

Book Summary

Recollections of Life in the Village of East Rainton

By Robert Hope

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This small booklet was written by Robert Hope in the late 1980s. It is a valuable and honest account of life in the village of East Rainton during the nineteen twenties.

It has been reproduced in its entirety by the Hetton Local History Group as they are of the belief that it will not only provide enjoyment for the older generations about their heritage, but will also serve as a useful reference tool for those who wish to visit the past. Not only will residents of the past and present village be able to reflect on the content but it will also be a document to be studied by others from the local area outside of the village.

The Hetton Local History Group has added a small amount of local information at the end of the text together with maps and where possible photographs to help the reader.

Born in East Rainton Robert lived for a number of years close to the Hazard Colliery on the outskirts of the village and he ably describes the villagers and their occupations as well as aspects of everyday life which includes the detail of the early years in the late 1920s and early 30s during the period of the Depression. Robert has also added a number of hand drawn sketches and maps of the village which have been reproduced for the readers.

The text has been copied in a large text which we hope will aid younger readers to also enjoy the book.

