

The casual visitor to our village might see a pleasant little commuter community as he or she drives past the Wellington. We know, however, that the village is steeped in history and offers so much to celebrate. So much of what is here today has been informed by the past – a past which is in danger of being subsumed into the 21st century world of microchip technology and the celebration of the now. The Heritage Project, an initiative of the Parish Council, seeks to preserve what is valuable to present and perhaps above all future generations who will call this place home. A small working group of enthusiasts is in the early stages of fleshing out the ideas.

New life for an excellent book

Do you have a copy of Marion Cooke's 1987 publication 'RIDING MILL – a Village History'? No? This excellent little book is currently out of print. But not for long! The plan is to reprint a limited number so all who wish can steep themselves in the fascinating history of our village. Discussions are also ongoing as to how we might best record the 34 years since Marion's book was published.

A lot has happened in Riding Mill since then! Does that absorbing task match your skill set? Would you like to get involved?



A village trail: Do you know:

Where the Roman Road Dere Street passes through the village?

The route of the A68 before the by-pass was built?

Why the Wellington Inn is forever linked with witchcraft?

How our village is linked to the history of the railway?

Why we have Old Post Office and The Old Post Office on the same street?

Who paid for the building of the Parish Hall?
Where Robb and Weakford's garage used to be?

Why Broomhaugh School is not called Riding Mill School?

A Village Trail with interpretation boards is in the planning.....

Oral history: Some say that the best tales are those told by word of mouth. We are looking at how we can record the stories and recollections of older residents whilst we still can. Is this something that **you** would like to help with?

The web site: We are planning to develop the ridingmill.org website to include a section on local history. Is that something that **you** would like to be involved in?

YOUR VILLAGE YOUR HERITAGE Come and join us!