

FOR THE RECORD

Gathering, keeping and sharing Gloucestershire's police heritage



All images from Gloucestershire Police Archive

The Gloucestershire police force has a proud history dating back to 1839 and is the second oldest county force in Britain. Over 150 years of the county's police history is preserved in a fascinating collection of documents and photographs. The 'For the Record' project offers a chance to focus on this rich archival heritage so it can be shared with more people and we are inviting past and current employees to help. There are lots of ways you can get involved. You can share memories of your time as a member of staff and perhaps help to capture other people's memories too. You can add content to a new heritage based website or join our core volunteer team and learn how to look after unique police archives.

'For the Record' is a joint approach to gathering, keeping and sharing the documented heritage of Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire Archives (part of Gloucestershire County Council) has been given £123,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to develop this £2.8M partnership initiative. Gloucestershire Constabulary is a key partner and preserving, adding to and sharing the police archive is a key strand of the larger project.

We submitted a strong second round 'For the Record' project application in August and are now looking for people who are interested in helping to make the project a reality. So please let us know if you'd like to share your memories, help to capture other people's memories or be part of the volunteer team working on the website and archive. You can email archives@gloucestershire.gov.uk or drop us a line at Gloucestershire Archives, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester, GL1 3DW.

For details and project updates visit <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/fortherecord>

Most of the project costs are being covered by grants and contributions from project partners. But we are seeking donations too. You can do this online at <http://www.foga.org.uk>

