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FOREWORD

Since our founding some 25 years ago the Club has always aimed to support the owners of listed buildings first and foremost. We never originally intended to be political, but over the years the increasing financial and regulatory pressure placed on owners by government has forced us to become political.

Decisions about how listed buildings are controlled are made in government, as well as how public funding is spent to support them. We couldn't truly claim to represent the voices of owners unless we became involved in these discussions and made sure that government heard what owners had to say.

98% of all listed buildings are privately owned, but the political discussion focuses almost exclusively on the minority of public buildings. We feel this simply isn't right. Listing impacts well over one and a half million people in the UK, but too often they are ignored. The discussion needs to centre on the needs of owners like yourselves, who must bear the costs of an ineffective system which provides no real public support.

For almost ten years now the Club has been fighting for change. Since 2012 we have been using every avenue available to return VAT relief on approved works and seen thousands of signatures on our petition to the government. Since then we have organised events, met with ministers and representatives and made the case for change.

Over the last year we have continued to expand our campaign. This year, the Club has taken on a full-time campaign officer, Sam Doohan, to work specifically on our lobbying efforts. This update is to show you just how far we have come and give you a full run down of our efforts over the past 12 months.

We hope you'll agree that we've made your voice heard.

Peter Anslow
Listed Property Owners' Club Founder

OUR LOBBYING WORK

The Club has produced a complete guide to our lobbying work covering:

- Why we need a campaign
- What is our campaign doing for you
- Timeline of Events
- The APPG on Listed Properties
- Efforts in Scotland and Wales
- How you can get involved

Our Political Campaign for Owners – Timeline of Events

START

MARCH 2012

Government announces the zero rate of VAT on all approved alterations to listed buildings will be removed.

APRIL 2012

The Club begins campaigning against this decision by rallying support of their members who will be affected by this change.

MAY 2012

The Club begins to gather evidence from its members to understand the true financial impact reinstating VAT will have.

JUNE 2012

The Club writes to George Osborne asking him to review his decision and to reinstate the VAT concession. Mr Osborne responds stating he is 'satisfied with the rationale for the measure which removes the anomaly that alterations to listed buildings are zero rated.'

JULY 2012

Bill is passed and VAT on all works to listed buildings will be 20% from 1st October 2012.

AUGUST 2012

Ministers repeatedly tell MPs and the public that the VAT increase was about stopping millionaires installing swimming pools tax free. A Freedom of Information request by the Club subsequently revealed that only 105 cases were sampled. The Club checks 12,049 recent applications for listed building consent from across the UK and finds only 34 applications for swimming pools, of which only half would have been eligible to claim zero rated VAT.

OCTOBER 2014

The Club holds a Parliamentary Reception, which is attended by many MPs including Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Media and Sport. Peter Anslow gives a presentation highlighting the Club's concerns that the loss of the VAT concession has resulted in a decline in listed building consent applications.

JUNE 2014

The Club begins a number of activities to lobby the government to reduce VAT for all work on listed buildings to 5%. It writes to the MPs in the top 50 marginal seats with the largest number of listed buildings in their constituency. For many of the MPs approached, the number of listed building owners in their constituency equates to enough votes to either gain or lose them their seats.

APRIL 2014

The Club designs a strategy to draw attention to the issues surrounding listed property ownership and announces its aim to campaign to create an All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG), which would see a selection of MPs and Lords meet regularly to discuss listed properties and provide listed building owners a voice in Parliament.

SEPTEMBER 2012

The Club realises it is the only organisation dedicated to providing support to the owners of listed buildings, and begins many months of research to find out ways it can successfully lobby Parliament for change, speaking with various MPs for support and ideas.

JANUARY 2015

The Club writes to the Chancellor ahead of the Autumn statement, outlining concerns for the rise in unauthorised works to listed buildings after the removal of zero rated VAT on approved alterations.

JULY 2015

The Club encourages their members to write to their local MP asking them to support the campaign, as well as arranging meetings with new MPs from a variety of parties to continue to work towards the 20 signatures needed to form the APPG.

AUGUST 2015

Craig Mackinlay MP for South Thanet agrees to chair the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Listed Properties.

JULY 2016

The Club writes to 24 MPs who have the highest number of listed buildings in their constituency asking them to join the APPG and encourages members to write to them to highlight the importance of their support.

