

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE, POLICY & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	23 JANUARY 2020	AGENDA ITEM: 12
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Report prepared by Angie Price – Town Clerk

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Listed Property Owners Club

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to ask Members of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee to consider the attached information on “The Listed Property Owners Club” with a view to subscribing.

Detailed Information

The Clerk received the attached information in the post with an invite to attend the Listed Property Show later this year and felt that she should bring it to the attention of Council, to allow them the opportunity to consider whether it would be something they would wish to subscribe to.

Often when repairs are needed or information required on how to proceed with work on the Market House and Council Offices, as listed buildings it can prove difficult to get the help required. As Members of the Listed Property Owners Club this type of help would be readily available to officers and would hopefully speed up the undertaking of works etc. The leaflet attached also suggests that they would be able to provide help with planning advice, which may prove helpful with any future renovations to the Market House.

Financial Implications

The subscription cost for 1-year is £48 if paid by direct debit (£4.00 per month) or £60 if paid by cheque or debit/credit card.

Recommendation

That Members of the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee authorise the Town Clerk to subscribe to the Listed Property Owners Club and that the annual fee be paid by Direct Debit in order to benefit from the 20% discount offered for payment of this type.



JOIN THE LISTED PROPERTY OWNERS' CLUB

Specialist Advice | Financial Savings | Peace of Mind



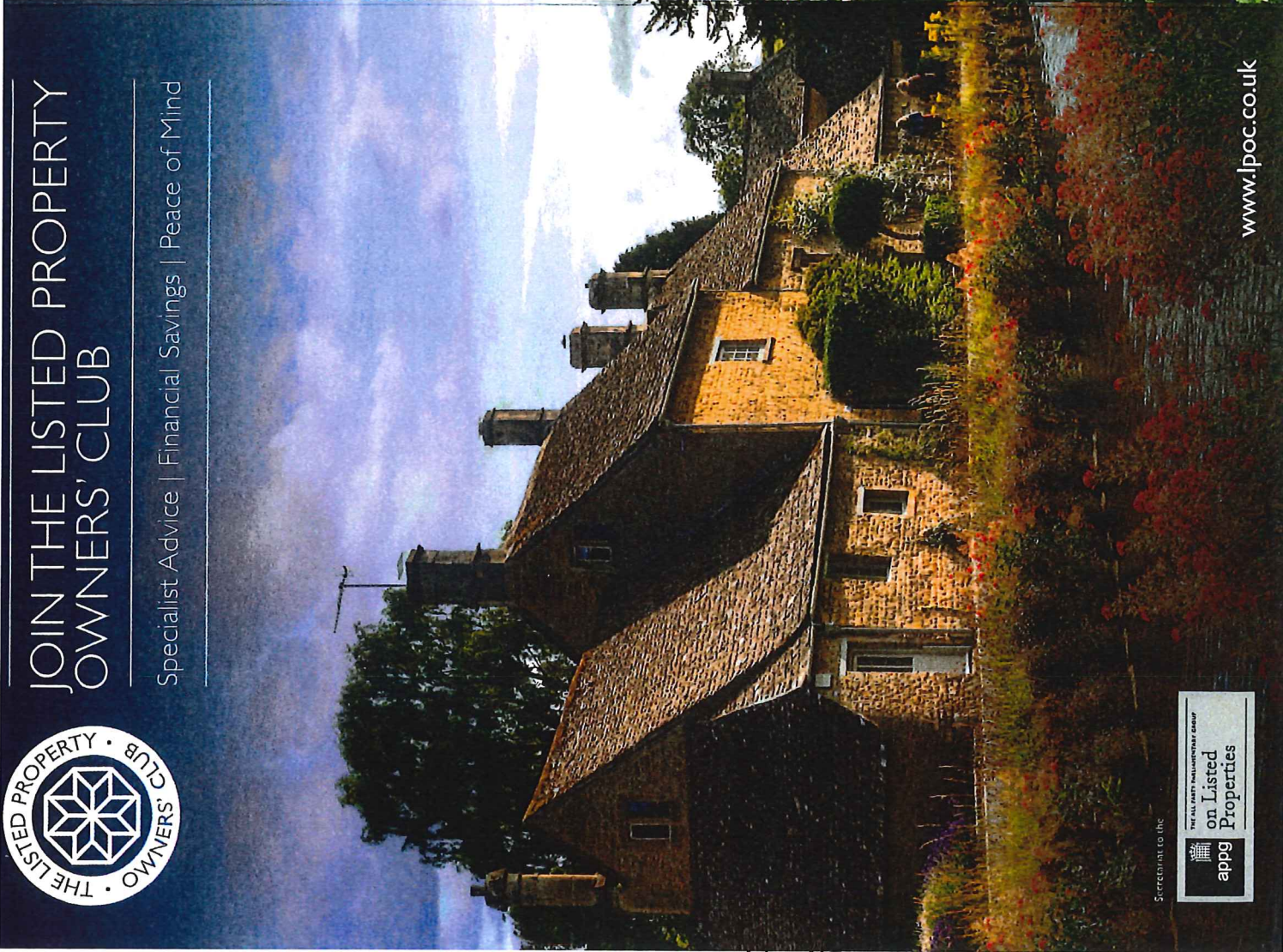
“The magazine alone is worth the membership fee, I would recommend anyone owning a listed building become a member.”

