



## STRUTT'S PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2018

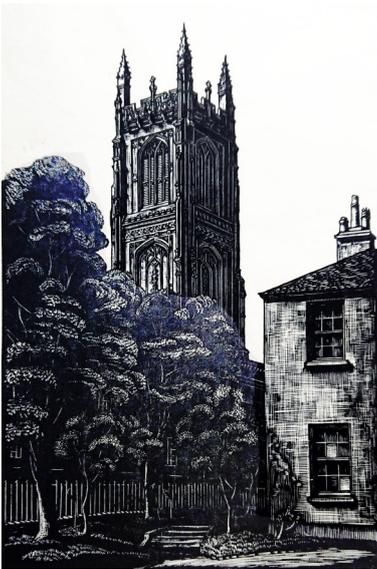
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### SPRA is non-political and aims to:

- stimulate public interest and opinion
- promote a sense of community in the Strutt's Park area
- improve the safety and amenities of the area
- improve the preservation, protection, development and enhancement of features of beauty, historic and public interest
- further the welfare and interests of the residents of the area and encourage an awareness of the neighbourhood

## Marion Elizabeth Adnams (1898–1995)



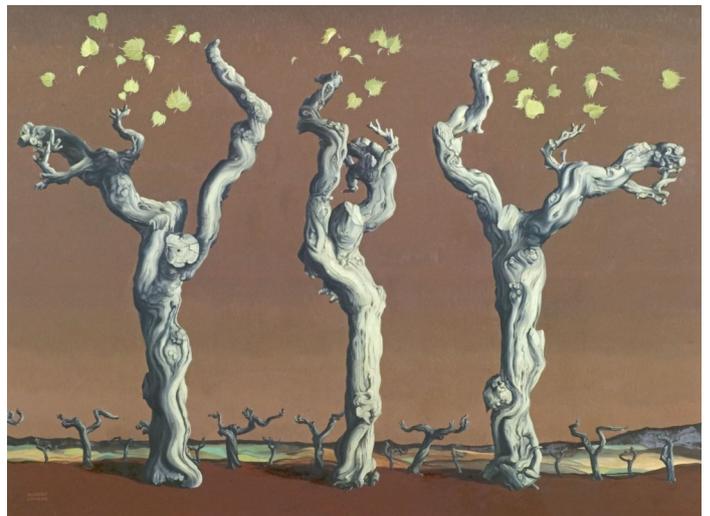
Wood Carving—Derby Cathedral

For those of you who missed the exhibition earlier this year at Derby Museum and Art Gallery, SPRA would like to join in celebrating a local resident of notable achievement. Marion Adnams spent most of her life based in Strutt's Park. She was born on 3 December 1898 at 22 Otter Street, Derby, the only daughter of John Adnams and his wife, Mary Smith. Her artistic interests were encouraged from an early age by her father, himself a woodwork teacher at Derby School. After attending Parkfield Cedars School in Derby, she expressed a desire to study art but was instead urged to study at University College, Nottingham where, in 1919, she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages. Between 1927 and 1930, Adnams travelled to Belgium, France, and Italy, creating woodcuts of the architecture she encountered en route, and exhibiting them to some acclaim at Derby Art Gallery and with the Derby Women's Art Club. She began her career not as a language teacher, but as art mistress at Derby's Central School for Girls before being recommended for a transfer to the newly opened Homelands Grammar School for Girls, Derby, in October 1937. She was appointed senior lecturer at Derby Diocesan Training College in 1948, where she rose to become Head of Art.

It was between 1938 and 1970, that Adnams painted the surrealist works for which she is principally known, exhibiting at the British Art Centre in London, alongside Duncan Grant, Augustus John, Henry Moore, Jacob Epstein, and Eileen Agar. In 1944 she exhibited her work at the Modern Art Gallery in London, alongside Jack Bilbo and Max Ernst. In 1939, she sold her first painting, *The Living Tree* (1939), to Manchester Art Gallery for inclusion in their Rutherson Collection of Modern Art for Schools.

The further sales of her paintings to Derby Art Gallery from 1945 and to the Salford Museum and Art Gallery and Nottingham Castle Museums from the early 1950s ensured her work a measure of public presence. Adnams retired in 1960 aged sixty-one, using her time to develop her art in new directions. She acquired a second home in France, producing paintings and drawings influenced by the landscape of Provence and surrounding areas. In 1966 she painted a series of murals for Immanuel Church in Stapenhill, near Burton upon Trent.

In 1970, at the age of seventy-one, she became partially blind. As her condition worsened, she was left unable to paint. She died in Derby on 24 October 1995, aged ninety-six. Her funeral was held at Derby Cathedral on 2 November 1995, before burial at Nottingham Road Cemetery in Derby.



