



EXETER CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Remarks:

In the last issue of the Newsletter I asked members to make their views known to the Boundary Commission about the changes suggested for Exeter's boundary. We are still waiting for the final decision. The process has taken far too long and the campaigns for and against the two options have cost tax payers money. Hopefully a result will come soon.

The Exeter Civic Society's visit to Poltimore House with Tiverton Civic Society was a great success. Fifty people came to visit the house and gardens. Twenty five came from Exeter and twenty five from Tiverton. I was delighted to meet so many Exeter members. Thank you for coming and making the visit so worthwhile. We will try to organise more events next year on Saturdays. Tiverton Civic Society is going to arrange another joint event on a Saturday next year.

We have also enjoyed a talk in July by Mr. Whitworth on 'The National Trust in Devon'. It was interesting to learn the different ways to reach Greenways, Agatha Christie's house, the latest Trust property in Devon.

Last week I attended a consultation in the Chapter House of the Cathedral to discuss future plans for the Cathedral Green. About 40 people were there to listen to the presentation by the landscape designer and the project leaders. A wide range of interests were represented and residents in nearby properties had also been invited to give their views. After lengthy deliberations, it now seems likely that trees are going to be planted later this year, though the species were still under active discussion. We thought that heavy use had made certain areas look shabby and we advocated the renewal of bare areas in the grass. To avoid wear and tear round the seats a path was proposed just within the

