

Gloucestershire Archives

Local conservators/restorers list

Please note: 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 – consider the look, your feelings about it, the sense of connection to those who owned it in the past?
- 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, a drawing of a local scene, 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 the old look and feel, even if it is falling apart?
- If it is stable, do I just keep 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? Do I like the patina, the feel of age?
- How strong does it have to be – is it going to be handled often or not much?
- 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.

Useful info: [Caring for your collections](#) from the Institute of Conservation (Icon)

***Professional Accreditation:** Accredited Conservators (ACR) have met the professional standards of the Institute of Conservation [Icon - The Institute of Conservation](#).

See [Find a conservator](#) for contact details.

See [Working with a Conservator](#) for useful advice on choosing and working with a conservator.

Paper conservators

- **Lisu Adye ACR**, 01684 294198, mobile 07812 042009 (Twynning, Tewksbury)
lisu@paperconserve.co.uk <http://www.paperconserve.co.uk/>
- **Rhonda Niven**, Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service 01905 765923 (Worcester) rniven@worcestershire.gov.uk
<https://www.explorethepast.co.uk/2013/10/introducing-our-conservator/>

Art on paper conservators

- **Lisu Adye ACR** 01684 294198, mobile 07812 042009 (Twyning, Tewkesbury) lisu@paperconserve.co.uk <http://www.paperconserve.co.uk/>
- **Sarah Bull ACR**, Conservation of Art on Paper 07713 147832 paper@sibw.co.uk
- **Heather Norville-Day ACR & Fellow IIC**, Norville-Day limited 01454 294492 (Wickwar, Wotton under Edge) heathernday@btinternet.com (Print, drawing and watercolour conservator)

Book conservators

- **Green's Books**, Book conservation and bookbinding (Ledbury, Herefordshire) 01531 826043 enquiries@greensbooks.co.uk, greensbooks.co.uk
- **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** 07837 262658 (Tewkesbury) lestercapon@btinternet.com
- **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, Cirencetser 01285 644411 (Cirencester), www.thepictureframers.co.uk (also offer a restoration and conservation service)
- **Creative picture framing** 01242 672785 clevepictureframing.co.uk/ clevepictureframing@hotmail.co.uk (Southam near Cheltenham)
- **Fellows Framing** (Lydney, Forest of Dean) 07800 666094 www.fellowsframing.co.uk/