Sue Shaw Profile

Sue was born in Solihull and attended King Edward VI High School for Girls, Birmingham. She was in the first cohort of women undergraduates at King's College, Cambridge, where she studied Economics and Law. Afterwards, she qualified as a solicitor in London and spent most of her legal career in various roles working for central government.

History and everything relating to it has always been her principal academic interest. Over the years she has used several archives. Her first visits, connected to her legal work, were to the old Public Record Office in Chancery Lane and to The National Archives at Kew. More recent research has taken her to the Borthwick Centre in York, the Palace Green Library in Durham and the British Library, as well as to Northumberland Archives.

Her great grandfather was a Newcastle man, and her grandmother was born in Stone Street, since demolished, just north of the line of the Roman Wall. Her connection with Northumberland was renewed over 40 years ago when her late husband, who grew up in Sunderland, first brought her to north Northumberland.

She is delighted to have the opportunity to put skills learnt in the course of her career into supporting and enhancing Northumberland's Archive Service.