

The Trust offers many **volunteering opportunities** from IT to environmental. The Trust values its volunteers and in return they gave over £80,000 worth of their time to the Trust in 2002-03.

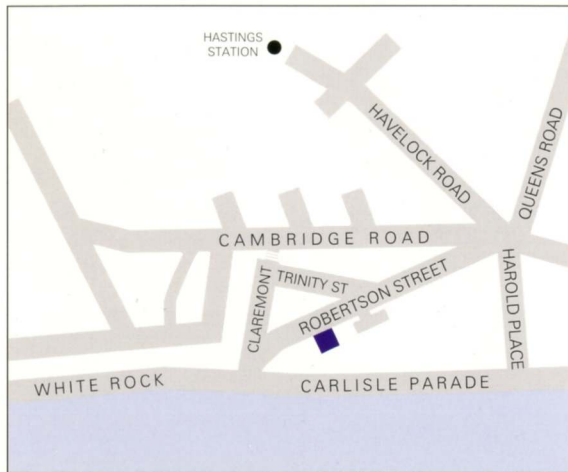
### Old and new glories

Environmental enhancements round the Borough by the Trust go from many small scale improvements - eg the restoration of railings, balustrades, and steps - to the reuse and improvement of green spaces including areas of special historic interest such as Wallingers Walk burial ground. Many of these improvements involve volunteers and would cost far more without their help.



The Trust restores buildings to their former glory and gives them a new economic life and purpose. Examples: the Trust's own HQ; the recently renovated 34 Robertson Street; Silchester Mews community resource centre; Linton Road Arches radically converted and now a superb venue for adult education classes run by Hastings College and the WEA with plans to convert another arch into incubator units for social enterprises.

### Where to find us



### Why not join us?

The Trust policy is decided by unpaid trustees who care for the future of Hastings. Trust membership is open to all.

For more information please contact us

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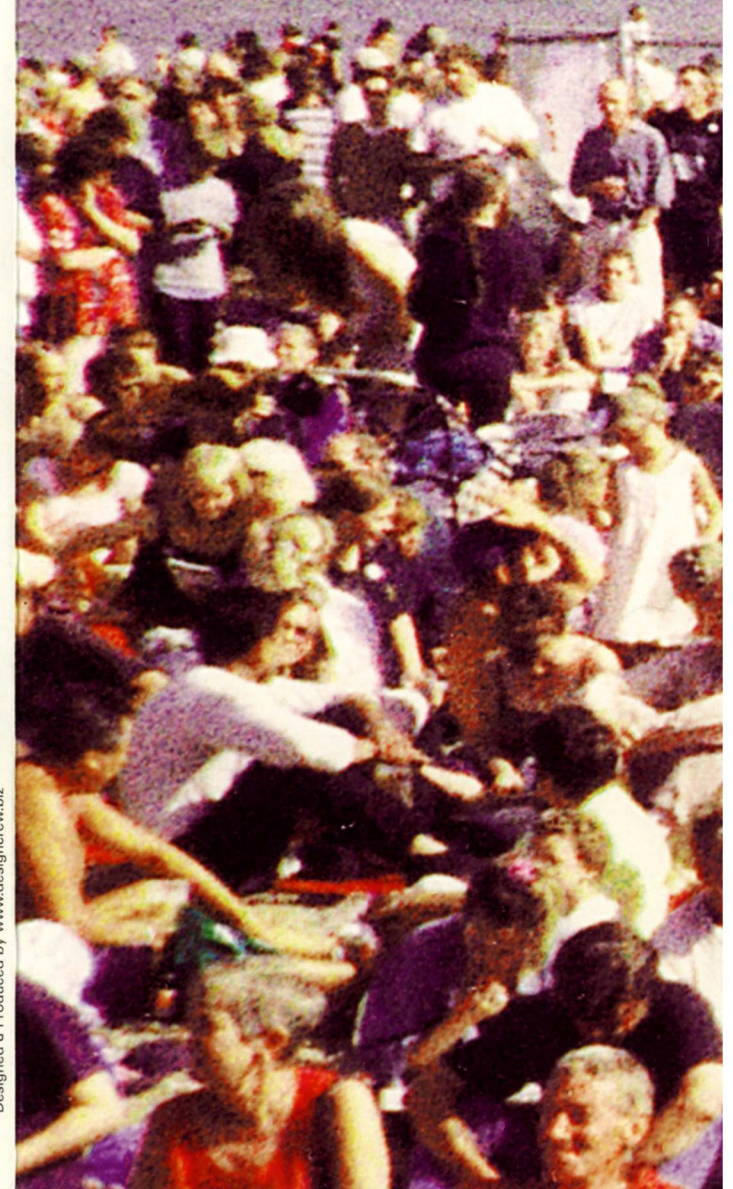
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The Hastings Trust is an independent charity working for the people, heritage, economy environment and future of Hastings. In its twelve year history it has won eight awards and completed over eighty successful projects.



### **More money for Hastings**

The Trust attracts money to the town by a uniquely flexible and unbureaucratic approach. It works for and with individuals and groups from all sectors of the community. Hastings Borough Council recognises this and gives a support grant of £60,500 to the Trust, which brought an additional £760,000 worth of funding into the town last year.

The Trust helps groups and individuals to apply for funding for their own local projects and distributes grants to community groups from the Community Chest awards.

The Trust is setting up a Re-investment Trust to provide low-cost loans to social enterprises. A Re-investment Trust allows local people to invest in local enterprises and social enterprises - businesses which benefit the community.

### **Helping people to help themselves**

The Trust has set up:

**Hastings Trust Resource Centre** the Trust's HQ at 35 Robertson Street, in Hastings town centre, offers meeting room space, fast internet access, funding advice for individuals and groups, marketing, business, career and continuing personal development advice, information and advice on learning, volunteering and employment.



**Priory Neighbourhood Centre** - a new project to be in a state of the art building to serve the local area which will draw on the experience and success of the other centres.

**OASIS** in the Ore Valley offering free advice and support as well as educational opportunities to local people.

**Silchester Mews** in St Leonards - a busy, terrifically popular centre offering a wide choice of activities for the whole community from senior citizens to mothers and toddlers.



**Community Regeneration Unit**, the first of its kind in the country, to help tackle the social and economic challenges of the most deprived parts of Hastings - the emphasis is on self-help and mutual aid.

The Trust supports the **Ore Valley Forum** which gives Ore Valley residents a voice and the opportunity to work with Borough and County Councillors for the betterment of the Valley, its housing, its people and its open spaces.

