

This book was inspired by three former residents of Great Budworth who have since died. They wrote their memories of village life.

We felt that these accounts were so good that they deserved to be reprinted rather than only be available in rare separate copies. As far as possible we have asked their descendants for permission, and we hope that we have done their work justice. It is a tribute to their education at Budworth school that they were able to write such lucid and erudite recollections. None of the three were professional writers by occupation and all earned their livings by working with their hands rather than the pen.

Cecil Holden was born in 1896 and died in 1971 and wrote his account in 1961.

Alfred Worrall was born in 1904 and died in 1986 and wrote his account in 1984.

Harry Walton was born in 1903 and died in 1981 and wrote his account over several years, in the 1970's.

To complete the picture we have also included memories from seven people who were either born in the village or lived in Great Budworth for a long time.

The Editors would like to express their gratitude to all the people who have written memories and supplied information and photographs.

We believe that this set of memories provides a comprehensive record of Great Budworth and village life throughout the twentieth century.

The editing has been very limited and some of the memories are repeated by different contributors. Sometimes the stories are dated but we believe that this adds to the charm of the collection.

The memories have been compiled by the Great Budworth Local History Group and edited by Alan Bailey and Sue Ritchie.