

WATCHET CONSERVATION MATTERS

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Formation and progress...

WATCHET CONSERVATION SOCIETY was born in July 2007 and is coming up to its first Annual General Meeting. It has 88 household members and 37 individual members giving it a notional total of 213 members in less than a year.

If you are reading this, you are probably a member and paid your sub. You are perhaps wondering what we have been doing and where we hope to go next. The purpose of this newsletter is to answer those questions, so please read on...

Dawes Castle Lime Kilns...

The photograph on the left is from the Somerset County Council heritage website. It shows what may be revealed if the Conservation Society project to clear the brambles is successful.

There are several lime kilns along the north Somerset coast but these at Daws Castle are among the most impressive.

There is a railway shown on an old Ordnance Survey map which runs down to the beach. There is also an old photograph showing pack horses at the cliff top by the lime kilns. Coal was probably brought across from south Wales to fuel the kilns so what part did the railway & pack horses play?

We hope to reveal more of the history...



Our next meeting is Tuesday 22nd July, 7.30pm at the Methodist School Room, Harbour Road. RICHARD MCDONALD will talk about shipwrecks on the Somerset coast – tales of danger, smuggling and bravery.

On Tuesday 23rd September is our AGM. We need to adopt our constitution and choose our officers and committee. Make sure you have renewed your membership in order to vote at this meeting.