

## **2025 Priorities – Draft Ideas from Committee**

There was agreement that engagement in a wider range of activities, with a broader range of partners, was likely to improve our relevance and our visibility within the Town. There was also agreement that establishing a positive working relationship with our local and regional authorities was still a key objective, and that this would not diminish our ability to adopt critical or opposing viewpoints.

The main factor in determining the scale of our activities for the coming year would be the extent of our resources. These may well be improved by the future use of sub groups incorporating members and non-members. The following are an initial set of priorities with the responsible committee members noted. Many of these are already occurring.

**Hub Watch:** Liaising with SMBC and Wilmott Dixon to keep up to date with progress and report issues. Phil and Greg.

**Community Woodland:** An accessible woodland in the top corner of Memorial Park, to be provided as part of the Hub development. Greg and Geoff.

**Greening Marple:** Bringing the various parks groups and others concerned with Marple's nature and biodiversity to enable collaboration. Greg and Geoff.

Note: Discussions are ongoing with former members of Climate Action Marple who have expressed an interest in joining the Civic Society to support the Greening Marple activities and our wider Sustainability objectives. The committee were supportive of this development.

**MACAWS / Planning Watch:** Joe and Greg

**Town Centre initiatives/ Events:** Including being at Make it Marple, Carnival etc. Working with Marple Vision to push town centre improvements on. Geoff, Phil, Joe, Greg

**Relationship Development:** All the committee are ambassadors for the Civic Society.

**Macmillan Coffee event** (26<sup>th</sup> September): Joan proposed that we should host (possibly with a partner) an event to tie in with national activities.

**Town Centre Bench maintenance:** Establish a regular schedule of bench maintenance which is not being done by SMBC. Phil, Greg

The February Open Meeting will seek to expand this list so that members' priorities are reflected in the things we do and identify how they might be resourced.