



CARE FOR YOUR TOWN – JOIN THE WARE SOCIETY

We invite you to join THE WARE SOCIETY. We hope you will become a member, because in these days of heavy pressure on our town from the developers it is more than ever necessary that ordinary people should have a say in how their environment is affected by developers and planners. The Ware Society is a body which brings together the views of ordinary people and presents them forcefully to the local councils.

WARE IS A UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT. People settled here thousands of years before the Romans came. Ware became an important Roman settlement, later it was a thriving Saxon and medieval town and later still it became the premier malting centre of England. Much of this history has survived in the fascinating buildings of the town - St Mary's Church, Place House, the old maltings, the gazebos and nearly all of the buildings in the High Street which are timber-framed behind their later brick facades. But Ware is not just buildings. It has a special sense of community and is one of the friendliest towns in this part of England.

THE WARE SOCIETY has an outstanding record in fighting to preserve the special character of our town. We campaigned successfully against the Relief Road (an "urban motorway" which would have cut the town in two), against demolition of the station, against disposal of the Priory and against massive development along the riverside overshadowing the gazebos. We initiated and partly funded restoration of the gazebos and of Scott's 18th century Grotto. We brought the Bluecoat Boy statues back to Ware, were co-founders of the Ware Museum and have carried out many small-scale improvements and planting schemes throughout the town.

WE ALSO WANT IDEAS FROM YOU – for more facilities for young people, play areas for children, improvements to the riverside, tree planting, cultural facilities, conservation schemes and so on.

THE WARE SOCIETY holds regular meetings on the last Wednesday of each month in The Priory. We organise town walks and other outdoor events, and we publish a Newsletter three times a year, and other publications. **THE WARE SOCIETY NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF EVERYONE WHO LIVES OR WORKS IN WARE AND CARES FOR THE TOWN.** Just complete the form below and become a member.

Founded in 1965. Registered Charity No.146922

THE WARE SOCIETY – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please tear off this slip and send it with your subscription to the Membership Secretary
Michael West, 52 Trinity Road, Ware, Herts SG12 7DD

Name(s) (Block letters please)

Address

email address..... Newsletters by email/delivered (please tick one)

Annual subscription enclosed Date.....

Please tick type of membership: *Per person £6*

Please tick below aspects of the Society's activities which particularly interest you:

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| <i>Architecture and Planning Matters</i> | <i>Trees and Open Spaces</i> | <i>The River</i> |
| <i>Conserving and Recording Historic Buildings</i> | <i>Watchdog on Planning Applications</i> | <i>History & Heritage</i> |