LPOC MEMBER

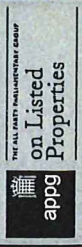


“The Listed Property Owners' Club's VAT expert gave us invaluable advice.”

MR B DAY, ESSEX



Secretariat to the



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If you are thinking of buying, renovating or own a listed property, your first port of call should be The Listed Property Owners' Club

THE DAILY MAIL



Established for over 25 years, The Listed Property Owners' Club (LPOC) is Britain's only dedicated advice service for the owners of listed buildings.

We understand that while owning a listed property is a unique privilege, it also comes with responsibilities, regulation and financial anxieties. Whether you are already in your dream home or are thinking of buying, we are here to help with unparalleled expertise in all aspects of ownership including planning advice, unauthorised works, insurance, legal issues and VAT.

Over the years we have saved our members thousands of pounds by ensuring they get the right help and advice for their property, while our Campaign for Owners continues to lobby government for improved owners' rights and representation.

JOIN TODAY FROM AS LITTLE AS £4 A MONTH

Membership is just £48 per year when you pay by Direct Debit (usual price £60). To join today, please call on 01795 844939 or return the attached Application Form.



The Listed Property Owners' Club
Lower Dane, Hartlip, Kent ME9 7TE
T. 01795 844939
E. info@lpoec.co.uk
www.lpoec.co.uk

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

FREE TELEPHONE HELPLINE

Call on our expertise on the responsibilities of owning a listed property including buying, surveyance, VAT, maintenance, energy efficiency, insurance and legal issues.

FREE PLANNING ADVICE

Our in-house Conservation Advisor is here to help with all aspects of the planning process and to advise on unauthorised work by previous owners.

SUPPLIERS DIRECTORY

Hundreds of nationwide specialist companies which members can approach with confidence, from architects to lime plastering and surveyors to window restorers.

LISTED HERITAGE MAGAZINE

Our exclusive 150 page bi-monthly publication providing practical information, news, ideas and guidance on listed property ownership.

OWNER'S LOGBOOK

Full of information and listings on all aspects of listed property ownership to keep your knowledge up to date. Includes a copy of your own home's listing.

LOBBYING GOVERNMENT

Our political campaign for the reduction of VAT to 5% on repairs and approved alterations to listed buildings and the simplification of the planning process.

SPECIALIST INSURANCE

Particularly personal service, specialist advice and access to dedicated cover for listed buildings including those undergoing renovation or conversion.

THE LISTED PROPERTY SHOWS

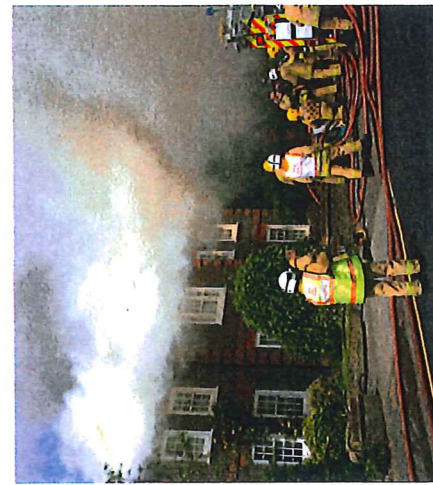
Free invites to the UK's only show dedicated to listed property owners. Held every February at Olympia London, every September at The Passenger Shed, Bristol and every October at The Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh.

DISCOUNTED LISTED PROPERTY PLAQUES

Our unique lead plaques are just £120 for LPOC members, non-member price £150. Our solid oak personalised plaques are £265 for members, non-member price £295.



LISTED HERITAGE MAGAZINE



ACCESS TO SPECIALIST INSURANCE

Is your listed property adequately insured?

If disaster strikes and your conservation officer insists you reinstate with similar materials to match the rest of your building would your present household insurer be willing to cover the full costs? If not, can you imagine the consequences? Our specialist providers understand the unique requirements of listed property owners and can insure virtually any type of building including those undergoing renovation or conversion. If you are about to buy a listed building, they can even offer protection against unauthorised work by previous owners. To find out more, or to ask for a quote call the insurance team on 01795 844939.



