

Archives and archivists, sign up to let us know you will be participating in the #explorearhives social media activity.

Archives are amazing. Without them we could not study our personal histories or the histories of our communities or nations. There would be no historically rich novels and films. We would know nothing about the lives of our predecessors.

We want to celebrate all our wonderful archives and the invaluable work that goes into collecting, keeping and sharing the world's memory.

As part of the Explore Your Archive week we're asking the organisations and people who look after archive collections to take to Twitter to share their work, their experiences and stories and the gems from their collections.

Each day we will have a different hashtag. You can join in for one day, or everyday.

Saturday 19 November and Sunday 20 November
#ExploreArchives

A celebration of the richness and variety within archives - why they are relevant to our world today, what they can tell us and how they can entertain us. Share stories, gems and facts about your collection. You could also share pictures from your events and promote upcoming ones.

Monday 21 November 2016
#Archivepioneers

Share the stories of pioneers and historical firsts from within your collection, but also your own firsts - maybe your first digitised collection, your first archivist, your most groundbreaking and innovative project

Tuesday 22 November 2016
#hairyarchives

In line with the tradition of Movember, share hair related items and stories from your collections!

Wednesday 23 November 2016
#YearInArchives

A celebration of what archives have achieved in the last year. Also the chance to share an insider's perspective of what happens in an archive, in a typical (or not so typical), day, month or year!

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Thursday 24 November 2016
#autoarchives

An opportunity to showcase different transport and science based records and research in our archival collections - from the penny farthing to concorde, from industrialisation to online technology.

Friday 25 November 2016
#ArchiveAnimals

Share animal stories and pictures of animals you find in archive collections

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November 2016
#ExploreArchives

Another chance to celebrate archives and the events you've been holding across the week. Encourage your visitors and regular readers to join in too.

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