

Essex Record Office Update



March 2021



Why archives are important

TRUST

Democracy and society are strengthened by scrutiny of the archival record, holding institutions and individuals to account

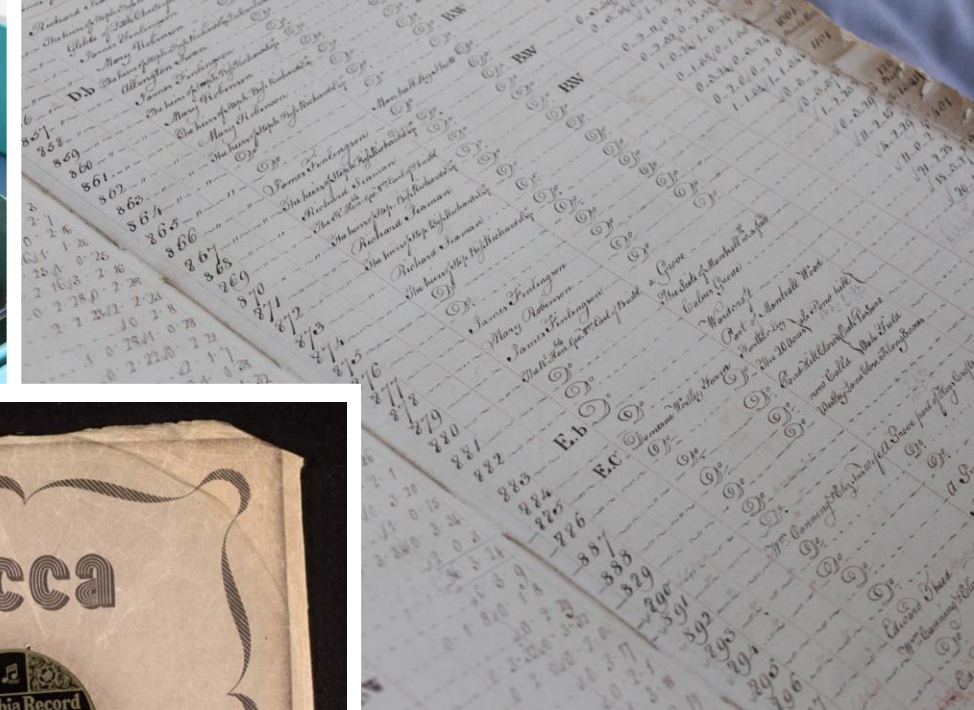
ENRICHMENT

Archives enhance and enrich our society intellectually, culturally and economically

OPENNESS

Archives cultivate an open approach to knowledge and are accessible to all

The archive and certificates services provided by Essex Record Office are statutory



Essex Record Office: some numbers

- Through our conferences, operations and grants in 19/20 we generated an income of **£626,615** mitigating our expenses **£1,217,291**, and reducing our net cost to **£590,676**.
- This year, covid has seen our online research and search services increase dramatically many of our core services, events and conferences have been badly affected by Covid closures.

Essex Record Office: some figures

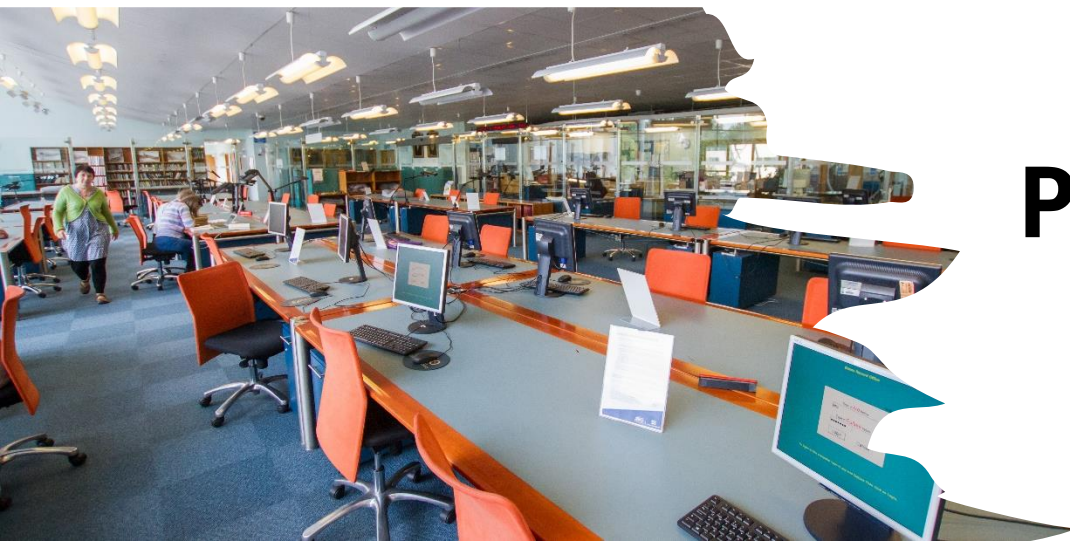
- 11 repositories
- 8 miles of shelving
- c. 16,000,000 documents
- 35,000 sound and video recordings
- 3/4 million digital images
- 8,500 books in the Library

