

The book recounts how the original owners of the houses vied intensely with each other in religion, politics and power. Much of the history of the Houghton hillside houses and their owners is a microcosm of the history of 19C and early 20C Huntingdonshire.

Bridget's book is published by the Great Ouse Valley Trust (GOVT). This organisation was set up to promote and protect the wonderful landscape of the Great Ouse Valley. The quality of the landscape between St Ives and Houghton is one of the most beautiful parts along the whole of the Great Ouse. Bridget writes: 'I hope my book is not just a historical record, but also a tool – to raise awareness and to defend this exceptional part of the Great Ouse Valley. This landscape and this view is priceless – it is for everyone, and today we all have a responsibility to ensure that it will be there for everyone in the future. We can no longer take it for granted – it is threatened, and if we don't work to keep it, it could, bit-by-bit, be lost'.

A *Commanding View* is available at the Norris Museum, St Ives and the Houghton Village Community Shop, price £10. All profits to go to the Great Ouse Valley Trust.

THE GREAT OUSE VALLEY TRUST

The Great Ouse Valley Trust fulfils the urgent need to protect, promote and enhance our special landscape of the Great Ouse Valley In Cambridgeshire. If you are interested in learning more about the Great Ouse Valley Trust please visit the website below.

Chair Graham Campbell said, 'I am so proud to be publishing Bridget's latest book. With collective working we aim to manage the whole Ouse Valley area holistically. This will help improve wildlife diversity and prevent damaging land-use changes. It will enable greater recognition of the beauty and value of the landscape. And it will benefit the whole community - in economic terms as well as for recreation, amenity, education and general well-being - now and for the future.'



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