

Somerset Newspapers

The Somerset Studies Library holds microfilm copies of all of the major Somerset newspapers, covering most editions from the first publication to the current date. A considerable number are available for self-service use in the public searchroom, whilst smaller titles and editions after 1974 should be requested from our strongrooms. We recommend booking a newspaper reader in advance, as they can be very popular with researchers. Copies may be taken from the reels: please see our Charges leaflet for our current rates.

Newspapers on Microfilm

Bath and Cheltenham Gazette	1812 - 1893	Duplicate editions held at Bath Record Office
Bath Chronicle	1762 - 1975	Duplicate editions held at Bath Record Office
Bath Journal	1744 - 1837 1893 - 1916	Duplicate editions held at Bath Record Office
Bridgwater and Somersetshire Herald/Alfred	1831 - 1833	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Independent	1885 - 1895 1898 1900 - 1910 1912 - 1928	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Mercury	1857 to date	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Standard	1861 - 1870	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Times	1846 - 1861	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Burnham and Highbridge Weekly News	1989 to date	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater and Burnham Libraries
Burnham Gazette	1895 - 1985, later as an edition of Bridgwater Mercury	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater and Burnham Libraries
Central Somerset Gazette - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1862 to date	Duplicate editions held at Street Library
Chard and Ilminster News	1875 to date	
Cheddar Valley Gazette - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1957 to date	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
Cheddar Valley Times/Gazette	1915 - 1935	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
Clevedon Mercury	1870 - 1950	Duplicate editions held at Weston super Mare Library
East Somerset Telegraph	1859 - 1860 1862 - 1886	
Frome and Somerset Standard - See Somerset Standard		

Frome Journal	1981 - 1983	
Frome Times	1859 - 1886	Duplicate editions held at Frome Library
Langport Herald	1855 - 1896 1898 - 1937	
Palmer's Weekly News	1894 - 1895 1897 - 1909 1911 - 1916	
Pulman's Weekly News	1857 - 1987	1857-1980 also held at Yeovil Library
Shepton Mallet Journal - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1858 to date	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
Sherborne Mercury - see Western Gazette		
Somerset and Wiltshire Journal	1855 - 1897 1900 - 1925	Duplicate editions held at Frome Library
Somerset County Gazette	1836 to date	
Somerset County Herald	1843 - 1895 1897 - 1964	
Somerset Express	1887 - 1897 1900 - 1933	
Somerset Guardian	1893 to date	1910, 1912-1985, 1990, 1996 to date also held at Frome Library
Somerset Standard	1887 - 1895 1898 to date	Duplicate editions held at Frome Library
Taunton Mail	1894 - 1895 1898 - 1911 1913 - 1923	
Taunton Courier	1810 - 1832 1834 - 1889 1891 - 1895 1898 - 1911 1913 - 1936	
Taunton Journal	1725 - 1727	On CD-Rom
The Times	1785 - 1985	Later copies held by Taunton Library
Wellington Weekly News	1861 - 1952 1969 to date	
Wells Journal - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1851 to date	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
West Somerset Free Press	1860 to date	
Western Flying Post - See Western Gazette		
Western Gazette and its predecessors	1737 to date	
Western News	1855-1920	

Westonian/Weston Mercury	HELD AT WESTON SUPER MARE LIBRARY
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Newspapers on Mircofilm

We also hold a number of newspapers in their original format, and we can (condition permitting) produce the originals:

Pulman's Weekly News	1861 1866 - 1878 1886 1889 1893 - 1916 1824 - 1925 1928 - 1929 1933 - 1939 1852 - 1987	Devon and Dorset Edition
Western Gazette	1901 1902 1906 - 1910 1812 - 1971 1974 - 1976 1983	Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire Editions
Sherborne Journal	All Dates	

Further Reading

Brooke, L. (1960) Somerset Newspapers, 1725-1960 [016.07 BRO, searchroom shelves]

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