

The 37th Annual Conference – Berwick-upon-Tweed

Friday 23rd September 2022 to Sunday 25th September 2022

Dear Fellow Members,

Berwick-upon-Tweed invites us for our 37th Annual Weekend.

Berwick was described by Pevsner as “the most exciting little town in England”. It includes the only part of England north of the River Tweed (4 sq. miles). The Guildhall is 2 miles south of the Scottish border.

In 1296 Edward 1 used the land to build stonewalls so that he could cross the border at low tide. Only Jerusalem has been besieged more times than Berwick, which changed hands 13 times, before coming under permanent English control in 1492. It is not to be confused with North Berwick which is definitely in Scotland.

Elizabeth 1 transformed the walls, spending twice the defence budget for the whole of her reign, to stop Scotland and France attacking England from the North.

The Railway Station was built over the 13th Century castle and stones from the Castle were used to build the Parish Church during the rule of Oliver Cromwell.

In the past, Berwick was a trading post for salmon, grain, linen, eggs and herring and was also a base for arctic whalers.

The town has museum, art galleries, an 18th century army barracks and the walls and shops and restaurants.

Berwick's Shrievalty in its present form dates from 1836. The ancient Shrievalty dates from 1147 and was an hereditary post including John de Soulis in 1288 (who was also Vicar of Berwick) and the Earls of Bothwell. That Shrievalty area also encompassed Berwickshire which is now part of Scotland.

Please find below a copy of the itinerary.

If you wish to attend the AGM weekend please can you **complete Booking Form ‘A’** in relation to your chosen annual dinner options, seating, dietary preferences and preferred Saturday afternoon tour.

Then please **complete Booking Form ‘B’** which relates to the financial cost of the AGM weekend and your membership fees for 2022/2023 along with any orders for Association ties, scarves, and badges that you may wish to order in advance for collection at the AGM weekend in Berwick. These will also be on sale over the Weekend.

The total cost of the AGM weekend is £ 65.00, being £40 for the dinner including wine, plus a Conference Fee of £25 per person this year.

MOST IMPORTANT – Please return BOTH booking forms and payment to the Treasurer, Jan Lugg, preferably online and preferably no later than 31st August please.

NB: The Bank now charges NACTSEW a fee for any cheque deposited, so BACS preferred.

If you cannot attend the AGM weekend, subscriptions can be paid using booking form ‘B’.

See booking form 'B' for full details of payments and return of Forms to Jan Lugg, the Association Treasurer.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Berwick-upon-Tweed

Itinerary for the 37th Annual Conference The Guildhall/ Town Hall, Martygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, TD15 1BN

Friday reception September 23rd 2022

Venue: The Guildhall

Time: 6.30pm

Registration and Welcome from Berwick with a Drinks Reception & a Hot Buffet

Saturday Morning AGM

Venue: The Guildhall

10.00 am: Mayors' Parlour. Current Sheriffs don Chains.

Tea and coffee will be served

10.30 am: The AGM starts in the Guildhall

A Reception for 2022/23 Sheriffs will be held in the Mayor's Parlour after the AGM & before Lunch.

12.30 am: A light cold Buffet lunch for everyone will take place in the Guildhall

Saturday afternoon tours

All organised trips with Tour Guides will start at 2.00pm.

Tour 1 – Bus trip to Chain Bridge Honey Farm with the opportunity to walk to see the Chain Bridge to Scotland which is currently being rebuilt.

Tour 2 - Boat Trip on the River Tweed

Tour 3 - Escorted Guide of the Town's Elizabethan Walls

Tour 4 - Escorted Guide of Town Hall

There is a chance for up to six people to play on Goswick Golf Course - this will start earlier .

The 37th Association Annual Dinner - Saturday 24th September

Venue :- The Guildhall Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1BN

7.00pm: Welcome reception

7.30pm: Annual Dinner with guest speaker The Reverend Canon Christopher Smith

Dinner jackets are preferred. Tables will seat 6 at trestle tables.

If you wish to sit with particular friends or groups, please complete that part of booking form.

Menu (includes Wine)

Starters:

Tomato and Sweet Red Pepper Soup

Chicken Liver Pate

Warm Goats Cheese with Beetroot and Walnut Salad

Main Course:

Roast Local Topside of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding

Salmon Fillet with Lemon Butter Cream Sauce

Vegetarian Moussaka

Desserts:

Apple and Blackberry Tart

Profiteroles with Warm Chocolate Sauce

Mixed Cheese and Biscuits

Sunday 25th September

Berwick Parish Church, The Parade, TD15 1DN

(The Parade has a free car park with a time disk next to the Church & within walking distance from the Guildhall)

09 00 am Every one meet at Guildhall for Robing for Sheriffs
and

09 30 a.m. Photographs and to assemble the parade to the Church led by the Sheriff of
Berwick

10.00 am: Church Service

After the service, process back to the Guildhall for Coffee, Tea and Thanks and Farewells.

The National Association of City and Town Sheriffs of England and Wales express their gratitude to all those concerned in the arrangements for this weekend.

David Brown – Chairman

Booking Form “A”

Members Name..... Consort.....

Name of City/Town Year of office

Which **Hotel**, have you booked or are hoping to book into

ANNUAL DINNER – Please Tick your Choices		Member	Consort
First Course			
	Tomato and Sweet Red Pepper Soup		
	Chicken Liver Pate		
	Goats Cheese /Beetroot & Walnut Salad		
Main Course			
	Roast Beef with Yorkshire pudding		
	Salmon with Lemon Butter Cream Sauce		
	Vegetarian Moussaka		
Dessert			
	Apple and Blackberry Tart		
	Profiteroles with Chocolate Sauce		
	Mixed Cheese and Biscuits		
Special Dietary Requirements:			
Annual Dinner – I wish to sit with:			

Booking Form “B”

Members Name Consort

Name of City/Town

The cost of the Annual AGM weekend is £65.00 per head

Please complete the reservation table below for your attendance(s) at the AGM Weekend.

This includes any Membership subscriptions’, or advance purchases of the NACTSEW Badges, Ties & scarves. These will be available for collection from the Treasurer at the reception on the Friday night).

Order Type	Cost per item	Amount Ordered	Total Payable
Annual AGM Weekend	£65 per person		
Membership Subscriptions	£ 5-00 Per year		
Sheriff Badges	£5.00		
Escort Badges	£ 3-00		
Sheriff Ties	£ 13-00		
Ladies Scarves	£ 12-00		
Total Cost	N/A	N/A	

Method of payment and booking form return

BOOKING FORMS A&B: Please return these to the Treasurer Jan Lugg by post or preferably by email.

Address: 2 Unwin Close, Cheltenham GL51 6PF

Email: jclugg@msn.com

PAYMENTS: Please pay by Cheque, or preferably by BACS credit (as we are now charged by the bank for handling each cheque) or by setting up a yearly standing order.

Cheques Made payable to NACTSEW to be sent with your postal booking forms.

BACS or Standing Order details: HSBC Bank, Sort Code 40-16-23, Account NACTSEW, Account No 11366769. **Member Reference: Surname and Name of Town/City.**

If paying by BACS or S/O please clearly SHOW THIS on the Booking Forms B.

PLEASE ensure all forms and payments have been sent to the Treasurer no later than 31st August (Please email Jan if there is a problem)— Thank you.