

The Stamford Bridge Tapestry will commemorate the Battle of Stamford Bridge (September 25, 1066), when the Saxons defeated the Vikings so comprehensively that almost an entire generation of Viking warriors was wiped out. If the Saxon troops had not had to fight the Battle of Stamford Bridge, they would almost certainly have been victorious at the Battle of Hastings, less than a month later, and British history would have been very different.

This year is the 950th anniversary of the battles of Fulford, Stamford Bridge and Hastings. Stitchers in Fulford have already completed the Fulford Tapestry? the Stamford Bridge Tapestry will complete the story of these three crucial battles of 1066.

Like the Bayeux Tapestry, our tapestry is actually an embroidery, stitched in wool, on linen. It has been designed in the style of the Bayeux Tapestry by Chris Rock, Chairman of the Battle of Stamford Bridge Heritage Society, of which the tapestry project is a part.

It is being stitched by a team of volunteers under the direction of Shirley Smith, a professional textile artist and Minster broderer. The intention is for it to become a national heirloom for Britain, in the same way as the Bayeux Tapestry is for France.

To see some of the work so far, please visit our Flickr group:

https://www.flickr.com/groups/3032987@N22/

To purchase items bearing images of the tapestry, please visit our Redbubble site:

http://www.redbubble.com/people/sbtapestry

To follow our progress, please see our Facebook page, Stamford Bridge Tapestry 1066

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