

malvern spa association

Membership Application/Renewal Form

The MSA aims to work with the community to conserve, protect and restore the Springs, Spouts, Fountains and Wells of the Malvern Hills, and to promote the study, conservation, development and awareness of the Springs, Spouts, Fountains and Wells of the Malvern Hills and Great Malvern as a Spa Town.

The Association welcomes all new members. If you are interested in any aspect of Malvern's water heritage or in volunteering to help maintain and restore the springs then please consider becoming a member. All members receive three interesting newsletters with the latest information relating to the springs, and invitations to MSA events and talks.

To become a member of the Association please complete the form below:

Name:.....

Address:.....

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..... Post Code:.....

Telephone:.....

e-mail address.....

Enclosed Annual Membership Subscription of £10

(Please make cheques out to: "Malvern Spa Association")

Then please send the completed form and subscription to:

John Bibby,
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What is the MSA?

In August 1996 the Malvern Hills District Council decided to appoint a Malvern Spa Water Strategy Working Group to address the role that water could play in the revitalisation of the town centre as part of their Regeneration Strategy. At the first meeting of this Spa Working Group on 20th September 1996, two main objectives were identified a) the restoration and conservation of the existing springs around the Malverns and b) the establishment of new sites for town centre water features.

The District Council decided that it did not have sufficient resources to pursue both routes identified by the Group and so proceeded only with the creation of new water features in the town centre. In June 1996, sculptor Rose Garrard had independently proposed to the MHDC, the creation of a new sculpture trail on the town centre's lost spring water sites. In October 1997 the MHDC implemented this "Spring Water Arts Project" and Rose undertook a two month Artist's Residency to consult the public and design a new water spout, 'Malvhina', which was unveiled on the 4th September 1998 on Belle Vue Island.

The MHDC Regeneration Strategy came to an end in March 1998. In order to take forward the restoration of Malvern's historic springs and wells, a group of interested people gathered together on 18th September 1998, including John Ford, Jim Black, Rose Garrard and Carly Tinkler and the Malvern Spa Association (MSA) was formed.

To ensure the future of this major restoration project, the MSA determined that it would devote its energies mainly to fund-raising, research and water-related events and agreed that these initiatives would rely on a community-based membership. A large public meeting was held on 8th March 1999 at which a sustainable strategy to restore Malvern's water heritage was created, forming the basis of the MSA's current Constitution. The MSA now has over 100 members and has gained a Heritage Lottery Fund grant which has enabled it to restore many of our historic spring water sites.