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### Activities, January 2018 to February 2019:

#### Building Visits

Marium El-Sayed has continued her sterling work in leading the organisation of regular building visits of both new and historic buildings within and around the city region. Both lunchtime and evening events have been well attended and working with the CPD coordinators, some of the visits have been specifically tailored to provide superb CPD value.



Images: Buxton Crescent Hotel visit and Grey to Green tour

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**2018 Building Visits**

23<sup>rd</sup> Jan 18 (1pm) – Blackburn Meadows  
7<sup>th</sup> Mar 18 (4pm) – Buxton Crescent Hotel  
26<sup>th</sup> Apr 18 (2.30pm) – Heart of the City Phase 1 - HSBC  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jul 18 (1pm) – Grey to Green  
16<sup>th</sup> Jul 18 (full day) – Chatsworth House  
28<sup>th</sup> Sep 18 (1pm) – Testone Factory  
16<sup>th</sup> Oct 18 (1pm) – Albert Works / Jaywing  
26<sup>th</sup> Nov 18 (1pm) – The Mowbray

Visits in 2019/2020 are planned to centre around winning design from the Sheffield Design Awards entries, along with repeat visits to the over-subscribed tours, and following up on some connections of the committee / steering group, such as –

**Proposed 2019/2020 Building Visits**

Wentworth House	The Art House
Heart of the City Phase 1 completion	Moore St substation repeat
Aizlewoods Mill	Merlin Theatre
Astrea Academy	Leavygreave Plantables
Public (Bar)	Chatsworth Bird Hide/Long Barn/Learning Centre
Site Gallery	Lone Acre – The Hen House
National College for High Speed Rail	The Long Barn
Olympic Legacy Park	Dam View
The Glassworks	Peace Gardens

**Sheffield CPD Network**

Organisation of CPD events for Architects continues to enable professionals in the Sheffield region to gain a superb variety of continual professional development experience. These events have all been free of charge, thanks to our sponsors, LIF grants, and the generosity of our hosts Keebles with whom we have so far partnered to present two breakfast CPDs and are discussing a continuation of the programme for 2019.

**2018 CPD Events**

10<sup>th</sup> Apr (1pm) – Ventrolla Window Renovation  
16<sup>th</sup> Jul 18 (full day) – Geberit host Chatsworth based drainage seminar  
6<sup>th</sup> Nov 18 (8.30am) – Decision Making  
4<sup>th</sup> Dec 18 (8.30am) – Mythbusting GDPR

**Proposed 2019 CPD Topics**

Rights to Light  
Party Wall Disputes  
Intellectual Property – Copyright

## Website / Social Media / Newsletter

[www.sheffieldsocietyofarchitects.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldsocietyofarchitects.org.uk) continues to be updated by members of the steering group in order to promote our events. Alongside the website, SSA has continued its active presence on social media with facebook, linkedin and twitter, led by Sarah Foxwell and Anya Sutton. In addition to this, SSA issues a quarterly newsletter to help promote future events and keep members updated about SSA activities.

## Flockton

In 2015 the society purchased the Flockton Collection of architectural drawings. Flockton were a series of Sheffield-based architectural firms in the 19th and early 20th centuries, who were responsible for a number of significant buildings in the city. The collection consists of a portfolio of drawings that were reviewed, sorted and catalogued by SSA Members, led by Sarah Foxwell.

Following a successful RIBA LIF bid in 2017 (the £2,500.00 awarded spent being spent on the curation of walks, design and print of walk leaflets and archival photography to produce a digital record) SSA were again successful in securing £1500 of LIF in 2018.

