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**Reclaiming the Town Centre at Night**

How to reduce town centre crime, disturbance, noise, street fouling and drink and drug related A & E admissions will be explained in Swindon next Thursday evening.

The Civic Trust has carried out research and developed ten principles which can be applied in the design and management of town centres to produce this result. And they will be put into practice first in Swindon.

Paul Davies, the Civic Trust's Head of Policy and Development and Lionel Starling, Swindon Borough Council's Licensing Manager will explain publicly how the two organisations have teamed up to produce practical ideas for tackling the problems experienced in the town centre at night, especially on Saturdays.

All are invited to their talk to be held at Heelis, the National Trust's Central Office in Kemble Drive on Thursday 6 December, starting at 7.30 pm.

This talk is part of Swindon Civic Trust's successful events programme and will take place at Heelis, the National Trust's splendid new central office, in Kemble Drive, Swindon. Entry costs £4 on the door, including light refreshments, but is free to Swindon Civic Trust members.

## **Further Information**

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### **Civic Trust's Night Vision Project**

<http://www.civictrust.org.uk/evening/index.shtml>

### **The Swindon Civic Trust:**

The Swindon Civic Trust is a charity, affiliated to The Civic Trust nationally. The 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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