

Sue Wood, Head of Archives, B.A., D.A.A.

Born and brought up in the north-east of England, Sue is a graduate in History and English Literature. After graduation Sue took up a role undertaking research for the Trustees of Dove Cottage and a year later took up her first post with Northumberland Archives. She then undertook her professional qualification by distance learning. Sue has continued to work at Northumberland Archives throughout her professional career.

Some of the projects that Sue has been involved with include:

- Developing the Dickson, Archer & Thorp project – Dickson, Archer & Thorp were an Alnwick solicitors' practice that was established in the 18th century. Sue fundraised £185k to purchase records of the practice and run a related volunteer project.
- Developing the Stannington Sanatorium project to catalogue and conserve the records of Stannington Sanatorium, England's first children's TB sanatorium. The project also involved making 26 oral history recordings of former patients and staff of the Sanatorium and developing an online exhibition. Sue fundraised £130k for this project.
- Fundraising £25k to allow the conservation of the 'Swinburne deeds', an important collection of early deeds and charters of the Swinburne family of Capheaton, Northumberland.
- Sue is Diocesan Record Officer for the Diocese of Newcastle and together with her colleagues ensures that records of the Diocese and the parishes that form the Diocese are cared for to the highest possible standard. The records were catalogued as part of a £250k Heritage Lottery funded project.
- Sue has been involved in a number of community projects. Examples include a project to establish a community archive around the records of the Port of Blyth via the Blyth Tall Ship project and the Newbiggin Genealogy Project – a project to chart the genealogy of Newbiggin By The Sea. She is currently a member of Northumberland Village Halls Heritage Project Steering Group. The Group is responsible for managing a project to explore the history of 30 village halls in Northumberland. Northumberland Archives is providing consultancy support to the project.