LOBBYING GOVERNMENT

What the Club is doing for you

- Providing a voice in Westminster to lobby Government on tax and planning reform
- Meeting key MPs and Ministers
- Acting as the Secretariat to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Listed Properties
- Providing advice on the impact of tax changes to an influential advisory body
- Providing support to you so that you can lobby your local MP to support the campaign for change



UNIQUE LISTED BUILDING PLAQUES

Celebrate your justifiable pride of ownership. Members can purchase the lead plaque at a discounted price of £120 and the oak personalised plaque at a discounted price of £265 by calling 01795 844939



LIVING
WITH
HISTORY

THE LISTED
PROPERTY
OWNERS' CLUB



FREE OWNER'S LOGBOOK

On joining you will receive your Owner's Logbook, which enables you to build a unique record of your home. Packed full of detailed information sheets and practical advice, the logbook is unique to LPOC members and includes a copy of your own home's listing.



FREE TELEPHONE HELPLINE

No matter what the query, LPOC members can call on our expertise regarding any aspect of listed property ownership; including buying, planning, surveyance, VAT, maintenance, energy efficiency, insurance and legal issues.



SUPPLIERS DIRECTORY

Hundreds of nationwide specialist companies which members can approach with confidence, from architects to lime plastering, and surveyors to window restorers.

THE LISTED PROPERTY SHOW

Run by the Club and held every February at Olympia London.

Entry is free for members.



SAVE 20% WITH DIRECT DEBIT

Membership is just
£48 a year by Direct
Debit (usual price £60)

APPLICATION FORM TO JOIN THE LISTED PROPERTY OWNERS' CLUB

BY PHONE To join by phone please call 01795 844939

BY POST Post this completed form to LPOC, Lower Dane,

Hartlip, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 7TE

BY EMAIL Scan this form and email to membership@lpoec.co.uk

ONLINE Visit www.lpoec.co.uk and follow the links to join online



I would like Annual Membership (please tick)

☐ £48 per year by Direct Debit **SAVING 20%**

☐ £60 per year by cheque

☐ £60 per year by debit/credit card

YOUR DETAILS

Title

Forename

Surname

Address

Daytime telephone

Postcode

Email

TO PAY BY DIRECT DEBIT (Save 20%)

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society:

Bank/Building Society name

Bank/Building Society address

Account name

Account number

Postcode

Branch sort code

Bank/Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions from some types of accounts.



INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR BANK OR BUILDING SOCIETY

Please take this as my authority to pay: HSBC, 231 High Street Chatham, Kent ME4 4BQ

Sort code 40 - 38 - 01 Account No. 41152890 Originators ID No. 245706

£48 on 15th of next month and repeated annually ☐

Please pay The Listed Property Owners' Club Ltd Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with The Listed Property Owners' Club Ltd and if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature

Date

TO PAY BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

Please debit £60 from my Mastercard/Visa/Delta/Maestro

Card number

Start date / Expiry date / Issue number (Maestro only)

Security code

Account name

Signature

TO PAY BY CHEQUE

☐ I enclose a cheque for £60 made payable to The Listed Property Owners' Club

☐ I am interested in purchasing a listed building plaque. Please contact me to arrange purchase ☐

Please allow at least ten working days for your welcome pack to arrive. Please note membership is for a minimum of one year and cannot be cancelled during that first year. For full terms and conditions please visit www.lpoec.co.uk

Nobody is going to wilfully damage the most important investment of their lives



in the creation of insurance policies specific to listed buildings and act as Secretariat to the 52 MP strong All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Listed Properties which currently seeks a reduction of VAT to 5% on listed building work, as well as reform of our complex and inconsistent planning regime.

I wish you all the best with your property and hope that you will not hesitate to get in touch should you need any help or advice.

Peter Anslow, Founder

And when it concerns a listed building impartial help can be very welcome.

Your home is an important part of our country's history with a listing status that sets it high above the norm, adding value for which people are prepared to pay a premium. However, ownership comes with responsibilities, obligations and often restrictions owners need to fully understand. It was on this premise that The Listed Property Owners' Club was created over 25 years ago.

Today the Club employs their own full time conservation officers who will happily advise on any alterations or changes owners wish to make, we have our own legal, financial and planning experts available for one-to-one conversations, we created a directory of experienced, reliable suppliers and contractors. We were instrumental

THE DIRECT DEBIT GUARANTEE

This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits. If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit The Listed Property Owners' Club Ltd will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited on its otherwise agreed. If you request The Listed Property Owners' Club Ltd to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request. If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by The Listed Property Owners' Club Ltd or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The Listed Property Owners' Club Ltd asks you to. You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

PRIVACY POLICY We may process your information for carefully considered and specific purposes to enhance the services we provide. If you would like more information, please visit our website: www.lpoec.co.uk/privacy-policy or telephone: 01795 844929

“4 out of 4 applications approved! I can't begin to thank you enough; we simply could not have done this without you.”

MR C WILLIAMS, CHELMSFORD

