

# LGBT+ HISTORY AND ARCHIVES IN DEVON

Researching the subject of LGBT+ history in the archives of Devon can be time-consuming. Sources, especially from earlier periods, are few and can be difficult to identify. The National Archives has created a helpful research guide, elements of which are transferable to the process of researching in a local context. <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/gay-lesbian-history/>

Recent developments in LGBT+ historiography have focused on tracing the ways in which LGBT+ culture has evolved in recent decades. An example in Devon is the Plymouth LGBT Archive (<https://plymlgbtarchive.org.uk/>) which, in 2012, won the Community Archives and Heritage Group's Most Inspirational Community Archive award for its work on the history of Plymouth's LGBT community.

As a result of this project The Box in Plymouth holds a large collection which relates to the LGBT history of the city, including oral history interviews, posters, correspondence, leaflets, information guides, newspaper cuttings and reports.

As part of the South West Heritage Trust's mission to record social and cultural history we are keen to build collections which reflect the experience of LGBT+ local groups and individuals both in Devon and in Somerset.

If you're interested in depositing records with us you can [find out how here.](#)