Borden Heritage Group Annual report 2025

During 2025 BHG has continued to grow in membership and information gathered; we remember Sheila Hepburn and Pam Makepeace, their unexpected passing and the enormous contribution that they made to our success during the past fifteen years.

I thank John our Archivist, Sue our Treasurer, Christine our Secretary and Ann our Social Media manager for their time and support. Thank you also to wonderful meeters and greeters Joan and Margaret for their welcome to guests and dedication to the raffle and entrance monies.

Our visits this year have included using torches to study Medieval Graffiti in Borden Church, exploring Murston Heart, walking through Sittingboune High Street while being encouraged to look 'up' and when at the Criterion Theatre we discovered that there are still Scorpions in the wall of Sheerness dockyard! Our talks have included learning about the women who worked in Sheerness dockyard during WW1, photography through the years, Islands of the Medway Estuary and why 'The Maid of Kent' was eventually hanged.

The new website is encouraging a range of enquiries from current and past residents, many of whom have shared new information with us and I thank Ruth for assisting us with the input and technical side.

The 2026 Programme will soon be published.
Plans for our 'Archeology Roadshow', on Saturday 16th May in the Parish hall, are well in hand; local archaeologists, history groups and specialists from other parts of Kent have been invited to take part and bring along items of interest to share with the general public at an open day 'Exhibition'.
Borden Heritage Group thank Swale Borough Council for its contribution in part funding our Roadshow project through its 'Local Engagement Funding' programme.

Eileen Harrison BHG Chair October 2025 bordenheritage.co.uk

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO
Borden Parish Hall ME9 8JS

Wednesday 12th November 10.30am

Helen Allinson will give an illustrated talk

A look at Crime in Victorian Kent

What effect did the proximity of London have on crime in the county? How were the London hop-pickers regarded? Why were 11% of Kent Prisoners soldiers? How were poachers treated when caught? Why was a wheelbarrow a useful bit of kit for a policeman?What was the cause of most crime in Victorian England?

Everyone is welcome Entrance £4 for guests £3 for members
Membership is available for £5 annual subscription and
includes our annual programme of speakers and events

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