

## Somerset Newspapers

The Somerset Studies Library holds microfilm copies of all of the major Somerset newspapers, covering most editions from the first publication to the current date. A considerable number are available for self-service use in the public searchroom, whilst smaller titles and editions after 1974 should be requested from our strongrooms. We recommend booking a newspaper reader in advance, as they can be very popular with researchers. Copies may be taken from the reels: please see our Charges leaflet for our current rates.

### Newspapers on Microfilm

Bath and Cheltenham Gazette	1812 - 1893	Duplicate editions held at Bath Record Office
Bath Chronicle	1762 - 1975	Duplicate editions held at Bath Record Office
Bath Journal	1744 - 1837 1893 - 1916	Duplicate editions held at Bath Record Office
Bridgwater and Somersetshire Herald/Alfred	1831 - 1833	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Independent	1885 - 1895 1898 1900 - 1910 1912 - 1928	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Mercury	1857 to date	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Standard	1861 - 1870	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Bridgwater Times	1846 - 1861	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater Library
Burnham and Highbridge Weekly News	1989 to date	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater and Burnham Libraries
Burnham Gazette	1895 - 1985, later as an edition of Bridgwater Mercury	Duplicate editions held at Bridgwater and Burnham Libraries
Central Somerset Gazette - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1862 to date	Duplicate editions held at Street Library
Chard and Ilminster News	1875 to date	
Cheddar Valley Gazette - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1957 to date	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
Cheddar Valley Times/Gazette	1915 - 1935	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
Clevedon Mercury	1870 - 1950	Duplicate editions held at Weston super Mare Library
East Somerset Telegraph	1859 - 1860 1862 - 1886	

Frome and Somerset Standard - See Somerset Standard		
Frome Journal	1981 - 1983	
Frome Times	1859 - 1886	Duplicate editions held at Frome Library
Langport Herald	1855 - 1896 1898 - 1937	
Palmer's Weekly News	1894 - 1895 1897 - 1909 1911 - 1916	
Pulman's Weekly News (not all editions - see below)	1857 - 1987	1857-1980 also held at Yeovil Library
Shepton Mallet Journal - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1858 to date	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
Sherborne Mercury - see Western Gazette		
Somerset and Wiltshire Journal	1855 - 1897 1900 - 1925	Duplicate editions held at Frome Library
Somerset County Gazette	1836 to date	
Somerset County Herald	1843 - 1895 1897 - 1964	
Somerset Express	1887 - 1897 1900 - 1933	
Somerset Guardian	1893 to date	1910, 1912-1985, 1990, 1996 to date also held at Frome Library
Somerset Standard	1887 - 1895 1898 to date	Duplicate editions held at Frome Library
Taunton Mail	1894 - 1895 1898 - 1911 1913 - 1923	
Taunton Courier	1810 - 1832 1834 - 1889 1891 - 1895 1898 - 1911 1913 - 1936	
Taunton Journal	1725 - 1727	On CD-Rom
The Times	1785 - 1985	Later copies held by Taunton Library
Wellington Weekly News	1861 - 1952 1969 to date	
Wells Journal - as Mid Somerset Series from 1982	1851 to date	Duplicate editions held at Wells Library
West Somerset Free Press	1860 to date	
Western Flying Post - See Western Gazette		
Western Gazette and its predecessors (not all editions – see below)	1737 to date	

Western News	1855-1920	
Westonian/Weston Mercury	HELD AT WESTON SUPER MARE LIBRARY	

## Newspapers not on Microfilm

The following editions **aren't** available on film:

Pulman's Weekly News	1861 1866 - 1878 1886 1889 1893 - 1916 1824 - 1925 1928 - 1929 1933 - 1939 1852 - 1987	Devon and Dorset Editions	Originals available for consultation up to 1969 (condition permitting). Please check prior to your visit.
Western Gazette	1901 1902 1906 - 1910 1812 - 1971 1974 - 1976 1983	Dorset, Wiltshire and Hampshire Editions	Originals available for consultation up to 1970 (condition permitting). Please check prior to your visit.
Sherborne Journal	All Dates		An incomplete series of originals is available for consultation for the years 1778-1854 (condition permitting). Please check prior to your visit.

## Further Reading

Brooke, L. (1960) Somerset Newspapers, 1725-1960 [016.07 BRO, searchroom shelves]

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