



# CITY HERITAGE SOCIETY

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022

This year has been a rather quiet one for the Society with members gingerly getting back into the swing of ‘normality’ whatever that means!

Unfortunately, due to pressure of work and a number of personal issues, I have not been able to be as pro-active as I had planned this last year. I have always played a particularly active role when acting as Chairman in other organisations and sadly, I am not able to do this at present so, in the interests of the Society and the need to re-energise it after COVID, I regretfully feel that I need to resign.

However, we are in luck! I met Chris Fowler last year who enthusiastically wished to become actively involved with rejuvenating the Society. He lives in the City. He has played a proactive role in a previous incarnation in the Hammersmith Society.

Chris has volunteered to both become a committee member and to put himself forward as Chairman of the Society. I am delighted by his offer and think him just the right person with the right level of enthusiasm and commitment to take up the role and rejuvenate the Society. I will be staying on the Committee for the next year at least, to support and help Chris and

fellow Committee members to re-activate things – onwards and upwards!

*Dorian Crone*

### **Message from the new Chairman**

I’m delighted to be taking over from Dorian as Chairman of the City Heritage Society and I look forward to holding more events than we have been able to do recently, in a year which will hopefully be free from the effects of COVID. I’m a Barbican resident and a life-long admirer of architecture, forcibly at first when my father would guide us on Pevsner’s ‘perambulations’ of towns we were visiting, and then of my own volition when I came to London for university and found my fantastic surroundings to be a distraction from my studies.

My focus in 2023 will be to arrange events, some for the CHS and others with like-minded organisations, and to re-establish our web presence. I’d also like to make sure that we are acting properly in our capacity as the civic amenity society for the City of London by monitoring and commenting on planning applications and by taking a stance on issues of importance to the built environment in the Square Mile.

Having joined the CHS during the pandemic, I look forward to meeting fellow members in person and to working

with you all to protect the magnificent heritage of this incredible city.

*Chris Fowler*

### **Memorial service for Peter Luscombe**



In July a memorial service for Peter Luscombe, former chairman of the Society, took place at St Mary-le-Bow church. The service took the form of a Requiem Mass complete with organ and choir. There was a healthy attendance. The eulogy was read by Dr Stuart le Sage, almoner of the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects. Afterwards the congregation went down to the crypt to sample the hospitality where speeches were made, including one by CHS member James Thomas. There was, of course, a toast to Peter.

### **The Society's Executive Committee 2021**

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