

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- To contribute to the preservation and protection of Hadleigh's historical documents, artefacts and buildings.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 10½ miles from Ipswich by road, 12½ 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

2024

Membership Application

Please tick box to indicate type of membership

Single member £12

Joint members at same address £20

Single life membership £150

Joint life membership £250

Senior citizen £10

Joint senior £15

Title

Mr/Mrs/Ms/ _____

First
name(s)

Surname

Address

Post code

Email

Phone

Each year the Society holds 5 or 6 meetings with speakers, usually on subjects of environmental or historic interest, as well as an AGM.

Members are kept in touch by a free newsletter. We also publish the Society's activities on our website www.hadsoc.org.uk

The **History Group** explores the past of our town. It is a specialist group that interested members can join.

Environmental issues and **planning applications** are monitored.

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

For further information please contact the Honorary Secretary

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Please return with your payment to

Membership Secretary, Hadleigh Society
109 George Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich, IP7 5BP
Cheques should be made payable to The Hadleigh Society or pay by bank transfer to: The Hadleigh Society
Account Number: 00178519, Sort Code: 20-44-51
Use your name as the reference

THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY Programme

Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 8pm in the Guildroom of the Guildhall complex; entrance is via the door opposite the church. Hadleigh Guildhall, 8pm. Entry is free for members (£3 for non-members).

7 February	Celebrating Suffolk Women	Sarah Doig
27 March	It happened here in Suffolk	Pip Wright
15 May	Small Town Duty; Tales of Hadleigh's Great War	Nigel Crisp
26 June	AGM followed by 'Progress on the Benton End Project'	Matthew Hodges (manager Benton End & Garden Trust)
14 August	Hadleigh Looks After Its Poor	History Group
9 October	Rural Rebellion - The Tithe War of the 1930s in Suffolk	Ashley Cooper
4 December	Merry Olde Christmas	Chanter's Jigge Historical Music Group