OCTOBER 2016

After much campaigning by the Club, the APPG on Listed Properties is officially recognised. A host of MPs attend the launch in Westminster and pledge their support for listed properties and the campaign. The Club will act as Secretariat to the APPG.

The first Listed Property Owners' Forum, organised by the Club, is held in Sandwich. These forums allow listed property owners to meet and discuss their concerns or suggestions surrounding listed property ownership with their local MP.

NOVEMBER 2016

The Club's Political Campaign for Owners now has 3 key aims:
1. To reduce VAT to 5% on approved listed building alterations and repairs.
2. To simplify the planning process.
3. To ensure greater consistency in planning decisions across the country.

FEBRUARY 2017

Listed property owners take part in 'Owners' Voice' at The Listed Property Show in London. The Club gathers evidence on the challenges of owning a listed home which will be collated in a report to present to MPs.

MARCH 2017

Craig Mackinlay writes to Philip Hammond urging him to reduce VAT to 5% for all repairs and alterations to listed properties in his upcoming budget.

JUNE 2017

The Club creates a Listed Property Owners' manifesto using the evidence gathered at the Owners' Voice event and sends to MPs ahead of election.

JULY 2017

The Club hosts a reception in the House of Commons Terrace where Craig Mackinlay MP and other MPs meet with a group of the Club's members who give their hand experiences of the issues and frustrations that owners face particularly concerning VAT and planning.

SEPTEMBER 2017

APPG re-registered in new format. The Club continues to work with MPs and raises concerns about the drastic fall in numbers of government conservation areas.



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www.lpoc.co.uk/campaign

JUNE 2018

Listed Property Owners' Forum takes place in Witney with Robert Courts MP.

Listed Property Owners' Forum takes place in Leominster with Bill Wiggin MP.

Listed Property Owners' Forum takes place in Tiverton with Neil Parish MP.

MAY 2018

Members of the Club attend an Evidence Session at Parliament with Heritage Minister Michael Ellis (full report on next page). Inconsistency across local authorities is the key theme of the meeting.

Dave Brown, the Club's VAT Advisor, gains place on Heritage Alliance's Tax Group. He will provide the views of private listed building owners to this group ensuring it understands the challenges faced.

Heritage Minister Michael Ellis writes to Craig Mackinlay MP and states "... I know that tax is an issue shared with the wider heritage sector. I am keen to open a dialogue with Treasury on this matter." In light of this, the Club decides to push forward with their campaign for the reduction of VAT to 5%.

APRIL 2018

The Club attends Q&A with Shadow Minister for Arts and Heritage Kevin Brennan.

Listed Property Owners' Forum takes place in Ludlow with Philip Dunne MP.

MARCH 2018

Listed Property Owners' Forum takes place in Helensburgh with Brendan O'Hara MP.

NOVEMBER 2017

The Club announces a series of planned Owners' Forums for 2018, which will allow owners to meet with their local MP.

JULY 2018

Official UK Government and Parliament petition is launched by the Club for the reduction of VAT to 5% on repairs and approved alternations to listed buildings. Sign the petition now at www.lpoc.co.uk/vatpetition

AUGUST 2018

Evidence session to support the VAT campaign.

OCTOBER 2018

The Scottish Listed Property Show, Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh 27th October.

NOVEMBER 2018

Budget announcement.

JANUARY 2019

The Club appoints a full time Campaign Officer to build on previous successes.

FEBRUARY 2019

The Listed Property Show, Olympia London, 9th & 10th February.

The Club launched its national lobbying campaign, targeting councils, the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly.

MARCH 2019

The Club published a complete listed property manifesto detailing policies to benefit all owners.

UPCOMING PLANS

APRIL/MAY 2019

Strategically targeting councils to put listed buildings on the agenda at the local elections.

JULY/AUGUST 2019

Holding forums across the UK, bringing together owners with their representatives.

SEPT/OCT 2019

Launch of the Listed Property Show South West, with MPs from across the region in attendance.

The Scottish Listed Property Show to focus on owners' issues in Scotland.



OUR CAMPAIGN

The Listed Property Owners' Club has been politically active for a number of years. Our campaign began in 2012 in response to the punitive addition of VAT to approved works. But we've come a long way since our petition to restore tax relief.

