Welcome to new member Brian Weetman

We wish all of our members a very Happy Christmas and all best for 2022 and hope that you will all continue to support the Society. The Mayor and his Lady are supporting the Society.

The society needs a new Secretary urgently as the Chairman is doing the job at the moment and she does too many jobs already. She and Jim have met 4 young people who wish to become part of the Community and want to help at the mill and to bring new ideas, this is an ongoing project and will go in phases, but we are supporting them

The cleaning and the maintenance of the mill is still ongoing and the carpets have been cleaned.

Our Website is bringing in visitors from afar and we have had good feedback from it. Many thanks to our volunteers who continue to man the mill

The new signage is looking good and we have had nice comments about it

The Social calendar is almost complete and a card will be issued this New Year. We will start the year with a talk by Tony Stubbs and that will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January and the subject will be Edwin Lutyens and will be in Wake House.

February 9th which is a Wednesday so note the change of day, we will have Ken Wainwright and he will talk about his model railway and that is in Wake House. March is the AGM and that is Monday 21st followed by a talk and in Wake House.

## There will be a display at the mill for the Queens Anniversary in June 2022

Local leadership and pride of place is something that Civic Societies have been champions of for a very long time. Lots has been done to make cities towns and villages more attractive places to live. Next year Civic Day will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June this will be a National Day to inspire communities to work together to champion where they live. The high street is high on the agenda.

Planning is also important to Civic Societies and Civic Voice stand with us on this. The climate crisis should be at the heart of all planning decisions.





The old sign has been kept but this is the new sign
Which can be seen better from all angles.
The old sign was up from the beginning when the Civic Society started using the mill as the Museum
The old sign was made by Fred Felstead.





Castle Stone
This stone was dug up on the Wellhead park
and has a masons mark on it.
We are looking for more information on
masoms marks, Do we have any members who
has this information.

## Our Mission Statement

It is the aim of the Society to make sure that new developments are of the highest possible quality and developers are made aware of the issues surrounding their schemes. Good design is only possible through a full understanding of any scheme's environment and urban context. We seek to safeguard our existing heritage and the many listed buildings from demolition or neglect.