

# Local studies at Bexhill Library



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Bexhill Library has a large local studies collection about the history of Bexhill-on-Sea and the surrounding district of Rother. The collection also covers the development of East Sussex in general.

The reference collection includes books, maps, press cuttings and other material relating to the local area.

The topics covered in some detail include:

- De La Warr pavilion
- De La Warr family
- land development
- coastal erosion
- Little Common village
- Sidley village

You can use the [E-library](#) to find out which books are available on local and family history at Bexhill library, and our periodicals list to see full details of what newspapers and magazines we can offer you. A brief list of the main newspapers and magazines at Bexhill library is given below.

If you are doing lengthy research or just have a general interest in the county's past – contact us. Library staff are happy to help you.

Bexhill Library  
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Phone: 0345 60 80 196  
Fax: 01424 733390  
Email: [library.bexhill@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:library.bexhill@eastsussex.gov.uk)

You can email our Enquiry Team at [library.enquiries@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:library.enquiries@eastsussex.gov.uk) to ask for information on any of the following:

- finding out about the history of the place, or house where you live
- researching your family history
- writing a thesis or essay on any aspect of the history of the area
- doing a school project on a local theme

## Newspapers

Bexhill Library has a range of local newspapers you can use to find out about local history. These include:

- Bexhill News/Ad News 1980-
- Bexhill-on-Sea Observer 1896-2002
- Bexhill Chronicle 1891-1930
- Sussex Express 5 years

The library also has an index of obituaries which appeared in the following newspapers:

- Bexhill Chronicle 1915-1930
- Bexhill-on-Sea Observer 1925-1984, 1990-2001

The library tries to keep a complete set of newspapers. However, some copies may be missing.

Some of the newspapers are available in print and some on microfilm.

It is not usually possible to make photocopies from bound volumes of newspapers. Copies can be made from microfilms. There is a small charge for printing.

## General periodicals

Bexhill Library has a range of general magazines and other periodicals on local and family history in East Sussex. These include:

- Sussex Archaeological Collections 1848-
- Sussex Notes and Queries 1926-1971
- Sussex Record Society Vol 1-
- Sussex County Magazine 1926-1956
- Sussex Family Historian
- Sussex Genealogist and Local Historian
- Sussex History
- Sussex Life
- Sussex Past & Present

See our [Periodicals list](#) for a full list of what is available at Bexhill Library.

## Current periodicals

We currently receive a range of magazines and periodicals on the history of Bexhill and the surrounding area. These include:

- Family Tree

- Local History Link
- Sussex Post

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## Directories and electoral registers

Bexhill Library has a range of directories and electoral registers which you can use to find out about local and family history.

There are restrictions on the availability of recent electoral registers. Earlier editions are available for reference. The information at Bexhill Library includes:

### *Directories*

- Bexhill, Hastings and St Leonard's – various years from 1887-1974

### *Electoral registers*

- Bexhill 1966-2002
- Rother 1980-2002

## Census returns

Every 10 years the UK carries out a census to find out information about the population. This is a great source of information for researching your family history.

Details from census returns are made available to the public 100 years after the census has taken place.

The latest information to be released was from the 1911 Census for England and Wales. It is available online at [www.1911census.co.uk/](http://www.1911census.co.uk/)

The online 1911 Census allows you to search individuals' names and view images of the original census pages. There are charges for some of the information. You can buy vouchers for the census service in your library. The vouchers can be used either in the library or at your home.

Ancestry (library edition) is available free of charge online in our libraries.

Bexhill Library also has the following census information:

- 1841 Census Returns for Sussex
- 1851 East Sussex Census Index
- 1881 British Census on CD-Rom
- Vital Records Index on CD-Rom  
contains approximately 10.4 million birth and christening records from the UK
- National Burial Index for England and Wales  
contains over 5 million burial records from the 16th to the 20th centuries on CD-Rom
- International Genealogical Index (IGI) on microfiche 1998 edition

## **Illustrations, press cuttings and pamphlets**

There is a small collection of photographs, press cuttings, periodical articles and other materials relating to Bexhill and the surrounding area.

These items are not included on the e-library online catalogue or the periodicals list.

Contact us or use the online local studies enquiry form to find out more about what information is available.

## **Maps**

Bexhill Library have a collection of modern and historical maps covering Bexhill and the surrounding district of Rother which you can use to help you find out about local history and tracing the history of your house. We have large scale Ordnance Survey including:

- maps from the 1870s (scale 1:2500)
- modern maps (scale 1:2500)
- modern maps (scale 1:1250)

A few older maps of Bexhill are also available.