

Adderley Remembered – Lest we forget!

We are looking for a small group of people interested in being part of a story-collecting team for the Adderley Heritage Project. The Adderley Remembered section of our website www.adderleyheritage.co.uk contains some written memories, and we hope to add some oral history to this.

To do this justice we have acquired some funding from Heritage Lottery which allows us to invite the Oral History Society to come to Adderley to show us how to do this well for everyone to enjoy.

Who might this suit?

This is a really fantastic opportunity for:

- Anyone who wants to gain experience in communication skills, media/radio skills and any jobs related to working with people.
- Anyone interested in extending their historical knowledge or gaining new history skills.
- Anyone who fancies doing something completely different, likes listening to stories and wants to have a go at recording some.

What we are offering the volunteers

A chance to:

- Learn new skills including how to make an oral history interviews, how to use digital recorders and how to summarise and archive interviews.
- Work with a small friendly team to create a unique archive of recordings about Adderley
- Receive training from Julia Letts, an accredited trainer for the Oral History Society. On completion of the Introductory Course volunteers will receive a certificate from the OHS.
- Discover a huge amount of new information – the type of things that would never be put in history books – about Adderley and the surrounding area.
- Take their newly gained skills to a further level: e.g. audio editing, exhibition preparation
- (Refreshments and lunch will be provided)

What we are looking for in volunteers

- No particular experience. A curiosity in the past and an interest in other people's stories is more important than interviewing experience.
- A willingness to learn new skills and attend training sessions.
- Confidence to work on your own. We will offer support but volunteers will be expected to record interviews, to listen back to recordings and type up summaries.
- Complete at least 2 interviews.
- Enough computing skills to do things like word-processing, emailing and listening back to audio files on a computer (we will support with this)
- An ability to work with others – we will be a small team who will need to communicate with each other and share our material.

What is the time scale and level of commitment?

- The project will take place initially over a 6-month period. Our first training day will be on 7th October 2024 and all volunteers would be expected to attend this. The group will then meet regularly (either in person or online) whilst getting going with their interviews.
- By March 2025 we hope to hold an event to share our recordings and findings.
- We very much hope that the setting up of this group will lead to the collection of some amazing oral history gems similar to the reminiscences you can already find on the Adderley Remembered section of our website