

## **Sue Shaw Profile**

Sue was born in Solihull and attended the King Edward VI High School for Girls, Birmingham. She studied Economics and Law at King's College Cambridge after which she qualified as a solicitor and spent most of her legal career working for central government.

History has always been her principal academic interest. She is currently conducting research centred on a manuscript volume of wills and inventories from Hexhamshire belonging to the Newcastle Antiquaries and held at Woodhorn. This is probably a rare survival, containing contemporaneous transcripts made in the course of probate applications to the Hexham court between 1695 and 1708. These investigations have also taken her to the archives at the Borthwick Centre in York, the Palace Green Library in Durham and the British Library. On a number of occasions over the years she has used the National Archives at Kew.

Her connection with Northumberland began 40 years ago when her late husband, who grew up in Sunderland, first brought her to his cottage in Holburn Village. She now divides her time between Holburn and London.