



VISIT HADLEIGH

An historic town

The Visit Hadleigh website has lots of useful information on Hadleigh. In addition, Hadleigh's Town Guides offer a number of guided walks and tours around the town which delve into the fascinating history of the town.

See: <https://visithadleighsuffolk.co.uk/>

THE HADLEIGH SOCIETY

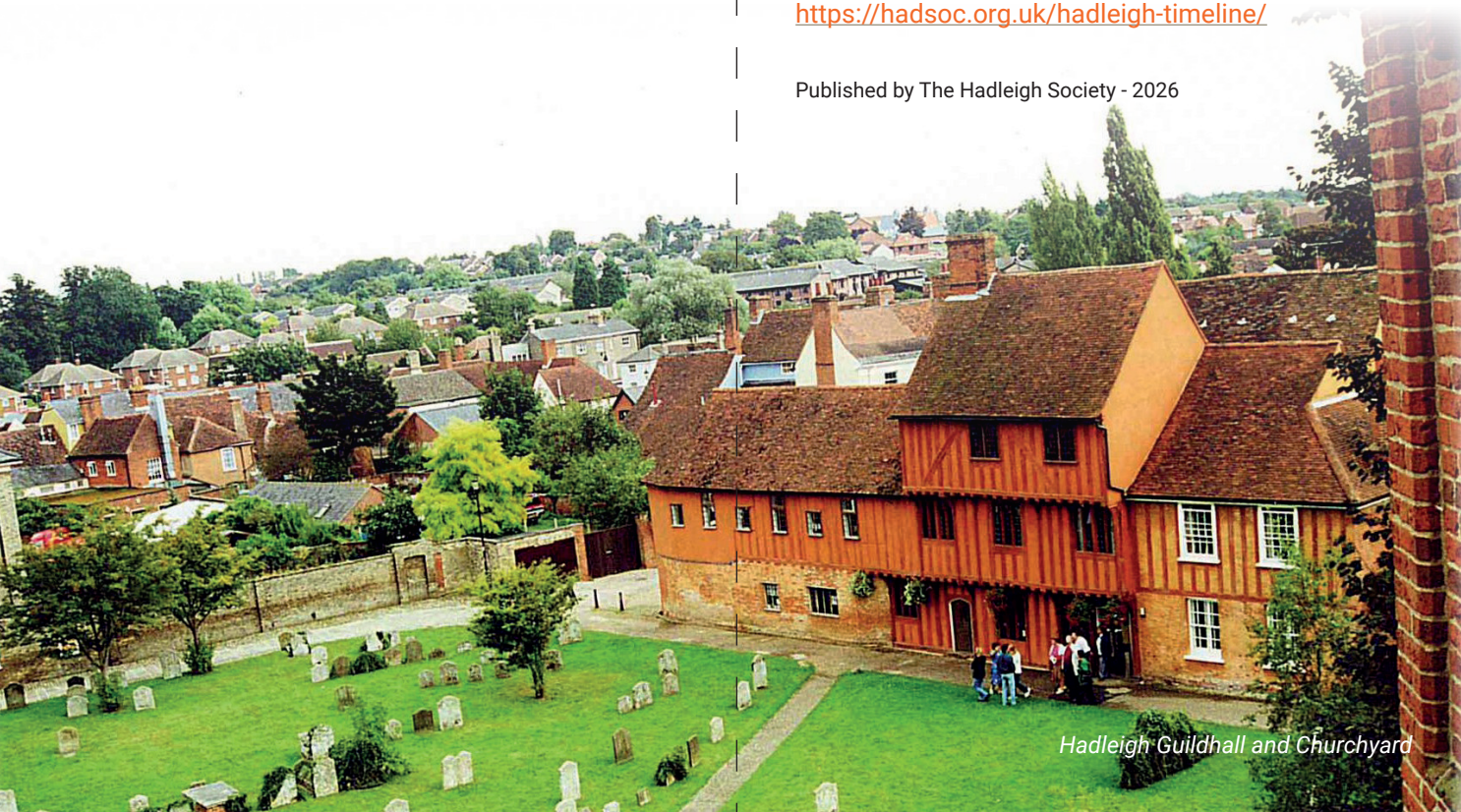
Promotes historical research, preservation and safeguarding of the heritage of the town, and protecting the town from inappropriate proposals for development. The Society invites speakers on a wide range of topics, many of which relate to the history of the town. See <https://hadsoc.org.uk/>. A list of upcoming talks and speakers may be found at <https://hadsoc.org.uk/forthcoming-meetings/>.

The Society's **History Group** has published a comprehensive history of Hadleigh Guildhall which includes a detailed timeline of the development of the Guildhall [see *Books and Booklets overleaf*]. More information from **The Hadleigh Society** website <https://hadsoc.org.uk/>: click on the "Hadleigh History" link. There is also a link to the Hadleigh History Timeline, charting the history of the town, on the Society's website <https://hadsoc.org.uk/hadleigh-timeline/>

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Inspeimus Charter 1432



Hadleigh Guildhall and Churchyard

WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION ON THE HISTORY OF HADLEIGH?

*Hadleigh is an ancient
market town steeped in history.
There are several sources of information
for those interested in learning more.*

BOOKS AND BOOKLETS

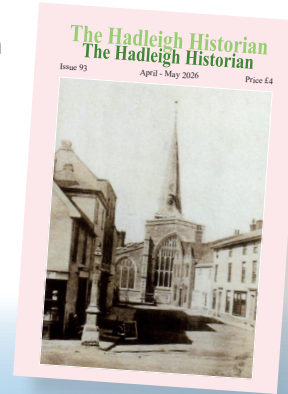
Several books have been written about the town, but some are now out of print. Try **The Idler** bookshop at 37, High Street. Also try the local history section of **Hadleigh Library**, 29 High Street, which has a local history section. Below is a selection of titles:

-  **Hadleigh Through the Ages** by W.A.B Jones (1977, reprinted 1984). A general history of Hadleigh up to the late 20th century.
-  **Medieval Hadleigh: The Chief Manor and Town** by Margaret Woods (2018).
-  **Hadleigh and the Alabaster Family** by Sue Andrews and Tony Springall (2005). A history of the town in Tudor and Stuart times.
-  **A History of Hadleigh Guildhall** by the Hadleigh Society History Group (2024).
-  **Hadleigh Deanery Tower through six centuries** by Roger Kennell (2024).
-  **Tales from the Vestry** by Sue Andrews and Roger Kennell (2025).
-  **Hadleigh the Town, the Church and the Great Men Who Have Been Born in, or Connected With, the Parish** by Rev Hugh Pigot (C.1860).



THE HADLEIGH HISTORIAN

A bi-monthly magazine edited by Sue Andrews, one of the town's foremost historians. Published for 15 years, it has amassed a fascinating collection of articles about the town's history. Available to buy from **The Idler, Keith Avis Printers Ltd** (rear of 68 High Street) and **Hollow Trees** farm shop in Semer. The Hadleigh Archive has a complete set of Hadleigh Historians to date, available for study.



HADLEIGH ARCHIVE



Hadleigh is fortunate to have its own Archive, administered by Hadleigh Town Council and run by volunteers in the Guildhall. The Archive holds many documents dating back to the 13th century as well as maps, books and several thousand photographs and images of the town. Members of the public are welcome to visit the Archive, but only by appointment. See <https://hadleightowncouncil.gov.uk/hadleigh-town/hadleigh-archives/>. Suffolk Archives, The Hold 69 Fore Street, Ipswich also holds many documents of relevance. See <https://www.suffolkarchives.co.uk/>

