

HILDERSHAM VILLAGE HISTORY RECORDERS

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This small dedicated research group grew up from the realisation that very little had actually been recorded about Hildersham's very important past. The main aims of the group is to collect or scan as many photographs and postcards of the village as possible, as well as to record and transcribe as many historical documents, deeds, wills, etc as can be found.

We are always keen to see and, if possible, scan pictures or documents relating to any aspect of Hildersham. Members of the Hildersham Recorders and the Linton & District Community Archive Group have been digitising and adding, some of the Hildersham images, sound archives etc to the Linton & District Community Archive Group web pages. Linton & District Community Archive Group is one of 47 other local groups that make up the Cambridgeshire Community Archive Network (www.ccan.co.uk)

Hildersham has an inspirational forefather in whose footsteps we gently tread, as Matthew Paris the 13th Century historian is said to have come from the parish; and certainly the parish church contains the 15th Century memorial brasses of the later Paris family, these along with the Huddlestone's of Sawston were the main Catholic families in Cambridgeshire. The parish boasts three SSSI's (Special Sites of Scientific Interest), which are also packed full of history. In the field next to the church there was the "8th Bartlow Hill", so described by the Victorian Antiquaries. The church contains some very fine Stained Glass and Chancel Wall Paintings by Clayton & Bell, the Revd Robert Goodwin and Charles Alban Buckler.

If anyone has any photographs or indeed any other pertinent information or documents relating to Hildersham, the group is always very grateful for the opportunity to scan them, in order to build up a picture of this very special village; for instance in 1896, it was the last parish in the county to get its Inclosure Act.