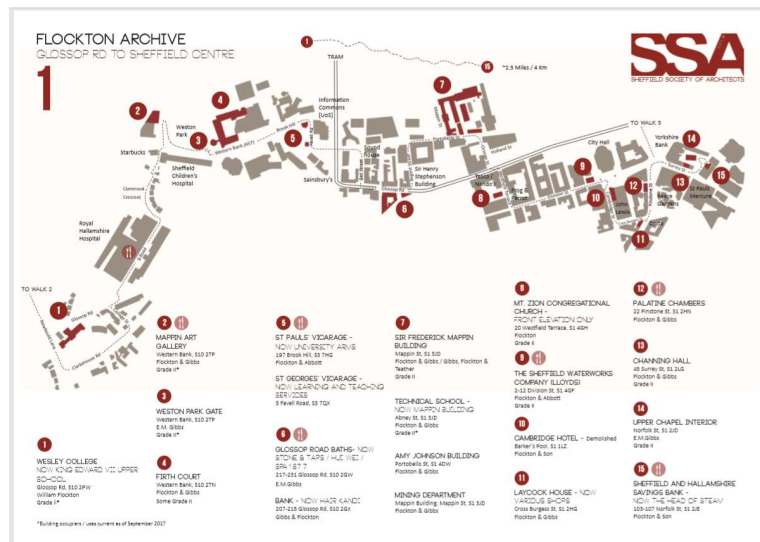


Image: Flockton Walk 1 – part of an expanding set of guided and self-guided tours

## Exhibition

With the digital archiving being completed in early 2018, the LIF awarded was earmarked for an exhibition of some of the best of the Flockton archive. The exhibition was held on the concourse of Sheffield Midland Station over two weeks in October and attracted a huge amount of attention from passers-by as well as those who had been informed of the work through social media and the SSA website.



Images: Flockton Exhibition, Sheffield Midland Train Station and VIP viewing, Sheffield Tap

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**VIP viewing**

A VIP event was held in the Sheffield Tap, at which Sarah and Leanora spoke about the process of archiving the work, the history of the Flockton archives, and our future plans to further explore and disseminate learnings about the collection.

**Flockton at the SDAs**

The exhibition was then taken to the Sheffield Design Awards (see below) where it was enjoyed by some 200 people during the course of the evening.

**LIF monies**

The remaining LIF is being spent on further archival folders for some of the larger pieces of work, re-printing of some of the exhibition sheets which incurred some damage, and merchandise showing the wonderful work the collection contains, which will be available for sale to boost SSA funds.

**Future Flockton Talks**

Recently, SSA have been approached by the Sheffield Victorian Society with a request to jointly host an evening presentation of the Flockton archive. This will be a digital presentation, made possible by the previously completed digital archiving and a breadth of knowledge garnered from that process. The event will be held in April 2019 and we hope will be the first of many.

**Sheffield Design Awards**

Sheffield Society of Architects and Sheffield Civic Trust hosted their second collaborative awards event in 2018. The committee is chaired by former SSA President, Dan Brown, and has a total of 6 trustees from both organisations who meet monthly to work towards delivery of the awards. The SDAs have recently been granted formal charity status, and are currently setting up an independent bank account, which will entirely separate the financial accounting from our own SSA Treasurer.

**Launch ceremony**

SDA 2018 was launched at a ceremony in the Lord Mayor's Parlour at the Town Hall in May, which was attended by over 100 guests. Speakers included Chief Planning Officer Rob Murfin and the Right Honorable The Lord Mayor Anne Murphy.

Following the launch, the commitment by the committee increased ever more in the run up to the awards event itself, with marketing, sponsorship, the entries process, longlisting, judges visits, shortlisting and finally the big night.

**Awards ceremony**

Entries increased by 50%, with a total of 34 being received. SDA 2018 was held in October at Trafalgar Warehouse and was attended by over 200 people.

Made possible by a group of sponsors ranging from construction suppliers to local artisan crafts people, whether through monetary contribution or sponsorship in kind, the awards even managed a small surplus of funds, which will be split equally between SSA, SCT and SDA as they move towards an independent existence as a charity.



Images: SDA 2018 awards night

**SDA 2020**

The committee are currently working towards the next awards, which as a biennial event will be held in October 2020. The intention is to mark the non-SDA year (2019) with a Retrospective which looks back at winners from the past 6 events, and the opportunity to hear from the design teams and users.



