Buckler’s Hard historical significance to be highlighted on BBC2

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Buckler’s Hard has played a vital role in the history of naval

shipbuilding in Britain, and the village, plus Beaulieu River, was crucial too in wartime activities, including the D-Day landings…

Buckler's Hard tells us:

(Photograph and all words from Buckler's Hard).

Villages by the Sea – Buckler's Hard takes the spotlight on BBC Two

Buckler's Hard is set to take centre stage in a special 30-minute feature episode of Villages by the Sea on BBC Two on Monday 9th December. The picturesque village will be showcased as part of the program's exploration of Britain's coastal villages on the front line of history.

Archaeologist Ben Robinson visited the 18th century village earlier in the year to uncover its fascinating stories of the past – including its shipbuilding heritage, stories of residents who once lived there, and its wartime connections, as well as interesting archaeological discoveries.

Buckler's Hard flourished as a naval shipbuilding centre and has become famous for building warships for Nelson's Navy, including three vessels that took part in the Battle of Trafalgar.

During the episode, Ben Robinson will delve into archives held at Beaulieu, including those in Palace House, to piece together the captivating history of Buckler's Hard. With the guidance of knowledgeable local experts, he further uncovers the wartime significance of the Beaulieu River – including the important role the village played in the D-Day landings.

Whether you're a history enthusiast or simply curious about Britain's maritime past, tune in to BBC Two on Monday 9th December, at 7pm to celebrate the recognition of Buckler's Hard's unique place in history. Plus, those inspired by the episode can visit the Buckler's Hard Museum to explore first-hand the development of the village, the story of its ships, and

the lives of the residents who lived and worked there.

Buckler’s Hard in the New Forest, Hampshire is accessible by foot, car, bike – or boat! The village is free to enter. For those arriving by vehicle, a parking charge applies, which helps maintain the heritage site. If you wish to explore the Buckler’s Hard Museum for a small admission charge applies.

For further details please see https://bucklershard.co.uk/ or call 01590 616203.