

SOME ONLINE RESOURCES

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You may all be finding plenty to occupy you while staying at home, but if you'd like to explore some archaeological or historical sources online, you might like to dip into a few of these.

LAHS publications online

Why not start by browsing some back copies of Transactions and the Leicestershire Historian online

www.le.ac.uk/lahs/index.html

www.le.ac.uk/lahs/publications/historian.html

Local historical resources

Across Patagonia. Free ebook of Lady Florence Dixie's 'six months' wanderings over unexplored and untrodden ground', published in 1880. Lady Florence lived at Bosworth Hall from 1875 until 1883

www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/42666

East Midlands Oral History Archive

Online exhibitions including extracts from recorded interviews

www.le.ac.uk/emoha/community/resources/index.html

Image Leicestershire

Images from images of material from the collections of Leicestershire County Council's Museums, Libraries and Archives services

<https://imageleicestershire.org.uk/>

University of Leicester Special Collections Online

Includes collections relating to oral history, Leicestershire industry, archive materials digitised by the Rothley Heritage Trust, and historical directories

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/library/find/specialcollections>

Aerial and historic photographs

Britain from above. Images from the Aerofilms collection, which includes 1.26 million negatives and more than 2000 photograph albums dating from 1919 to 2006

<https://www.britainfromabove.org.uk/>

Historic England image archive

Searchable collection of photographs and other images. A recent addition is 'Breaking New Ground', the photographic archive of the John Laing construction company which built (amongst many others) Coventry Cathedral, the Barbican, and some of the country's first motorways

<https://historicengland.org.uk/imagesbooks/photos/>

Historic Environment Record (HER) Heritage Gateway

Enables cross-searching of over 60 resources, offering local and national information relating to England's heritage

www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/

Portable Antiquities Scheme

Searchable database plus a range of information on specific aspects including coins, and Bronze Age objects

<https://finds.org.uk/>

Council for British Archaeology

An enormous resource hub for adults and children, including links to useful websites, online talks, podcasts, videos etc.

<http://blog.archaeologyuk.org/2020/03/24/archaeology-resources-hub/>

Historic films

British Film Archive. Includes Edwardian Britain on Film: films by Mitchell and Kenyon of everyday life, including factory workers, church congregations, schoolchildren, street scenes and sport

<https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/collection/edwardian-britain-on-film>

Media Archive for Central England

Extracts from films across the Midlands, including preserved amateur films

<https://www.macearchive.org/mace-themes>

National Library of Scotland

Over 2300 films, including Edinburgh Temperance Day celebrations in the 1930s; the Queen Mary leaving the Clyde on her maiden voyage; and archaeological sites in Shetland and Orkney, filmed in 1937; and students on a dig in 1970 in Stirlingshire which was part of the Antonine Wall

<https://movingimage.nls.uk/search>

Archive of the Irish in Britain

Digital documents, audio and video recordings, books, photos and ephemera on the history of the Irish in Britain from the late 19th century to the present day, many downloadable

<http://repository.londonmet.ac.uk/lists/2>

Accents and dialect

'Do you call a "bread roll" a cob, batch, bread cake, a barm cake or scuffler? How do you pronounce the words cup and plant? And are you sitting or sat while reading this?'. Explore the diversity of British accents and dialect

www.bl.uk/britishaccents-and-dialects

DigVentures

Online archaeology courses

<https://digventures.com/courses/>

FutureLearn

Over 40 history courses are currently available, including five archaeology courses

<https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/history-courses>

Open Domesday

Interactive map to find places mentioned in the Domesday Book, and images of the original folios

<https://opendomesday.org/>

Online museums and virtual tours

BBC History Extra. Links to virtual reality tours including the Vatican, Petra, the Museo Nacional de Anthropologia in Mexico City, and the National Computing Museum in Milton Keynes

<https://www.historyextra.com/magazine/virtual-remote-museum-exhibition-tourshow-explore-history-from-home/>

Google Arts and Culture

A huge archive of digital content from over 2000 leading museums and archives, including interactive virtual tours of five historical sites across the world

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>

[I have explored the British Museum using Google Bob T. Just find the museum on Google StreetView and drag the yellow 'jelly baby' inside the museum...]

BBC History Extra

Historical quizzes ranging from Ancient Rome, Medieval, Great Fire of London, Women Who Changed the World, and World War I

<https://www.historyextra.com/quiz/>

Online jigsaws

Online jigsaws offering an 'insight into wonderful works of art' in the collections of the Cooper Gallery, Barnsley

www.jigsawplanet.com/BarnsleyMuseums