



“We live here”
A socio-historical photo
project exploration of
Bredfield - 2023

Sharing in the present to uncover the past.
In search of further belonging and connection.




The concept

- ▶ Initially, a photo project which attempts to engage as many people in the village community as possible in sharing information about our village and our relationship to its history – social, topological and otherwise.
- ▶ A series of small formulated photo-based activities which together build a bigger “picture” and narrative as shared by community inhabitants, and
- ▶ which, over a period of time, form a broad historical record to reflect the lives of Bredfield inhabitants and their relationship to their place of living.
- ▶ Online pages, on which information can be presented, shared and from which key information can be archived with permissions



The purpose and intended benefits

- ▶ **To individuals** – fun, interest, knowledge and awareness raising, and an opportunity to share and connect with others in the community, further developing our experience of belonging
- ▶ **To groups of individuals** – shared interests, information and knowledge building, possibly relating to specific themes or periods of interest/research
- ▶ **To the village community** – shared understanding of the village and what has shaped its developmental journey
- ▶ **To the body of social history** – reporting summary findings from the activities to the village recorder for archive and future access and application
- ▶ **To other villages** – a piloted model, for exploration of a community's relationship to its past
- ▶ **To researchers** – primary and secondary data to support searches



The project characteristics – intentions and principles underlying the activities

- Inclusive, available and accessible to all in the village postcodes
- Simple to participate in
- Fun and stimulating – of interest
- Offering opportunity for contribution and sharing
- Creative
- Contributing to larger aims for the community
- Modifiable, transferable, evolving
- Meeting the needs of the originator – of belonging and connectivity
- Supporting the needs and purpose of the role of the village recorder as established by Suffolk Local History Council (to ensure that the present is adequately recorded at local level".



The activities and timescale (draft)

- ▶ **“We live here”** is launched with explanation through various media including the village web page - Feb 2023
- ▶ Activity one is introduced – the first photo-based sharing activity – Feb 2023 with a deadline for end of Mar 2023
- ▶ A second project will be introduced in Summer 2023 with deadline TBA
- ▶ Other online and face to face activities will be considered throughout the year
- ▶ A summary report of the output of activities will be provided to the village recorder for the annual report for 2023



The activities and events (draft)

“We live here” (the overarching title of the project) – with photo-based and other activities around information and knowledge-building themes, and focusing on the village space e.g.

- Our community location; the positioning of the buildings in which we live. The purpose of the buildings to us now and what we know about how that has changed.
- Bredfield is like.....the characteristics of our community – now, and how this has changed.
- Hidden Bredfield – what is known and unknown to us about Bredfield now and in the past?
- Creative Bredfield – the roles, skills, enterprise, leisure and craft activities across the village – now and before
- What is missed and would be missed....
- The humour in our village
- Our relationship with other local village communities



The anticipated activity output

Through web pages and other media:

- ▶ - narrative, story-telling, information sharing, questions and ideas
- ▶ - photos aligned to the themed activities are collated with relevant narrative and a summary shared back to the group
- ▶ - new activity themes emerge from group members
- ▶ - a small programme of events/activities is developed to be repeated on an annual basis

An example of a photo-based activity might be:

On the theme of “the characteristics of Bredfield I value”, take (or ask a relative or friend to take) and submit, by (date for deadline) to the email address below 3 photos with a brief narrative of explanation which you are willing to share with the Face Book group.