



Longstanton & District Heritage Society

The Manor, Woodside,
Longstanton, Cambridge.
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ANNUAL REPORT

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LDHS is an independent society, launched at an inaugural meeting held at Longstanton Village Institute on 11th May, 2007. Governed by our constitutional obligations, LDHS is run by a committee elected by society members. 50% of the committee must stand for election at the society's AGM, held each September.

Membership prior to renewals stood at **71** although this number does not reflect family members. This represents approximately a 7% increase on last year. Our website and our increased use of social media (particularly Facebook) have directly contributed to this increased awareness and support for our work. All our members are united in the desire to see our heritage protected for local residents, visitors, school children and future generations. This year our primary objectives have been met, with the archive both expanded and protected. Regular talks have been organised for both members and non-members.

Community Engagement

Over the last year the heritage society has supported a number of local events and projects. These included:

Longstanton Test Pit Project: The heritage society was asked by Access Cambridge Archaeology and the Cambridge Archaeological Unit to help organise a test pitting weekend in Longstanton. The aim was to supply archaeological information on land outside the official Northstowe excavation sites. A number of local residents offered their gardens for the test-pits



Test-pit excavation on Hatton's Farm

and a number of volunteers helped with the digging. On Sunday 11 October garden owners, diggers and the public came together at The Manor to view the finds. A full report was later posted on the ACA website.

Longstanton Busway Art Exhibition: LDHS was invited to put on a heritage exhibition at the Park & Ride centre. The heritage society was just one of a number of artists / exhibitors who took part in the year long event.

Cambridgeshire Family & Local History Fair: This was held in Girton on 5 September. An important local history event the heritage society was one of many organisations present.

Museum Update

Funds have been made available to local government (CCC) for the development of a Northstowe Heritage Strategy. LDHS expects to take an active role in the development of this strategy once the work begins and we would expect the issue of a Northstowe museum to be addressed. We remain in constructive dialogue with the landowner of Northstowe Phases 2 and 3 (HCA). Below is the statement they have issued for inclusion in this annual report.

"With regards your specific point on heritage, the HCA is still looking forward to the joint working with the County Council and LDHS and ensuring the important heritage of the area isn't lost as Phase 2, and later Phase 3, develop."

Statement from Emma Drake, Senior Communications Manager (HCA) - 18 March 2016.

The Year Ahead

The society will continue to invest time communicating via our website and Facebook pages and we hope to continue raising our profile within the community and beyond. Going forward we believe the society offers a fantastic opportunity to bring residents of Northstowe and the existing villages together.

Hilary Stroude (LDHS Secretary)