"For lo, winter is past"

*Assembled from the recollections of friends of Marion and Wikipedia*

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## Sewer Odours around Arthur Street: An update

Following Severn Trent's Chris Mulligan's address to the SPRA AGM in 2017, he has pursued the problem of the odours apparent in the Margaret/Arthur/North Street area, identifying the only permanent cure for the problem being to dose with sewage system with neutralising agents to prevent it becoming septic. The proposal is that the dosing is carried out by the addition of extra plant at the pumping station housed in the existing Severn Trent building at the end of Poplar Row in Darley Abbey. Severn Trent then applied for planning permission for the erection of the new dosing plant. The system is too large to fit in the existing building and would be positioned immediately outside the current building but still on Severn Trent's property. The planning permission for the dosing system was granted by the City Council in July. The order for the new plant has been placed and it is hoped that the installation will be complete before the end of 2018.

As an interim measure, Severn Trent have used a new design of a close-fitting perforated tray which contains a neutralising agent (a bit like cat litter!). This was lowered into a manhole in the Arthur Street area earlier in the year and it is thought to have made some reduction in the odours, particularly during the long dry period in the summer. The SPRA would like to thank Mr Mulligan and our own member, Rosa Drhomirecka, for pursuing this matter on behalf of all the residents who have suffered the annoyance of these odours for several years.

If you smell odours you can contact STW by visiting its website [www.stwater.co.uk/help-and-contact/contact-us/](http://www.stwater.co.uk/help-and-contact/contact-us/) or mention it to a SPRA committee member.

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## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

You have probably received messages from many organisations concerning the effects of the above regulations. In the case of the SPRA, the committee have reviewed our operations and believe that we already comply with them. We only use the details that members have supplied when joining the Association for purposes directly concerning the SPRA, or to circulate information likely to be of interest to residents of the Strutt's Park Conservation Area. We do not share members' details with any third party.

If you have any questions concerning GDPR and the SPRA, please contact the Secretary, Clive Lemmon.

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## Conservation Area Audit

All resident' bodies for areas with Conservation Area status were invited by Civic Voice to record aspects of their environment, ranging from historic features, neglect and decay, for example, bin storage and graffiti, through to air quality and inappropriate car parking. Members of the SPRA committee decided to respond to the survey and arranged to assess and record the state of the area against the 17 criteria of the Civic Voice audit template, for issues ranging from "no problem" through to "very serious and needs urgent action". The results were scored and a member of the Committee undertook to enter the results on the Civic Voice score sheets to keep for future reference. The survey is only to record and not to take action.

When, after a couple of years, a similar audit is taken, comparisons can be made. The surveys are not intended to provoke specific action, but are helping "Civic Voice" create a nationwide picture of conservation areas. (The Committee only ever responds to issues raised by residents of Strutt's Park.)



## Dustbins

A reminder has been received from the Council that residents should remove dustbins from pavements as soon as possible after refuse has been collected. The Council has delivered leaflets to the most often offending properties. We were told at the AGM by a Council Member that they would be enforcing regulations on removing bins from pavements after refuse collection.

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## Some useful contacts:

### Police / Fire & Rescue:

Emergency - phone 999      Police non-emergency - call 101  
Websites: [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)      [www.derbys-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbys-fire.gov.uk)

**NHS Choices:** [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

If you need non-urgent medical help/advice phone: 111

## SPRA Committee 2017-2018

Chair: Belinda Elliott-Dawes

Secretary: Clive Lemmon

Treasurer: Matthew Scarborough

Other Committee Members:

Joan Dutton, John Austin

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## Kings Crescent Development

The work is well underway at the Kings Crescent Development, a sweeping curved Georgian inspired development, which will result in nearly 50 dwellings - a mix of one and two-bedroom luxury apartments, including penthouse suites and three spacious town houses.

Passersby will have seen the excavation of the earth and piles put in to secure the building of the underground parking. Having completed the foundations, a huge crane has been brought in with its first task the erection of a steel frame which forms the skeleton of the structure. This means that we can now see the size and layout of the building work. Work on the building of Kings Crescent is due for completion in April 2019.



## Reporting issues to the Council

If you wish to report dog mess, litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, missed bins or any Council related issue there is an easy and quick way to do this. Go to [www.derby.gov.uk/report-it/](http://www.derby.gov.uk/report-it/) and fill out the online form. It takes you through step-by-step and asks you to select the item you want to report, when you saw it and its location - you can also upload photos of the problem. You can request feedback on what's done to resolve the issue.

You can also phone the City Council help desk on 01332 640000 (Monday to Friday 8.30 am - 5.00 pm).

