

Westcountry Studies Library

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Welcome

to the Westcountry Studies Library, home to the largest and most comprehensive reference collection on Devon and its region.

First time visitor or regular user, single question or lengthy project – our staff are on hand to assist and guide you.

Here you can research:

Your Family

Trace your ancestors in census returns, old newspapers, trade directories and family cuttings files. Search www.ancestry.com and other family history websites using the library computers.

Your House

Explore the history of your house using directories, maps, parish histories, census returns, newspapers and illustrations.

Your Community

Delve into the past, examine the present or enquire into future plans for your community with the help of newspaper cuttings and community web pages, maps, parish histories, old photos and prints.

Our services

- Help with research material from primary to post graduate level
- Basic research services for postal and e-mail enquirers
- Talks to teachers, students and other interested groups

Facilities

- Computer catalogue and manual indexes
- Unlimited Internet access to designated websites supporting local history and genealogical research, including Ancestry Library Edition
- Reader-printers and fiche readers
- Photocopier and scanner
- Power points for laptops
- Seminar room
- Devon Record Office service point – self-service access to parish record and Inland Revenue wills



Online resources

At www.devon.gov.uk/localstudies you can browse the catalogue and booklists, study detailed guides to the collection, look at digital images of illustrations and find a wealth of information on places and subjects as well as links to other useful sites.

Contact details

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Opening hours:

Monday: 9.30 - 6.00
Tuesday: 9.30 - 7.00
Wednesday: 10.00 - 5.00
Thursday: 9.30 - 7.00
Friday: 9.30 - 6.00
Saturday: 9.30 - 4.00

Different formats

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