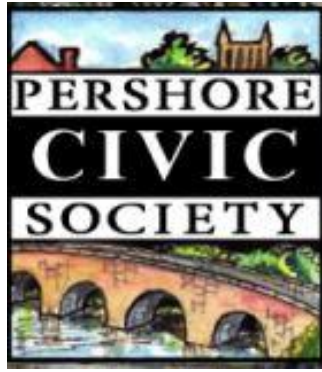




Pershore Civic Society Autumn 2025 Newsletter

Dear Civic Society Member,

The clocks are going back soon, and we now have time to reflect on a busy Summer in Pershore. Visitors have come and gone. The Civic Society hanging baskets at the town entrances have been taken down. All 55 flags in the town have gone up, been changed and are now safely stored for the Winter. Christmas trees will soon be sprouting from the sturdy sockets designed by Steve Cooper throughout the town as we prepare for the festive season.

In doing so we look forward to our annual dinner which is once again taking place at the Angel Hotel. For those not yet booked in there is still time. The event is due to take place on 25th November at 7.00pm. It will be our final event of 2025 – a year with much to look back on including:

A visit to Hagley Hall, home of the Lyttleton family:



A boat trip to the newly refurbished Nafford Lock. We sailed courtesy of Avon Navigation Trust who put two skilfully skippered craft at our disposal.



A visit to the Priest hideaway marvel that is Harvington Hall:



Local visits to Sky Garden in Wick together with members of the Vale of Evesham Civic Society and to Pershore College to learn more about Agritech and Animal care and welfare:



Visit to Pershore College – 26th June 2025

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Visit to Pershore College On 26th June 2025, members of the Pershore Civic Society visited Pershore College for an informative tour of its Agritech Centre and Animal Care and Welfare Centre. The group was welcomed and guided through the Agritech Centre by Professor Roy Kennedy, who showcased the college's cutting-edge



Visit Green Innovation Hub at Sky Garden in Wick

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Visit Green Innovation Hub at Sky Garden in Wick Members of Pershore Civic Society and the Vale of Evesham Civic Society (VECS) recently enjoyed a fascinating visit to Sky Garden's headquarters in Wick, on 15th July 2025, when they were given an exclusive insight into the future of sustainable building

An Autumnal bucolic visit to Little Pomona Cider near Ledbury rounded off our season of visits and we are so grateful to our committee member Janet Morris for all her organisational skills as she planned all of the visits throughout the year.



The first and second of our Winter 2025/2026 series of talks have already taken place and both have been very well attended. We are so grateful to the talented James MacDowall Scott for his generous and talented organ demonstration. Philip Serrell helped Pershore Civic Society to make a £315 donation to St Richard's Hospice. Both events were hugely enjoyable, informative, entertaining and rewarding. Just what Pershore Civic Society does best!!!!



Philip Serrell's Auction Notes – October 2025

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Philip Serrell's Auction Notes An audience of over sixty members of the Pershore Civic Society gathered at St Andrew's Centre on the evening of 7th October 2025 for what proved to be a most entertaining and memorable event. The guest speaker was Philip Serrell, the well-known Worcester-based auctioneer



Talk: Pershore Abbey's Pipe Organ

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Talk: Pershore Abbey's Pipe Organ On the evening of 23rd September 2025, the Pershore Civic Society welcomed James MacDowall Scott, Musical Director of Pershore Abbey, for a fascinating talk and demonstration of the Abbey's new Fratelli Ruffatti pipe organ. This is the first in the Society's series of 2025/2026 Autumn/Winter/Spring

Our President Dr Judy Dale and Chairman Michael Hodges were privileged once again to present Citizenship awards to students at Flyford Flavell First School, Orchard First School and Pershore High School in October. The 2025 Avonreach Academy / Pershore Civic Society Citizenship Awards once again reaffirm the importance of recognising young people's contributions to their communities — contributions that often go unnoticed yet have a lasting and profound impact. Whether through fundraising, volunteering, leadership, or global engagement, these pupils have shown that citizenship is not merely a concept to be taught, but a value to be lived. We hope to hear from one of the winners at our 2025/2026 AGM.

As the Civic Society continues its mission to preserve Pershore's heritage and encourage community involvement, partnerships like this one with Avonreach Academy ensure that those values are passed on to the next generation — a generation clearly ready to lead with compassion, integrity, and imagination!

As the Pershore Civic Society Committee looks forward to planning new visits and talks for the coming season we would like to remind all members that the committee is open to ideas and suggestions from members. Is there someone you would like to hear – or a place you would love to go? Do let us know.

And finally, as we prepare for the Winter to come, don't forget that we have a few final events this season to look forward to:

Dates for your Diary

Annual Dinner

25

7 for 7.30 pm

Nov

2025

Angel Hotel, High Street,
Persnore

[Menu and booking](#)

Karen Rose – Persnore Wetlands News

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7 for 7.30 pm

Feb

2026

St. Andrews Centre

Talks

AGM followed by David Birtwhistle – A Place for Art

6

7.00 p.m.

Mar

2026

St. Andrews Centre

Other | Talks

More complete information is available on our website at www.persnorecivicsociety.org/ but please call me if that is easier.

I hope we shall see each other at one (or all) of these events.

Best wishes,

Michael

Michael Hodges

Chairman