### SSA / SSoA Quiz Night – 22<sup>nd</sup> March

A joint event hosted by SUAS, SHarc and SSA took place in the Arts Tower one evening in spring. Quiz masters from SUAS challenged our general knowledge and, nerve-rackingly, our Architectural knowledge, over a few rounds of questions with drinks and prizes. The event was attended by over 70 people and aided a surge in our database attracting student subscribers to the SSA website.



Image: SUAS/SHarc/SSA Quiz flyer



Image: Quiz teams

### Presidents Medals Exhibition – 20<sup>th</sup> April

SSA assisted with an exciting and prestigious event which came to Sheffield for the first time. Jointly presented with the University of Sheffield's School of Architecture, and aided by a successful LIF grant, the Presidents Medals exhibition came to Live Works, Sheffield. Previous locations have included Liverpool, London, Beirut, Istanbul, Singapore, Brisbane, amongst others across the globe. With a focus on rewarding talent and promoting innovation in architectural education, the works of students from architectural schools worldwide was enjoyed at an evening opening event and then for several weeks after at the publicly accessible social enterprise.



Images: Presidents Medals Exhibition, Live Works, Sheffield

### Urban Education Live – 2<sup>nd</sup> May

SSA were invited to take part in a focus group with the purpose of finding out how communities and universities can work together to make their cities better. Leanora and members from other community groups across Sheffield explored how our built environment can be improved by encouraging people's contribution to open spaces. Arranged by a research team at UoS School of Architecture, SSA intends to remain involved and has already made some contacts and gleaned ideas for engagement from other contributors.

### City Centre Soapbox – 7<sup>th</sup> June

Our second Soapbox event took place in June, building on the first which took place at the inception of Sheffield New Retail Quarter, back in 2015. The format of the evening provides a microphone and a social setting for anyone with a point of view on the chosen topic to step up and say as little or as much as they would like, often from a very personal perspective.

Now renamed Sheffield's Heart of the City project, the Soapbox explored how the focus had shifted from developing solely retail offerings in our city, to considering the wider use and place making which we as the SSA have encouraged. Phase 1 of the Heart of the City project is now nearing completion, with public realm improvements and traffic management attracting discussion as further proposals are released by the Council and their consultants.

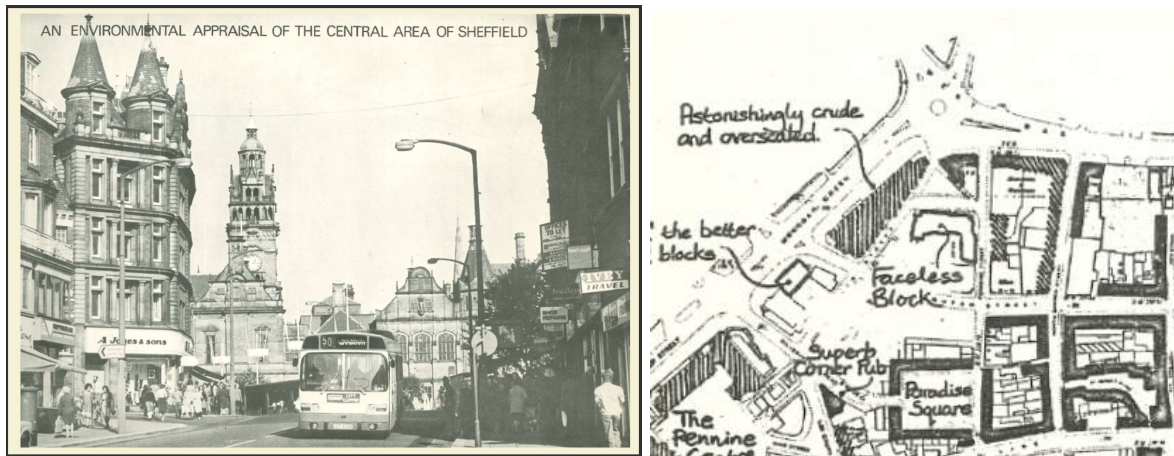
SSA plan to continue this format of discussion, in order to attract the varied views of local residents, businesses, professionals and potential investors.

