

This listing concentrates on local studies periodicals, school and parish magazines, and the annual reference publications that we hold in the Record Office.

All ranges of years given are general and we may not hold every issue or every year indicated. Please ask if you are interested in a specific issue or year.

Local Studies periodicals

These periodicals are the main historical Society journals covering Somerset, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire with a range of company magazines, subject-specialist magazines and local news magazines.

§ These titles are individually catalogued by title (Record Societies)

Title	Collection Dates
America in Britain (American Museum) (see also Pamphlets collection)	1977-2009, 2015
Archaeological Review [West Country submissions only]	1967-72
Avon Bird Report	1998-2021
Avon Gardens Trust	1982-2005, 2009-2010, 2012
Avon Past	1979-93
Bath and Bristol Magazine [complete run]	1832-34
Bath and County Graphic [complete run]	1896-1904
Bath and County Life	1974
Bath and West Country Life	1997-98
Bath and West Life	1997-99
Bath and West of England Society Journal [see also Society archives Acc 0038]	1783-1796, 1853-68, 1869-1940
Bath Area Network for Artists - BANA	2002-09
Bath Arts	1984
Bath City Life	1989-97
Bath Connections	1987-89
Bath Critic (complete run)	1951-53
Bath Field Club (Bath Natural History and Antiquarian Field Club) [in Searchroom]	1865-1910
Bath Geological Society	1986-2010
Bath History	1986-2019
Bath Household Almanac	1854-91
Bath Life	2002-21
Bath Magazine	2002 - present
Bath Museums News	1980-95
Bath Natural History Society	1996-2012, 2015
Bath Pictorial (catalogued)	1889-1918

Bath Society News	1983-95
Bath Spark	1978-82
Bath Weekly Chronicle and Herald : Notes & Queries (typed from newspaper - indexed on subject index cards)	1933-54
Bath Year Book	1890-1896
Beacon	1898-1914
Beckford Journal	1995-2021
Better Health	1928-32
Bristol & Avon Archaeology	1982-2000
Bristol & Avon Family History Society	1986 - present
Bristol and Bath in Camera	1983-84
Bristol & Gloucestershire Archaeological Society	1876-2010
Bristol Industrial Archaeology Society Journal [BIAS]	1968 - present
Bristol Naturalists Society - Nature in Avon	1866 - present
Bristol Record Society §	1930-2007
Business South West	1997-2001
Butty	1959-2016
Camertonian (see also Pamphlet collection)	1951-2007
County Magazine	1786-87
Fieldfare (latterly Community Action)	1981-2008
Five Arches	1986-87, 1993-2016
Folio	1994-2010
Fry's Works Magazine - later Somerdale Magazine	1922-1969
Gloucester Notes & Queries	1881-1903
Green Book	1979-1982
History of Bath Research Group - Proceedings	1986-2017
Light Bob Gazette (Journal of the Somerset Light Infantry)	1898, 1920-39, 1946-51
Local Historian (prev. Amateur Historian), including Local History News	1964-92; 2009-15
Local Look	2010 - present
Mayors Guides Newsletter (aka Guidelines)	1-77 (2019)
Midsomer Norton & Radstock Journal	1768 (1 Jan 2015) - present
Musical Opinion (selected issues with items of local interest)	Jan 1931-Jul 1943
New Tolkein Newsletter (later The Road)	Aug 1980-Sept 1982
Out west	13 Nov 1980-12 May 1982
Plain Dealer	1975-76
Prompt (Avon Association of Drama)	Oct 2003-May 2012
Regional Historian	1998-2002; 2010-13
Royal Crescent Society	1991-2012

