



Charitable Objects

The advancement of education for the public benefit in the life and work of Decimus Burton and in the lives of other contemporary architects. to improve and diffuse knowledge of the life, work and influence of Decimus Burton. This will be achieved by the following means:

1. The creation of a central resource point, containing a collection of material relating to Decimus Burton and his work, with links to material in other places.
2. The holding of talks and lectures relating to Decimus Burton and his work.
3. The arrangement of visits to Burton designed buildings, places and landscapes.
4. The publication of research into Decimus Burton and his period.
5. The encouragement of students and others to study and appreciate Decimus Burton's work.

Establishment as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The Society transferred its operations to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which became active on 01 February 2022.

Trustees of the Society for the period 01 October 2022 to 30 September 2023

1. Paul Avis (Chair)
2. Aimee Felton (Vice Chair)
3. Chris Jones (Secretary)
4. David Woosnam (Treasurer – appointed 27th March 2023)
5. Guy Fearon
6. Stuart Page
7. Caroline Auckland
8. Amanda-Jane Doran
9. Keith Porter (appointed 27th March 2023)

Annual Report of the Trustees for the period ending 30 September 2023

On 25th April 2023, members of the Society, together with members of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society presented our business plan to re-purpose 9 & 10 Crescent Road in Tunbridge Wells, two villas designed by Decimus Burton in 1828, to provide a museum and study centre celebrating the life and work of the architect and the social history of the town in his lifetime. The aim is also to house the national Decimus Burton archive. The project has attracted considerable support from the public as well as local and national press, including the Times of Tunbridge Wells, The Guardian, Observer and Daily Mail. At present, the project team is still in negotiations with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, while at the same



time developing the additional information requested by the National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of an Expression of Interest application, which is the precursor to a formal grant application. While this work is in progress, we are also looking into the potential for private sponsorship to purchase the property from the council and provide the museum trust with a platform to apply for funding.

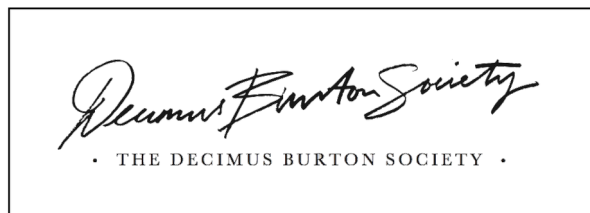
The town of Fleetwood in Lancashire was designed by Decimus Burton in the late 1830s. Fleetwood Museum is located in the old Customs House, designed by Burton, and in May of 2023, the Museum successfully purchased an adjacent house also designed by Burton. This is an exciting development for the museum and our members in Fleetwood, as the building in question retains many of its original features, including its kitchen range.

In Tunbridge Wells, Trinity Theatre is looking to open its new tower project either this Spring or early Summer which will exhibit the history of the church from its beginnings when Decimus Burton designed it in 1828, to the present day. The Decimus Burton Society is currently working with Trinity to provide Decimus Burton material for the exhibition.

In September, one of our members started work on a series of roadshows to encourage young secondary school students to enter the architectural and related professions. One of these projects will take place in Fleetwood and is being developed with Fleetwood Museum, The King's Foundation, The Decimus Burton Society, the Royal Academy, The Fleetwood Trust, and the RIBA. It is aimed at local schools and will feature an exhibition of some of Decimus Burton's early work.

The Society continues to help sort through Philip Miller's archive material on James and Decimus Burton held at the RIBA, and more recently, the society was donated Neil Cooke's extensive archive by his sister. The archive covers not only Decimus Burton, but also of other Burton family members. The Society was also donated the archive of Elizabeth Nathaniels, one of the founding members of the Society and a contributor of many articles to journals such as DECIMUS and The Apollo. Elizabeth has also donated her library of books relating to the architect's life, his work and times. The Society's main aim is to ensure that the archives and library are easily accessible to researchers.

One new area that the Society has been involved in is planning. There are many listed Decimus Burton buildings throughout the country and from time to time the Society gets enquiries about planning matters. In most cases, applications are often successfully dealt with by local Civic Societies, or other institutions such as the Georgian Group or Victorian



Society. We will, however, look at applications on an individual basis if approached, and decide if our involvement will add value to the proceedings. Such a case occurred recently, when the Society wrote to object to a planning and listed building application in Calverley Park in Tunbridge Wells. The application was refused at the planning committee meeting.

As at 30 September 2023 the Society had 60 subscriptions equivalent to 72 members and three corporate members.

Followers of the society's social media platforms have increased over the few years that the society has been going, such that we currently have 134 Facebook, 371 Twitter, and 381 Instagram followers. Our website, likewise, has recently seen 200 visitors per month and 2024 will hopefully turn out to be another productive year for The Decimus Burton Society.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 01 OCTOBER 2022 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Society operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which became active on 1 February 2022 (previously an unregistered charity). The 2023 accounts below represent the first full year of operations as a CIO, with the figures for the previous year from incorporation on 1st February 2022.

THE DECIMUS BURTON SOCIETY ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 01 OCTOBER 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 30 2023		
Stg £	01 Oct 2022 - 30 Sep 2023	01 Feb 2022 - 30 Sep 2022
Income and Expenses		
Subscriptions	1,422	807
Donations	170	0
Other Income	46	0
Total Income	1,638	807
Journal printing & postage & website	(1,168)	(239)
Total Expenses	(1,168)	(239)
Surplus for the Year	470	568
Surplus Brought Forward	1,888	1,320



Surplus Carried Forward	2,358	1,888
Balance Sheet		
Cash at Bank	3,203	2,580
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	(250)	(690)
Expenses Payable	(595)	(2)
Surplus	2,358	1,888

Notes to the Accounts

1. The Society has given no guarantees nor has any debt owing either during the year or at the year end. No security has been granted over the Society's assets.
2. No transactions have been entered into with any Trustee or Related Parties of the Society.