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A GUIDE TO "WARDLE SOCIETY".

Wardle Civic Society was set up in spring 1989, following a public meeting in the library. It is registered with the Civic Trust, and covers the area of the old Wardle UDC, to the north of Halifax Road.

Our main aims are to conserve and improve Wardle village, its amenities and environment. Our membership is open to all and numbers 78 at present. The committee meets monthly in the village library on Birch Road, the first Thursday in the month, at 7.45 pm. The meetings are open to all, but only the committee may vote, except at the AGM.

Representatives from the committee regularly attend the RMBC Pennine Township meetings (6 weekly), and raise issues during the "open forum" at the start of the sub-committee meetings (held at Littleborough High School and Wardle Community Centre in rotation). Officers from RMBC and voluntary organisations (eg. Groundwork Trust, Scouts) and our community policeman are invited to our meetings from time to time. We receive "planning application sheets" from the Council weekly and if we feel a planning application does not agree with our aims we will oppose it: the society is committed to opposing, in principle, any planning application for development on Green Belt land.

Examples of projects carried out by the society are:

- (a) the library campaign to prevent the closure of Wardle Library, 1990
- (b) the Commemorative Wood at Watergrove 1991 (ongoing)
- (c) Wardle village green 1993-94
- (d) improved access for the disabled to the library 1994 (imminent).

Donations have also been made to local organisations and voluntary bodies for conservation and improvements to the environment, and voluntary work carried out by members eg. Tree planting, and clean-ups during environment week. The society won the S.C.O.S.P.A. voluntary sector award in 1992 for the Commemorative Wood scheme. In the past we have organised trips to York and Albert Dock, and have held talks and Sunday walks on the local hills.

In 1990 the Wardle Historical Society merged with our society, bringing artifacts to the library for collation and safe keeping; following this, the society changed its title to "Wardle Society", now incorporated in the constitution.

The annual general meeting is held each July, and the committee newly elected. Annual subscriptions are due each August and remain at £2 adult, £1 junior/OAP, £5 corporate/club, and £20 life membership. Newsletters are distributed to members 2/3 times a year. Publicity for events is through posters, leaflets and the local press. Income is from subscriptions, refreshments and donations. Occasionally we apply for grants for specific projects but we are independent and do not receive local authority funding. However, our accommodation is provided rent free by RMBC.

Anne Lines (Chairman/Secretary) August 1994.

PROCEDURE FOR ORDINARY MEETINGS (monthly).

AGENDA.

1. Persons present noted.
2. Apologies received.
3. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting.
5. Secretary's report.
6. Treasurer's report.
7. Any other business: topics raised by committee, members, + members of the public present, discussion and any action to be taken decided on.
8. Date of next meeting (minutes are available at the library 2 weeks after).