## Flood Defences

**Work is well underway on the local section the £95m flood defence scheme intended to protect 2,000 homes and businesses across Derbyshire.**

Walking from town on the path alongside the River Derwent, towards Derwent Park or past Chester Green Community Centre and playing fields on the west side of the river, you can't fail to notice the progress on the flood defences. Financed mainly by Central Government, the newly-built walls along City Road are approximately 6ft (1.8m) high with several sections being topped with a glass "window".

The City Road work forms part of a 13 km stretch of the river where new flood defences are being created or existing barriers raised. Council officials believe the work, due to finish in 2022, will reduce the annual risk of flooding in the area from once in 25 years to once in 100 years. On the BBC News 26 February 2016 the council spokesman stated there is no issue with funding for the scheme although it was admitted its timeframe relies on obtaining planning permission to build defences on sections of land along the river not owned by the authority.



*Full details of the plan for the Derby City element of the work can be found in Council's "Our City, Our River—Masterplan" (2013) available on the Council's web site.*

## Darley Ward Councillors

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Derby City Council—[www.derby.gov.uk](http://www.derby.gov.uk)

Call 01332640000

Email: [customerservices@derby.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@derby.gov.uk)

## Contacting Strutt's Park Resident's Association:

by email to: [clivelemmon@aol.com](mailto:clivelemmon@aol.com)

or by post/letterbox to:

SPRA c/o The Secretary, Gaddesby,  
78 Belper Road, DE1 3EN

Visit our website [www.strutts.org](http://www.strutts.org) for:

- Committee minutes
- AGM minutes
- Past newsletters
- The Conservation Area Booklet: general advice for those wishing to make alterations to their property

## RT Hon Edward Strutt, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Belper, FRS



Edward Strutt was born to William Strutt FRS, of St Helen's House in Derby and his wife, Barbara, daughter of Thomas Evans of Darley Abbey, on 26 October 1801. He was educated at Manchester College, York and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated in law in 1825. He went to Lincoln's Inn, but was never called to the bar, and came under the influence of leading philosophical radicals of the day, Jeremy Bentham and James and John Stuart Mill. He returned to Derby in 1830, on the death of his father, and lived in St Helen's House, entering Parliament as one of Derby's MPs and quickly becoming established as a radical Liberal. In 1851, after an electoral irregularity not of his making, he became MP for Arundel. He exchanged this seat for Nottingham and moved to the family estate at Kingston-upon-Soar in Nottinghamshire, where he had the current hall built (this was up for sale in June 2018). In 1856 he was created the first Baron Belper. He had numerous honours conferred upon him, and is credited with having a significant influence on the Liberal party of his day.

Edward married Amelia Harriet Otter, daughter of Dr William Otter, Bishop of Chichester, in 1837 and they had eight children. He was responsible for the development of the park surrounding St Helen's House, hence Strutt's Park, and, as we have remarked before, many of the street names in the area reflect family names, or places with family connections. Edward died at his home in London on 30 June 1880.

### Air Pollution

Derby City Council issued a consultation document with three options to address the problem of the City's poor air quality caused by road traffic exhausts. From the three suggested options the first was selected.

All three options included a scheme to encourage people to purchase less polluting vehicles. The Central Government funded scrappage scheme suggested in the document would cover diesel engines and petrol cars and vans manufactured before 2013. Option 1 added traffic control measures aimed directly at the Stafford Street bottleneck, Option 2 had a pollution charging zone within the inner ring road and in Option 3 the pollution charging zone would cover the area inside the outer ring road. All three options would have required Central Government funding for the work needed.

<https://www.derby.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/air-quality-in-derby/>

### Useful contacts when faced with scams

There is much publicity about scams. People say they'll never be taken in by them but it can be fall into traps set by scammers who are experienced in appearing credible and plausible. The Citizens' Advice website: [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) has examples of scams - many of which are particularly sophisticated

If you do fall prey to a scam, you can report it to the police by calling 101 or via the website: [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

Derbyshire County Council has a bulletin which reports the latest scams and gives very useful advice. The website is: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/consumer-advice/consumer-advice.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/consumer-advice/consumer-advice.aspx) You can report a scam to Derby City Council you can find details on [www.derby.gov.uk/environmental-health-licensing-trading-standards/trading-standards/consumer-advice/report-a-scam/](http://www.derby.gov.uk/environmental-health-licensing-trading-standards/trading-standards/consumer-advice/report-a-scam/)

There's also very good advice on Age UK's website at [www.ageuk.org.uk](http://www.ageuk.org.uk) and on the National Trading Standards' website at [www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk](http://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk)



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