### Jefferson Sheard archive and 2019 project

In June, Jefferson Sheard architects opened their archive for SSA viewing after much investment into cataloguing and displaying their fascinating history. The evening event was organized and promoted with RIBAY and offered an insight into the development of Sheffield city over the past 60 years. Many of the buildings which SSA has arranged visits to, including the Moore Street Substation, which also celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year (immortalized in cake at SDA 2018!) were explored in drawn form and publications of the era. One particular publication in the archive caught the eye of the Committee, which we intend to go on to explore in 2019/2020:

#### An Environmental Appraisal of The Central Area of Sheffield

In the 1980s, the Sheffield Society of Architects completed an Environmental Appraisal of The Central Area of Sheffield, which includes hand-drawn plans of the city at that time, annotated with often scathing reviews of the buildings and spaces it contained. SSA intend to re-appraise the city in the same manner, almost 40 years later, to ascertain what has changed in the intervening period, whether any of the recommendations of the publication were implemented, and make some suggestions of our own for the city's future. SSA will seek LIF for this project when the 2019 allocations are announced.

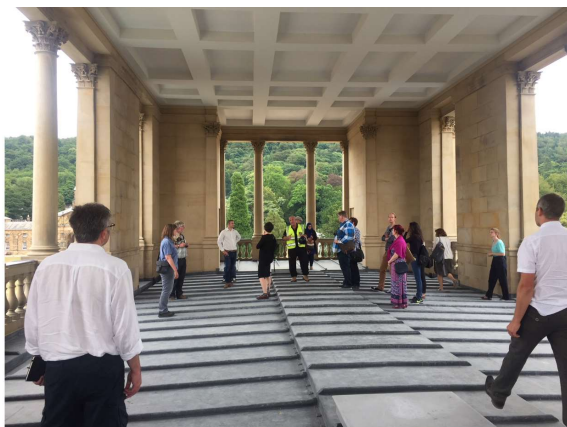


Images: Cover and extract from An Environmental Appraisal of The Central Area of Sheffield

### A day at Chatsworth House – 16<sup>th</sup> July

A £32.7m masterplan to refurbish Chatsworth House began in 2005 and completed in summer 2018. SSA were able to draw upon connections with local suppliers to provide a unique insight into the works completed, lead by architect Peter Inskip and project manager Sean Doxey. A tour of parts of the house including new spaces and restored interiors, viewing of repaired and conserved stonework and carvings, inside and out, as well as works to improve accessibility and M&E services to this Grade I Listed Building was enjoyed by 55 attendees over the course of a lovely summer's day.

SSA would like to arrange similar trips to important heritage properties in the Sheffield City Region and its environs, and are following up on a contact provided by Laurie Cottam for Wentworth House.

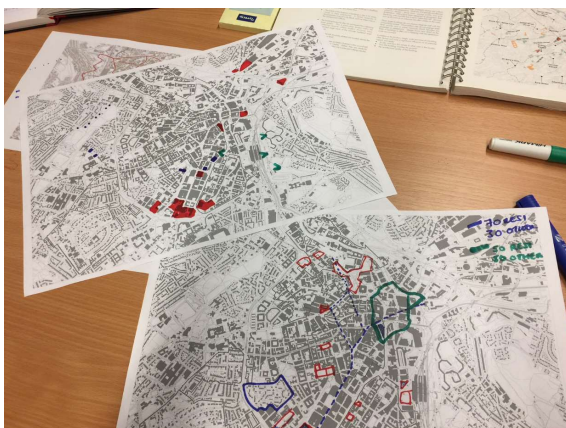


Images: A day at Chatsworth House

### SCC Compendium Workshop – 19<sup>th</sup> October

Members of SSA were invited to attend a workshop held by the Local Planning Authority, with a view to exploring the potential changes to the Urban Design Compendium. This event was the direct result of SSA's Amending the Compendium workshop (2016) at which SCC and other local environment groups were invited to discuss issues such as intensification and growth, changing character and the potential future for specific city centre quarters. SCC report that they found the 2016 exercise to be very meaningful in their research into re-designing the UDC to form a more informative reference document.