“Handling these documents is a real privilege, and a **unique connection** to the past.”



What the ERO preserves

- Public Records
- Local government records
- C of E and nonconformist church records
- Manorial records
- Deposited records
- Pictorial collections
- Sound and video recordings
- Local studies library materials
- ECC art collection



Public Searchroom

Digitisation



Sound and Video



Conservation



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CONFERENCE CENTRE





The Model New Town: Harlow Development Corporation records



THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

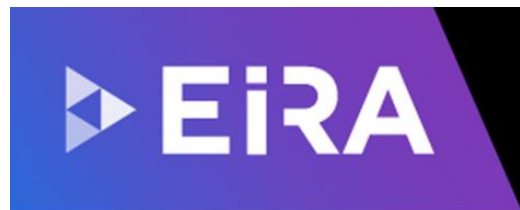
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Communicating Connections

Sharing the heritage of the
Marconi Company's wireless world





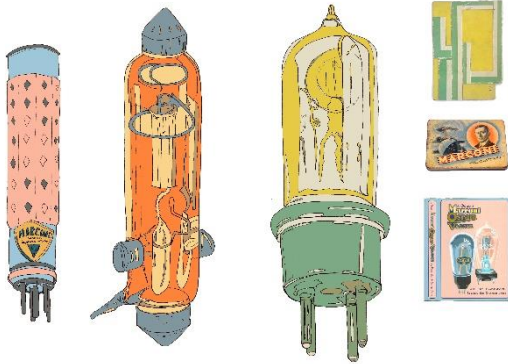
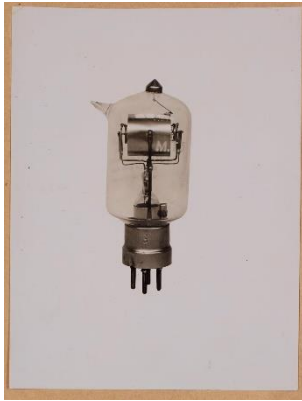
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**Science, Technology and Innovation
at the Essex Archives:** a strategy for
enhancing individual, community
and commercial engagement through
digital technology and creative
practice



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**Artist-in-Residence:
Elaine Tribley**

Physical **space**
to take in
records for the
next 25-50
years

Fully capable
of ensuring the
preservation of
**digital
records**

Representative
of **diverse
communities**
in Essex

Outreach to all
parts of the
county to have
real impact on
people and
communities

“We had a mind-blowing time at the ERO, our brains were stretched. It was an experience of a life time and **an adventure beyond words.**”

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Appendix: Legal Designation



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Legal designation

- **1958, Public Records Act** – Essex Record Office is an appointed place of deposit, accepting public records on behalf of the Lord Chancellor
- **1962, The Local Government (Records) Act** – whereby the County was constituted an ‘archive authority’ and is able to keep and promote archives
- **1972, Local Government Act, s.224** – Essex Record Office fulfils for Council its responsibility for making “proper arrangements” for documents belonging to or in its custody

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- **1978 (amended 1992), Parochial Registers and Records Measure** – Diocesan Record Office, receiving records of the Diocese of Chelmsford.
- **1959, Manorial Document Rules and Tithe (Copies of Apportionment) Rules, 1960** – ERO accepts custody of manorial and tithe documents on behalf of the Master of the Rolls
- **2018, The Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Fees) (Amendment) and Multilingual Standard Forms Regulations** – copies of civil registration certificates