

REPORT TO THE APM 2025 BY THE SCROLL ADVISORY GROUP

If you have not heard of, or seen The Walberswick Scroll, then you only have to glance to the back of the Hall, or to the left of the Entrance as you leave, to see extracts from this wonderful artwork. Or, why not rectify this by attending one of the showings in the Heritage Hut. The last showings were on Sunday 16th February and the next are scheduled for Sunday 25th October.

The scroll is a unique work of art, 123 feet long, painted by John Doman Turner in 1931-1932. It is an amazing record of the village as it was at that time, depicting every house and every noticeboard! It is owned by the Parish Council on behalf of the community and is housed in the Heritage Hut.

As well as the twice-yearly public showings, we also offer “private showings” to family members and friends who have a history of living in or visiting Walberswick. Both formats often prove to be both fun and instructive with information flowing freely in both directions. If you would like to view the scroll this way and can put together a party of up to 15 people then please contact SAG to arrange a date. Otherwise, watch out for advertisements in the Village News, village web site and notice boards and then just turn up.

Due to the effects of aging on both the scroll and the showing mechanism we are continuing to show the scroll as a combination of the real thing and on the screen using our high-definition scan. We also offer “merchandise” so if your house is on the scroll and you would like a print or cards then let us know. Also, profit from sales of Edward Wright’s book “Walberswick People and Houses 1870-1930” is generously donated to the scroll upkeep fund. We can provide a copy on request.

If anyone here is interested in the history of the village and would like to join our small group caring for and showing this amazing artwork, please do suggest yourself to us. Just use the Contact Us form on the Walberswick website.

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