

# Explore... Archaeology

## HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD

The Historic Environment Record Office is open 1-4pm each weekday afternoon, and alternate Saturdays 10:30am - 1:30pm. Come and speak to an archaeologist about how the HER database can help you with your local research, as well as other resources such as aerial photos and archaeological reports.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY DAY SCHOOL

November - University of Worcester, St John's campus. £20  
We are planning another of our popular Day Schools in November, but are unable to confirm the date at time of printing. Please email: [explorethepast@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:explorethepast@worcestershire.gov.uk) for details.

## HIGH STREET ON PARADE

11th-26th Sept, Bromsgrove High St/Worcester Road  
As part of Bromsgrove Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) project, and supported by the Bromsgrove Society and Bromsgrove District Council, we will be co-ordinating a project to celebrate the heritage of buildings in this historic town by turning the High Street and part of Worcester Road into a gallery with posters in shop windows celebrating the history of each building. It will be launched with the Town Crier on Thu 11th Sept, we will have a market stall there on Sat 13th, and an accompanying exhibition will be staged at Bromsgrove Library.



# Exploring the... Archives

Join us for a workshop exploring different historic sources we hold. What are these sources? How can they be used to help you in your family or local history research? How can you search our indexes to find what you want? Each workshop will also include an opportunity to use original archives, so we will ask participants to put bags away at the start of the workshop. £8 each

## PARISH RECORDS

Wed 26th Nov 10am-12:30pm. £8  
Find out about love and death and more, recorded in the parish records. These are one of the key sources for family and local history, detailing people's lives.

## WWI

Mon 10th Nov 10am-12:30pm. £8  
How can you research soldiers in the archives? What information is held here about Worcestershire during the Great War? With the centenary of World War One underway we'll highlight what you can discover within our collections.

## BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR

Wed 27th Nov, 2-3:30pm. £5  
What happens behind the scenes of Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service? See our conservator in action, handle archaeological artefacts found in the county, and see documents such as Shakespeare's marriage bond and a letter written on the Titanic.

## WORCESTERSHIRE YOUNG ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLUB

We, along with Worcester City Historic Environment Record, support the local branch of the Young Archaeologists Club. The club meets monthly, with a range of visits to historic places and the opportunity to have a go at learning archaeological skills. It is open to young people aged 8-16 who have an interest in archaeology and history. For more details email [wyaclub@gmail.com](mailto:wyaclub@gmail.com) or visit [www.wyac.co.uk](http://www.wyac.co.uk).

Worcestershire Archive & Archaeology Service works to protect, preserve, manage, record, interpret and promote the history and historic environment of Worcestershire. All types of research on Worcestershire people and places can be undertaken using the comprehensive resources of the Historic Environment Record and our diverse archive collections. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are here to help.

Thousands of people a year take part in our events and we look forward to seeing you in our home, The Hive, or out and about around the county.

## How to Book

Unless stated, places need to be booked in advance. This can be done at the Explore the Past desk on Level 2 in The Hive during our standard opening hours (see our website), or by e-mail and should be paid for in advance. If you would like to be added to our mailing list and receive details of our events and our newsletter please send us your e-mail address.

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# Events Autumn 2014



Explore...  
the Past  
with us

These courses are run by our experts, and are designed to aid your research and introduce you to the wide range of resources we hold. All events are held here in The Hive and need to be booked in advance unless stated. Information on how to book is given on the back cover.



### EXPLORING ANCESTRY.CO.UK

Ancestry is one of the best family history websites, but how do you get started on it, how do you make the most of it, and what information is available? Our workshops focus on researching family history using the website and participants should already be familiar with computers and the internet.

All Ancestry workshops are £6 and must be booked in advance.

### STARTING ANCESTRY – THE CENSUS

Wed 8th Oct 2-4pm

Beginners guide to the website focusing on the census records, one of the most important sources for family historians.

### FURTHER ANCESTRY- BEYOND THE CENSUS

Wed 15th Oct 2-4pm

Find out what else can be found on the website. This is a follow up to Starting Ancestry.

### WHAT'S NEW ON ANCESTRY.CO.UK

Wed 22nd Oct 2-4pm

Ideal if you already use the website but want to keep up to date with sources that have been added over the past couple of years.



### FIRST STEPS IN FAMILY HISTORY

First Saturdays in Month 10am – 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec & First Wednesdays 2pm – 1st Oct, 5th Nov, 3rd Dec

These 1 hour introductions will guide you round the most useful family history resources we hold on the Explore the Past floor and give you some tips on getting started. The sessions take up to 5 people and are £5 per person. Contact us to confirm dates and reserve your place.

## Explore... Local History

### FIRST STEPS IN LOCAL & HOUSE HISTORY

House History - First Saturdays in Month 11:30am – 4th Oct, 1st Nov, 6th Dec

Local History - First Wednesdays 3:30pm – 1st Oct, 5th Nov and 3rd Dec

These 1 hour introductions will guide you round the most useful local or house history resources we hold on the Explore the Past floor and give you some tips on getting started.

The sessions take up to 5 people and are £5 per person.



### EXPLORE MAPS

Mon 3rd Nov 10am-3pm (45 min break in the middle) £12

It is said that all good adventures begin with a map! Join us for a workshop on maps, finding out about the different types we hold, the information they reveal and how to search for and use them here in The Hive.



### WORCESTERSHIRE GREAT WAR EXHIBITION

FREE. The Hive

This exhibition is currently in The Hive on levels 1, 2 and 3. The displays include photographs and documents based on three main themes – Gender and Home Front, Childhood, and Cities at War – commemorating how the war touched and changed the lives of people across Worcestershire. It is part of the Worcestershire World War One Hundred programme, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund & Voices of War and Peace, First World War Engagement centre. For more information on the programme visit: [www.worcestershire.co.uk](http://www.worcestershire.co.uk).



## Explore... Your Family History

### STARTING FAMILY HISTORY

Thu 9th Oct 10am-1pm  
or Sat 11th Oct 10am-1pm  
£10

Want to know how to begin tracing your ancestors and building your family tree? This workshop will explain how to get started, with key tips and introducing the main sources you will need, including census and civil registration records, parish registers and wills.

