

Brief History of the Society

The Frome Society for Local Study was founded in 1958 by a group of Frome townspeople. They wanted to make the history of Frome and its district better known and to preserve its records and architectural heritage.

In 1966 it was instrumental in founding the Frome Museum, and ran it for some years. The Society's sub-committees and its Historical Research Group collected information on the history of Frome and deposited it in the Museum and in the Public Library. Over the years the Society has played a leading role in the conservation of local buildings of historical interest – most notably Marston House.

The Society has made awards to many local projects, for research and the purchase and restoration of historic maps and documents.

In 1974 Mrs Norman Ashworth bequeathed Wine Street House to the Society. For some years it was used to house Frome Museum, but the building was unendowed and so sold, the proceeds being invested.

The Frome and District Civic Society was founded in 1970 and became associated with the Frome Society for Local Study in 1997, with full participation in all Society activities. The Civic Society is involved in environmental and planning matters that affect the future of the town, and makes comments on all planning applications.

Are you interested in

Archaeology

Architecture

Future of Frome

Geology

Historic Houses and Gardens

History

Local History

Natural History

Preservation of Frome Features

Publications on Local Themes

Local Research

Membership of the Society

Will entitle you to enjoy summer outings to places of historic interest and to attend the course of lectures during the winter months. There are also social events, including an annual dinner, that supplement the lectures and outings.

Some outings are specially made to exhibitions or events.

Publications

The Society has published over 80 books and monographs of local historical interest. These are on sale at local bookshops, and can be ordered through the Society's website. It has also reproduced old maps and published several Yearbooks with a diverse range of articles on Frome and the surrounding villages. Full details of all available publications can be found in the latest Yearbook and on the website. Twice a year the Society issues a magazine, Contact, which has details of the lecture programme and the planned outings, and information about the activities of the Frome and District Civic Society.

Application for Membership

(includes membership of Frome & District Civic Society)
I/We wish to become a member/member(s) of the Frome Society for Local Study and enclose a subscription for

£

Name(s)

Address

Post Code Tel

E-mail

If you would like to have Contact delivered instead of by e-mail, please tick this box.

Books will always be delivered or posted.

Cheques (but preferably Standing Orders) should be made out to Frome Society for Local Study (F S L S) and sent to the Membership Secretary: Janet Howard 4, Styles Hill Frome, BA11 5JQ Tel 01373 473733

Subscription rates for the year commencing the 1st of January 2015:

Individual	£10.00
Joint Membership (same address)	£15.00
Life Membership, Individual	£100.00
Life Membership, Joint	£150.00

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LOCAL STUDY *and*
FROME & DISTRICT
CIVIC SOCIETY**



The Society's logo is reproduced from a carving of a horse on a Saxon stone in St. John's Church, possibly part of a memorial cross to St. Aldhelm.

The Aims of the Society

Working to record our past and protect our future

The principal aim of the Society is to disseminate information by publishing books and arranging lectures on subjects such as Natural History, Geology, Archaeology, Architecture and Local History related to Frome and surrounding area.

To achieve this aim the Society may compile and preserve local records and support the preservation of any feature of Frome considered to be of special merit.

The Civic Society aims to stimulate people's interest in the town, to raise awareness of its special character and identity, to promote civic pride and safeguard buildings and areas of historic interest and to provide a forum for discussing the future of the town with the object of creating a better town for everyone to enjoy

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