Of course, tax remains a crucial pillar of our campaign work as it has a huge impact on all owners, but our campaign has now widened. Today our work covers every level of UK government, including on a local and regional level, as well as in Westminster. We are actively pursuing many other areas of concern to listed building owners and working to deliver real tangible change for owners.

We are now campaigning to improve the planning system for listed buildings by reducing bureaucracy and granting owners some of the same rights given to non-listed buildings. We're pushing to improve and reform the system of listing, to make it fit for purpose for the coming decades and to reduce long and costly battles over curtilage and setting. We're also looking at giving listed buildings more scope to improve energy use and ensure that they can survive as viable homes and businesses for coming generations.

Our campaign has had some real achievements since the start of 2019 and holds a great deal of promise for the years to come. Perhaps most importantly; our campaign, supported by members like you, has hugely grown in stature. Finally government is starting to take owners seriously, and not just listening to groups who focus on buildings.

The Club are the only organisation for owners, who focus on the challenges you face. We are the only group who give you, the people who protect and maintain listed buildings, a voice in parliament. There are over a million owners in the UK so if we speak together, we can have a real impact.

SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN

There has never been a more important time to show your support for our campaign. We have made real strides over the past year, but the more owners who join us the more weight we carry and the greater impact we can have.

We work on issues that impact all owners, across the whole UK. Wherever you are from we are working tirelessly to make your ownership less costly, less stressful and less bureaucratic.

The best way to support our campaign is to join the club. This gives you access to our advisors, invitations to our events and our monthly magazine, as well as direct input into our campaign. The size of our membership is what forces government to pay attention to us, so joining will make a real difference.

To join call us on 01795 844 939
or go to www.lpoc.co.uk/join-lpoc/.

You can also support our work by moving your home insurance to the Club's provider. We offer a truly bespoke insurance service, designed specifically for listed buildings. We can give you real peace of mind with comprehensive coverage, as well as helping to fund our campaign work. To talk about insurance call us on 01795 844 939
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WESTMINSTER

Our biggest goal is to influence central government and have owners rights protected in law. Our campaign already had a firm footing in Westminster, thanks to our relationship with the APPG on Listed Properties. This group of MPs from all parties support our cause in parliament and acts as our first point of contact with elected officials.

2019 has been fractious in parliament, with little time to discuss issues like listed buildings but this has not prevented us pushing forward. Legislation is not the only route for reform and so we have continued to work with MPs and civil servants to discuss other avenues for change.

Our primary efforts this year have been in engaging with government departments and non-departmental bodies. We've also been pushing for questions to be asked in the commons to ensure that listed buildings don't fall off the agenda.

The greatest success for us has been our recent meeting with the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government who control both the wider planning system and council resources. Being invited to meet with officials who shape future planning law is a major success for us and shows how much the Club has grown in stature.

Through that meeting the Club was able to ensure listed buildings will be part of the upcoming green paper on planning reform; Accelerated Planning. Listed buildings desperately need streamlining and reform, and we are extremely proud of our work to ensure that this will change.

Throughout this year the Club has continued to work closely with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Listed Properties to ask parliamentary questions, write officially to ministers and fight for owners interests whenever relevant legislation is tabled. The group has been led by Craig MacKinlay MP, who has been a real champion for listed buildings over the past few years.

TAX CAMPAIGN

Planning is a major political issue, but tax is just as important. The loss of VAT support for owners was the spark that created our campaign and we continue to work to provide tax support for listed buildings. While we have yet to deliver the kind of breakthrough success that we want, we have continued to push for other forms of tax relief.

The Club are a core part of the Heritage Alliance Tax Working Group, which advises the government on tax relating to listed buildings. Through this group the Club has been actively pushing for schemes such as Heritage Action Zones and Future High Streets to be broadened, and for private owners to be given more scope to participate. We are also keen supporters of a potential Living Cities scheme that has been successful in Ireland.



