



Why undertake a village heritage survey?

A village heritage survey is a way of gathering all known information about your village. The aim is to make your findings more accessible for others as well as being an insight into understanding how the settlement has developed over time.

The completed survey will also act as a snapshot in time and be a source for future generations to see and compare how village life has changed. The survey will also be a useful tool to help you keep an eye on the heritage in your area. It will help you observe and monitor any notable declines.

Information gathered from the survey can be used as a way to promote your village and its hidden histories. You could also put on a village display which in turn can bring a real sense of community to an area. People are more likely to value something if they have a greater understanding of it.

Equipment needed:

- A computer with access to the internet or a printed survey form
- Pencils for sketching
- Digital camera.

Method:

This is a great activity to do in a group or on your own. You can split up the survey sections into different interests and ask different people to complete the sections they are most interested in.

Though the survey can be carried out entirely online it is advisable to go for a walk around your village before hand so that you can observe and photograph any interesting features you spot along the way. Please submit supporting photographs with your survey to help evidence architectural styles, old shop fronts and other interesting remains from past village life.

The best way to start your survey is by printing off a form and walking around your village.

To complete the form in more detail book a study session at the Lincolnshire Archives. They store an abundance of information relating to most areas in Lincolnshire, please contact the team there 01522 782040.



Where to find out more:

Here are a few websites and books to help you along the way...

Websites

Lincolnshire Heritage Gateway: Use this site to find out what historic recordings have been made in your village.

www.heritagegateway.org.uk

Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service: Use this site to learn more about the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There is plenty of information under the title 'Discovering'.

www.lincswolds.org.uk

Society of Lincolnshire History and Archaeology: Packed full of information about Lincolnshire's rich heritage.

www.silha.org.uk





Lincs to the Past: Lincs to the Past is a site that contains hundreds of thousands of records covering items held in Lincolnshire's Historic Environment Record, Archives, Libraries, Museums and Tennyson Research Centre.

www.lincstothePast.com

Portable Antiquities Scheme: Use the search facility to find out what artefacts have been found and recorded within in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

www.finds.org.uk

Books

Pevsner and the Harris, 2nd edition revised by Nicholas Antrim, **The Buildings of England; Lincolnshire**, Yale, 2002

White's Directory of Lincolnshire or Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire - various editions plus commercial directories - big range available at Lincoln Central Library, and local libraries generally have a smaller range too.

English Placenames: Kenneth Cameron, Batsford Ltd, 1996

The Placenames of Lincolnshire, English Place-Name Society Volumes 64/65 (LXIV/LXV) or Eilert Ekwall, The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Placenames

History of Lincolnshire Volumes, Society of Lincolnshire History and Archaeology

