

Who are we?

The Portsmouth Society is a voluntary organisation whose aim is caring, conserving, and improving Portsmouth. Specifically, we are interested in preserving the best of Portsmouth's environment; buildings, streets, open spaces, and waterfront, and in encouraging well designed new buildings and sympathetic re-use and restorations.

We are the local Civic Society and member of Civic Voice, which is a national body working to make the places where everyone lives more attractive, enjoyable, and distinctive.

We are one of over a thousand such groups nationally, which promote and celebrate high standards of architecture and planning and public facilities in their area.

We subsist solely on members' subscriptions and donations, which enable us to be a genuinely independent body - not an offshoot of any political party, commercial body or of Portsmouth City Council.

What do we do?

We keep up to date with proposed changes in the city, and advocate new ideas to enhance it, campaigning vigorously in support of the principles we believe in. We keep members informed on local issues, drawing on their knowledge and expertise to put forward the Society's views to decision-makers.

We hold regular meetings and talks, arrange visits to places of interest, and publish a regular newsletter.

In our annual Design Competition, we make awards for the best new building, best restoration/re-use and best landscaping in the city and occasionally a heritage award to projects of exceptional importance.

Why Join?

Decisions taken now on the shape of the city, affect future generations as well as us. Without the voices of local people, including groups like the Society, it is all too easy for these decisions to be based principally on cost considerations rather than on improving the quality of the local environment.

We need your help in putting forward positive views. Only if the Society is known to represent a substantial body of opinion will our voice be listened to. The more people who join the stronger that voice will be.

How do I join?

The Portsmouth Society welcomes new members. You can join us by coming along to any of our meetings or by completing a membership form. We operate a Gift Aid scheme where we can claim tax paid by you to HM Treasury. If you are a taxpayer, then please complete the Gift Aid declaration.

Please note although membership applications can be submitted at any time, we operate an annual membership cycle running from April to March each year.

[Download the membership application form](#)

Type of Membership	Full	Joint	Young Member (age<25)	Corporate
	£10	£15	£5	£25

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