Somerset & Dorset Bulletin (changed name to Pines Express)	1983-93
Somerset & Dorset Notes & Queries	1889-2017
Somerset & Dorset Telegraph	1999-2007
Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society : Bath Branch [in Searchroom]	1904-47
Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society – Proceedings [in Searchroom]	1849-2017
Somerset Birds	1982-2022
Somerset Countryman	1929-60
Somerset Industrial Archaeological Society Journal	1975-81
Somerset Masters Lodge - Transactions	1918-37
Somerset Wildlife News	2001-2016
Somerset Year Book	1901, 1906-1939
South West Catholic History	1984-96
Speculum (Herschel Society)	1989 - 2019
Somerset Record Society	1887-2019
Stothert & Pitt News (S&P News)	Feb 1975 - Jan 1980
Survey of Bath & District	1994-2015
Tabard (City of Bath Heraldic Society)	2000, 2002, 2005
Touch Down (Odd Down Community Magazine)	1993-2001
Weigh House (Somersetshire Coal Canal Society)	Apr 1994-Oct 2015
Wells Natural History & Archaeological Society Mendip Nature Reserve Committee	1895-1950
West Country Magazine	1946-52
Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society Proceedings	1853-2015
Wiltshire Ornithological Society News	2001-2006
Wiltshire Notes & Queries	1893-1916
Wiltshire Record Society (v.1-24 as Record Branch of WANHS) §	1939-2016
The Week in... [Keynsham]	26 Aug 2010-22/29 Dec 2011

Victoria County Histories

The plan, in 1900, was to produce histories of every English county. Some were completed, some never started, and a few are still going. We have a large (but incomplete) collection. The local counties are in the main searchroom, the other counties are in the family history searchroom.

Counties	Vols available	Status
Local counties		
Gloucestershire	1-11	
Somerset	2-11	
Wiltshire	1-18	(vol.17 & 18 not in collection)
Other counties		

Bedfordshire	1-3, index	completed in 1914
Berkshire	1-4, index	completed in 1927
Buckinghamshire	1-4, index	completed in 1928
Cambridgeshire	1, 3-9, index (vols. 1-4)	completed in 1989 (Vols. 2 & 10 not in collection)
Chester/Cheshire	1-3, 5(ii)	Research dormant. No vol.4, (Vol.5 (i) not in collection)
Cornwall	1	Research suspended (vol.2 published, not in collection)
Cumberland	1-2	completed in 1905
Derbyshire	1-2	Research restarted (vol.3 published, not in collection)
Devon	1	Research dormant.
Dorset	2-3	Research dormant.
Durham	1-4	Research ongoing (vol.5 published, not in collection)
Essex	1-10, 2 bibliographies	Research ongoing (vols.11 & 12(i) published, not in collection)
Hampshire	1-5, index	completed - under revision
Herefordshire	1	Research restarted
Hertfordshire	1-4, index	completed in 1923
Huntingdonshire	1-3, index	completed in 1938
Kent	1-3	Research restarted
Lancashire	1-8	completed in 1914
Leicestershire	1-5	Research restarted
Lincolnshire	2	Research dormant
Middlesex	1-9, 11-12, London vol.1	vol.10 missing
Norfolk	1-2	Research dormant
Northamptonshire	1-4	(Vol.5 & 6 published – not in collection)
Nottinghamshire	1-2	Research restarted
Oxfordshire	1-9, 11-15	(Vol.10, 16-19 published – not in collection)
Rutland	1-2, index	completed in 1935
Shropshire	1-4, 8, 10, 11	Research restarted, no vols. 5, 7, 9 (vol.6 not in collection)
Staffordshire	1-8, 17, 20	(Vols. 9, 10, 14 published – not in collection) No. vols.11-13, 15-16, 18-19
Suffolk	1-2	Research dormant
Surrey	1-4, index	completed in 1914
Sussex	1-7, 9	Research ongoing, (vol.8 not in collection)
Warwickshire	1-8, index	completed in 1969
Worcestershire	1-4, index	completed in 1926
York : East Riding	1-7	(Vol.8 published – not in collection)
York : North Riding	2, index	Completed (vol.1 not in collection)
Yorkshire (general)	1-3, index	completed in 1925
York : City of York	1	completed in 1961

Parish Magazines

Most churches produce a newsletter or magazine to keep their congregations informed. Although most of these magazines are for Parish churches, there are a few for non-Anglican congregations.

