



Chair's Report to GLHA Forum, 8 December 2025

Welcome to all of you as member groups of the Gloucestershire Local History Association. Your contributions are really appreciated, without you we, as your Committee, cannot continue. Thank you.

Forum 8 September

The third of this year's four Forums was held on 8 September when John Chandler gave an excellently illustrated and wide-ranging talk on ***From village carrier to National Express: the local history of Gloucestershire public transport.***

John also presented the Bryan Jerrard Award for 2024 to Nigel Costley who received the prize on behalf of Steven Carter who was unfortunately unable to attend. Steven's article 'Coleford's Jovial Foresters' in The New Regard **39** is available for reading on our website and was judged to have met all the requirements that writing local history should attain. The runner up was Terry Moore-Scott's 'The Manor, Hamlet and Tithing of Broadwell in Leckhampton' published in Leckhampton Local History Society Research Bulletin **6**. We thank The History Press for their continued support in providing the prizes.

GLHA Committee

The following people will be standing down at the AGM in June 2026.

Sally Self - Chair

Vicki Walker - Secretary

Committee members - Janet Hudson and Mary Sullivan

David Scriven (Cheltenham), David Jones (Maisemore), John Putley (Glos Archives) and Peter Jackson (Painswick) are willing to continue.

The Committee are considering ways in which the GLHA can continue to provide a service to Gloucestershire Local History Societies via their dedicated representatives. We hope that volunteers will come forward to carry on the work of Secretary, Chair and committee members, several of whom have served for ten or more years. Vicki Walker, our present Secretary, has indicated that she would be prepared to work alongside a potential volunteer to ease them into the role.

Website

Work has continued on the Association's website. Mary Sullivan continues to update the Speakers List and David Jones has updated the GLHA Member Societies Events List. The next date for submitting details of your programme will be December 1st 2025

Glosdocs

Thank you to Ray Wilson for continuing to develop this site. His report has been sent out.

Forum meetings

2025

Monday 8 December at 11.00 am

The topic will be 'Running a Local History Society', chosen as members have expressed an interest in the various ways that different societies and groups are managed. Thank you to all those who have replied to the questionnaire. Mary Sullivan has compiled a report, which has been circulated, and has prepared a presentation outlining the results and points for discussion. This will be followed by a group discussion. This is a morning meeting and Christmas refreshments will be provided after the meeting. There will tea and coffee offered on arrival.

2026

March 9 at 2.00 pm We are planning an Oral history training session led by Paul Evans of Gloucestershire Archives.

June 15 at 2.00 pm

Annual General Meeting.

Followed by a talk by Roger Carnt (Chalford) - Researching old maps.

Summer Afternoon Meeting

As you know, we are not planning to hold a Local History Day in 2026 but we are glad to report that the 2026 Summer Afternoon will be hosted by Tidenham Historical Society. Date to be decided. <https://tidenhamhistory.co.uk/>

Sally Self, Chair. November 2025