

Harpenden Society / ULVG
Meeting on 3/3/10

(Upper Lea Valley Group)
→ and its SPIN-OFF FROM
THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY, early 1970s
- a PS 6 pp. 2, 7 and 8 of the
"Commentary"

Present

Ian Salvage ULVG
Oliver Randell ULVG
Anthony Steele HS

Key decisions from the meeting:

1. Whilst the Harpenden Society (HS) was involved in the set-up of the ULVG in 1972 and the ULVG has been affiliated to the HS from this time, the situation now is that there are not major areas of overlap or synergy between the two organisations. The upshot of the meeting was therefore to move to an agreed more informal and ad-hoc approach to our relationship.
2. The Harpenden Society is not at its core an organisation that seeks to generate funding for other organisations to perform beneficial works for the well-being of the town and people of Harpenden. Therefore, it was unlikely that HS would provide any significant funding to the ULVG for any of the activities where it sought these funds (primarily large projects, small projects, ad-hoc purchase of tools, protective clothing etc. and regular payments for items such as insurance and tax for our dumper vehicle).
3. There was probably not significant benefit in the ULVG having a representative at every HS Committee meeting. This will therefore be reduced to ad-hoc attendance; the aim will be to attend at least once a quarter or when specific matters require attendance.
4. If there are specific items or issues that ULVG wish to raise with HS, the most efficient route would be to contact either Anthony or Peter directly. From there, a decision can be made as to how to best progress the item or issue more formally.
5. HS would typically have more interest in large projects that we undertake and if we undertake these in future, HS would welcome information on these once they are completed.
6. Our main area of contact will be to mutually publicise each other when opportunities arise. For example, through the inclusion of each other's website address on our own websites, or when the ULVG have completed significant projects. Oliver will provide contact details of our new Publicity Officer, Jess Unwin, to Anthony; Jess is likely to contact Anthony in the near future to establish the publicity liaison point.