WALES AND SCOTLAND

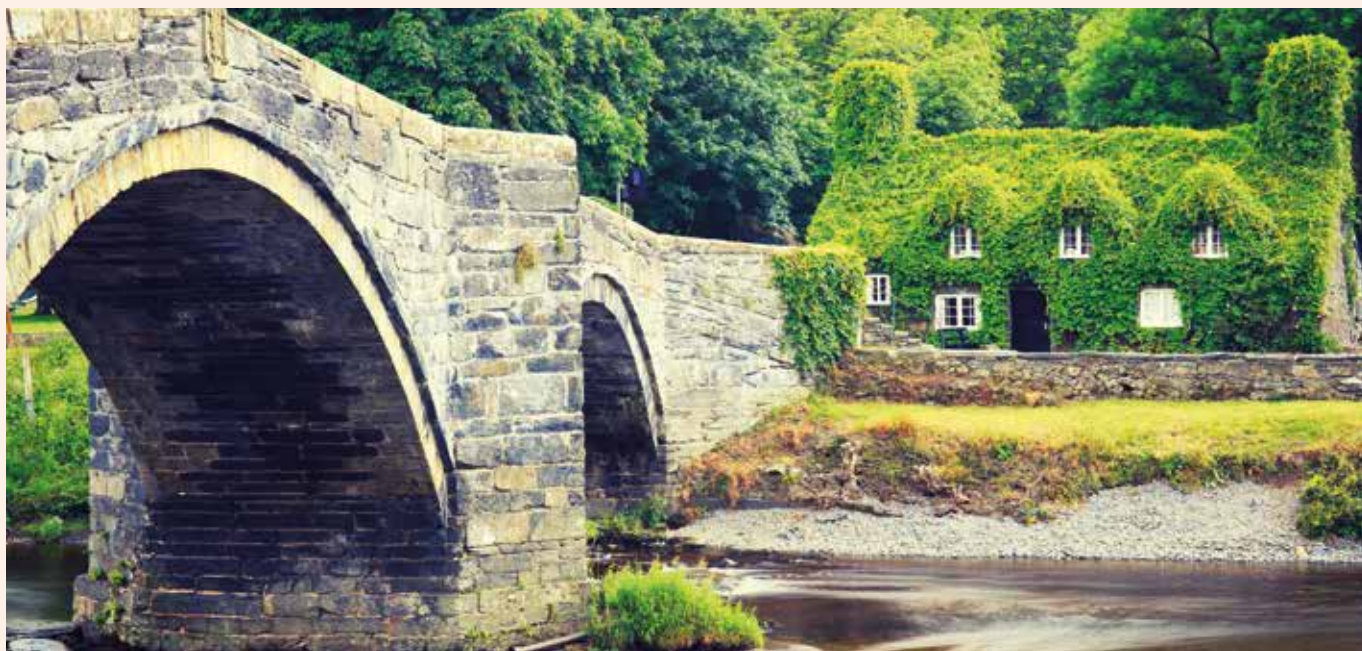
WHY DO WE NEED SEPARATE CAMPAIGNS?

Wales and Scotland are home to about 100,000 listed buildings, about 15% of all historic properties in the UK. Both of these nations also have their own planning systems and grants programs, controlled by their own legislatures. This means that even complete success in our Westminster campaign would leave many thousands of owners still living without the reforms that they need.

Wales and Scotland also have some unique challenges as well as their own distinct cultures and building styles.

These factors, along with their unique legal landscape, need to be taken into account in our campaign for change.

We also know that the more progressive national parliaments are more open to reforms, and more willing to act quickly on issues there is agreement on. This gives us an opportunity to deliver reforms to a substantial number of listed building owners more quickly, and to prove that our policies are positive, effective and popular. This would hugely boost our efforts in Westminster and help to ensure that reforms reach all owners.



WALES

Wales has arguably been the most progressive legislature on the issue of listed building reform, with the Assembly having enacted a number of small but important reforms since 2010. The most notable difference in Wales is that Listed Building Consent applications make use of Heritage Impact Assessments as their primary piece of paperwork, instead of Design and Access Statements.

This small change has been popular and effective, and we are pushing for this to be adopted elsewhere in the UK as well. As a result of this more positive landscape, we have been pushing to continue this approach of small but meaningful changes that can add up to more substantial reform.

There is an on-going review of all planning procedures in Wales, including the listed building control system and this is the springboard for our efforts. With the Assembly already showing a desire to legislate and streamline planning, this is a superb opportunity for us to gain a victory for listed building owners.

To fight our corner we have worked to establish the Cross Party Group on Listed Properties, led by Janet Finch-Saunders and Dai Lloyd. This is a backbench group of AMs who we can directly engage with to discuss the challenges facing owners and to present policy ideas.

