

Parish Recorder Report for Holbrook Village Meeting 2025

My job is to record what happens in the village. Each year I send a report to the Suffolk Local History Council detailing my findings together with photos. Luckily, the Parish Papers are so packed with information that the job is an easy one. My other official duty is to attend the annual Recorders Conference which happened on Saturday.

Last year I put up a small display during the Open Gardens and Trail weekend. I also had a table of archives at the annual Church Christmas Fayre. I will be doing the same this year except the Summer event will be during the Fete. I would be very pleased to get any photos that residents might have of their families sitting on the burnt out log at Alton Water ready for display on that date.

Holbrook Society are putting on an Interactive Archive Day on September 13th in the Village Hall. It will be a chance for the village to see all the documents and photos. There is quite a lot. However, I am also hoping that I can encourage residents to bring photos of their families – especially from the 1990s onwards. Find My Past, the genealogy site, are giving us free access on that day so that visitors can do some family research if they so wish.

I have started to try and trace the history of the houses in The Street, also known as Back Street, Chapel Street and High Street. Any information gratefully received.

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