



JOIN US

By joining today you will become part of a group that explores and respects the past while influencing the future. – preserving and conserving the historic architecture, and informing and influencing the building and infrastructure to serve our community in the twenty-first century and beyond.

As a member you receive:

- Regular newsletters and website articles, informing you of what is happening behind the scenes in Chelsea
- Invitations to events, lectures and debates with interesting speakers and topics
- Private visits to buildings and sites of particular interest
- A summer party in a local venue of interest
- Support and assistance on issues relating to planning or historical research
- Annual Report, featuring specially written articles on local people and subjects of interest to Chelsea.

Cost of membership:

Individual
£25



Household
£35



Corporate
From £150 depending
on size of company

HOW TO JOIN

You don't need to live in Chelsea to support the Chelsea Society. If you are interested in membership, please go to "JOIN US" on our website www.chelseasociety.org.uk and follow the online instructions. If you need to contact the Secretary you can send an e-mail to secretary@chelseasociety.org.uk, or call 07598-534290 between 09:00 and 17:30 Mon-Fri.

To follow the Society on Instagram - click on the magnifying glass/search bar in the **Instagram App**, type in **thechelseasociety** and click on the **Follow button**. If you don't have an Instagram account you can download the free Instagram app to your phone or tablet.

Your Chelsea



For more than 90 years The Chelsea Society has taken a keen interest in what happens in Chelsea, and now has nearly a thousand members.

Are you interested in learning more about Chelsea and helping to protect the interests of all who live and work here, as well as shaping the future of Chelsea?

Please join us today at
www.chelseasociety.org.uk/join-us



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The Constitution of the Society requires it to preserve and improve the amenities of Chelsea by:-

- Stimulating interest in the history, character and traditions of Chelsea;
- Encouraging good architecture, town planning and civic design, the planting and care of trees, and the conservation and proper maintenance of open spaces;
- Seeking the abatement of nuisances;
- Making representations to the proper authorities on these subjects.

We also arrange illustrated talks and visits, to encourage interest in the remarkable history of Chelsea and the distinguished artists, writers, composers, noblemen, politicians, and many others who have lived here in the past five centuries.

The Society has a website at www.chelseasociety.org.uk where you can see all the latest news and views.



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT

The Society has a Planning Committee comprising a Chairman and one member for each of the four Chelsea Wards of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea – Royal Hospital; Chelsea Riverside, Stanley; and Brompton-Hans Wards.

Planning matters are reported on our website and in regular e-mailings.

Some of the issues in which we have recently been involved include:

- Code of conduct for Councillors and officials dealing with planning applications
- Saving Chelsea's traditional pubs
- Social housing
- Preserving the visual amenity of Chelsea's riverside
- Protecting local residents from excessive noise, dust and vibration caused by building works – especially basement excavations.
- Traffic and pollution on the King's Road
- Writing a Community-involvement policy with RBKC
- Protecting our number 11, 19 and 22 bus services - *a battle now won!*
- Opposing telephone kiosks which are really advertising hoardings

TALKS AND VISITS

Recent events include:

- A private visit to the Old Bailey, hosted by one of the Sheriffs
- An illustrated talk on the Chelsea Clock House and the 18th century clockmaker, Edmund Howard
- A private visit to Vintners' Hall
- A private visit to view the art collection and the boardroom at Coutts Bank
- An illustrated talk on the architectural and diplomatic history of British Embassies.
- Private visits to Lambeth Palace and Apsley House.
- Receptions at the US Embassy and the residencies of the Spanish and Italian Ambassadors.

Future events are posted on our website, and will include (on dates to be announced and subject to any restrictions due to the virus pandemic):

- A private visit to the Garrick Club
- A private visit to the College of Arms, with a talk by Windsor Herald
- A lecture on NATO by the former Deputy Supreme Commander

These are not only informative but social as well. There is almost always an opportunity to talk with the speaker and fellow members of the Chelsea Society, over tea or a glass of wine. On 27th May the Society presented its first lecture (on the Ranelagh and Vauxhall gardens) using Zoom audio-visual technology. 40 members attended, and we will use this technology again.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Society has published an Annual Report every year since 1927, and this now comprises an important, and very interesting record of everything of note which has happened in Chelsea since then. The index, and the Reports since 1980, are on our website.



SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS

The Chelsea Society works closely with the Residents' Associations of Chelsea, and each year in the Autumn the Planning Committee of the Society hosts a meeting with all the Residents' Associations – where we can debate local issues and obtain input from the MP, the GLA Member, and the Borough Councillors.

The Society also cooperates with the neighbouring amenity Societies – The Kensington Society, The Battersea Society, the Fulham Society and the Westminster Society.