

Woodstock

Woodstock is 8 miles north-west of Oxford and to the east of Blenheim Park, and was incorporated as a borough in 1453. A municipal borough was created in 1886, which comprised the old borough, part of Hensington township in Bladon parish, the Union workhouse at Hensington House, about 51 acres of Wootton, and Old Woodstock. Under the terms of the Local Government Act of 1894, Wootton and Hensington separated into individual civil parishes called Old Woodstock and Hensington Within.

Under local government re-organisation in 1974, Woodstock became part of West Oxfordshire District.

The Borough archives include:

- Several **royal charters** from the reigns of Edward VI to Victoria
- **Bound copy of Woodstock Charter** (1665) with lists of town clerks, mayors, aldermen, common council & parliamentary representatives from 16th to 19th centuries
- **Borough of New Woodstock rentals** 1468-1951: lists owners, occupiers, premises and rents payable
- Lieutenancy papers from the time of the **First Duke of Marlborough** including **papists returns** for the whole county, **militia lists** & correspondence 1688-1798
- **Council Act books** 1661-1878
- **Freeman's Admissions** 1796-1882
- Notices of interment in **parish burial ground** 1884-1975 & plans c 1860-1961
- Letters of thanks from serving members of armed forces for gifts from the **Woodstock Comforts Fund** 1942-1947
- **Woodstock Evacuation Tribunal** case files 1939-1940

Where are these records?

Woodstock Borough archives are held at Oxfordshire History Centre.

Where is the catalogue?

Woodstock Borough archives can be searched online using Heritage Search

[Visiting and contacting Oxfordshire History Centre.](#)