

What makes a place special?

Discovering the character of towns

A seminar for everyone with an interest
in the local heritage – past, present and future

Welshpool Assembly Room, 21 October 2010 6-9.30pm

Organised by the Civic Trust for Wales in partnership with Cadw, the People's Collection, Powys County Council, and Welshpool Town Council



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in the way we look after the historic environment of places where we live, work and play, you will enjoy this seminar.

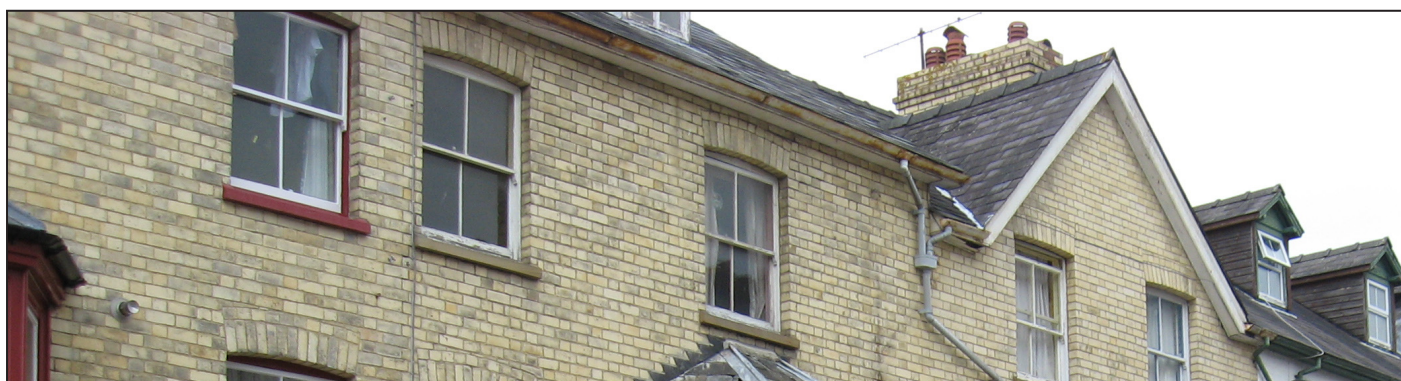
The evening will explore ways of studying towns in order to understand their character and define the ways in which different parts of a place are distinctive. This approach goes beyond a narrow focus on conservation areas to look at how towns as a whole have grown and changed – and at ways in which they can be managed now and for the future.

Urban character studies, founded in an understanding of settlement history, layout, and local architecture, can offer new insights into place and the individuality of towns. They can influence the management of change and promote an approach to planning and design that is sensitive to the local heritage.



Character studies need community engagement and participation. The seminar will discuss the ways in which community groups and individuals can take part in, or lead, the process. It will include a practical workshop in which we will explore ways of analysing the distinctive features of character areas within towns.

Character studies need to be shared and debated. This makes them part of the democratic process and strengthens their validity. We will consider how we can use new technology to share the product of character studies in and beyond the local community. The People's Collection offers a special opportunity to publish resources and results and to promote wider discussion.



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Booking fee: £12 per person (including light refreshments)

Remittance enclosed £ _____

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