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The Editor,  
"Civic Trust News",  
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Dear Sir,

I have been asked by the Committee of the Harpenden Society to send you some material for Civic Trust News concerning the 1978 Harpenden Society Award presented to the Rothamsted Experimental Station on Wednesday, 2nd May, 1979, for the restoration of Rothamsted Manor House clock tower. As the Chairman wrote in our January 1979 Newsletter: "The purpose of the award is twofold. To record our appreciation to developers and architects who show care and concern for the way Harpenden develops, and to publicise the fact that the Society is not negative in its approach to conservation..." Thus, this award now in its second year takes account of the conservation and restoration aspect.

Enclosed you will find the extract from our last Newsletter, Rothamsted's own write-up on the restoration of the clock tower and some eleven photographs. Kindly return all photographs to me when you have finished with them. The use of the establishment's own craftsmen for almost all the work involved does, we think, make this particular restoration even more praiseworthy.

Yours faithfully,

(ISOBEL J. HABERER)  
Editor