



NEWSLETTER

 Autumn 2025

Dear members,

Bexhill Heritage's 2026 biennial Civic Pride Award has been launched. Members have the chance to nominate buildings or public open spaces that demonstrate civic pride. Nominations already received include: The Beach Garden, the Pelham, C. Wells (shoe shop), La Collina Gardens (florist), Crafty Norman (café / bar) and Hearts (gift shop). Members would have received an information pack on how to make their own nominations.

The De La Warr Estate Tree Group has identified two projects to work on in the New Year including a renewal project for the street trees in Brassey Road and some new planting on the eastern part of the Estate.

Bexhill Heritage will be working with the Bexhill Old Town Preservation Society and Bexhill Museum on a Commemorative Plaque scheme to highlight notable residents, historic events and to celebrate our town's heritage buildings. We also hope to translate this into a heritage trail for the town.

We expect to start a much-awaited renovation of Shelter No.2 during 2026. More details to be announced soon.

Bexhill Heritage could achieve even more with your help. Your active involvement will make a difference whether it's stewarding a concert, working with others to design a town trail, helping to paint part of a building, or promoting Bexhill Heritage on social media. Let's talk about a role for you in the New Year. Telephone us for a chat.

Merry Christmas,

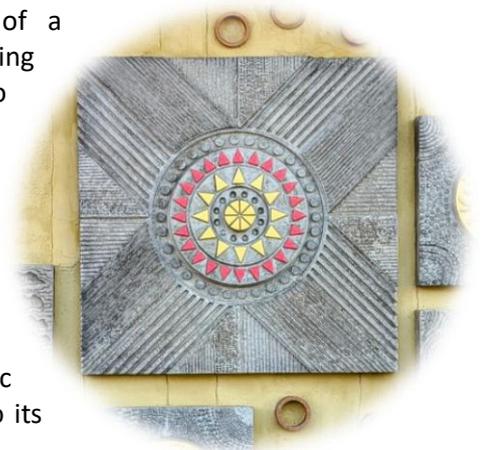
Steve Johnson
Chairman

Racing against the Weather



October half term offered a good opportunity to close the George Herbert Gray Memorial Shelter on De La Warr Road for renovation. Unusually, we engaged a contractor (Lee Botting Ltd) to restore the shelter to our specifications. The lovely brickwork was cleaned, roof repairs undertaken, guttering reinstalled and a window reinstated. An unsightly litter bin was relocated away from the shelter's wall so as not to detract from the building's decorative brickwork. The BH restoration team will paint the ceiling and fascia boards, and restore the interior wooden bench to its original condition. We're grateful to Bexhill Town Council for funding this project as part of its town-wide bus shelter improvement scheme.

We took advantage of a mild and sunny morning in mid-November to give the concrete mural on Sainsbury's supermarket wall another going over. Grime from passing traffic had taken its toll but the team soon brought the iconic concrete mural back to its clean condition.



Another bus shelter restoration is proving more time-consuming than expected. Located on Hastings Road, Bexhill's only art-deco-style concrete shelter has presented significant

Architecture Spotlight



45 Eversley Road

Built in 1889 and originally known as *Stancliffe*, this Victorian building was the residence to architect and surveyor Joseph Barker Daniel Wall. Mr. Wall designed several key buildings in Bexhill including the Colonnade and St. Andrews Church. The name Stancliffe was taken from Wall's great, great, great grandfather John Wall of Stancliffe Hall near Darley, Derbyshire.

In the 1920s the building was used as a children's nursery and by the 1950s it was advertised as Marina Lodge Hotel.

In 1960 the building was bought by the Friends of the Elderly who bequeathed it to The Bexhill Senior Citizens Club. Open to people over 55, the club today provides residents of Bexhill and its surrounding areas with a venue where they can meet, make friends and participate in activities that encourage physical and mental activity.

Next **Members' Meetings** will be held on the following dates:

- 📅 **Thursday 12th February 2026, 3:30pm**
Don't miss our CIVIC PRIDE AWARD presentation afternoon. Venue to be confirmed.
- 📅 **Thursday 16th April 2026, 7:00pm**
Guest speaker Alison Smith will show us how to 'make your mark' by creating a personal archive. Venue to be confirmed.

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Bexhill Heritage: Join the Renovation Team

With Shelter No.2 work starting in the new year, why not put your name down to join our team of volunteers. Make new friends. Learn new skills. Help make a difference to our town. Call us for details.

challenges. We're removing several layers of paint and it's a slow process (right). But we'll be working through the winter with a degree of comfort because the roof has been fixed and the derelict windows have all been replaced. And in the spring, it will be ready for its new colour scheme.

Finally, we're supporting the Bexhill Senior Citizens Club by restoring their reassuringly solid and imposing late-Victorian front door. The wooden studded door was built to advertise the building's high level status within the community (see Architecture Spotlight – left). We're slowly bringing it back to life, and we're keen to finish it by Christmas Day!



Heritage Crime



On Thursday 27th November BH members were given a talk by PCSO Daryl Holter, a Heritage Crime Officer who is responsible for preventing and investigating "any offence that harms the value of England's heritage assets and their settings for current and future generations".

Daryl's work includes responding to reports of damage to historic sites, such as churches, scheduled monuments, and archaeological locations, often involving illicit metal detecting, magnet fishing, vandalism, or theft of artefacts like lead from church roofs or stained-glass windows.

If you witness any heritage crime call 101 or 999 or alternatively you can contact Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Bexhill Heritage Christmas Cards

There's still time to buy a pack of our exclusive seasonal card of skaters on Egerton Park at just £3 for a pack of 5.

Email us to say how many packs you would like, give a contact phone / text number, and we'll arrange delivery and payment.

