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Huntingdon Borough Project | Newsletter 2

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Listing

Work on listing the 14 charters 1205-1688 has been completed. The Charters were obtained by the Borough from the reigning monarch in case he or she disclaimed grants made by predecessors and they confirm or grant privileges enjoyed by the burgesses of Huntingdon. Other groups of records currently being listed are those of the Borough Court of Pleas, Court Leet, Quarter Sessions, Bailiffs and Mayor, and the Town Clerk.

Preservation



Deborah Rohan, Senior Conservator working on the Huntingdon Borough Documents

Following Jo March Vietzke's successful fact finding visit to the Surrey History Centre, both she and Deborah Rohan, the Archives Service's Conservator, have started work on repackaging some of the archives. Purpose made 'Phase' boxes are being made to give added protection to the volumes and parchment subscription lists are being flattened for better storage. The Town Clerk's copy letters 1920-1962 are

being removed from their old acidic ring-binder files with ferrous fastenings and replaced in acid free folders.

Cheque Presentation from the Freeman's Charity

The Huntingdon Freeman's Charity is due to present a cheque for work on the first phase of the Project at the Huntingdon Record Office on Monday 25 April. The money will enable work to be completed on the first phase of the Project. The Charity's Freeman, Officers and other guests will have the opportunity to see an exhibition of some of the documents and talk to those working on the Project.

History of the Archives – we need your help

The Borough Archives have had a chequered history. In the course of the last century various parts of them have been stored in the Town Hall, at the offices of Maule and Winter (80 High Street – a building demolished for the ring road), Ambury House, the old County Record Office (in the former Grammar School buildings) and Castle Hill House, before they were deposited in the present County Record Office in Grammar School Walk in 1976. There must be many people locally who remember them in those places and can help us to piece together the complex jigsaw. We are interested in things like who decided what should be kept, who looked after them, how they were stored and what use was made of them. Perhaps you might also know of records that strayed elsewhere or were destroyed. If you think you can help please get in touch.

More Information?

Contact the Project team at county.records.hunts@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. A brief page about the Project appears on the Archives Service main website, at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/archives/projects/huntboro.htm>

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