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## London Borough of Enfield Local History Sheets.

### Archives in Enfield – general information

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Local Studies Library & Archive

- Archives are original documents produced by official bodies, societies and individuals that are no longer in current use. The council may provide a way for local residents and business to view their archives, often in a local library.
- They may be 8 or 800 years old. Most archives are unique and have to be housed in secure conditions and handled with care.
- Many archives have been copied in order to save wear and tear on the originals.
- The documents range from the 12th to the 20th century. Included are official and privately-owned archives.

Enfield's Local Studies Archive aims to collect and keep permanently everything which helps to reflect life in Enfield, its people and institutions irrespective of date. It includes all material previously housed in the local collections of the former boroughs of Edmonton, Enfield and Southgate. In addition the department also houses a substantial collection of archive material from the former authorities.

Local History materials can be used for:

- Tracing your family history.
- Discovering the history of your village or town.
- Discovering the history of your house.
- School and college projects.
- Checking certain legal rights, e.g. rights of way.

Enfield Local Studies Library & Archive is located on the First Floor Thomas Hardy House, 39 London Road, Enfield, EN2 6DS. Staff can assist and advise enquirers in locating information.

The material in stock includes books, pamphlets, periodicals, newspapers, maps, deeds, manuscripts, slides, tapes, films, microfilm, photographs, prints, leaflets from local societies, etc. Additions are constantly being made through purchase or donation.

Please contact the Local Studies Archive for more details:

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Or in person at the above address

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 9.30- 5pm