

BLHS - Website Development and Digital Archive (WeDDA) Group

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Annual Report 2026

List of tasks carried out by the group, including major changes made to website, during the year from 1st August 2025 – 31st July 2026

- Name Change - the remit of the group has been extended to include digital archives, as agreed by the Committee, which prompted a name change from Website Development Group to Website Development and Digital Archive Group (or WeDDA) Group
- Monthly meetings continue as before
- General "update" of existing pages - as required throughout year
- Annual documents relating to AGM – re: information before and reports after - as provided by Committee, are posted on the website as they become available
- Book lists – updated as required
- Links Page reviewed – more added when appropriate
- Interactive Map - more information is added on an ad hoc basis
- Membership Page – this is being monitored regularly to see if improvements are required
Membership applications and renewals can now be carried out online, including payment. This facility was introduced in May 2026. This is in addition to the traditional methods of post or email, and payments by cheque or BACS
- 'Members Only Page' to offer extra resources exclusive to members is work in progress
- Kelly's Southampton Directories (focusing on areas appropriate to our society) will be available to view on the 'Members Only Page' in due course, thanks largely to the work carried out by Russell Henson, one of our stewards. Work continues in order to make this available to members
- An Online Museum is a project that is still work in progress
- A new computer for the Heritage Centre was purchased in April 2026 for use by museum stewards
- Scanning of photographs from the Heritage Centre Albums numbered 1-62 to create digitised archive copies is now complete

As stated in the previous year's report, we will be very happy to receive suggestions for new features on the website from the Committee or BLHS Members. We would also like to encourage members, who have not yet explored the BLHS website: www.bitterne.net to take a look. To those who have already investigated the site, we recommend you come back again, as new material is being added regularly. You may be surprised with how much information about the local area is at your fingertips.