

Is NIAS the only industrial archaeology society?

Most certainly not. Other local societies have been formed in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, etc. A conference is held annually for all the societies in East Anglia which gives us an opportunity to exchange ideas and information.

Nationally, societies have been formed throughout the country and an Association of Industrial Archaeology Societies (AIA) has been formed of which we are an affiliated member. The AIA hold an annual conference in different locations to which members are invited to attend.

Tell me more about subscriptions.

Your subscription will normally run from January to January, but if you join after 30th September then your sub will cover the whole of the next year. However, you will not be eligible for a free copy of the Journal for the part-year of membership but you will get the next Journal as normal.

Your subscription also includes the cost of producing and posting the newsletter, and the expenses of meetings for which no charge or collection is made.

I'm not too sure what Industrial Archaeology is?

The term 'Industrial Archaeology' can best be described as the study of our industrial past through its tangible remains - the quarries, factories, kilns, foundries, workshops, etc. And with them the equipment and machinery used in them. However, industrial archaeologists are also interested in transport services, public utilities such as water, gas and electricity supplies, and social provision such as houses for the work force. The emphasis in industrial archaeology is on the period of change which started in the 18th Century and which continues to the present day.

We are concerned that an important part of our national heritage is disappearing as a result of industrial redevelopment and reorganisation, urban renewal and general decay. Great Britain pioneered the industrial revolution and has industrial remains of importance and significance, yet this heritage was little appreciated and poorly recorded. Industrial archaeologists seek to record and sometimes to preserve these remains before they disappear for ever.

We do not get involved in campaigns to preserve sites. We welcome invitations to visit and perhaps record sites within Norfolk.



Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society

Membership application form

**The Membership Secretary
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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Title/First Name/Last Name *(Block letters, please)*

Address:

Telephone Home:

Work/Mobile*:

E-mail address*:

Occupation*:

Special interests*:

** optional but helpful*

Date:

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Individual Membership £15

Family Membership £18

Student (Under 18) £7

Cheques should be made payable to
Norfolk Industrial Archaeology Society
and sent to the Membership Secretary.

Who are you?

Our Society has a membership of about 100 people and our aim is to record the industrial heritage of Norfolk. As industry changes and factories close we try to note what happened before all trace of the industry disappears. We hold monthly meetings, field meetings and also visit places of interest to our membership.

How long has NIAS been active?

The Society was formed in 1970.

Who can join?

Anybody with an interest in our industrial past can apply for membership.

Do I need expertise or industrial knowledge?

No. Many members join just to learn more about our industrial past by attending meetings. Our members are willing to assist new members in becoming more active in the Society if that is your desire. You only need an enquiring mind and a big helping of enthusiasm to further our aims.

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When and where do you meet?

Lecture meetings are usually held at 7:30 on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Charing Cross Centre, St John Maddermarket, Norwich, when an invited speaker addresses the Society on a topic of mutual interest. We are informal and have a coffee and chat afterwards.

We also have site meetings as and when sites of interest become available for investigation.

Social events and trips to other regions of the country also form part of our programme.

What about research?

Members are encouraged to carry out research and their findings are published, if suitable, in the NIAS Journal. Site records and other information are kept in our archive which is held as part of the archaeological record of Norfolk.

How will I know what is going on?

We have a quarterly Newsletter which gives a short account of the monthly lecture content and a Calendar of forthcoming events. We also have a web site, www.norfolkia.org.uk and you can opt in to email notices.

Can I visit one of your meetings before I join?

Of course! Visitors are always welcome to see if what we do is to their liking before they commit to paying a subscription.