

The Sawbridgeworth Local History Society's (SLHS) main aim is to research, collect, record and preserve the history of Sawbridgeworth and its surrounding area and share it through public meetings, and in printed and/or electronic formats. It was formed in April 2016 and has its origins in the World War 1 Memorial Group set up by the Town Council, following the World War 1 Nostalgia Days organised by Hazel and David Mead, and the Sawbridgeworth U3A. It is now an independent group which meets about ten times a year to discuss projects and listen to a range of speakers.

This book has been written to create a record of the history and development of the memorial hall before certain details become lost. It has been a fascinating journey of researching through old photographs, programmes and press cuttings which I hope everyone will enjoy.

The author

John Rider moved to Sawbridgeworth in 1975, and over the course of many years, has been a regular attendee at, and supporter of, the Memorial Hall. He joined the group known as 'Friends of the Hall' during its fundraising years and was a trustee during the period when Peter Reed held the position of Chair of Trustees. In 2014, he was invited to be the Chair and later became the Town Council representative for the hall and he continues in that role.

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