

**HAWSTEAD VILLAGE
SUFFOLK**

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The past year has been a year of great activity involving nearly all the residents in establishing a millennium record of the village. Initially the plan was to photograph each household and compile, from the information gained through the circulation of a questionnaire, a simple record. However with prompting from Clive Paine the idea of publishing a book took hold. Under the umbrella of the Community Council an application to the Lottery Board was made and in November 2000 a grant of £5000 towards the printing costs was awarded. Two conditions were attached to the award. The first, that every household should receive a free copy of the publication and secondly that the project must be completed within twelve months. A grant of £500 has also been received from Suffolk County Councillor, Mrs Betty Milburn. From December onwards work on the book has gone steadily ahead. None of this would have been possible without the enthusiasm, hard-work and support of the following

- Andy Parrett and Nikki Browne who have undertaken to photograph every property and many of the events taking place in the village.
- Alan & Amanda Brown who have taken a lead on developing the chapter on the industry in the village.
- James Carr and Brian Kew for recording the flora, fauna, ponds and sites of special interest.
- Bill Crockford for the comprehensive history and analysis of the architecture of the village – his drawings are an added delight.
- The farmers of the Parish, Christopher Brown, Ben Powell, Angela Rushen, Leslie Pettitt and from outside the Parish Jack Webber and Noel Turner.
- Keith & Rosemary Finimore together with Tony and Gill Hillman who have written on their work and roles in the church
- Andy Parrett for describing the geography and Glynn Hammond for providing weather records.
- John Holdway, chairperson PCC, Christine Gossett, chairperson Community Council, Malcolm Cornwell, chairperson of the Trustees of the Metcalfe Almshouses and Pc Egan as Beat Officer of the Parish
- Bruce Monk for providing aerial photographs
- Clive Paine for setting down the history
- Maureen Thompson, Sonja Monk, Margaret Crockford, and Sandra Dawson who in darkest, wettest February delivered and then gathered up questionnaires
- Rosemary Carr and Sally Tolhurst for illustrations
- The youngest and oldest residents who have made their own special contributions.

At this time the work of the preceding months is reaping rewards as scripts and so much more flow into the editors office. Many talented people have made excellent contributions but these may not have acquired the presentation they deserved had not Guiland Sutherland, a professional book designer and Hawstead resident, volunteered to be part of the production team. With her help Hawstead will not just record its life and times but do so in style.

It is planned that the book will be completed by October, when extra copies will be available for sale. Profits will go towards the rebuilding of the Village Hall.

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