



THE BIRKENHEAD HISTORY SOCIETY

Established 1974
Registered Charity Number 506127

The Society was inaugurated as a result of a group brought together in a University Extra-Mural Class 'Toward History of Birkenhead' held during 1973/74 at Birkenhead Central Library. As the class could not continue without an official tutor, it was decided to start a history society to study the growth and development of Birkenhead and to research and record the changes that had taken place.

The Public's response to this was overwhelming when, instead of an expected 50 at the first open meeting held at the Williamson Art Gallery on the 15th May 1974, over three times that number attended.

Over 37 years our achievement has been to raise awareness of Birkenhead's history in the following ways by the Society and individual members:-

- The publication of a book 'Sidelights on Tranmere' by J. E. Allison, M. A., an eminent local historian and one of the Society's first Vice-Presidents. A second edition is now in print.
- The restoration of Tam O'Shanter's Cottage on Bidston Hill as a Visitors' Centre and Urban Farm.
- Through the help of Mr. W. Hunt, the saving of the Knox Bell, which was presented to the town. It is now displayed in the restored tower of St. Mary's, by the Priory.
- The purchase of the Presentation Deed Box of the Borough Hospital.
- A Library Exhibition of Birkenhead in the Second World War.
- The production of a central Birkenhead Historical Town Trail.
- Involvement in other local interest groups including 'Friends of the Ferries', 'Friends of Flaybrick Memorial Gardens', 'Friends of Birkenhead Park', 'Friends of Greasby', Birkenhead Institute Old Boys Association
- Publication of the Wilfred Owen information leaflet and trail.
- Saving the Woodside Ferry Terminal building from demolition in partnership with the Merseyside Industrial History Society.
- Active participation in the Bidston Conservation Area Advisory Committee of Wirral Borough Council.
- Listing and retention of the 'Alabama' dock and lock-gates at Cammell Laird.
- Taking a leading role in the revival of 'Old Time Music Hall' performances, assisted by the Hamilton Quarter.
- Assembly and cataloguing of Birkenhead and Mersey Ferry plans and artefacts in conjunction with Wirral Library Services.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please enrol me as a member of the Birkenhead History Society. I enclose my membership fee as appropriate.

Annual membership:-

1st April to 31st March, and includes three editions of the Newsletter and free admission to the Monthly Lectures

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| | From 2010 |
| Member | £10.00 |
| Member and Associate | £15.00 |

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