

Chipping Norton

The borough was incorporated by a charter of 1606, under the terms of which it had its own seal, the power to buy lands and pass bye-laws, its own courts, weekly market and annual fair.

The Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 terminated the privileges of the charter and enabled the borough to appoint a mayor, four aldermen and twelve councillors.

In 1872 Chipping Norton borough became the Urban Sanitary Authority for the town. This authority was replaced under the Local Government Act of 1894 by the new Chipping Norton Urban District Council, which remained in effect until 1974.

The Borough archives include:

- **The Royal Charter of 1606:** remained in force until the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835
- **Quarter Sessions & Manorial Court records:** e.g. victuallers' (innkeepers) licence books and recognizances 1750-1821
- **Poor Law & rating papers:** assessment and rate books, overseers accounts, workhouse plans
- **Housing:** records of tenants 1851-1939, terrier of housing estates 1922-28, registers of houses for various purposes 1920-1970
- **Public health and sanitation:** sanitary committee books 1896-1925, inspectors of nuisances journals 1873-1883
- **Railway:** letter re extension of Northampton and Banbury Railway to Chipping Norton 1865
- **War & Civil Defence:** billeting forms & correspondence relating to evacuees in WW2

Where are these records?

Chipping Norton Borough archives are held at Oxfordshire History Centre.

Where is the catalogue?

Chipping Norton Borough archives can be searched online using Heritage Search

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