



KNARESBOROUGH CIVIC SOCIETY



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Dear Knaresborough Town Council,

The Civic Society has recently discussed the state of Knaresborough Castle. We feel that as a key tourist attraction for the town, improvements could be made that would enhance the castle as a visitor attraction and enhance the visitor experience for those who do visit it.

The Civic Society were approached recently to see if we would like to become more involved in the running of the castle, but feel this is not something that the Civic Society has the ability, experience or resources to do. The Civic Society's primary role is to protect and enhance the town's built environment.

The castle is an important part of the built environment and as such we have come up with the below list of suggestions and ideas to see the castle improved:

- Repair and open the sally port currently inaccessible under the putting green
- Repair and re-open the view point between Bebra Gardens and the Castle
- Repair and re-open the stairs up to and around the castle from the path between Bebra Gardens and the Castle
- Open the castle museum through the winter months
- Install lighting to illuminate the castle at night
- Excavate the castle well – apparently there may be treasure at the bottom of the well!

The Civic Society feels that a bid for National Lottery funding should be applied for by Harrogate Borough Council to see the castle improved. As such we are writing to ask Knaresborough Town Council to consider our suggestions and formally request HBC make enquiries about the feasibility of commencing such a project. Knaresborough Civic Society is prepared to help however we can within our current resources to see such a project progressed successfully.

Thank you for considering this request and we look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely

pp John Richards
Chairman

Knaresborough Civic Society.