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# Local History Research Project



Norwich High School for Girls: The school, for girls aged 3-18 years, was founded in 1875, but moved to its current site on Newmarket Road from the Assembly House in 1933. Lying one and a half miles from the city centre, the main buildings are attached to a Regency house and sit in 13 acres of grounds.



Newmarket Road

St Stephens Road

St Stephens Street



Chapelfield Shopping Centre: One of the entrances to the mall lies on this street. The Chapelfield site has a long and varied history. In the medieval period it formed part of a large area that housed a college which trained priests. A chapel was built in c.1248. It has also been used as a training ground by the city militia and, in 1666, became a mass burial ground for victims of the plague. In more recent times it is most famous for housing a chocolate factory; firstly, Caley's (whose Marching Chocolate was used in soldiers' rations during World War I), later by Rowntree Mackintosh (after being destroyed and rebuilt following World War II bombing), and finally by Nestle.

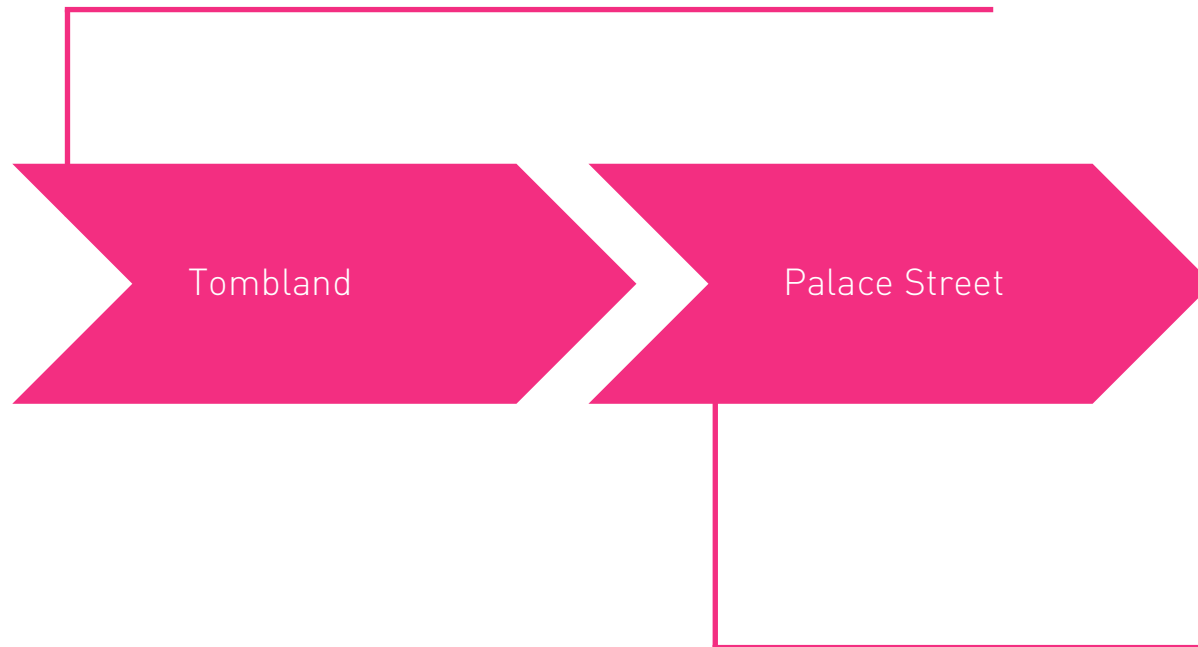
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Norwich Castle: Completed in 1121, it was built by the Normans as a Royal Palace (although no monarch ever lived in it, Henry I spent the Christmas of 1121 there). From the 14<sup>th</sup> Century it was used as a county gaol. After the gaol moved to a new site in 1883 it then, 11 years later in 1894, opened as a museum, which it remains to this day.



Tombland: the original town of Northwic grew from this area in Saxon times when it was a major marketplace. After the market was moved, it remained an open space used for fairs until the mid-18<sup>th</sup> Century. It has also seen riots, over land rights and grain, and houses the 'Maid's Head', which has been a public house for c.700 years.

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Norwich Cathedral: Built in the Norman style, its first stone was laid in 1096 and it was completed by 1140-1145. It has the second tallest spire in England and the cathedral close is the largest to survive in the country.

# Local History Research

## Archives & Record Offices

### **Norfolk Record Office**

The Archive Centre, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DQ

01603 222599

[norfrec@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:norfrec@norfolk.gov.uk)

<http://www.archives.norfolk.gov.uk/index.htm>

### **Bedfordshire & Luton Archives and Records Service**

Riverside Building, Borough Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP

01234 228833

[archive@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:archive@bedford.gov.uk)

<http://www.bedfordshire.gov.uk/CommunityAndLiving/ArchivesAndRecordOffice/ArchivesAndRecordOffice.aspx>

### **Northamptonshire Record Office (archives)**

Wooton Hall Park, Northampton NN4 8BQ

01604 362513

[archivist@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:archivist@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/community/archives/pages/default.aspx>

### **Essex Record Office**

Wharf Road, Chelmsford CM2 6YT

01245 244644

[ero.enquiry@essex.gov.uk](mailto:ero.enquiry@essex.gov.uk)

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Libraries-Archives/Record-Office/Pages/Record-Office.aspx>

## Libraries

### **Norfolk Heritage Centre at the Norfolk & Norwich Millennium Library**

The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

01603 774740

norfolk.studies.lib@norfolk.gov.uk

[http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure\\_and\\_culture/Libraries/Local\\_studies/Norfolk\\_Heritage\\_Centre/index.htm](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/Leisure_and_culture/Libraries/Local_studies/Norfolk_Heritage_Centre/index.htm)

### **Local Studies and Family History Library at Luton Central Library**

St George's Street, Luton LU1 2NG

01582 547418

<http://www.lutonculture.com/luton-libraries/learning-in-libraries/local-and-family-history/>

### **Discover at Northamptonshire Central Library**

Abington Street, Northampton NN1 2BA

0300 126 1000

centlib@northamptonshire.gov.uk

<http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/Leisure/libraries/visit-your-library/ListLibraries/Pages/Northamptonshire-Central-Library.aspx>

### **Local Studies Collection at Southend Central Library**

Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6EX

01702 215011

<http://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200062/libraries>

## Museums

### **Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service**

Shirehall, Market Avenue, Norwich NR1 3JQ

01603 493625

museums@norfolk.gov.uk

<http://www.museums.norfolk.gov.uk/index.htm>

### **Museums Luton**

Luton Cultural Services Trust HQ, Luton Central Library, St George's Street, Luton LU1 2NG

01582 547470

<http://www.lutonculture.com/>

### **Northampton Museum & Art Gallery**

Guildhall Road, Northampton NN1 1DP

01604 838111

museums@northampton.gov.uk

<http://www.northampton.gov.uk/museums/>

### **Southend Museums**

Southend Central Museum, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea SS2 6EW

01702 434449

museums@southend.gov.uk

<http://www.southendmuseums.co.uk/>

## Sources of Information

- Maps
- Local government and parish records
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Census returns
- Newspapers
- Books and pamphlets
- Directories
- Oral testimony
- Physical evidence – buildings, streets, landscape, etc.



## Further Information

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[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/trail/local\\_history/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/trail/local_history/)

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