

The Parwich & District Local History Society has been slowly rebuilding over the past year as we've started to recover from the impact of the pandemic.

Perhaps most importantly, we've welcomed new active members to the group and to our events.

We've concluded the investigation into the chambers at Nethergreen. Having cleared the ground around the chambers and dug down deep enough to (we think) determine the extent of the chambers, we documented and photographed what we discovered. However, we haven't been able to work out what they were used for, so it is probably more accurate to say that we've suspended our investigations for the time being without reaching any firm conclusions.

Over the past year, we have been investigating the history of various homes in Parwich. This has included visits to try to determine the history of the physical buildings and how they have evolved over time. We've also been looking through historical records to find out the history of the owners and occupiers. Tying into this, we've started some initial work on the 1921 census.

We've looked at the LIDAR maps for the Parwich area. These are the maps produced by DEFRA using Light Detection and Ranging which show very detailed maps of the terrain - showing features as small as 25cm (1foot). For example, the LIDAR shows the detail of ridges and furrows in many of the surrounding fields. This often shows archaeological features that are not obvious from the ground.

We've started the daunting task of cataloguing and archiving much of the material that the society has collected. The society (with thanks to Donna) has also started work to update the web page to give it a more up to date look and feel and to make it more accessible.

Last Sunday (May 14th), we held a walk around Royston Grange covering a wide range of local history, topped off with drinks at Royston Grange Farm (with thanks to Ruth and Luke).