Harness your assets

Find out more

Tell your story

Professional management of your archive means you can share your heritage not only with your employees but also with a wider audience. This can create a sense of pride and loyalty within your organisation and a wider understanding of your business through engaging with the community.

Safeguard your organisation

Your archive is your company's memory. It serves as evidence for past activities and helps with legal compliance. By working with the Dorset History Centre your collection can be catalogued, digitised and preserved for the future.

UK Corporate Archives

Many large companies, e.g. Marks and Spencer, Diageo, HSBC and Unilever actively manage their archives as a corporate asset. Archives are seen as a means of using heritage to enhance and promote their businesses.



HC Bailey of Dorchester archive

Act now - contact Dorset History Centre to discuss the future of your past:

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Cosens & Co Ltd. archive



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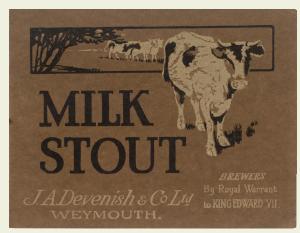
Archives & **Local Studies**

Turn your historic records into a managed archive and you can:

- Inspire innovation
- Strengthen branding
- Tell your unique story of success
- Manage information more efficiently
- Assist with legal compliance
- Build corporate identity

Key records include:

- Minutes
- Accounts
- Strategic plans
- Legal documents
- Maps and plans
- Photographs
- Ephemera and advertising
- Product/service design
- Electronic and paper files



Devenish Brewery archive

We work to collect, preserve and make available business records from across Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole. The services we can offer include:

- High quality preservation in environmentally controlled strongrooms
- Conservation of fragile or damaged items
- Cataloguing
- Digitisation of content
- Public access on-site

Through the professional service offered by DHC, businesses can have confidence that their archives will be protected and accessible for generations to come.



Poole Pottery archive

DHC is the only officially approved archive repository in the county and houses a variety of records, some of which date back over 1000 years.

Business records are a vital part of Dorset's past and we hope that by preserving them we can keep a well rounded picture of Dorset's cultural, economic and social history. The archives of Stewarts of Ferndown, the business that initiated the rise of the garden centre across Great Britain, have been deposited at DHC. The collection is made up of both family and business archives and includes material dating back to the mid-19th century.

The archive has been catalogued and selectively digitised, a sound investment according to managing director Martin Stewart:

"The collection gives so much information on the history and development of the gardening industry as well as the town of Ferndown and of course our own little Company.

It's lovely to have, it gives us a soul. We are very grateful that the superb resources of the History Centre are there; all the team have been an amazing support in caring for our records".



Stewarts of Ferndown archive