such priority will make overall journey times by public transport more reliable. (Funding is provided by the Department of Transport from an application made in the County's Local Transport Plan 2.) While it is admitted that each section may only take seconds off a journey, for each section it is claimed that "benefits are greater than costs." Such a conclusion is derived from a simple calculation in monetary terms of the time saved by travellers against the cost of constructing a third lane. (No value is given to the environment) Eventually, of course, over time a positive result will inevitably be achieved. Even so, such calculations may be acceptable for, say, a section in Langley Moor, but hardly on the A177 at Shincliffe and certainly not at the bottom of South Road where fifteen mature lime trees will have to be felled.

The removal of trees is a feature for a second query. The area involved is worthy of comment, although technically it is across the road from the former Durham District at Thinford. (The road was the boundary.) Here, the industrial estate, renamed '**Durham Gate**', presents perhaps the future landscape of regeneration. At the southern end all trees have been removed, including the tall laurels on the large roundabout, in order that the emerging office blocks may have maximum visibility. Such full-frontal customer attention is often sought by car show-rooms or supermarkets, but hardly business or industrial estates.

At micro-level, the profusion of signs and markings for cyclists (directional signs excepted) may be queried. The joint **pedestrian-cycle path** along the A167 is a good example of recent white-lining. A strip of tactile



Cycle-track white-lining. (D. Pocock)

paving may be found at points where there is a central reservation in order to aid visibly-challenged persons to cross the road. To further safeguard pedestrians, the white-marker has put lines and a triangle either side of the two-foot wide tactile strip to alert cyclists. The same safeguard is painted either end of bus shelters.

TRUST PUBLICATIONS

For some years the Trust has had its own website (www.durhamcity.org). It was professionally set up and maintained by Roger Cornwell, who has now set up a **Pay-Pal account system** whereby Trust publications can be ordered and paid for online. Just log on to our website and click to publications page. You can then order and pay online using a debit or credit card, or print out a custom order form to post it off with a cheque..

Three new publications appeared in the year. The *City of Durham Trust Annual Awards, 1990-2009*, edited by Timothy Clark, describes all award-winning buildings, together with many of those which were highly commended. There are illustrations of them all.

The Unmaking of Durham's Historic Market Place, by your Secretary, analyses each stage of the evolution and passage of the planning application to achieve that which is now emerging.

In the Steps of the Masters: Durham in Paintings, again by your Secretary, discusses paintings of the peninsular climax from eighteen different viewpoints.

EVENTS

At the September meeting of Trustees the County Planning Officer, **Stuart Timmiss**, and two planning colleagues, Graeme Reed and Alan Simpson, presented the

Authority's case for the County Plan. Discussion naturally followed.

Our autumn meeting was addressed by Trustee **Colin Jubb** on 'Old Durham Gardens: Past and Future.' Appropriately, Colin is treasurer of the newly formed Friends of Old Durham Gardens. It was doubly appropriate therefore, that the Trust gave a donation to the society.

The spring lecture was given by our patron, the **Very Revd Michael Sadgrove**, on 'Historic Cathedral City: Expectation and Reality at Durham.' It struck such a cord with our members that we are hoping to publish the paper.

Your Secretary gave the lecture after last year's AGM on the unmaking of the Market Place. In the Beautiful Durham 2010 Competition the Trust Award was won by Sherburn Village Parish Council. In September, Trust members again kindly acted as stewards during the **Heritage Open Days** scheme. Once again, we are indebted to Mrs June Wright for co-ordinating our contribution.

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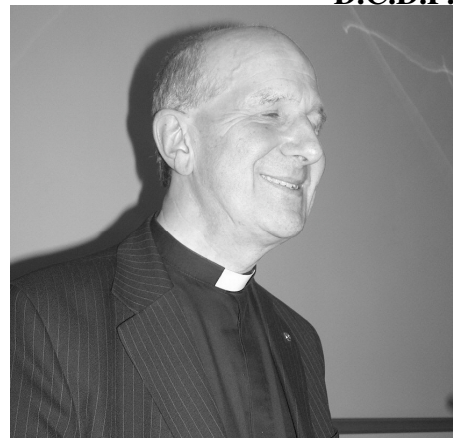
In December pressure of work caused **Dr Bill Pollard** to resign temporarily his Trusteeship. At the same time, and for the same reason, **Dr John Charters** felt it necessary to resign his chairmanship, though not his Trusteeship.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members might like to consider bringing along this Report to the AGM, since it would be especially helpful should comments or questions be made on the annual accounts.

Following the AGM there will be an illustrated lecture by **Sandra Robertson** and **Stephen McDonald**, both of County Durham Planning section, on the increasingly important, if difficult, problem of "Energy Efficiency in Historic buildings."

