Archives opening hours

Bearsden and Milngavie Archives
Brookwood Library
166 Drymen Road
Bearsden, G61 3RJ
Telephone: 0141 777 3021
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Kirkintilloch G66 1AD
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William Patrick Library
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Tues 10am – 8pm (booking essential for evening visits)

OTHER FORMATS

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The Archives

Archives are the unique documentary heritage of East Dunbartonshire and its people. Anyone can use the archives and it is free!

Archives are collections of original records created by people and organisations. They have been specially chosen to be kept forever because they give us evidence about our past – how we used to live and work, the history of the area and the decisions made by local government.

You can use archives to research your family history, the history of your house or local area, and for study projects. Be your own detective and find the evidence connecting you to people, stories, events, places and times gone by.

Collections

We care for the official records of East Dunbartonshire Council and the burghs, councils and school boards which came before it. We also preserve the private records of local families, businesses and organisations which have been donated to us.

The areas covered include Kirkintilloch, Bishopbriggs, Bearsden, Milngavie, Campsie, Cadder and Baldernock.

Official collections

- Council minutes
- building plans
- school records
- poor law records
- court records
- valuation and assessment rolls
- maps and plans

Private collections

- businesses of all kinds particularly those from the rich industrial heritage of the area including boat building and iron founding
- societies, clubs, political groups and charities reflecting the wide range of activities and interests of local people
- people and families, containing letters, diaries and photographs
- estate records of landowning families such as the Whitelaws of Gartshore
- railway history collections most notably the James F McEwan Transport History Collection

Services

We have paper catalogues, indexes and source guides in the library to help you find the records you need. Our staff are happy to help you use these. If you need more help or you are planning a research project please make an appointment with our archivist for advice on the best archive sources for you.

You can also view summaries of many of our collections online on our website www.edlc.co.uk and on the Scottish Archive Network website www.scan.org.uk

We offer a free enquiry service (up to 30 minutes research) for anyone who is unable to visit us. We can also supply photocopies and scanned images of documents.

How to find us

The archives are stored in two locations. Archives for Bearsden and Milngavie are kept at Brookwood Library in Bearsden, archives for all other areas in East Dunbartonshire are stored at the William Patrick Library in Kirkintilloch.

Everyone has a history and we've got a bit of yours!

Over 500 years of East Dunbartonshire history