To develop those policies we have been working both with our Welsh members, as well as with conservation officers. We have spoken with numerous working conservation officers from across Wales now, and we are building a broad base of support behind our program of reforms.

We have been working in consultation with Cadw, the Welsh government's heritage body, and discussing the kinds of changes that owners would want to see. Cadw themselves are continually working to improve their listing system, and the inclusion of owners in that process will help to ensure a fruitful relationship going forward.



SCOTLAND

The Scottish landscape for listed buildings is more unique. The Scottish Parliament has had more time to change their system and they are traditionally less aligned with England than Wales. The core of the listing system remains broadly the same but there are some important differences. While changes have been made, Scotland has not benefitted from the same reforms as Wales, or even England. It can be argued that the Scottish system is the least progressive within the UK.

Scotland also has some real challenges because of its geography. Areas like the Islands and the Highlands are covered by singular councils but cover very large and remote swathes of country with thousands of listed buildings. This makes the cost of offering heritage services much higher and reduces the council's ability to be efficient.

However, these twin realities do provide an opportunity for the Club's work. The higher cost and lack of progress combine to make a very strong case that reforms are needed and

needed soon. Particularly as we can show that other reforms can deliver improvements, the case for change is very strong.

To push that case for change the Club has been working closely with Graham Simpson MSP, the shadow housing minister, who has been championing owners' rights within Holyrood. He has been successful in protecting a smaller set of historic buildings through his work with the Tenement Working Group and now is working to help all listed building owners.

Much like in Wales we are pushing to create an official body where we can discuss issues directly with MSPs and have scheduled numerous events later in the year where Scottish members will be able to meet with MSPs from all parties and put their problems directly to them.

These events will signal the start of our listed building working group and begin to push towards reform in the new year.



SUPPORTING YOU

The Club has always been committed to helping listed building owners with all of their challenges, and this extends to the political realm. We are proud to support our members facing a wide range of challenges in their area, including difficult councils, troublesome neighbours and threatening developments.

Over the years we have built up a great base of expertise regarding these issues and should be your first call if your rights as an owner are not being properly respected. We can help you to understand how decisions are made, how to object and complain, and help you find professional support should you need to pursue your issue through the courts.

It is Club policy not to name and shame councils and officials. It is always our goal to build a healthy and constructive relationship with local and central government. However, we have given advice to owners in more than a dozen different council areas who have been facing genuine threats.

CASES INCLUDE:

- A road widening scheme that included demolishing part of a listed building.
- A wind farm and a quarry being granted permission inside the setting of listed buildings.
- A public right of way damaging a listed building and its grounds.
- Cases of councils not properly following planning procedures.
- Numerous obstructive councils whose refusals of consent has led to additional damage.

CAMPAIGN ISSUES

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

The planning system is the primary way that listed buildings are regulated by the government. When an owner wants to carry out works that may impact the character of the building, they have to seek consent from their local planning authority. Unfortunately, the consent system has become slow and bureaucratic with many hidden costs. We want to streamline the system and make it easier and cheaper, for owners and councils.

Our policy is to streamline the system by making it more proportional and less bureaucratic. We want to see Heritage Impact Assessments adopted as the central document, replacing Design and Access Statements. This move has already been adopted in Wales and proved to be successful in reducing paperwork. HIAs are designed to be proportional and approachable. The average owner can complete an assessment without the need for professional advice.

We also want to see specialised documents returns to their specialist role, instead of a standard part of every application. Wildlife surveys are the worst offenders (detailed on page 11) but there are a huge array of extraneous reports owners are all too often expected to fill in. This adds cost and makes more work for applicants and councils. In the vast majority of cases they do not even provide useful information to the case officer.

Finally, we are pursuing additional funding for heritage services. Some councils have no dedicated heritage staff, and most only have a single officer, and resources are always under pressure. We want to see more staff brought in and more officers able to get involved with cases at an early stage through site visit and informal advice.

Each of these reforms can help to improve the consent system. Each one would incrementally help to put resources where they are needed and remove duplication and bureaucracy.



PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

One of the lesser known effects of being listed is that a building loses its permitted development rights. Non-listed buildings are able to build green houses, sheds and garden walls; and for the past few years even small extensions; without the need for any permission. Listed buildings don't benefit from these at all, meaning that relatively small additions require full planning permission.

