

The Hadleigh Society was formed in 1982 by local people to encourage an interest in the history, environment and future of our town.

- To raise public awareness of the rich history and heritage of Hadleigh and its surrounding area.
- To actively support the promotion of high standards in planning, conservation, regeneration and development of features within the Hadleigh district deemed to be of historical or environmental significance.
- To contribute to the preservation and protection of Hadleigh's historical documents, artefacts and buildings.

The Hadleigh Society realises these aims by:

- arranging meetings, lectures and visits;
- the publication and distribution of regular newsletter and occasional papers and reports;
- liaising with local authorities and planning, heritage and other relevant committees;
- maintaining close links with the town archive;
- active involvement in relevant debates/activities/organisations with the potential to protect and enhance Hadleigh's heritage and environment;
- supporting and disseminating research into aspects of Hadleigh's history and heritage;
- responding to requests for historical information from the public and also from organisations;
- maintaining links with other historical & heritage societies.

A neat and tolerably well-built market town, in the Cosford Hundred, on the Eastern Counties branch line from Bentley. It is 10¹/₂ miles from Ipswich by road, 12¹/₂ by rail, and 64 from London from the Great Eastern Terminus Liverpool Street. Ipswich is the post town.

Hadleigh consists principally of one wide and picturesque street and was formerly a town of great importance in the woollen manufacture and large quantities of yarn used to be spun here. The grain trade is carried on largely at the present time, and the corn market, held at the Corn Exchange is generally well attended.

There is a large manufactory for cocoa matting and mats etc., employing a large number of hands, also two iron foundries.

From a 19th Century directory

THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY

2012

The Society holds 5 or 6 meetings a year with speakers, usually on subjects of environmental or historic interest, and an Annual General Meeting.

Members are kept in touch by a free newsletter. We also publish the Society's activities on the Internet.

<http://www.hadsoc.org.uk/>

There are specialised groups that interested members may join.

The History Group meets to explore the past of our town. They have looked at the history of individual houses, made a study of life in Hadleigh in the 1840s, 1871 and 1881, publishing a booklet on the latter. They have studied the history of the Town's charities and are currently researching the life of the town in the 1830's.

Members meet to discuss matters affecting our environment and monitor planning applications on behalf of the Society.

Close links are maintained with other societies including the Suffolk Preservation Society and the Suffolk Local History Society.

For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary, (01473) 827498,
Email: secretary@hadsoc.org.uk

THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY Programme

Meetings are held in Hadleigh Town Hall, 8pm. Entry is free for members, £3 for non-members.

Wed 18 Jan 2012	Martello Towers	Roger Kennell
Mon 12 Mar	Hadleigh in the News	Terry Hunt, editor EADT
Wed 16 May	History of Polstead	Bill Wigglesworth
Mon 18 Jun	AGM	
Wed 15 Aug	The Work of The Suffolk Preservation Society	Simon Cairns
Mon 15 Oct	Semer and the Workhouse	Denise Hammond- Webb
Mon 10 Dec	To be confirmed	

Membership Application

Please tick box to indicate type of membership

Single member	£12	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint members at same address	£20	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single life membership	£120	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint life membership	£200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concessions (Senior citizen)	£8	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Concessions	£12	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note these prices are being reviewed this year and may change

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 if we may use this and you regularly check it _____
 Phone _____

Cross here if you DO NOT want these details to be held on our database. We do not disclose this information to anyone else.

Please tear off and return to our membership secretary,
 Margaret Woods
 8 Watermill Close, Upper Layham, Ipswich, IP7 5LD
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