

Harleston & District Historical Society

Annual Report to the Town Meeting

2017

The aim of the Society is to research and promote the heritage of the town. Through monthly talks, it also covers a wide range of topics of historical interest for East Anglia.

For the town, we run a small museum which is situated next to the main entrance of King George Hall. As part of the displays, each year we put on a small exhibition covering a specific aspect of the town's history. This year, it's on Harleston schools through the ages. Did you know that, in 1433, Harleston had its own grammar school?

In September, we will take part in a county wide heritage weekend when the topic will be Harleston's Industrial Heritage.

The Society frequently receives requests for assistance in family history research. The requests are often from far-flung places.

We are also in possession of an old fire engine dated 1765. At the moment, it's in mothballs awaiting renovation and plans for its long term housing.

We are very grateful to the Town Council for the financial assistance they give, without which, much of this would not happen.

This assistance enables us to keep the museum running and keeps alive the possibility of a permanent home for the engine (which the town bought in 1765)