



VALENCE HOUSE
a place of discovery

Archives and Local Studies Centre: *a brief guide*



**Barking and Dagenham
Heritage Services**

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Main bookshelves (straight ahead as you enter the reading room)

Bay 1	Essex (general)
Bay 2	Essex (general) / Essex towns & villages
Bay 3	English counties
Bay 4	English counties / General subjects
Bay 5	General subjects / Havering / Newham / Redbridge / Waltham Forest
Bay 6	London / Archaeology
Bay 7	Thames and fishing / Industry
Bay 8	Industry / Transport / Military and wartime
Bay 9	Education / Barking Abbey / Religion and parish magazines
Bay 10	Sport / Arts & Entertainment / Biography
Bay 11	LBBB Council / Social & economic history / Health and Social Care / Environment / Housing
Bay 12	Council minutes and accounts / Electoral registers / Phone books & directories
Bay 13	Barking and Dagenham general topics / Archives, Libraries and Museums
Bay 14	Press cuttings books / Fanshawe family collection / Tithe / Manorial surveys
<i>Separate leaflets on each of these areas are in preparation</i>	

Family history and microfilm area
(the south wall, on the left as you enter the room)

Cabinets 1 & 2	Local newspapers from 1866 (please see separate leaflet for a full list)
Cabinets 3 & 4	GRO indexes 1837-2004, local census 1841-1901, local parish records, local board meeting minutes, trade directories and much more
PCs	Ancestry Library Edition and Find My Past Community edition are available free of charge
<i>To book a microfilm reader or computer (recommended), please call 020 8227 2033</i>	

Map presses (centre of the reading room)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Ordnance Survey maps 1860s-1970s• World War Two bomb maps• Other maps and plans arranged by topic and area <p>(Please see the separate handlist for more details)</p>

Borough Archives (stored off-site)

These include rate books, school records, building control plans and property deeds. They are stored off-site, so an **advance appointment** is necessary.

If you have an enquiry about the archives, please e-mail localstudies@lbbd.gov.uk

Events

These include Family History **helpdesks** run by the East of London Family History Society, **talks**, **workshops** and **exhibitions**. Please see our current events leaflet for more details.

Images

A large selection from our heritage photo collection can be viewed free of charge at www.flickr.com/photos/barkingdagenhamarchive/sets



How to find us

The Archives and Local Studies Centre is located next to the café inside the Visitor Centre, Valence House, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, Essex RM8 3HT

Bus: 5, 62, 128, 129, 364, 368

Train: Becontree (District Line) or Chadwell Heath (Rail) then a 62 bus

Car: Free parking either on Becontree Avenue (then on foot via the path by Valence Library) or in the Valence Park car park (entrance via the park gates on Becontree Avenue).

Disabled access: Level access throughout the Visitor Centre, and two Blue Badge parking spaces at the Margery Road entrance (RM8 3AX, off Bonham Road).

Opening times

- Mondays to Fridays: 10am - 4pm (except Bank Holidays)
- Saturdays: 10am - 12.30pm and 1.15pm - 4pm

When visiting for the first time, bring proof of your address in order to register. Please leave any bags in the lockers.

Contact details

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