D.C.D.P.



Trust Patron, the Very Rev Michael Sadgrove, at our spring meeting. (D.Jones)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The sixty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the City of Durham Trust will be held in Room 142, Elvet Riverside 1, New Elvet at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 11 May 2011

Members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the 68th Annual General Meeting (Wednesday 12 May 2010).
3. Matters arising from the Minutes.
4. Report of the Trustees and the Presentation of Audited Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2010.
5. Appointment of the honorary officers of the Trust.
6. Appointment of Trustees.

The following Trustees retire by rotation. All are eligible for re-election.

Mr R Cornwell, Mrs J A Gill, Dr C P Green, Mrs J E Hepple & Miss M E Sales.

Names of other possible new Trustees, together with proposer and seconder, and up to 100 words of recommendation, should reach the Secretary before the meeting.

7. Chairman's remarks.
8. Any other business which may be brought forward by members.
It would be helpful if notice of this could be given to the Secretary.

LECTURE

At 8 pm, after the AGM

Sandra Robertson and
Stephen McDonald
will give a lecture on

***ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN
HISTORIC BUILDINGS***

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2010**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.10 Total funds £	31.12.09 Total funds £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2	3,062	-	3,062	4,557
Activities for generating funds	3	1,368	-	1,368	793
Investment income	4	38	-	38	145
Total incoming resources		4,468	-	4,468	5,495
 RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds					
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold and other costs	5	5,954	-	5,954	713
Charitable activities	6				
Environmental conservation & appreciation		5,669	-	5,669	5,012
Governance costs	9	164	-	164	155
Total resources expended		11,787	-	11,787	5,880
 NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		 (7,319)	 -	 (7,319)	 (385)
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		24,531	-	24,531	24,916
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 17,212	 -	 17,212	 24,531

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**Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2010**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.10 Total funds £	31.12.09 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,937	-	1,937	1,806
Cash at bank		15,725	-	15,725	23,651
		<u>17,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,662</u>	<u>25,457</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(450)	-	(450)	(926)
		<u>17,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,212</u>	<u>24,531</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>17,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,212</u>	<u>24,531</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>17,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,212</u>	<u>24,531</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>17,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,212</u>	<u>24,531</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds:	13				
General fund				17,212	24,531
				<u>17,212</u>	<u>24,531</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>17,212</u>	<u>24,531</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2010.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Dr J W Charters -Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
Donations	53	1,474
Gift aid	529	621
Subscriptions	2,480	2,462
	<u>3,062</u>	<u>4,557</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2010**

3. ACTIVITIES FOR GENERATING FUNDS

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
St Cuthbert	179	16
Essays	87	4
Bonomi	27	-
Futures of Durham	9	9
Walks leaflet	8	5
Christmas cards	434	759
Durham in Paintings	406	-
Unallocated sales	38	-
Unmaking of the Market Place	148	-
CDT Awards Book	32	-
	1,368	793
	1,368	793

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
CAF account interest	38	145
	38	145
	38	145

5. FUNDRAISING TRADING: COST OF GOODS SOLD AND OTHER COSTS

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
Purchases	5,954	713
	5,954	713
	5,954	713

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs	Grant funding of activities (See note 7)	Support costs (See note 8)	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	4,405	292	972	5,669
	4,405	292	972	5,669
	4,405	292	972	5,669

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	292	542
	292	542
	292	542

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS - continued

The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
Bow Trust	50	50
Civic Trust (North East)	10	10
Friends of Durham Cathedral	20	20
CPRE	32	32
Civic Trust (National)	-	150
Alington House	30	30
Beautiful Durham	50	50
Civic Society Initiative	-	100
History of Durham Photo Project	-	100
Friends of Old Durham Gardens	100	-
	292	542
	292	542

8. SUPPORT COSTS

	Management	Finance	Totals
	£	£	£
Environmental conservation & appreciation	971	1	972
	971	1	972
	971	1	972

9. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
Filing fee	30	30
Independent examiner's remuneration	134	125
	164	155
	164	155

10. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2010 nor for the year ended 31 December 2009.

Trustees' Expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2010 nor for the year ended 31 December 2009.

11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,937	1,806
	1,937	1,806
	1,937	1,806

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.10	31.12.09
	£	£
Trade creditors	420	851
Other creditors	30	75
	<u>450</u>	<u>926</u>

13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.10	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.10
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	24,531	(7,319)	17,212
	<u>24,531</u>	<u>(7,319)</u>	<u>17,212</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>24,531</u>	<u>(7,319)</u>	<u>17,212</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,468	(11,787)	(7,319)
	<u>4,468</u>	<u>(11,787)</u>	<u>(7,319)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,468</u>	<u>(11,787)</u>	<u>(7,319)</u>