

Participants Sought for Historic Study of Oxford's West End

Residents are invited to participate in a historic area study of Oxford's West End, a joint initiative of Oxford Preservation Trust and Oxford City Council.

The aim of the study is to gather feedback from local residents on their impressions of the western centre of the city, which extends from the railway station across to Cornmarket and down to Folly Bridge at its south-west corner. The project will help to identify heritage assets within the area and assess their value to the local community.

Under the guidance of a project co-ordinator, participants will be allocated a series of streets and given a toolkit containing instructions on how to 'survey' the area and record their perceptions of it.

Jane Baldwin, Planning and Outreach Officer at Oxford Preservation Trust, says: "The process of surveying an area is in itself very interesting and helps you to understand how the elements of our streets and spaces work together – good and bad.

In turn the information gathered will help us to understand more about the character of the West End and feed into decision-making about this important and distinctive area of Oxford."

Street survey sessions will be held on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 June, 6 - 8pm, at Oxford Preservation Trust, 10 Turn Again Lane, St Ebbes. Alternative sessions can be arranged for volunteers who can't make these dates. Email Dan Clarkson (dclarkson@oxford.gov.uk) with any questions.

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Oxford West End Partnership was established in 2005 as the driving force behind the West End Renaissance, a long-term regeneration project to enhance the central west area of Oxford.