

# Bristol Archives

## Using the searchroom



The archives in our care are unique and irreplaceable; please help us to safeguard them for future generations.

**How to order archives:** please see our separate 'Ordering archives' leaflet.

### Computers, catalogues and indexes

- You can use our searchroom computers to access:
  - our online catalogue
  - family history indexes
  - digitised tithe maps
  - the internet
- Our media computer provides access to digital collections, including film and photo archives.
- You are welcome to use personal laptops but we are not responsible for any damage or loss to equipment or data. WiFi is available (network name: BOpen - no password needed).
- Parish registers, nonconformist registers, probate records, school admission registers and many other family history sources are available on microfiche at the far end of the searchroom.
- The following subject research guides are available; please ask at the counter:
  - ◆ Family history
  - ◆ Building and house history
  - ◆ Cemeteries and burial grounds
  - ◆ The Poor Law in Bristol
  - ◆ Ships, seamen and emigrants
- We also have a library of family history, local history and other reference books is located beyond the partition next to the large map tables.

### BAFHS research room

The Bristol & Avon Family History Society room is open for family history advice at these times:

- Wednesday 10am to 1pm
- Thursday 1pm to 4pm
- Saturday 10am to 1pm (when Bristol Archives is open)

### Our facilities

- Please consider others by speaking quietly and keeping conversation to a minimum. You are welcome to discuss your research in the refreshment area in the foyer.
- There is a hot drinks machine and water cooler dispenser in the refreshment area, as well as toilet facilities.
- Mothers are welcome to breast-feed infants in any public area, except at tables where archives are consulted, in order to protect the archives.
- Parents of young children may find it more convenient to arrange for them to be supervised in the refreshment area in the foyer.

**Our staff are here to help you to find your way around the searchroom and use the archives.  
Please ask if you need any help.**