

Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres Local History Group,
Woodland of Slaley & Hexham over the last 400 years.

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



Some History of Slaley and Hexhamshire Woods.

We are fortunate to have plenty of ancient woodland in Slaley and Hexhamshire. It owes its survival to the way it was used over several hundred years to meet the special requirements of the local mining and tanning industries for oak wood. I will describe the way the woods were managed, the kinds of timber they produced, and how the disappearance of lead mining and leather tanning from the area changed them to what we see today.