

## **The Alton Society Award for Outstanding Services to the Town**

1 The Society will offer this Award on an annual basis, with a view to acknowledging the personal contribution made by an appropriate individual towards work, voluntary or otherwise, that has been of outstanding benefit to the Alton community. For this purpose the Society will interpret 'services' in a very broad sense, so as to recognize a record of achievement related to one or more of its own wide range of principal aims: promoting and encouraging the rational and appropriate development of Alton and its amenities; stimulating interest in the past, present, and future of Alton; and working for the enhancement of local features of particular historical, cultural, or aesthetic importance.

2 The Awarding Panel will comprise the following:

- (a) the Chairman of the Society, who will head the Panel;
- (b) two current Committee Members of the Society, either of whom may deputise for the Chairman as necessary;
- (c) two Members of the Society not currently serving on its Committee;
- (d) up to three other persons not currently serving on the Committee of the Society.

All the panellists acting under categories (b), (c), and (d) will be chosen annually by the Committee of the Society. Membership of the Society will not be a prerequisite for any person selected to serve under category (d). No panellist, other than the Chairman, may serve for more than two successive years.

3 The Panel will normally be constituted by 30 April each year, with a view to reaching and announcing a decision by 30 September. It will seek nominations through publicity in the Society's newsletter and in the local press, and through any other forms of advertisement and consultation that it might deem appropriate. In other respects, the panellists will be free to determine their own procedures.

4 Both Members and non-Members of the Alton Society may be nominated and considered for the Award. However, neither current panellists nor current Committee Members of the Society outside the Panel, nor the relatives of persons in either of these categories, will be eligible.

5 The Panel will have discretion to decide, in appropriate circumstances, that:

- (a) the Award should be made jointly to more than one individual (though not to a group or organization as such);
- (b) no Award should be made.

6 All decisions of the Panel will be final.

7 The Award will take the form of a framed certificate, which will normally be presented on an appropriate public occasion.