

Devon Archives and Local Studies Service

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Help North Devon Record Office offer local services in northern Devon

The North Devon Record Office has been offering a local archive service for the people of northern Devon since 1988. It has become an essential destination for anyone wanting to discover more about North Devon's remarkable people and communities. We take care of the records of the local area, helping to protect and make available the rich history of this unique part of Devon. We have continued to actively care for the archives throughout the lockdown, and are providing enquiry and remote research services at times when we are not permitted to open our onsite services.

As you may know the Record Office was threatened with closure in 2014 and was saved through the generosity of many people and organisations. We are very grateful for this funding and thank all the organisations who have given their support. Since then we have relied on local organisations to support us financially to enable services to continue in northern Devon. We currently have sufficient funding to run until 31 March 2021

It costs £77,000 per year to run the service, including all premises costs. Devon County Council and South West Heritage Trust are providing a total of £43,000 per year towards this sum. We already have additional pledges from a number of local organisations, and we are very grateful for this support.

Would your parish or town council be able to continue to play a part in ensuring the future of the Record Office by offering financial support for the next year. Pledges received so far from parish councils range from £50 to £600 per year, given in relation to their size. I would be very grateful if this appeal could be brought to the attention of your council, and would be happy to provide any further information I can which may be helpful in reaching a decision.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Janet Tall'.

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