Local information

Information about Oxford and Oxfordshire – its history, geography, architecture, planning, health, economic strategy, transport, tourism – can be found in both printed and online sources.

Sources of information

Books: All ‘local’ books (in Headington Library), regardless of particular subject, are located in the Local Collection, marked by a brown band on the spine. The Local Collection can be found in JHBb on Level 3, Zone C (mobile shelving).

Key shelfmarks include:

- 338.47629222 Cowley car industry
- 378.42574 University of Oxford/Oxford Brookes University
- 711.3094257 Oxfordshire structure plan (NB: latest online – see page 2)
- 711.4094257 Oxford local plan (NB: latest online – see page 2)
- 711.7094257 Transport in Oxford
- 720.942574 Architecture of Oxford
- 914.2574 Guides to Oxford
- 942.574 History of Oxford

Journals: If a specific journal is required (e.g. Oxoniensia) use the Library catalogue for printed journals and E-journals by title for online journals. Articles from a range of journals about local matters can be traced through appropriate databases (e.g. British Architectural Library).

Newspapers: Latest news from both the Oxford Times and Oxford Mail is available online at http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk and http://www.oxfordmail.co.uk. Archives of both newspapers, from May 2007, are available via the Factiva database, with full free text searching options.

Maps:
Print: Both large and small scale maps of the local area are kept in the Map and Atlas Collection. Please ask at the Help Zone for details of where you can find specific maps/atlases.

Online: Online map resources (including Digimap) are listed on the Library homepage (scroll down to Quick Links and select Maps) http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources/maps/

For more detailed information about all maps & atlases, please consult Library Research Guide 10: Maps and atlases

Historic:
Old Maps Online www.oldmapsonline.org
Vision of Britain http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/index.jsp
Historic Digimap http://digimap.edina.ac.uk/

Aerial photographs:


WWW.BROOKES.AC.UK/LIBRARY
**Statistical data:**
- Data on many themes is available from Oxfordshire Insight [insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/](https://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/)
- 2011 census is available from: [https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/2011census](https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/2011census)
- Previous census data is available from the UK Data Service [https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/](https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/)
- Local census data is linked from [https://www.ons.gov.uk/help/localstatistics](https://www.ons.gov.uk/help/localstatistics)

**Internet resources:** Listed below are some key sites:

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<td>Heritage Search (online Oxfordshire heritage resources including photographs,</td>
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<td>Oxfordshire County Council (council depts &amp; facilities, including libraries)</td>
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<td>Oxfordshire Insight (data on Oxfordshire arranged by themes)</td>
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<td>A vision of Britain (historical and geographical information about Britain</td>
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**Oxford Brookes University (OBU) information**

**History/development/architecture:** use Library catalogue to identify books in the Local Collection.

In addition, many historical documents are available as part of the **Oxford Brookes University Collection**, one of the Library's Special Collections, located in the JHB Library - Basement. Details are on the Library webpages at: [http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/special-collections/oxford-brookes-university-collection/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/special-collections/oxford-brookes-university-collection/)

A summary of the **history of Brookes** may be found on the Brookes homepage [http://www.brookes.ac.uk/about-brookes/history/](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/about-brookes/history/)

**Further sources of local information**

**Oxfordshire History Centre:** Located in Cowley, this Centre houses the collections of the Oxfordshire Record Office, Oxfordshire Studies and Oxfordshire Health Archives. For further details please see [https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/oxfordshire-history-centre](https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/oxfordshire-history-centre)

**Bodleian Library:** The Bodleian Library also has substantial collections of works relating to Oxfordshire. To gain admission, please ask at the Brookes Library Help Zone or go to [http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/library-services/borrowing/access-to-other-libraries](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/library-services/borrowing/access-to-other-libraries)

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