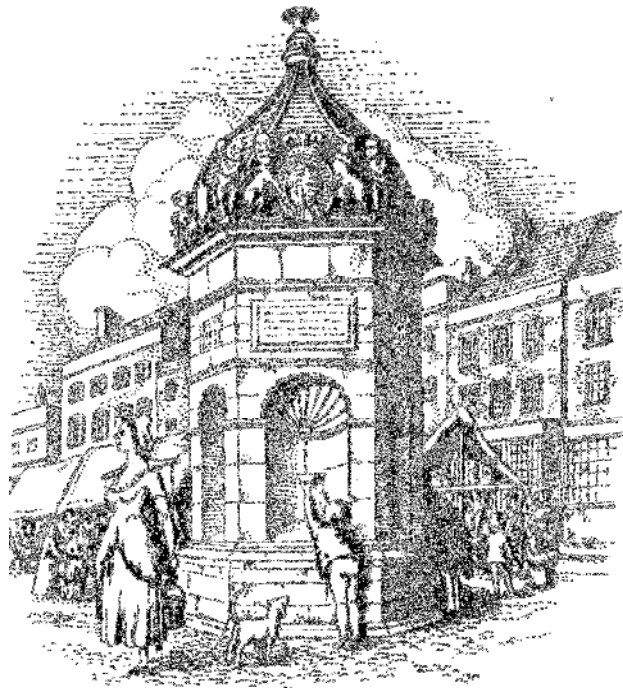


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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY ARCHIVE NETWORK

Cambridgeshire's community heritage is both valuable and fragile. Intriguing information, in the form of photographs, documents and memories about community life, is all too often lost to subsequent generations.

The Cambridgeshire Community Archives Network (CCAN) aims to preserve this diverse and easily lost source of cultural and community heritage, and will make it available to the widest possible audience online.

CCAN was developed with the support of a Heritage grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The grant funded a two-year project led by Cambridgeshire County Council's (CCC) Libraries, Archives and Information Service. Project staff included Steve Capes (Project Manager), Matthew Hall and Gilly Vose (Community Archive Officers) and Karen Davies (Archives Liaison Officer). With the assistance of CCC a website (www.ccan.co.uk) was developed and an initial three year period of web-hosting and support was provided for CCAN groups. Each community group has created its own digital archive on the CCAN website, using local Community Access Points (which form part of the Cambridgeshire Community Network, supported by CCC and established with the assistance of District and City Councils) and a wide spectrum of other community locations including libraries, village halls and sheltered housing schemes.

The CCAN project funding draws to a close at the end of November 2008 and the successful cross-searchable county network will continue to be run by a volunteer-led Executive Committee, ensuring a key project aim, sustainability, is met. The CCAN Executive Committee has worked hard to have structures and relationships in place for the project handover in November. This has included developing a long-term 'association' with the *Cambridgeshire Association of Local History (CALH)*, which has a broad spectrum of objectives and aims, complementing those of the CCAN. CALH will use its wide-ranging contacts, experience, and knowledge base to help nurture and guide CCAN, while allowing it to maintain its own sense of identity, administration, and independence. The CALH website (www.calh.org.uk/ccan.htm) has a section dedicated to CCAN and allows direct access to CCAN group homepages.

Cambridgeshire County Council will continue to offer assistance to CCAN beyond November 2008, both by providing web-hosting and support to CCAN, but also by the continued involvement with the Executive Committee of the Project Manager, Steve Capes.

At the handover in November, CCAN will have 46 community groups across Cambridgeshire. These groups are independent, with their own finances and management. Many have chosen to be closely linked to their village local history societies, while others operate on their own.

CCAN's Executive Committee consists of volunteers and experts from a wide range of community archive groups:

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[ATCHING TAN](#)

Atching Tan - 'a place where fires are lit' is a collaborative drama with the Romany Theatre Company and the BBC working directly with Gypsy and Traveller communities to create a series made for radio broadcast. Storylines reflect real life and the different cultures, and the performers are from their own communities. The pilot show of Atching Tan was broadcast on BBC Three Counties Rokker Radio and Radio 209 Cambridge in January 2007.

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[BURROUGH GREEN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ARCHIVE](#)

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LINTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

The Group was established in November 2007 to create a digital archive as an ongoing record of the cultural heritage of the Linton & District cluster of villages.

The area covered by the Group is in the south-east corner of Cambridgeshire where the county borders Suffolk to the east and Essex to the south. The villages in the Group are the Abingtons (Great and Little), Balsham, Bartlow, Castle Camps, Hildersham, Horseheath, Linton, Shudy Camps, West Wickham, West Wrating, and Weston Colville.

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OCTAVIA HILL COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

The Octavia Hill Community Archive records the life and influence of Wisbech-born social reformer Octavia Hill (1838-1912), and especially her legacy in housing management. Octavia Hill was a note nineteenth century social reformer.

The archive is based at her birthplace house in Wisbech, the home of her parents James and Caroline Southwood Hill, recently restored as a museum and centre for research about her life and legacy, they lived in the 1830s. Octavia's father was strongly influenced by the ideals of Robert Owen of New Lanark. Owenites were active in the area at this time, promoting social reform and cooperative living.

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ROBERT SAYLE'S MEMORY STORE - COMMUNITY ARCHIVE

The Robert Sayle's community archive is maintained by Partners past and present.

Robert Sayle was born on 22nd February 1816 in Southery in Norfolk. He moved to Cambridge and in 1840 opened up a drapery shop in St Andrew's Street which became the well-loved department store. We will be adding more about the history of the store later.

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