

Saxilby and District History Group – Annual Report

The Group has been unable to hold its regular monthly meetings for the past year due to the pandemic restrictions.

It was unfortunate that the first meeting to be cancelled was the one planned for March 2020, when we had intended to celebrate our 20th anniversary.

We have been active in the meantime being involved in several projects.

Two books are available on Saxilby's history.

Whilst 'Saxilby Past & Present', featuring 'then and now' photographs is still available, our first book, 'Step Back in Time' is now sold out. Due to the high cost of a reprint, we converted this to an eBook, which is now available from Amazon Books or Google Books.

We continue to keep the Group and Saxilby 'on the map' with an active presence on social media.

Our website has been transferred to a new site and is now available in versions supporting desktop, tablet and mobile platforms.

Our regular posts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are proving extremely popular; we have over 1,000 followers, with several of our posts reaching over 10,000 people.

We regularly assist with family history enquiries from around the world.

We are currently helping two East Midlands playwrights in developing a series of audio monologues about the eight towns, villages and suburbs on the Lincoln to Sheffield train line. The project is called '*The places in between LCN & SHF*', and is supported by key arts organisations in the region including the Arts Council. It is possible that the director may wish to involve residents with this project in the near future.

Should the planned easing of restrictions continue, we hope to recommence our monthly meetings in September.

Chris Hewis

Chairman