

News Release from Swindon Civic Trust

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Future Events

This month, Swindon Civic Trust is organising two public events dealing with aspects of the town's future.

The first, ***Swindon up for Grabs***, is to be held on Saturday 17th March. Participants will be stimulated by aerial photos, maps, new and old and their own ideas and wishes to debate what kind of town Swindon should become in the future. The Trust will help record, develop and promote these visions as a people's contribution to the official planning process.

The event will take place at the Community Crossroads (former Railway Museum) in Faringdon Road between 10 am and 2 pm. Participants are advised to book lunch on 01793 520592 or at info@swindoncivictrust.org.uk.

The second event is a ***World Heritage Lecture Evening*** on Thursday 22nd March. Arranged in conjunction with the National Trust, this will include an optional guided tour of the Trust's eco-friendly HQ building, Heelis. The main business of the evening will be a lecture and discussion about World Heritage Sites and the issues surrounding the GWR railway line's potential as a Site. The lecturer will be David Thackray, National Trust's Head of Archaeology, who is a member of the international World Heritage Sites committee. The evening will finish with light refreshments.

The event will take place at the National Trust's Heelis building in Kemble Drive, adjacent to the Designer Outlet Centre. Numbers for the guided tours are limited so they will be on a first-come-first-served basis, starting at 6pm. The lecture will start at 7pm. This event is free to Swindon Civic Trust members. Other people are recommended to make a donation of £4 (£3 for concessions.)

There is no need to book for this event.

Swindon Civic Trust thanks the National Trust for providing facilities and refreshments.

Notes for Editors

Swindon civic Trust

The Swindon Civic Trust is a charity, affiliated to the national organisation The Civic Trust. The local Trust's objectives are:

To promote high standards of planning, environmental sustainability and architecture in or affecting Swindon and the surrounding area.

To research, inform and educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, architecture and built environment and the process of local government of Swindon and the surrounding area.

To secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historic or public interest in Swindon and the surrounding area.

To encourage and support community and individual participation in the pursuit of these objectives.

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