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Biddlesden House, looking west towards the Great Ouse. The present village is in the right of the picture
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The Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society is the county's premier society, not just for archaeology but also local history, architecture, natural history and historic buildings. We have members throughout the county, many of them also active in their local town and village historical societies.

Membership brings many benefits:

- The defence and protection of Buckinghamshire's historic environment;
- The preservation of important local archives on our history and archaeology;
- Support for the County Museum, whose collections the society started;
- An active watch where planning issues affect our heritage.

For you as a member:

- A copy of this journal, Records of Buckinghamshire, in May each year;
- Newsletters in Spring and Autumn about society events and activities;
- A free lecture series in Aylesbury every winter;
- Outings to historic towns, buildings and archaeological sites in summer;
- The chance to play an active part in our Historic Buildings and Active Archaeology groups.

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