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Dear Member - Summer Newsletter 2026

ELLIS MILL – Over 150 people attended the public meeting last month and all were keen to get the sails turning again. The mill had fallen into decay having not been maintained by the Lincolnshire County Council since it was last in operation during 2020. The Civic Trust Mill Working Group have had discussions with the County Council, submitted 2 business plans that provides an opportunity for volunteers to run the mill again. The original mill building was a burnt-out relic when the Civic Trust took on the restoration as a Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Project in 1977 and was fully refurbished, with volunteers milling flour in 1981. It was handed over to the Lincolnshire County Council as part of the Museum of Lincolnshire Life in 1995 with a covenant that it should fully maintained and remain in operation as a community and educational resource. The County Council are scheduled to decide on the Mill's future by October, meantime there is an online petition and a dedicated website, ellismilllincoln.org.uk

BLUE PLAQUE –The Scheme that the Civic Trust have developed in conjunction with the Lincoln City Council was presented to the Members in July and it is scheduled to go 'live' in early September. This includes identifying all the existing commemorative plaques in the city and including some that will be highlighted on the Tourist Map; an interactive google map that identifies both the plaque and gives details of its features and also provides guidance for a nomination process to help residents with suggestions for people or places within the city that should also be commemorated.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS Volunteers are needed as St Mary's Guildhall will be open on 13th, 19th and 20th September and to assist visitors from within the city and across the UK who visit this unique building. If you can assist, please contact the Hon Secretary (07969) 124598

PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT Regular meetings of the Civic Trusts Planning Committee are held to scrutinize and comment on Planning Applications that are submitted to the City Council, who value the comments made. If Members would like to join in the work of the committee in examining planning proposals, please contact the Chairman who will welcome your contribution

ST SWITHIN'S CEMETERY REFURBISHMENT – 70th ANNIVERSARY This was the first project undertaken by the Civic Trust in 1954/55 and to commemorate its handover to the Lincoln Corporation on 26 November 1956, work has been undertaken how this vital open space can become an attractive feature in the city centre for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. The findings have been submitted to the City Council for consideration in line with the Greyfriars Development

MUSEUM OF SOUTH LINCOLN The recent visit by Members to the Museum of Lincolnshire Life revealed the number of artifacts that are in store, hidden from view to lack of space. The refurbishment of St Mary's Guildhall offers an opportunity to showcase some of this unique collection. If you are interested in being involved in this project, please contact the Hon Secretary

FUTURE SPEAKER PROGRAMME: September 17 – Close Encounters of the Ecclesiastical Kind
Talk by John Campbell - October 15 - Medieval Botanical Bites Tasting with Tracey Goree