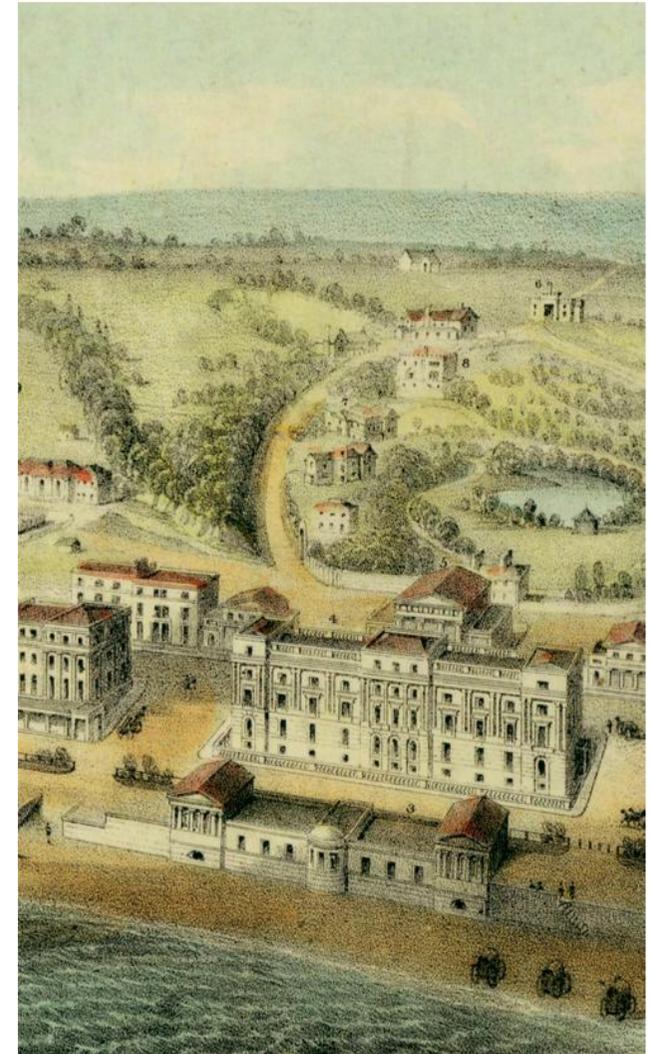


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St Leonards-on-Sea



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outstanding conservation area | F | Gloucester Lodge |
| A | Crown House | G | Double Villa |
| B | Royal Victoria Hotel | H | North Lodge and Archway |
| C | Assembly Rooms | I | Baston Lodge |
| D | South Lodge | J | St Leonards Gardens |
| E | Clock House | K | Burton Tomb |



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The founders of St Leonards



James Burton
1761-1837

James Burton was probably the most significant builder of Georgian London, responsible for large areas of Bloomsbury, as well as St John's Wood and Clapham Common. He also collaborated with John Nash at Regents Park. In 1828 he started building a new seaside town at St Leonards, on the Sussex coast near Hastings, based closely on his experiences at Regents Park. Although primarily a builder, James Burton designed many of his own works, particularly at St Leonards, and examples of these drawings still survive in the Hastings Museum.



Decimus Burton
1800 - 1881

The son of James was a successful and significant 19th century architect, designing buildings in and around Regents Park, as well as the Wellington Arch, Hyde Park screen and the Palm and Temperate houses at Kew. He was responsible for the layout of London Zoo, Hyde Park and Kew Gardens, and built country villas in both classical and gothic style. He also carried out town planning schemes at Calverley Park, Tunbridge Wells and Fleetwood in Lancashire. In 1850 Decimus began a second phase of building at St Leonards-on-Sea.

The aims of the society

Alongside the general care and Improvement of the environment, The Burton St Leonards Society was created for, and works to, encourage the conservation of the work of James and Decimus Burton; to stimulate a high standard of town planning and to prevent unsympathetic development in the area.

The society's achievements



In 1967 over-ambitious expansion schemes threatened the demolition of listed buildings and the destruction of the character of the area. 'Little Bloomsbury by the sea' was set for extinction.

The Burtons' St Leonards Society was founded to stop that threat. The Society's campaign, backed by various organisations like the Civic Trust, The Georgian Group and Hastings Borough Council, resulted in the designation of the conservation area in 1969 by the Local Authority.

Since then the Society has helped save Gloucester Lodge, Baston Lodge and Gensing Manor from

demolition; repaired the Burton Tomb and planned a memorial garden on the adjacent ground; advised and helped owners of important listed buildings such as Crown House, the Double Villa, Clock House, the Assembly Rooms and North Lodge, and reinstated the Conqueror's Stone opposite the Royal Victoria Hotel and the railings of St Leonards Gardens. All planning applications in the area are now referred to the Society for comment. The society arranges member's evenings, lectures, excursions and other social events. It also sends out regular newsletters.

Membership application

Please complete both sides of the membership application form and then return to the Burtons' St Leonards Society at the address at the foot of the page.

Membership fees for one year (please tick one box):

Single members £15.00 Couples £25.00

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Dr Rev

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____



If you pay UK income tax or UK investment tax please tick the box below as this allows us to claim 28p in every £1 back from the Government.

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