

A grant was awarded to Ms Lynn Saxby in 2020 to help with the costs associated with the production of photographs for an exhibition on Waltham History.

Summary on the **Waltham History Project** from Ms Saxby:

My interest in Waltham History began almost thirty years ago, when I bought an old cottage in the village and became fascinated by the history of my house. As time rolled by, I realised that the real stories of Waltham were not in its buildings but its people, many whose lives had changed very little over decades. Some families stretched back for generations, but things were changing. There were less children, most people now worked outside of the village, the pub and shop closed, new people came and developed properties as older residents moved on.

I wanted to capture the remnants of this changing life but I didn't know how. Now, with the help of two local friends progress is being made.

We have gathered stories, photographs and other memories from around twenty locals, several still living in the village, with at least twenty more on the 'to do' list and are planning an exhibition in the Village Hall next year. Many of our participants hope to come along and share their memories with more recent residents and visitors.

As villagers ourselves, we have a strong focus on community and plan to make this event an enjoyable social occasion which will be especially important when it is once again safe for communities to get together.

All materials will be safely archived for future use and each participant will be given a copy of their own story to keep.

With grateful thanks,

Lynn Saxby

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