

Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group

Hadrian's Wall

by Peter Carney

Monday 26th January 2026

7.30 p.m. Slaley Commemoration Hall.
£4 adults 50p anyone in full time education.



The illegal felling in 2023 of the Sycamore Tree on Hadrian's Wall brought the Word Heritage Site to the attention of people far and wide. However, it is not a late 19th century Sycamore tree which is the subject of our January history talk but the Wall itself with its milecastles, forts and museums.

Begin 122 AD and 73 miles in length, Hadrian's Wall affects most of what makes our area of Northumberland special and of interest to people from around the world. Its reused stone, its archaeological digs, its appearance on TV history programmes and tourist marketing literature, Hadrian's Wall is the "emblem" for the North East of England.

The Wall was inscribed as a UNESCO Word Heritage Site in 1987 and in 2005 it became, with its component parts (Vallum, Ditch & Military Way), part of the transnational "Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site". It represents the most substantial and complete Imperial Frontier anywhere within the Roman Empire.

Peter Carney is a summer guide on Hadrian's Wall and his talk will interest our group who take the presence of the stone wall, almost on our doorstep, very much for granted and part of our landscape.

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