Church/Parish	Overall Collection Dates
Bath Abbey	1889-1894; 1825-56; 1985-2004
Bath and Wells Diocese	1883-87
Bath Catholic Magazine	1923-27
Bathwick (St John the Baptist)	1898-1901
Bathwick Parish (St Mary's)	1917-18; 1947-60; 1985-ongoing
Christ Church	1941-42; 1985-96
Holy Trinity Parish	1891-1940
Home Visitor/ Home Words (Walcot)	1889-1909
Manvers Street Baptist Church	1929-40
St James's Parish	1881-1918; 1936-42
St John's, Lower Weston, Parish	1897; 1934-49
St Luke's Parish	1942-46; 1985-90
St Mark's, Lyncombe	1915
St Michael's (St Michael with St Paul)	1935-40; 1985-89
St Nicholas, Bathampton	1969
St Phillip's and St James' (with Combe Hay)	1984-97
St Saviour's Church, Larkhall	1985-98
St Stephen's Parish	1936-37; 1985-88
Swainswick, Langridge & Wooley Parish	1985-2015
Trinity Presbyterian	1914-17
Twerton Parish	1885-6; 1936-7
Walcot Parish	1887-1913; 1927-43; 1985-89
Weston All Saints Parish	1896; 1985-89; 1901-02
Widcombe Baptist	1903-34
Widcombe Parish	1935-7; 1985-89

Parish Councils

We have very few Parish Council magazines. These are held as part of the relevant Council's deposited records.

Council	Dates
Bishop Sutton and Stowey Village Magazine	2011-17
The Timsbury Letter	1978-2012

School Magazines

We have a selection of magazines covering a few of the secondary schools in Bath and district.

Title	Overall Collection Dates
The Bathonian (Bath College)	1887-1909
Bath City Secondary School for Girls / City of Bath Girls' School	1924-28; 1936-53
The Edwardian (King Edward's School)	1920-2010
Kingswood Magazine (Kingswood School)	1879-2004
The Monktonian (Monkton Combe School)	1880-2003
Oldfield Boys' School	1949-64
Oldfield Memories (Old boys of Oldfield Boys' School)	2010-19
Prior Park Magazine	1885-90; 1935
The Raven (Downside School)	1965-1983
Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army	1944; 1947; 1977
The Sulian (City of Bath Boys' School)	1907-63

Annual reference publications

Armed Forces Lists

All armed forces lists relate to commissioned and warrant officers only. They do not contain information about other ranks. We no longer subscribe to any of these lists.

Navy Lists

The first lists appeared in the early eighteenth century but were not published regularly until later in the century. They may include information about ships as well as officers. There are selected lists 1888-1970 on Ancestry

Army Lists

There have been published army lists since the seventeenth century, and their coverage and layout varies between publishers. The Official Army List began in the mid-eighteenth century and was issued variously on an annual, quarterly or half-yearly basis. Hart's Army List was an unofficial army list that was published alongside the official edition. The Royal Marines were included in the Army lists for a period but were also included in the Navy List as they are part of the Royal Navy. There are selected lists 1882-1962 on Ancestry.

Royal Air Force

The RAF was created on 1 April 1918 from the Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corps, so officers in these two services were on the relevant lists prior to this date. The RAF List was first published in March 1919.

Title	Overall Years
Navy List	1834-2012; Retired 1952-2007
List of Roundheads & Cavaliers	1642
Official/Monthly, Half-Yearly Army List	1756, 1761, 1776, 1786-1860 (incl Marines), 1822-1939, 1948-2005
Hart's Army List	1840-1915
Militia & Fencibles	1793, 1796, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1808
Royal Air Force List	1924-2008; Retired 1974-80

Clerical Lists

Crockford's Clerical Directory began in 1858 but was initially published irregularly. It was published biennially in the 1870s, then annually up to WWI when it incorporated Cox's Clergy List. It is published biennially.

Cox's Clergy list started in 1841 and was the main rival to Crockford's until it was taken over in 1917. Bosworth's Clerical Guide was a short-lived publication that was taken over by Cox's.

Titles	Overall collection years
Cox's Clergy List	1841-1902
Bosworth's Clerical Directory	1874-86
Crockfords Clerical Yearbook	1865-present

Peerages

There are several publishers of peerage lists, and their contents vary between the titles. We have peerage lists from 1685 onwards. There are also lists of landed gentry and armory books (heraldry).

We also have the 8-volume first edition set of *The Complete Peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain, and the United Kingdom Extant, Extinct, or Dormant*.

Title	Overall collection years
Burke's Peerage & Baronetage (incl. Knightage from 1904)	1827-1970
Burke's Landed Gentry	1847-1972; Colonial 1891-5; Irish 1912, 1958