



This newsletter brings updates from all our teams; details of our online activities; information from the Record Office on collecting community records of the pandemic; a reminder of National Volunteers' Week and news of our website relaunch.

Thank you for all your support at this time - we miss seeing you..

Sarah and everyone at HCW

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**WOVeN - Warwickshire Online Volunteering Network has its new logo**



WOVeN is the new umbrella name for digital volunteering at the County Record Office. This is currently the Depositions Indexing Project (formerly Bytes) but we intend to expand our offer when we can get back to the Office.

During lockdown so far, the amazing WOVeN volunteers have:

Completed 1651 individual depositions (37 bundles)

Checked 2072 individual depositions (44 bundles)

Thank you all.

Sharon Forman

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**Mining the Seams update**



The Mining the Seams remote volunteer project has made great strides in the last few months and we're now well over halfway through transcribing the Midland Colliery Owners' Mutual Indemnity Company's compensation registers. So far we've transcribed over 3,600 pages and extracted more than 44,500 names!

Some of the more unexpected sundry payments spotted so far have been for:

- A tricycle
- "Wood leg etc."
- Leather protector for wood hand
- Scrotal truss
- Crutch rubbers

The team would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has taken part. If you'd like to get involved with the project, email [miningtheseams@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:miningtheseams@warwickshire.gov.uk) for more information.

Laura Orris

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## The museum collections move: an update



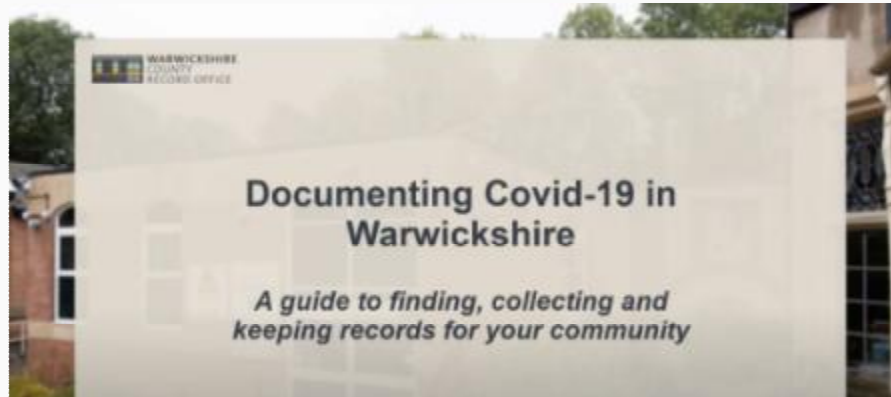
This was and is a major project involving many of our regular volunteers, that came to an abrupt halt (at least for us), back in March. By the time lockdown was announced we'd already spent many months packing our varied collections at the Montague Road stores, with help from volunteers and skilled packers from the county's removal contractors; Restore Harrow Green. Some of the collections had been moved to Hawkes Point, Heathcote just before lockdown, whilst much of it remained, part-packed, at Montague Rd. Over the lockdown period construction of our new racking at Hawkes Point has continued and is now completed.

As of the week of June 8th, we (Sara, Abi and myself) are at Hawkes Point, overseeing Restore Harrow Green staff who are populating our new stores and racking with those geology and natural history collections that had already been brought over. By early July we'll be back at Montague Road as well, packing and helping to move those collections that have remained there. The work will be difficult and time consuming, given the distancing rules, and the reduced number of staff currently involved. We'll keep you posted on our progress and can't wait to show off our new stores.

Jon Radley

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## Covid Collecting - useful resources from the CRO



Historians of the future will want to know what happened during the COVID-19 pandemic; declared modern history's gravest public health emergency by many countries. Heritage organisations like the County Record Office are busy documenting official decisions and actions taken, but the reaction of communities will help to tell the full story - and only communities can collect those records.

