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## celebrating conservation areas

TO MARK THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

Fifty years ago, in 1967, the Government introduced legislation which enabled local authorities to designate conservation areas. Chester was already at the forefront, having been chosen as one of four English cities to have '**A Study in Conservation**' ("the Insall Report"). Our first conservation area, covering the historic city centre, followed in January 1969.

Our borough, Cheshire West and Chester, now has 96 conservation areas – more than any other local authority in the North of England. To acknowledge this position and to celebrate the anniversary we are planning the following:

- a competitive review of the best kept and best interpreted urban, suburban and rural conservation areas.
- a photographic exhibition of unusual or distinctive features within conservation areas.
- a project with primary schools to raise awareness of local heritage and its stewardship.
- a touring exhibition demonstrating how Chester has benefitted from its pioneering conservation status.
- A series of leaflets for householders in conservation areas, describing the reasons for designation, the special features and the responsibilities for maintaining the character of the area.

These, and other ideas, are now at the planning stage. If you would like to get involved, or have other suggestions, please contact Stephen Langtree (see below) or Tony Barton [[Tony.Barton@insall-architects.co.uk](mailto:Tony.Barton@insall-architects.co.uk)] or Kirsty Henderson, Conservation & Design Officer [[kirsty.henderson@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.henderson@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)].

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