

WILLAND HISTORY GROUP REPORT
to the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (WPC)
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Over the past year Willand History Group has continued to carry out its core activities, including dealing with genealogical and local history inquiries, carrying out original research into the history of the parish, holding periodic meetings, and gathering material for the Willand Archive.

However, as a result of declining membership the long term future of the Group has come into question. Options were discussed at our AGM in November 2024. All remaining members agreed that after all the Group has achieved since formation back in 2001, and after all the hard work so many from the parish have put in over the years, it would be a great pity if the Group were forced to end now, or if it were to simply fade away. Therefore, it was resolved to keep the Group going, for the time being at least, in an attempt to generate renewed interest, and hopefully attract new members.

Willand has a fascinating archaeology and history that can be traced back over thousands of years. Over the past century the parish has changed so much: its population expanded, its rural landscape altered by relentless development – but perhaps it is all the more interesting for this. We believe Willand needs a History Group to research and interpret that dynamic history.

As a first step, we will be holding a Willand Archive open morning on Saturday, 31 May, in The Annex, Willand Village Hall, where we will be displaying historic documents, items and records, to show everyone what we have in the archive, what resources are available, and to encourage people to bring along their own items of interest, or any queries they might have about where they live, or the people who have lived here. All are welcome, and any help, support or encouragement would be gratefully received.

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