

PRIVACY COMPLIANCE

We have collected information about Gatehouse and its people for decades.

Around 2010 we started this website, as our retirement project, to record much of this information as a contribution to the area's social history.

The information is split into 2 basic categories; people and places.

We collected school class photos and spoke to dozens of people to get names to accompany each photo. This process was seemingly very well received by local people.

In 2010 the attention to privacy of personal information on the internet was not as developed as it is now.

In 2025, a google search for "can I publish school class photos online" resulted in the following :-

You can publish school class photos online, but **only with explicit, written consent from parents/guardians (and sometimes the children themselves), following school policies, and adhering to data protection like GDPR**, which treats photos as personal data, requiring careful handling, especially for public posts and children, to protect their privacy and safety from risks like exploitation or unwanted attention. Always check your school's specific guidelines and get permission before sharing.

We were not aware of this when we posted class photos.

We are now unsure as to whether this restriction has a time horizon. For example could we publish a 1975 class photo in 2025 ? Would it make a difference if the information is already in the public domain, for example, in a newspaper article ?

Throughout our collection of social history we have photos with names at weddings, Miss Gatehouse gala queens, births, deaths, census, valuation rolls etc.

We do not wish to break any laws, so whilst there is uncertainty, we have very reluctantly decided to start the process of removing names and photographs of people who would be less than 50 years old.

We will restore this content if we get confirmation that it constitutes acceptable social history, maybe as long as an acceptable time has elapsed since it was created.