

Newspapers

Background

The earliest Gloucestershire newspaper was the Gloucester Journal, which was first published by Robert Raikes in 1722. Over the years various other newspapers were started, mostly in the late 1800s or early 1900s. Some of these are still published today.

Newspapers are an excellent source of information, but finding what you want can be difficult, especially if you do not know the date of an event. Earlier newspapers mainly carried national and international news. Birth, marriage and death announcements appeared in the Journal in 1835 and from the 1850s the news that was reported became more local. This included local events, obituaries, marriage announcements, court proceedings, council meetings, shipping news and coroner's reports. Photographs did not appear in the newspapers until the 1900s.

What newspapers are there and where are they held?

For a full list of Gloucestershire newspapers and where you can find them, please see our comprehensive *Newspaper Guide (Handlist)* which you can download from our website:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/finding-items-in-our-collections/newspapers/>

- **Gloucester Journal 1722-1992**

Held at Gloucestershire Archives (1722-1730 held on a CD available in the Searchroom) and 1731-1992 are available on self-service microfilm].

- **Gloucester Citizen 1876-2025**

Held at Gloucestershire Archives on self-service microfilm (1877-2004) and as hard copies (2005-September 2025). The Citizen is available through 'Borrow Box' which library customers are free to use to read the papers online. To find out more, visit:

[Gloucestershire Library and Information Service - BorrowBox](#)

- **Gloucestershire Chronicle 1833-1928**

Held at Gloucestershire Archives (with a few gaps) on self-service microfilm.

- **Dursley Gazette 1878- 2002**

Held at Gloucestershire Archives (with a few gaps) on self-service microfilm and as hard copies. Please see the *Newspapers Handlist* for more information.

- **Stroud Journal 1880-1957**

Held at Gloucestershire Archives on self-service microfilm (1880-1884) and as hard copies with multiple gaps. *More years and other Stroud based newspapers are held at Stroud Local and Family History Centre, Lansdown, Stroud, GL5 1BB.*

- **Forest of Dean Examiner 1873-1877**

Held at Gloucestershire Archives on self-service microfilm.

Other Forest of Dean Newspapers are held at Cinderford Local and Family History Centre, Belle Vue Centre, Belle Vue Road, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, GL14 2BZ.

- **Cheltenham Chronicle & Gloucestershire Graphic 1901-1942**

Held at Gloucestershire Archives (reference **GAL/J4**)

This is a pictorial supplement to the Cheltenham Chronicle which, along with other Cheltenham newspapers such as the **Gloucestershire Echo**, were previously held

at the Cheltenham Local and Family History Centre. As of May 2026, these have now moved to Gloucestershire Archives and are currently being processed. To find out more, please email in at: archives@gloucestershire.gov.uk

- **Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard**

Held at Cirencester Local and Family History Centre, The Waterloo, Cirencester GL7 2PZ

- **Tewkesbury Register**

Held at Tewkesbury Local and Family History Centre, Sun Street, Tewkesbury. GL20 5NX

- **Evesham Journal**

Held at Stow Local and Family History Centre, St. Edwards Hall, The Square, Stow-on-the-Wold, GL54 1AF

To enquire about library holdings please use the library 'contact us' page available at:

<https://gloslibraries.uk/contact-us>

How to Find the Records

For more information on accessing newspapers held at Gloucestershire Libraries, please contact the individual library via the contact us page at: <https://gloslibraries.uk/contact-us>. You may need to book a newspaper reader.

The newspapers held at Gloucestershire Archives need to be pre-ordered before your visit. For more information see the 'visit us' page on our website, available at:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/plan-your-visit/about-us/>

Copies of most local newspapers are held by the British Library in Colindale Avenue in London. More information can be found at: <https://www.bl.uk/>

British Newspaper Archive

The BNA provides access to local and regional newspapers scanned by the British Library. It can be accessed for free at any Gloucestershire Library or at the Gloucestershire Family History Centre. There are also free copies of newspapers available to view on the website. You can access these at: <https://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk/>

Indexes to newspapers at Gloucestershire Archives

The following indexes may help you find specific items in the newspapers. Please ask us in person or email us at archives@gloucestershire.gov.uk about how to access them.

- **Index to newspaper cuttings and obituaries (1859 onwards).**
 - This index is by no means complete but can be a good starting point for research.
 - Volunteers are helping us to input all this information into the archives online catalogue. If you are interested in taking part, please contact us.
- **Index to Gloucester City references in the Gloucester Journal 1722 – 1899**
 - These indexes can be accessed at www.coaley.net