"We Live Here: Bredfield" - sharing in the present to uncover the past

The idea....

In March 2020, the first Covid lockdown brought my husband and I to live full time in Bredfield. Since first finding our home here in 2016, I have been fascinated by both the history of the house and village life.

"We Live Here: Bredfield" is "launched" in February 2023 and, with the help of fellow Bredfield residents, I aim to make it an informal, easy, fun, curious and informative activity for all. It would be really great if as many people as possible in the village have the opportunity to take part. Over a period of time, if the project is successful and sustainable, the activities could contribute to a record, which reflects our lives in Bredfield and our relationship to our village space and place of living.

The questions....

- ? How proud are you to live in this award-winning village?
- ? How curious are you about the lives of the people who live and have lived around you?
- ? How would you like to share your experience of where you live through photos that you perhaps already have tucked away and/or those you can take now to share information about our village, our homes or workplaces, and our relationship to Bredfield?

If your answers are "very", and "yes", and you want to be involved.... it's easy!

The first photo-theme is "I live here: my first year, and now".

All you have to do between now and March 31st is:

- hunt out one photo of your home in the first year in which you moved in;
- take, or hunt out one photo of your home in 2023 preferably with you/your home members included;
- take a copy of these photos (don't panic I have some suggestions below!);
- write a few lines (no more than 300 words please) about your experience of moving into your home and how it is now;
- email the photos (using Medium message size 715KB) and your story to <u>Welivehere.Bredfield@gmail.com</u>

You don't need to be a photography expert or a computer whizz – if you don't know how to do any of these things just give me a call or text me, Julie Crabb, on 07941 359644 – together we'll find a different way to capture the photos and story so you can be involved.

So, what happens with the photos, and the stories?

With your permission, I will create a summary of the images and stories captured to share across a range of media, including MailChimp, The Lantern, The Grundisburgh and District News, and on the Bredfield Village website. The stories linked to the photos may even be showcased at a "Pop-up Bar" More information will follow in the coming weeks.

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