

**The Aldeburgh Society** was formed in 1974 as The Civic Society for Aldeburgh.

Our aims are to care for and nurture the character of this lovely town & its surrounding areas of the East Coast of Suffolk.

We are run entirely by volunteers. Tony Bone is our President & Katherine Mackie our tireless Chairperson / chairman..... depending on which generation you may belong to.

Treasurer Adrian Brown & Secretary Robert Brock.

A member of the Town Council also sits on our committee.

The committee are a very varied group of people crossing all age ranges who bring lively debate to the table.

We meet quarterly to discuss various issues concerning our Town.

We consider planning applications regarding their suitability and if they appear to be breaching planning guidelines.

Our members will raise concerns and ask us to act on their behalf if indeed an application is clearly not in keeping or stretches planning guidelines.

We can only raise and report our concerns and objections to or support for an application to East Suffolk Planning.

We have no power as to the actual outcome of the application.

We are however guided by Peter Hill, chair of our planning sub-committee.

Peter is a former Town Planner who is our font of knowledge regarding all things planning.

Another huge consideration and one high in all our minds are the many and vast Energy Projects this County has been subjected to over the past few years and will be indeed for years to come.

A further subgroup reviews the Energy Plans and submit our responses accordingly.

A tremendous amount of work is undertaken in reviewing these Energy Plan documents and how they may affect this wonderful Town and surrounding villages.

We stand alongside and support the Town Council in their position on Nuclear Energy but, we are outraged at the devastation the current design plans will have on our Countryside.

Our aim, therefore, is that through informed, energetic engagement (meetings, responses to planning issues, publications and events), we

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encourage the preservation, development and improvement of public amenities and features of historic interest.

A successful example of our work with ATC and ESC which resulted in the recent extension of the Aldeburgh Conservation Area and the creation of the new Aldeburgh Park Conservation Area.

Our social calendar includes a Lecture Series, hosting talks from experts on topics of collective interest. Lord Deben, Sir Alex Younger and Jenny Cousins, director of the Food Museum (formerly the Museum of East Anglian Life) have all spoken recently.

Other delightful projects undertaken have been the design and implementation of the Town Pictorial Map near the Sailors Car Park following receipt of a legacy from a former member.

The Map was painted by a local artist and the project was carried forward so successfully by Paul Bongers de Rath.

We plan to install a further Map at Fort Green with the support of ATC and we are keen to see this part of Town given some much needed TLC. Spruced up, it needs it.

We are holding our AGM on June 24th

In the Church Hall from 6pm onwards for members only. The AGM mailing will also include an invitation to our annual summer party, this year to be held on 19<sup>th</sup> July in the grounds outside the Library (and inside too if it rains!).

We currently have 440 members and would invite any one here not a member of the AS to join us.

Subscription is £10 per household per annum.

Join via the website: <http://www.aldeburghsociety.org.uk/>

In conclusion.

I thank Mayor Webster & ATC for holding this Annual Meeting, it has been simply too long in the waiting and is wonderful to see such representation of the many varied Groups, Organisations & Charities that go towards making Aldeburgh what it is and why we all love our Town.

Thank you

Catherine Palmer on behalf of the Aldeburgh Society