

Explore and Discover Battle

The village of Battle did not exist before the battle.

So synonymous with the Battle of Hastings, Battle's history dates from the strategic crossroads of ancient ridge roads at the sign of 'The old hoar apple tree'. Later, an Abbey was built to commemorate the Battle and this historic town began to develop.

The Battle of Senlac or the Battle of Red Lake later became known as the Battle of Hastings. Today Caldbec Hill, Harold's rendezvous point is crowned by a windmill, east of the A2100, on the road to Whatlington.

The town is still dominated by the massive Abbey gatehouse and there are many old buildings, dating back from the 13th century. St Mary's was restored in 1869 but dates in part from the 14th and 15th centuries.

There is more to Battle than the battle and this talk will explore and discover the history of the town since its formation.