

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THE TRUST'S WORK THROUGH
"THE CIVIC TRUST NEWS"**

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Another year and a few more issues of Civic Trust News behind us.

Number 109 is now due for publication.

Continuing the theme of communication from my last year's report, Civic Trust News continues to give the opportunity to communicate with our members. It also, however, gives a much wider opportunity to promote the Trust's activities and aspirations. How do we do this? Well, copies of the newsletter are sent to our local Member of Parliament, to the Mayor and to the leaders of the three political parties on the City Council. A copy also goes to the Council's Chief Executive and to City Officers with whom Council of Management members meet at the tri-monthly Joint Civic Trust/ City Council Forums. The Chief Executive of the Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company is also on the distribution list.

Communicating and introducing new members to the Trust is also extremely important. As well as a welcome in Civic Trust News, members receive at least the latest issue in their welcoming package which is sent to them on joining, thus enabling them to quickly become aware of the work and activities of the Trust.

Traditionally the newsletter is distributed three times yearly. The first, the winter issue, is sent in early January. For the last two years, with the winter newsletter, we have distributed a Trust calendar to members. Because of this it has been very important to get the package out as early as possible in the New Year. The spring issue goes with the Trust's Annual Report and the Annual General Meeting Agenda. Generally I aim for the summer newsletter to be with members before the end of August.

My thanks to those who have supported me with contributions to the Newsletter in 2007. I must also again take the opportunity to thank Simon Day for his sterling work in putting my script on to disc ready for printing.

I hope members find the articles and features which appear in the Newsletter interesting and informative.

The work of the Trust continues and, hopefully, Civic Trust News will continue to keep members informed of the Trust's involvement and activities in protecting and promoting the heritage in our great city of Gloucester.