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# FROME SOCIETY *for* LOCAL STUDY

*Registered Charity Number 292340*

## **Brief History of the Society**

The Society was founded in 1958 by a number of Frome townspeople who realised that there was a need to make the history of Frome and district better known, and to preserve its historic buildings and records.

In 1966 the Society was instrumental in establishing Frome Museum which it ran for some years. Its sub-committees and Historical Research Group gathered information on Frome's history which is deposited at the Museum and Public Library. The Society has played a leading role in conserving historic local buildings, notably Marston House, and has given donations to many local projects. Financial assistance has been given for research. Important relics such as maps and documents have been purchased and maps repaired. A number of plaques have been provided to mark buildings or sites of historic interest.

The Society fully supported and was involved in the setting up of the Frome Town Twinning organisation.

In 1974 Mrs Norman Ashworth bequeathed Wine Street House to the Society. It was used for some years to house Frome Museum, but the house was unendowed and had to be sold and the proceeds invested.

## **Are you interested in**

*Archaeology*

*Architecture*

*Geology*

*Historic Houses and Gardens*

*History*

*Local History*

*Natural History*

*Preservation of Frome Features*

*Publications on Local Themes*

*Local Research*

For a modest annual sum you can be a member of the Society and enjoy reasonably-priced outings and attend lectures on a variety of topics in company with other like-minded members. Occasionally the Society arranges courses of lectures on specific themes and special coach trips.

## **Social Aspects of the Society**

The Society achieves its aims in an informal manner. Meetings, outings, an annual meal and occasional social events provide an opportunity for friends to meet and new friendships to be forged.

## **Publications**

The Society has published 50 titles, mainly of historical and local interest, that are available at local bookshops and outlets. It has published a number of Yearbooks (one copy free to members) that contain many items of historical interest about Frome and the surrounding villages. Please ask for a list of titles currently available when you apply for membership. The Yearbook is edited and compiled by Michael McGarvie, well-known local historian and archivist.

## **Activities**

The committee organises summer and winter programmes of outings and lectures that extend throughout the year. The summer outings are mainly to venues of historic interest and complement the winter lectures, which are given by experts on a variety of subjects of interest to members. Extra trips are arranged occasionally for special exhibitions or events.

A Newsletter is produced twice yearly, containing details of programmes and general information, together with contributions from Frome & District Civic Society. The Civic Society also participates in planning our programmes.

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## Application for Membership

(includes membership of Frome & District Civic Society)

I/We wish to become a member/member(s) of the Frome Society for Local Study and enclose a subscription for

£ .....

Name(s) .....

Address .....

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Post Code ..... Tel .....

e-mail .....

**Cheques** should be made out to Frome Society for Local Study (F S L S) and sent to the Membership Secretary: Mrs S Powell, 44, Berkley Road Frome BA11 2EH Tel: 01373 464 591.

### *Subscription rates from 1 January 2010:*

Individual	£10.00
Joint Membership (same address)	£15.00
Life Membership, Individual	£100.00
Life Membership, Joint	£150.00

You can help the Society at no cost to you by signing the following Gift Aid Declaration that allows the Society to reclaim tax on your donations:

I request Frome Society for Local Study to treat this and all subsequent subscriptions as Gift Aid Donations and reclaim tax on them. I am a UK taxpayer and have paid an amount of income tax or capital gains tax equal to or more than the tax that the Society reclaims on these donations (currently 28p per £ donated)

Signed .....

Dated .....

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*The Society's logo is reproduced from a carving of a horse on a Saxon stone in St. John's Church, possibly part of a memorial cross to St. Aldhelm.*

*Working to record our past  
and protect our future*

### **The Aims of the Society**

*(Based upon the rules of the Society)*

The principal aim of the Society is to disseminate information by publishing books and arranging lectures on subjects such as Natural History, Geology, Archaeology, Architecture and Local History related to Frome and surrounding area.

To achieve this aim the Society may compile and preserve local records and support the preservation of any feature of Frome considered to be of special merit.

The Society can undertake any other activity to support the above aim but must not engage in permanent trading.