Planning permission is quite in-depth, often requiring professional advice and of course councils charge significant sums for an application. This leads to very minor planning cases being charged disproportionately high fees solely because the parent building is listed. This is simply unfair.

The Club wants to see listed buildings granted some permitted development rights, particularly for non-permanent structures like sheds and fences. No other owner would ever be expected to go to the expense of planning permission, and there is almost no possibility that permission would be denied.

Removing these cases from the planning system would free up resources for cases that are genuinely in need of public oversight and save owners a great deal of stress and expense. It is hard to argue that money spent adjudicating whether a garden wall can be repaired is being wasted.



CONSENT ORDERS

One of the greatest frustrations for listed building owners is a lack of consistency between different areas. There is something of a postcode lottery, particularly with regards to which works need consent, and which works gain consent.

Consent orders are instruments that allow for consent to be pre-emptively granted to a class of works, either locally or nationally. We believe that these offer an avenue to unify and standardise some of these decisions. Having an order in place means that consent is granted, and the work can go ahead without making its own application.

This would mean that many small, non-controversial works would be uniformly regulated across the UK, with many superfluous cases being removed from the application system. They would also allow a path for more substantial, but still routine, works to be carried out if they met the orders conditions, meaning that these works also wouldn't need a separate consent.

This would really help to reduce the burden on the consent system, allowing for it to focus on cases where a more serious discussion is needed about the work, materials and style. It would also give owners a greater degree of certainty about what they are and are not allowed to do, and what they must seek separate consent for.

Seeing greater use of consent orders would be a huge victory, helping the majority of owners to carry out day to day works in a responsible way without having to seek consent at all.

WILDLIFE SURVEYS

Professional ecological surveys have become more and more common as a requirement for listed building consent. These can add thousands of pounds and many additional weeks of waiting to an application, and the vast majority report no threatened wildlife.

These surveys shouldn't be a standard part of the process; they should be used only where they are necessary and proportional to the work. Endangered wildlife has long been protected by law, and this protection is considered to be effective enough to protect wildlife in non-listed buildings as work is carried out.

The Club wants to see listed buildings treated more like their non-listed counterparts for works that wouldn't need planning permission. In these cases, the potential harm is small, and would already be illegal if it did harm species like bats. Owners should be trusted, and surveys only required where necessary, rather than on a routine basis.



CURTILAGE

We normally think of listed buildings as individual buildings, but the reality is more complicated. All listings also protect the 'curtilage' of the building, or the historically connected structures. However, exactly which buildings are protected by the listing is almost never actually defined, which leads to complex and costly legal situations.

The Club believe that owners should always know with certainty which buildings are protected by a listing. At present, thousands of owners face a legal grey area and don't know if they need to apply for consent or are legally obliged to maintain structures. Owners should never need to pay thousands of pounds in legal fees or go through the enormous stress of a court case, just to establish the status of buildings they already own.

The Club are campaigning for Historic England to begin the work of enhancing older listings, where matters of curtilage are much more common and much more challenging to unravel. Although it is a huge task to look at over half a million buildings, the listing system badly needs to be updated to provide legal clarity. A law that no-one knows if they are following correctly is a bad law, and it must be changed.

As listings are updated, we would like to see the notion of curtilage slowly removed from law. Every building and structure that is protected should either be placed specifically on its parent listing or listed separately in its own right. Both present and future owners need to know what their obligations are, while many buildings need to be properly and officially protected instead of being left to an uncertain future.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Climate change and energy use are becoming ever larger concerns for our society. While we often see listed buildings as part of our history, they have evolved over the years to continue as viable homes and businesses, and they need to keep on evolving.

Today listed buildings are the least energy efficient buildings that can be bought, sold or rented and we believe that this needs to change. The Club are campaigning for guidelines to be changed to allow for more energy efficiency measures to be installed, particularly around roofs and windows, and more modern and efficient methods of heating. We also want to see solar panels and wind turbines become allowable within the setting of a listed building.

The Club firmly believes that the only way for listed buildings to survive for future generations is if owners can afford to live in them. As the cost of heating continues to rise, many owners are being priced out of their homes, and listed buildings are too often becoming either forgotten monuments or exclusively for the wealthy.