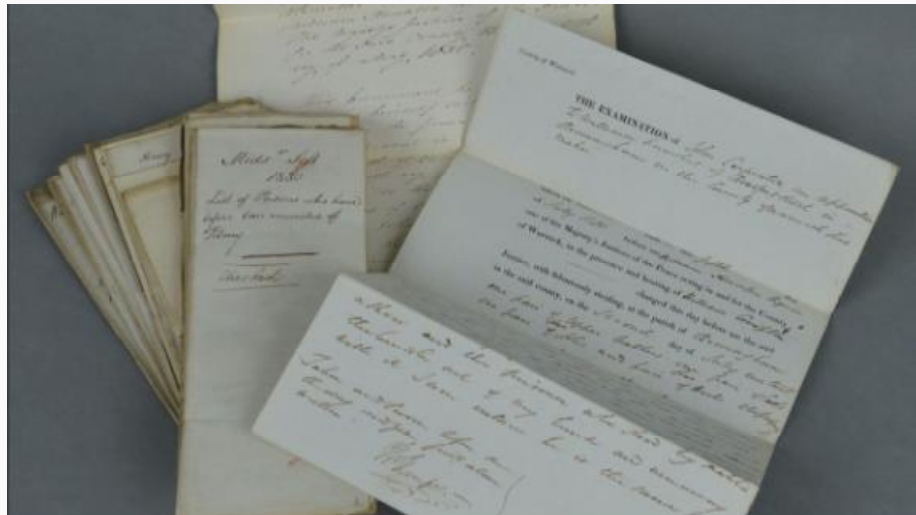
We have seen some amazing things during the lockdown and these acts of generosity and kindness should be documented for the future.

Staff at the Record Office have put together a series of videos giving helpful tips on identifying, collecting and preserving a record of these unprecedented times and you can see them on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaTrUbnJFkye3w1e4ycGqSIGyrZ-VI8pg>

Sharon Forman

## Doc of the Month and the Record Office Facebook Page



Have you visited the CRO Facebook Page recently? Jo and Carys (known to many of you from your visits to the Office) are responsible for the fascinating posts, including regular postcards from the collections. You will find the HCW online resources posted there too.

You'll also find the June Doc of the Month (not on our website yet for technical reasons). It was posted on 11th June and is a handwritten list of books compiled by the Dowager Lady Newdigate. These books were kept at the Newdigate's ancestral home of Arbury Hall in Nuneaton, where George Eliot made use of the library and which she used later as a setting in 'Mr Gilfil's Love Story'. As the document is not dated, it is uncertain which Lady Newdigate these books belong to.

You can find links to all our past Doc of the Months (dating back to 2012) in our online Archive:

<http://archivesunlocked.warwickshire.gov.uk/CalmView/archive.aspx>

## Update from Lace

The Lace (Learning and Community Engagement) team are making plans for our summer events programme, which would normally take place at Market Hall. This includes activity packs families can collect to do at home supported by online instructions, and other activities and competitions. The team is also developing an offer for schools from September that includes a combination of loans boxes and a virtual classroom experience. It's challenging planning for schools when we, and they, still don't know how a school day or week might look from September.



Rebecca Coles

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## Heritage and Culture Warwickshire from home





Every Monday we are posting new resources to our website for the week.

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritage](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritage)

[www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk](http://www.ourwarwickshire.org.uk)

**Week beginning 22 June**

**Monday**

Arty Tots from Home – 'Shapes'

<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/arty-tots-at-home/>

**Tuesday:**

Working from Home

<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/workingfromhome/>

**Wednesday:**

Warwickshire Museum in your Home - Romans

<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/warwickshire-museum-in-your-home/>

**Thursday:**

Meet the HCW Team - Find out about their job role, their favourite archive or object and other interesting facts....<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/meet-the-hcw-team/>



**Friday:**

Show and Tell Tales – Fairs and Circuses of Warwickshire

National Bring your Dog to Work Day - see staff pooches who are working from home!

**Saturday:**

Our Warwickshire – Discover the stories and take part in Our Warwickshire Quiz. <http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/our-warwickshire-quiz-from-home/>

**Sunday:**

Where in Warwickshire? Follow our social media pages and follow the clues to a Warwickshire landmark or place

#museumfromhome #archivesfromhome

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**National Volunteers' Week 2020**

A huge Thank You to all our volunteers. You are greatly valued members of the HCW team.

Here's a reminder of the Good Wishes from all our staff!





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## Heritage and Culture website relaunches



Our website is being updated and relaunched - it went live yesterday. The address remains the same:

<http://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk>

We are busy fixing the inevitable hiccups but if you encounter any 'relaunching' problems, do let me know and I'll pass it on.

Thank You.

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## Support resources

Please pass these details on to anyone who might find them helpful:

Leamington and Warwick Covid 19 Support Group

<https://warwickleamingtoncovidhelp.wordpress.com>

County Council guide to resources across the county:

[WCC Guide to groups that can help](#)

The County Council website is full of useful information. Do check in regularly:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/>

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**Thank You for all your support.** We are all looking forward to seeing you as soon as we can. Please take care of yourselves.

Sarah and all the HCW staff



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