

Gloucestershire Archives

Local conservators/restorers list

Important Information

People are listed here due solely to the fact that we know of them. It is not an exhaustive list of practitioners in the area. We do not make any specific recommendations and any omission does not mean that another company or individual may not provide a good service. Not all of them would call themselves conservators, and they are not all **professionally accredited***. Look at websites or search names to find out more. Make contact, discuss your requirements, ask if they do this sort of work, ask to see other work and/or references.

Questions to ask yourself

Think about the item you have, and what aspects you want to preserve:

- What is special about this item that I want to preserve?
- Does it have significance beyond its personal value to me?
- Does it also have an historical value, such as a first edition of a rare book or a photograph recording a particular local or national event or time, or an important persons' signature, or a document recording key decisions made or contracts entered into?
- Does it need to be preserved for posterity?
- Do I want to preserve everything about this item, including the old look and feel?
- Do I want to just ensure that it is stable and preserve it as it is – maybe have a nice box made?
- How important is it that it looks tidy and clean, or like new?
- Do I want/need stains or dirt to be removed?
- How strong do I need it to be when it is done – is it going to be handled by many people?
- Do I want to display it?
- Do I want a nice presentation box or frame?
- Is there anyone else I should consult, anyone else whose opinion I need to consider?

The Archives and Gloucestershire County Council take no responsibility for your decisions or any work undertaken by anyone on your behalf.

*Professional Accreditation

Accredited Conservators have met the professional standards of the Institute of Conservation <https://icon.org.uk>. They can use the letters ACR after their name. See <http://www.conservationregister.com/> for contact details, useful advice on choosing and working with a conservator and information about caring for a range of objects.

Paper conservators

- **Lisu Adye ACR**, Adye Paper Conservation 01684 294198 (Twynning) lisu@paperconserve.co.uk <http://www.paperconserve.co.uk/>
- **Kate Newton ACR**, Hafod House, Ystrad Meurig, Ceredigion, Wales SY25 6AD Knewtonacr@gmail.com has clients this way [https://www.conservationregister.com/search-results/Kate Newton](https://www.conservationregister.com/search-results/Kate%20Newton)
- **Rhonda Niven**, Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service 01905765923 (Worcester) rniven@worcestershire.gov.uk <https://www.explorethepast.co.uk/2013/10/introducing-our-conservator/>

Art on paper conservators

- **Lisu Adye ACR** 01684 294198 (Twynning) lisu@paperconserve.co.uk <http://www.paperconserve.co.uk/>
- **Sarah Bull ACR**, Conservation of Art on Paper 01452 741299 (Arlingham) sarah@sjbw.co.uk
- **Heather Norville-Day ACR**, Norville-Day limited 01454 294492 (Wickwar, Wotton under Edge) heathernday@btinternet.com (Print, drawing and watercolour conservator)

Book conservators

- **Rhonda Niven**, Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service 01905 765923 (Worcester) rniven@worcestershire.gov.uk <https://www.explorethepast.co.uk/2013/10/introducing-our-conservator/>

Bookbinders & book repairers

- **Chris Arnison**, 01453 885308 (Minchinhampton) christopher.arnison@gmail.com <https://therebindery.blog/>
- **Lester Capon** lestercapon@btinternet.com 01684 297728 (Tewkesbury)
- **Ursula Jeakins** Bookbinding 01452 883403 (Stonehouse) <https://www.starsmeadbookbinding.co.uk/about> starsmeadbooks@gmail.com
- (repairs & rebinding of cloth-bound books and music)
- **Cath Nichols** 017845 192582 cathbvr@msn.com Cheltenham (repairs, rebinding, leather or cloth)

Paintings conservators

- **Pippa Jefferies ACR**, Pippa Jefferies Picture Restorer 01242 239895 (Cheltenham)

Conservation framers

- **Chris Smith**, Creative Picture Framing 01285 644411 (Cirencester), www.thepictureframers.co.uk (also offer a restoration and conservation service)
- **Cleeve picture framing** 01242 672785 cleevepictureframing.co.uk/ cleevepictureframing@hotmail.co.uk (Southam near Cheltenham)
- **Fellows Framing** (Soudley, Cinderford, Forest of Dean) 07800 666094 www.fellowsframing.co.uk/