The 2018 event was run with a number of groups – SSA were invited to participate in the event held for built environment professionals (as separate from local residents, business owners, landscape architects / designers and heritage groups) and asked to give feedback primarily on their proposals for locating tall buildings. The sessions developed into a broader discussion surrounding mixed uses, communities and 24-hour cities, which are important concerns of our members which we will continue to discuss with SCC in their preparation of their updated document.



#### Increased Density

Buildings of circa 5+ storeys providing opportunities for a mixture of uses in the manner of a major European city

Largest single category covering much of the city centre and a variety of different situations and, therefore difficult to be definitive

The key determinant of scale will be context, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework – notably street width, relationship with other buildings and impact on future development



Images: Zoning exercise and extract from the presentation given by SCC at Compendium Workshop



### Fantastical Cities – Sheffield Modern Architecture Festival - 27<sup>th</sup> October

The fourth iteration of SSA's Fantastical Cities took place in a local cafe as part of the Sheffield Modern Architecture festival. A collaborative event arranged with Eleven Design, SSA shared the space with a number of other crafters for a hugely successful and enjoyable afternoon. The space enabled families to relax, learn and experience different methods of creating spaces and places.

The festival enabled SSA to make some great connections with local Modernists and creators, and has brought about a relationship with Sheffield Modern which we are pursuing for years to come, beginning with the 2019 festival which will be in celebration of Bauhaus.



Images: Fantastical Cities at The Holt

### RIBA Student Presentations – 20<sup>th</sup> November

RIBAY invited members of SSA to assist in delivering a presentation to students of both of the city's architecture schools, with the intention of communicating the benefits of RIBA membership. Karl, Leanora, Neil and Alastair talked to first year students about their differing routes to achieving their professional qualification, their own experience in education and practice along the way, the benefits of student membership and activities of the SSA at a local level.



Images: Courtesy of RIBAY – Student presentation at UoS



### **Sheffield Young Artists Careers Fair – 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

The Abbeydale Rotary Club extended an invitation for SSA to be involved in a careers fair at Sheffield Town Hall in November. The event was part of a celebration of work by local students studying fine art and took place in a room surrounded by stunning examples of their work. Moinak and Leanora took examples of their work from practice and spoke to a number of students ranging in age from 14 to 18 years. We relished the opportunity to speak with an age group with which we had not previously had the opportunity, catching them at a critical point where they decide how to utilise their skills in a career or further education.

SSA sees this as an extension of the Architectural Ambassadors program and will pursue involvement in future events of this kind.



Image: SSA at Sheffield Young Artists Careers Fair

### **Student Involvement**

SSA continues a strong relationship with the two local schools – (Sheffield School of Architecture at the University of Sheffield (SsoA) and Sheffield Hallam University Architecture (SHaRC)). As well as arranging collaborative events throughout the year, and regular attendance from student representatives at the SSA Committee meetings, SSA has again donated prizes to the schools for their summer exhibitions.

### **Christmas Party – 19<sup>th</sup> December**

A great time was enjoyed by 18 members of SSA at Stew & Oyster, Kelham Island just before Christmas.

### **President's remarks**

All of the events outlined above have only been possible due to the continued support of SSA by the society's members, sponsors and RIBA, particularly RIBA Yorkshire.

I would like to thank all SSA members and the RIBA Yorkshire team who have supported the Society during the past year. We are recognized as an extremely active society, and I very much hope we can continue to work together to enjoy what we do and promote Architecture and our city to others.

**Leanora Simmonite**

*5<sup>th</sup> February 2019*