

Mill Road History Society: AGM 11 May 2021

Report on the Society's Building & Site Reports

Scope

As part of its submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2013, the proposed Mill Road History Project committed itself to produce twelve reports on individual buildings on the Road. By the end of the project funding period (2013–15), it had fulfilled that commitment, the last publication under the aegis of the Project being William Ingram's report on the Romsey Labour Club in 2015.

With the progression from Project to Society, the scope of these reports was expanded in two respects: (1) to include sites as well as buildings, (2) to include buildings/sites on the near side-roads.

Reports on sites (please see attached list) are now: Nos 13 Donkey's Common, 14 Magnet and Holland Motors sites, 17 Mill Road Depot – and indeed No. 2 Cement Works.

Buildings on side-roads: No. 16, 186 Gwydir Street (and technically No. 10 Bath House).

Certain reports are not in truth either buildings or sites: No. 7 is an account of Mill Road in mid-19th-century newspapers, and No. 18 a review of Madras Road.

Publication

Publication takes place in two media: each report is published entire in the Archive:Documents section of *capturing cambridge*; and a limited number of spiral-bound paper copies are made available to the Cambridgeshire Archives, the Cambridgeshire Collection, the author(s), and any other appropriate recipient.

Progress

In 2020 the Society published one new report: John McGill's on Madras Road (18).

In 2021 John McGill's report on Brookfields and Burnside (19) has been in the editing stage, and may have been published by the time of the AGM.

Future

At the present time no new reports are in progress, and I am not aware of anyone contemplating writing one. It would be a shame if this part of the Society's work were to come to an end. I therefore ask the Committee to do anything in its power to promote the making of new reports by our members, and to consider holding another workshop on report writing.

There remains a "legacy" of unfinished reports from the Project period, and these should perhaps be reviewed to see whether any of them might be continued and completed.

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