PUBLIC SUPPORT

There are a great many areas where listed buildings would significantly benefit from public support. Tax reductions were a major part of the historic public support provided to owners, as well as grants and various other schemes.

By law listed buildings need to be protected; by definition they are important to our history and culture. All of the controls on listed buildings are there in the public interest. We believe that this justifies a return of the historic public support for listed buildings.

The Club will continue to work for tax relief, and for funding schemes to protect listed buildings in Heritage Action Zones as well as through proposed schemes such as Living Cities. However, there are a great many other ways that the government can better protect listed buildings.

Flood protection is a perfect example of an area where public support would be hugely beneficial. Floods cause huge amounts of damage to listed buildings, and it is critical to prevent damage, not simply repair it after the fact. Flood defences are expensive and need to be built on a community and regional level. Public support can protect listed and non-listed buildings better and help to avoid damage to irreplaceable historic fabric.

WHAT CAN I DO?

One of the most common questions we get from our members is how they can help with our campaign. Your support makes a great deal of difference to us and we would love to see all our members play an active part. There is a wide range of ways for you to get involved and contribute to our growing efforts.

WRITE LETTERS

The Club has an on-going letter writing campaign to MPs, MSPs, AMs and councillors. Just taking the time to write a letter or e-mail shows your support for the owners of listed buildings. All elected representatives pay attention to correspondence from their constituents, especially when they receive multiple on the same issue.

SHOW UP

Showing up to events like surgeries and council meetings gives you the opportunity to voice your concerns directly to your representatives. Public consultations are held on many issues, but they can only consider your opinion if you attend to give it. Showing up proves that you take the campaign seriously and requires an immediate response about the issue.

FORM A LOCAL GROUP

Forming a group to lobby your council can bring people together from across your community. Creating groups helps our message to spread, and allows us to bring more pressure to bear on representatives.

SHARE YOUR STORIES

Your experiences help us to shape our policies and focus our efforts. Telling us how the present regulatory regime has impacted you, and the challenges that you have encountered makes a real difference to our campaign. For many in government, the individual effect of policies is hidden behind statistics. Your stories help us to show them how individual owners are affected.

ATTEND OUR EVENTS

Every exhibition we hold is a great opportunity to connect with the Club and tell us which issues matter the most to you. We also hold events such as Listed Property Forums and parliamentary receptions for our members, where you can meet with MPs and council representatives specifically to discuss listed buildings.

WHY SUPPORT THE CLUB

The Club is the only organisation that gives owners a real voice in the regulations that impact you. Our campaign is bringing listed property owners together to create change.

Our campaign is working to ensure that the issues that affect you are taken seriously. Your support is what enables us to contribute to policy discussions, conduct research and hold the government to account.

Our campaign efforts are entirely supported by our members, so there has never been a more vital time to join. The more members we have the greater weight we carry with MPs and ministers, and the more resources that we can put into the campaign.

As a member you will get the full news and analysis from our campaign in our bi-monthly magazine *Listed Heritage*, as well as the chance to shape our campaign strategy and bring up the issues that have affected you.

If you support our goals, tell your friends and neighbours about our campaign and recommend they join us. Our campaign is working to help all listed building owners across the whole UK, and every new member shows how important reforms are.

Another way to support the club is give some thought to moving your home insurance to the Club's providers they will pass an introductory fee back to us and it is this fee that will finance our efforts. As the policies they offer provide an exceptional combination of reasonable cost and comprehensive cover, it's a true win/win situation.

If you would like to talk to our insurance team, call us on 01795 844939, or let us know your current policy's renewal date by calling or emailing: kirstie@poc.co.uk and we'll contact you at the appropriate time.

ABOUT THE CLUB

Established in 1993, the Listed Property Owners' Club is the authoritative source of information about owning a listed property. We offer independent advice on maintenance and the responsibilities of ownership. As secretariat to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Listed Properties we are providing a voice in parliament and are actively campaigning for change.

CLUB BENEFITS

FREE TELEPHONE HELPLINE

Call on our expertise on the responsibilities of owning, buying, surveyance, VAT, maintenance, energy efficiency, insurance and legal issues.

FREE PLANNING ADVICE

Our in-house Conservation Advisor is here to help with all aspects of the planning process and to advise on unauthorised work by previous owners.

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