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Report to the Shottisham Annual Parish Meeting 2022.

Most of you will be aware that I moved from Bussock to Wickham Market 6 months ago. Neither your Parish Council nor the Suffolk Local History Council felt it necessary to remove me from the role as your Local History Recorder and I have been happy to continue in that post.

I have continued to collate happenings, events and problems in the village. These are included in an Annual Report which is sent to the Local History Council each January. This in turn is then deposited in Suffolk Archives. Despite being geographically further away, What's App, emails and texts keep me up to date, including tree planting on the field, Spring Fairs, the Sorrel Horse events, the Blue Rabbit café and all the young animals at St. Margaret's. Road closures, traffic incidents, discussions and swapping useful items are all part of the community spirit shown on What's App and duly recorded.

The history book is complete as far as the major writing is concerned. Kim Crowder, my friend and editor, who many of you know, has 3 more chapters to look at. She is rather busy at the moment, editing two PhD thesis. As soon as all editing is complete, I shall approach printers for quotations and also try to obtain some grant money. I am currently sorting all the illustrations, which will include photographs, drawings, copies of maps, 19th century For Sale notices and some plans of properties. I am very grateful to those residents who lent me their title deeds, which provided much useful detail. Copies of all books have to be deposited at the British Library and copies will also be sent to Suffolk Archives and Suffolk Libraries, but I hope you will all buy a copy when it is finally in print.

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29th April, 2022.