



Save the High Street civic activities

The following provides a flavour of just some of the practical action being taken by civic societies and other local groups to support the high street:

- 🗨️ Huddersfield Civic Society has taken over an empty shop to show what can be achieved by local volunteers
- 🗨️ High Street Malvern was set up in 2007 with the support of the Malvern Civic Society to develop the commercial health and wellbeing of Malvern as a thriving business community by bringing together residents, traders and supporters of the town
- 🗨️ Since its inception in 2004 the health check run by Fleet and Church Crookham Civic Society provides the most wide ranging survey of the needs of the community available and is used to influence future planning policy
- 🗨️ Hale Civic Society and Heath & Hampstead Society run “shop local” schemes which offer incentives for using local shops
- 🗨️ In the immediate aftermath of the recent floods, which washed away 225 of the town’s traders (80%), Allerdale Borough Council worked with Cockermouth Civic Trust and others to implement the Cockermouth Shopfront Heritage Grant Scheme - this pioneering initiative has helped rebuild the battered shopping streets with a distinctive look which supports tourism and its economic recovery
- 🗨️ Sutton Coldfield Civic Society is just one of dozens of civic societies to have produced a Town Centre Trail which celebrates its heritage
- 🗨️ Bromley Civic Society is working with retailers to provide interpretation of the history of their buildings and their previous uses
- 🗨️ Wakefield Civic Society runs a local restaurant of the year awards scheme
- 🗨️ St Albans Civic Society runs a retail awards scheme and has run a successful campaign to protect, fund and promote an historic Odeon cinema
- 🗨️ Tonbridge Civic Society campaigned successfully to restart the high street clock
- 🗨️ Over 100 civic societies are participating in Civic Voice’s Street Pride campaign to tackle street clutter and improve the public realm www.streetpride.co.uk
- 🗨️ Nantwich Civic Society has run a clean up campaign with local businesses to tackle everything from poor signage and weeds to shabby shop fronts
- 🗨️ Ripon Civic Society has undertaken a survey of shop fronts which provides an important photographic record and is the basis of bouquets or brickbats awards publicised in the local newspaper

Why not tell us what your group is doing and we will add you to the list.

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