

Henley Borough

'The town is pleasantly situated on the high road from London to Oxford, on a slight ascent from the banks of the river Thames...and is almost entirely surrounded by well-wooded heights; since the opening of the railway the town has become a very favourable and fashionable place of resort, more especially on account of the annual regatta held here every summer...A stone bridge of five arches, uniting..Henley with..Remenham [in Berks] was erected in 1786..The town was incorporated by Queen Elizabeth, but received a new charter 9 George I (1722) and a modern one 10th August, 1883; the corporation consists of a mayor, 4 aldermen and 12 councillors who also act as the Urban Sanitary Authority'

(extract from Kelly's Directory, 1895)

The Borough archives include:

- The **Charters** of Elizabeth I and George I 1568 & 1722
- A **cartulary** (parchment volume) given to the corporation in 1457 containing copies of the wills of benefactors and other documents relating to the manor, town, church and bridge 1260-1725
- **Borough Assembly** minutes dating from 1395
- Modern **council and committee minutes** until 1974 e.g. Henley Regatta Entertainment Committee 1910-1970
- A huge collection of **corporation property deeds** from c1250
- **Taxation** e.g. a Tallage volume of 1328 & a 16th century Subsidy List
- **Quarter Sessions** minute books 1723-1871
- **Registers of victuallers licences** (innkeepers) 1877-1918
- **Henley Manor** rental books 1694-1737

Where are these records?

Henley Borough archives are held at Oxfordshire History Centre.

Where is the catalogue?

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