

James William Arthur Price BA MSc (1940–2024): an appreciation

Jim Price, a geography graduate from Hull University, was a founder member of Lancaster Archaeological Society, which in 1992 became Lancaster Archaeological and Historical Society (LAHS). Jim's expertise straddled both disciplines and for five decades he contributed extensively to the development of LAHS. He was a member of the Society's first committee in 1972, helping to set out how it should work and engage with the people of Lancaster. He served on the LAHS committee for periods in every decade between the 1970s and the 2000s. He chaired the committee for two spells in the late 1990s and early 2000s, and he edited the Society's research journal *Contrebis* through much of the 2000s. Jim was an appropriate choice as Editor because he was a prolific author and contributor to the LAHS talks programme. He wrote 21 articles for *Contrebis* between 1973 and 2017 and he published five books and monographs in the 1980s and 1990s. Additionally he wrote a key book on the Lancaster architectural practice of Sharpe, Paley and Austin and he was a major contributor to Brandwood's book on the practice. He also published on the Pearson architects. His main research area was the industrial history and archaeology of Lancaster and the Lune Valley. Anyone researching this area and its mills and factories will come across and rely on his work. Jim contributed much to our understanding of Lancaster's development. He joined the Geography Department at St Martin's College in Lancaster in 1970 and spent the rest of his academic career there, as Head of Department until his retirement in 2000. He was also the founding Chair of the Friends of Lancaster City Museum, and an official Visitor at Lancaster Prison.

Jim died on 20 July 2024. He will be sorely missed, and we send our condolences to his wife, Anne, and his family.

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