

# Barnstaple Local Studies Library

Factsheet 35

## Resources

The North Devon Local Studies Centre provides a “one stop shop” for local and family history researchers, combining the North Devon related local studies resources and archives of **Devon Libraries** and **Devon Record Office** with those of the **North Devon Athenaeum**, a private charitable trust.

The resources include

- Ancestry Library Edition family history website
- North Devon Census records from 1841-1901 on microfilm/fiche
- Historic maps and plans of North Devon
- Original documents held by North Devon Record Office
- Parish records for all Devon parishes on microfiche
- Historic local newspapers on film as well as current titles
- International Genealogical and General Register Office indexes on microfiche
- Books on the North Devon and Exmoor area and by local writers
- Runs of the major county historical periodicals

More detailed information about the resources held and services offered by each department, together with links to their online catalogues, can be found online at their individual website homepages, detailed below. All items are for reference use only, are held on site and can be ordered for viewing on the day or in advance.

- Local Studies Library: [www.devon.gov.uk/barnstaplelocalstudies](http://www.devon.gov.uk/barnstaplelocalstudies) (catalogue: [www.devon.gov.uk/localstudies/100173/1.html](http://www.devon.gov.uk/localstudies/100173/1.html))
- North Devon Record Office: [www.devon.gov.uk/north\\_record\\_office](http://www.devon.gov.uk/north_record_office)
- North Devon Athenaeum: [www.northdevonathenaeum.org.uk](http://www.northdevonathenaeum.org.uk)

## Facilities



The Centre consists of a general reading room and a searchroom for looking at Record Office documents. There is table space for research, access to microfilm and fiche viewers with a self service printer, and access to computers for local or family history research. A small area is available where you may sit for rest and refreshment if you want to bring sandwiches and a flask.

There is no dedicated car park but there is public car parking next to the building, or within easy walking distance, or you can use Park and Ride.

## Booking

You are welcome to call in and use our resources without advance warning, but if you are planning a special journey to view material, please phone to check its availability first. If the resources are in microfilm or fiche format, you will need to book an appropriate reader to enable you to view them.

The Record Office asks that you produce identification with your current address or photograph or a current CARN ticket before you can consult original documents.

## Barnstaple Local Studies Library

Barnstaple Local Studies Library is part of the North Devon Local Studies Centre and is on the second floor of the North Devon Library and Record Office building in Barnstaple.



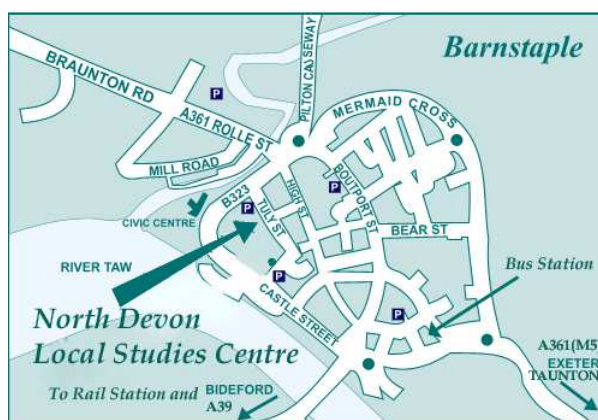
We welcome local and family history enquiries by phone or email and personal visitors from across the world. Many of our customers are from Australia, America and South Wales, tracing their ancestry back to North Devon, or were World War II evacuees, and want to revisit their childhood haunts. But you do not have to have North Devon family connections to benefit from our help and expert guidance.

Devon Libraries subscribe to the Ancestry online family history website which includes Census records from 1841-1891 and birth, marriage and death indexes for the whole of England and Wales as well as certain London parish and Poor Law records, US passenger lists, Australian transportation registers, and World War I service and medal records.

Devon Library members can use the Ancestry online family history website FREE for half an hour a day in ANY Devon library but for an HOUR a day at our Local Studies Centre.

You can drop in to see us at any time during opening hours, or contact us by phone or email for your local and family history enquiries, for advice, or to book resources for your visit.

## Finding us



## Contact details

### Barnstaple Local Studies Library

North Devon Local Studies Centre  
Tuly Street  
Barnstaple  
EX31 1EL

#### Opening hours:

Monday:	9.30 – 5.00
Tuesday:	9.30 – 5.00
Wednesday:	9.30 – 1.00
Thursday:	9.30 – 5.00
Friday:	9.30 – 5.00
Saturday:	Closed

**Phone:** 01271 388607

**Email:** [barnlocstudy.library@devon.gov.uk](mailto:barnlocstudy.library@devon.gov.uk)

### Different formats

If you would like a summary of this in a different format such as large print, Braille or tape, or in a different language, please contact our Customer Service Centre on 0845 155 1015 or email [customer@devon.gov.uk](mailto:customer@devon.gov.uk)

*Last updated March 2011*