

Discovering the History of Hove

Resources at Hove Library Local Studies Room

The Local Studies Room at Hove Library is upstairs on the top floor.

A quick check showed it has a wide variety of books on Hove, Brighton and Sussex, bound volumes of various local magazines, street directories back to 1799 and microfilm of local newspapers dating back to 1749. It has voters lists for Hove dating back over a century and library boxes devoted to Hove churches, a collection of Hove Borough Council development plans and old Hove Town Guides. There is also an uncatalogued collection of old maps and a copy of Judy Middleton's unpublished Encyclopaedia of Hove. .

The room is also the repository of the archive of the famous Victorian soldier Viscount Wolseley.

There locked filing cabinets containing:

Hove Photographs (4 drawers)

Portslade Photographs (3 drawers)

Cuttings on famous local people

Judy Middleton's archive of photographs and sources (6 drawers)

Access to these restricted items requires two forms of identity and proof of address.

Claire Horsforth is the member of staff most knowledgeable about the collection and is very helpful.