

CHESTERFIELD & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY HISTORY BITES

Chesterfield and District Local History Society's 'History Bites' are an occasional series of website published articles about Chesterfield and district's history.

Where did our logo come from

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This short note was originally published as a blog in April 2022. It tells the story of how our society logo came into being.



You may have noticed our logo on our website and now our Facebook page. But where did it come from?

It's actually been and still is a Chesterfield town centre feature.

Its design was researched by our former Chairman Peter Maycock when he set up this website and our newsletter design in the mid-2010s. We'll leave

it to Peter to describe our logo further:

One day, as I researched old photographs of Chesterfield I noticed this lovely street lamp and as I looked at subsequent photos, there it was again. Now I know all about the lamp that was at the bottom of Packers Row and was moved to the Parish Church, but the beauty of this new one really appealed to me – and it was all over the town centre in old photos. So when I started to design the new printed materials for the Society earlier this year [in 2016], there was really only one choice – and thanks to local artist David Charlesworth we now have a professionally drawn logo at the heart of our new identity.

Peter Maycock, CADLHS newsletter, March 2016.

A few of these lamp standards still exist around the Market place area. Despite being fitted with modern light fittings they have not lost their decorative tops and are listed grade II.

This logo also appears on our Facebook page. We'd like to think it reflects our view that the society aims to shed some light on the area's history!

We want to take this opportunity to thank Peter for his work on developing this website and our newsletters. Peter has now taken a 'backseat' somewhat, but without his vision and leadership CADLHS would be the much poorer.



Some of the old photographs that Peter Maycock saw, in which the lamp standards attracted his attention.

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