

Newsletter

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Welcome to the twelfth CCHT e-newsletter intended to keep you up-to-date with the VCH Cumbria project.

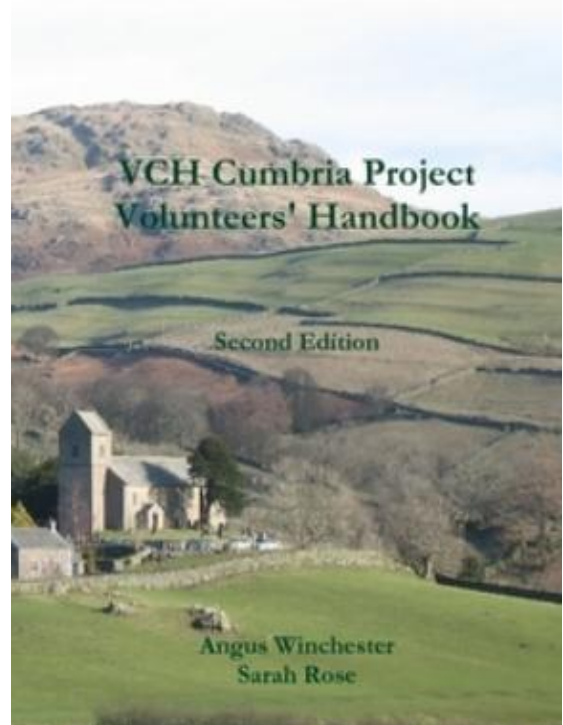
CCHT in Need of New Secretary

Richard Brockington will be stepping down as secretary to the Trust at the next AGM. The post is not particularly onerous but is important, as the secretary participates in all strategic discussions about the progress of the VCH project. If you think you might be interested please contact Richard for further information (e-mail and telephone number at the end of this newsletter).

2nd edition of VCH Volunteers' Handbook Now Available

In light of some revisions and additions to the guidance for VCH Volunteers, a second edition of the Volunteers' Handbook has been produced. The main addition is a new section on geology, written by Professor David Wilcock. Copies can be purchased from Sarah Rose for £5. Alternatively, you can download the text from the CCHT website:

<http://www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk/vch-cumbria-volunteers-handbook>



RCHME for Westmorland Now Online

British History Online has recently published the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments, England (RCHME) volume for Westmorland. You can access the volume through this direct link:

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/source.aspx?pubid=1297>.

The RCHME volume for Westmorland is particularly important as a pioneering survey of the county's vernacular architecture, highlighting, for example, the rich legacy of plasterwork in traditional buildings.

The RCHME volumes are also an essential resource for VCH researchers. They often serve as an initial guide to the history of major local buildings, such as the parish church, but also outline important historical features which may be less obvious to the untrained eye.

Local History Surgeries

Sarah Rose will be available in the Kendal or Carlisle Archive Centre on alternate Thursdays should you wish to speak to her about your work with the project.

Carlisle Archives Centre:

Thursday 15th August (all day)

Thursday 29th August (AM only)

Thursday 12th September (all day)

Thursday 26th September (all day)

Kendal Archives Centre:

Thursday 22nd August (all day)

Thursday 5th September (all day)

Thursday 19th September (all day)

Thursday 3rd October (all day)

Local History Seminar Series

The Department of History is running a new seminar series on aspects of local and regional history, meeting approximately monthly from October 2013 to April 2014, on Wednesday afternoons from 5.00 p.m.

All members of CCHT and VCH Cumbria volunteers are welcome to attend, free of charge. Full details of speakers and topics (which include several on Cumbrian themes) will be circulated in the next few weeks.

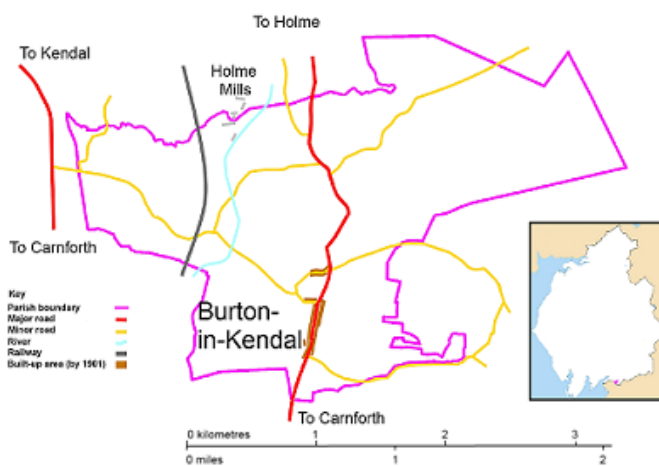
Religious History of Stanwix

We are delighted to announce that an interim draft of the religious history section for Stanwix ancient parish has been written by Jane Platt. This ancient parish incorporated several townships, including Stanwix, Brunstock, Etterby, Houghton, Linstock, Richkerby and Tarraby. You can read the fruit of Jane's labours under 'Work in Progress' on the Stanwix digest page on the CCHT website: <http://www.cumbriacountyhistory.org.uk/2-work-progress-interim-drafts>

Township Maps

VCH Volunteer, Eric Apperley, has been very busy over the past few months producing a diagrammatic map for every place in Cumbria that will have its own VCH article. In July he reached a major milestone, having completed all of Westmorland, together with every ward in Cumberland except Allerdale Above Derwent ward.

Eric is currently working on Lancashire North of the Sands. The maps have been drawn using the second edition Ordnance Survey maps (1899-1900 for Westmorland and 1900-1901 for Cumberland), scale 1:10560



BURTON-IN-KENDAL 1899

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