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430 pages, with numerous colour illustrations.

This handsomely illustrated book explores the eight centuries of Alresford's history from its creation in about 1200 to the present day. It provides fresh insights into the foundation of the town, the creation of the great Pond, the Battle of Cheriton, the devastating fire of 1689, the billeting of hundreds of French prisoners in the town, the 'Swing' riots of 1830, the railway, the hazards of two world wars, the development of the Watercress Line and the town's growing tourist appeal.

The book recalls local figures as diverse as Dr Henry Perin, founder of the School, Peter Heylyn, the Royalist Rector ejected from his parish, Mary Russell Mitford, John Arlott and the Tichborne Claimant.

It gives an impression of what everyday life was like in each period and how the town has changed through the centuries as a market town, a highway town, an administrative hub, a local shopping centre and as an increasingly desirable place of residence. Alresford was originally built to a plan and has been reshaped by modern planning policies, growing in size to a population of over 5,000.

With a host of fascinating and colourful pictures, including archive photos of the town and images of celebrated events such as the Watercress Festival and the Watercress Line's 'Light Train', this is a rich source of information about Alresford and an ideal browsing book.