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Explore Your Archive at the Somerset Heritage Centre

As part of the national Explore Your Archive campaign, the South West Heritage Trust will be offering two free events at the Somerset Heritage Centre this November. Explore Your Archive is a national campaign that showcases the best of archives and encourages access to them.

On Monday 18 November from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm 'Researching Carnivals' will showcase documents in the collections featuring the tradition of Guy Fawkes carnivals and provide guidance on using the resources of Somerset Archives and Local Studies. There will be a talk on archival sources, a small exhibition, a tour of the strongrooms and a chance to learn about the online catalogue.

There will be a special behind-the-scenes guided tour on Tuesday 26 November. Somerset Heritage Centre provides state-of-the-art storage for the historic records of Somerset dating from the 8th century to the present day. During the tour visitors will hear about the collections from an expert and will also view the purpose-built strongrooms and stores.

Esther Hoyle, Archives Engagement Manager, said: "We are delighted to participate in the Explore Your Archives national campaign once again. The campaign provides exciting opportunities to access rarely seen pieces of Somerset's remarkable heritage. We look forward to welcoming visitors to these special occasions."

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For further information see swheritage.org.uk

Booking Information

These events are free but booking is essential. Email somersetarchives@swheritage.org.uk or call 01823 278805.

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Notes to editors

1. The South West Heritage Trust

The South West Heritage Trust is an independent charity committed to protecting and celebrating Somerset and Devon's rich heritage. As well as the widely-praised Museum of Somerset and the redeveloped Somerset Rural Life Museum, in Glastonbury, the Trust manages state-of-the-art facilities in Taunton and Exeter to care for the extraordinary archive collections of the two counties. The Trust also provides essential advice about the historic environment and manages historic sites. Individuals and businesses are invited to support the charity through its Supporters' scheme. Visit swheritage.org.uk #SWHTdiscovery

2. Explore Your Archive

The Explore Your Archive campaign is being delivered in partnership with The Archives & Records Association (UK and Ireland), The National Archives and local, business, university and private archives.

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