

# AN ISLINGTON SOCIETY EVENT

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A joint event with the Islington Archaeology and History Society

**Wednesday, 19 February 2020**

*Islington Town Hall, 7.30pm*

## **The Iron in Islington**

**David Gibson**

*David Gibson Architects and Gibson Dennis Associates*

Much of the ironwork in Islington was given up for 'the war effort' in the 1940's. Household railings were lost but increasingly building owners wish to reinstate the boundary ironwork to enhance the appearance, value and safety of their property. What should the replacements be like?

Many public buildings, open spaces and squares kept the ironwork, but it is often in poor condition through damage, deterioration and neglect. What needs to be done to restore it?

Working with blacksmith Paul Dennis, David Gibson specialises in the care, restoration and reinstatement of historic ironwork. He has surveyed the condition of the railings around the squares of Islington and has overseen the repair of the oldest and the largest groups of ironwork and many private boundary railings.

*"Ironwork well maintained will last for many, many years. The loving and painstaking restoration of so much high-quality iron work has been one of the most popular and visible improvements in our streetscapes, squares and parks in the last decade or so."*

*The National Heritage Ironwork Group*

Islington Society Events are open to all. There is no charge