

Bourne End Bucks One Place Study Society

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Annual Report for 2025

2025 was our first full year of operation after our foundation midway through 2024. We had 30 members and a committee of 5 at the start of the year. Our program of meetings was varied with 3 journeys into the library to work on the Brian Wheals' collection and 3 talks (Ken Townsend on the River Thames, Richard Holt on local Lace Making and Karen Savage with Dave Foster taking us on a visual pub crawl visiting over 50 local hostelryes.

We started the concept of "Fire Side Chats" where we invited local residents to come and talk with us about their experiences and memories of growing up and living in Bourne End. These started in July with Trevor Barnett followed in August with Brian Ody, Roger Taplin and Gill Hoare and then Ken Townsend in October. The year rounded off with a pre-Christmas meeting brainstorming the contents of old Bourne End photos. Our online newsletter is now going out to over 70 people each month.

At the AGM Myra Hurley retired as Secretary but remained on the Committee. Shortly after the AGM Di Morrish joined the Committee as Hon. Secretary.

During the year, in addition to organising the monthly meetings, the committee has started looking at publishing booklets of old photographs, organising a re-run of the exhibition of Ken Townsend's postcards and incorporating the Society as a registered charity. We are affiliated to The One Place Study Society and to Bourne End Community Association where most of our meetings took place during the year.

Thank you to everyone who has helped run the society in any way.

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