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Information about Oxford and Oxfordshire – its history, geography, architecture, planning, health, economic strategy, transport, tourism – can be found in both printed and online sources.

Sources of information

Books: All 'local' books (in Headington Library), regardless of particular subject, are located in the Local Collection - Second Floor, marked by a brown band on the spine. This Collection has its own Pamphlet and Oversize sequence, positioned next to the main book sequence.

Key shelfmarks include:

333.8094257	Oxfordshire minerals/ waste local plan
338.47629222	Cowley car industry
378.42574	University of Oxford/Oxford Brookes University
711.3094257	Oxfordshire structure plan (NB: latest online – see page 2)
711.40942574	Oxford local plan (NB: latest online – see page 2)
711.70942574	Transport in Oxford
720.942574	Architecture of Oxford
914.2574	Guides to Oxford
942.574	History of Oxford

Journals: If a specific title is required (eg *Oxoniensia*) use the Library catalogue (Title search) to find its shelfmark. Articles about local matters can also be found in subject-specific journals (eg *Architects' Journal*) and these may be traced through appropriate databases/indexes (eg *British Architectural Library*).

Newspapers: The *Oxford Times* is kept in the Newspaper Area on the Second Floor. Both the *Oxford Times* and *Oxford Mail* are available **online via Factiva** database (*Library Home page - Quick Links – Databases*). Selected news also at <http://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/>

Maps:

Print: Both large and small scale maps of the local area are kept in the Map and Atlas Collection on the Second Floor. Street plans are also held.

Online:

1. Freely available 'map' websites may be accessed via *Library Home page – Quick Links Reference Desk* <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/refdesk/refmaps.html> .
2. Online maps can be obtained via *Digimap* <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/gis/gisdigi.html>.
3. Local boundaries etc can be found from *About Oxfordshire - LocalView online maps* <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/portal/publicsite>

Historic:

1. *Vision of Britain* <http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/index.jsp>
2. *Historic Digimap* <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/gis/gisdigi.html>

Aerial photographs:

Print: *Oxford: the photographic atlas* (2004) - Atlas Collection/Short Loan at 912.42574 OXF.

Online: Freely available aerial photo websites (*via Google*). Detailed and historic views from *Heritage Search* <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/heritagesearch/> (use 'aerial' as keyword).

Statistical data: Data on many subjects is available from the Oxfordshire Data Observatory at <http://www.oxfordshireobservatory.info>. For health statistics, use SEPHO (*see below*)

Census: 2001 census - use Casweb at <http://casweb.mimas.ac.uk/>. Local data is provided by the Neighbourhood Statistics Service at <http://www.neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/>

Internet resources: Listed below are some key sites:

Daily Information (current events) <http://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/>

Heritage Search (online Oxfordshire heritage resources including photographs, historical records, museum items etc) <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/heritagesearch/>

Oxfinder – Oxfordshire portal site <http://www.oxfinder.co.uk/>

Oxford City Council (services, leisure, business info, tourism) <http://www.oxford.gov.uk/>

Oxford City Site (maps, transport, visitor information) <http://www.oxfordcity.co.uk/>

Oxfordshire County Council (council depts & facilities) <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

Oxfordshire Data Observatory (local themed data) <http://www.oxfordshireobservatory.info>

Oxfordshire Partnership (community concerns etc) <http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk/>

Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust (local health information) <http://www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/>

South East Public Health Observatory (Oxon health stats) <http://www.sepho.org.uk/Default.aspx>

This is Oxfordshire (local news) <http://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/>

A vision of Britain (between 1801 & 2001, including maps, statistics and historical descriptions) <http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/index.jsp>

Oxford Brookes University information

History/development/architecture: use Library catalogue to identify books in Local Collection. An Oxford Brookes University Collection, containing many historical documents, is available as a Special Collection in the Library's Special Collections Reading Room.

Building plans: some are available; enquiries should be made to Architecture and Planning Subject Librarians on the Second Floor.

Minutes, reports etc: Brookes Intranet includes many OBU documents. Some minutes and reports are also available in the Local Collection and Special Collections Reading Room.

Brookes newsletters etc: use Library catalogue to find shelfmark (if title is not known, enter 'Oxford Brookes University' as author and limit to *Electronic and Printed Journals Catalogue*).

Further sources of local information

Oxfordshire History Centre: A new Oxfordshire History Centre, in Cowley, houses the collections of the Oxfordshire Record Office, Oxfordshire Studies and Oxfordshire Health Archive. For further details please go to <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Bodleian Library: The Bodleian Library also has substantial collections of works relating to Oxfordshire. Admission procedures – ask at Library Enquiry Desks/check Library web pages.

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