

Friends of the Pepperpot

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The Friends of the Pepperpot are a group of volunteers concerned about the continued neglect of the Pepperpot building, which stands to the north of Queens Park in Brighton.

We feel that the Pepperpot has great value as a heritage asset and as a local landmark. We aim to work with Brighton council and others to try to reverse the decline of this building and to support investment for its restoration.

We would like to identify new uses for the site which are supported by the local community and help ensure that the Pepperpot is well maintained and has a positive impact on its surroundings.



What is the Pepperpot?

The Pepperpot (originally known as The 'Pepperbox') is one of the last remaining features of the Attree Villa which was designed by architect Sir Charles Barry (best known for designing the houses of Parliament) and built in the late 1820's.

The Pepperpot is a four storey ten sided tower around 60 foot tall. Its original purpose is uncertain but seems likely to be connected with the water supply at the Attree Villa with a strong suggestion that it housed a horizontal wind wheel for raising water for the Villa.

If this is the case, this function became unnecessary following the development of mains supply from the 1830's.

The Pepperpot enjoys Grade II listing and from 1863 became the 'Tower Press' home to the Brighton Mail. During the second world war the Pepperpot was an observation tower and has since seen use as a scout hut, and artist studio and a public toilet.

The tower has been untenanted for many years now, and although it is possible to visit all levels, work is required to the floors and stairways to enhance safety and access.

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The Friends of the Pepperpot is a new group which formed in January 2010. Our broad objectives include:

- To seek to preserve and conserve the Pepperpot
- To enable the Pepperpot to have a positive impact / effect on the local community
- To work with and to lobby the Council to ensure the ongoing management and up keep of the Pepperpot
- To work closely with and encourage the support of the community
- To seek to identify and support new uses for the Pepperpot, whilst respecting the heritage and local historical value of the building.
- To seek partnerships which may enable funding or investment in support of these objectives. This may include pursuing community ownership of the Pepperpot managed by the group or a similar community agency.
- To carry out fundraising initiatives to secure funds in support of these objectives

And we need you help...

Are you interested in historical research, community events, buildings construction or architecture, fundraising, community arts, gardening and green landscaping or anything else which might be helpful—and would you like to help?

Please contact us/join the Friends ~ for more information visit our website

Have you ever looked at the Pepperpot and wondered what is inside?

We want to open as much of the Tower as we can for the Heritage Open Door weekend (September 9th - 12th) This a national event which supports opening up of heritage sites which are normally closed or inaccessible. (For more information see <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk>)

This will be a great opportunity to talk to people about the Pepperpot and what could happen with it and in it.

For this event we will need to carry out some research and put together information about the Tower, and we will also need to raise some money for cleaning and anything else we can do to open up the Tower and show it at its best. We will also need volunteers for the weekend to help out.

All assistance welcome please contact us to join our email list and receive further information

