

Local Newspapers

A list of local newspapers available for consultation in the Local Studies Library



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Please ask the staff for details.

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Local newspapers are a valuable source of information on local affairs. The quality and reliability of the information is not always as in-depth or dependable as we would wish, but there is frequently little else available as an alternative. As well as main news reports, smaller items such as photographs, letters, opinions and features – even advertisements – can provide a contemporary view of what life was like in the past.



Since the first Bradford newspaper was produced in 1825, the quantity and the titles of local dailies and weeklies have changed over the years. This leaflet offers only a brief introduction to some of the news sources available.



In addition to local and regional newspapers, we also hold archives of some national titles, including The Times on microfilm dating back to 1785!

Current Day's Issues

Daily copies of the Telegraph and Argus and the Yorkshire Post, as well as a selection of the national tabloids and broadsheets, are located in the City Centre Library on the Ground Floor.

Recent Back Copies

Newspapers for the past few months are kept in the Information Library on the Fourth Floor. Please ask the staff if you would like to see any of them.



The titles currently taken are:

- Telegraph and Argus
- Halifax Evening Courier
- Yorkshire Post
- Huddersfield Examiner
- Yorkshire Evening Post
- Ilkley Gazette
- Keighley News

Back Files

The use and storage of newspapers presents a number of problems, the most serious being the rapid deterioration of the paper itself. As microfilm lasts longer than the original paper copies, and is also easier to store and copy, we have had most of our local newspapers filmed.

Issues of many newspapers are now available on microfilm, although there may not always be a full consecutive run. Please ask the staff to show you where the films are kept, and for help with the microfilm viewers.

Copies of articles or individual pages can be made on a microfilm reader/printer for a small charge.

The newspapers available on microfilm are:

Aire Valley Target	1988 to date
Bingley Chronicle	1889-1909
Bradford and Wakefield Chronicle	1825-1826
Bradford Chronicle	1872-75; 1877-83
Bradford Daily Argus	1892-1925
Bradford Daily Telegraph	1868-1926
Bradford (Illus.) Weekly Telegraph	1869-78; 1882-96; 1898-99; 1901-10; 1912-1920
Bradford Observer (Continued as Yorkshire Observer)	1834-1901
Bradford Pioneer	1913-35
Bradford Review	1858-70
Bradford Star (later Bradford Target)	1988 to date
Clarion	1891-1934
Forward (Bradford I.L.P.)	1904-08
Ilkley Free Press	1885-1920 (Negative)
Ilkley Gazette	1880-82; 1885-96; 1901-18; 1921-25; 1959-60; 1964 to date (Negative)
Justice	1884-1914
Keighley Chronicle	1905-1909 (Negative)
Keighley Herald	1873-1911 (Negative)
Keighley Labour Journal	1894-1902
Keighley News	1862 to date (Negative)
Keighley Target	1989-91 (Negative)
Labour Echo	1895-99
Laisterdyke and Bowling News	1895-96; 1898-1917
Leeds Mercury	1738-45; 1749-51; 1769-70; 1773-1834

The newspapers available on microfilm (continued)

Northern Star	1838-52
Ravi	1980-2000
Shipley Times and Express	1876-91; 1893-95; 1897-1909; 1913-1981
South Bradford Guardian	1982-88
Telegraph and Argus	1926 to date
Voice of the West Riding	1833-34
West Yorkshire Pioneer	1885-1899; 1901-10; 1912-15; 1921-36
Yorkshire Factory Times	1889-1913
Yorkshire Observer (Previously Bradford Observer)	1902-56
Yorkshire Observer Budget (Previously Bradford Observer Budget)	1911-40; 1944-56
Yorkshire on Sunday	
Yorkshire Post	1866 to date

Other Local Newspapers

Microfilming is expensive, and some of the older papers are only available in bound volumes. Since these original copies are in a fragile condition, prior arrangement must be made to use them; a few are too fragile to be brought out at all. Please contact the Specialist Librarian (Local Studies) for further details:

Tel: 01274 433688

Keighley Library also holds its own newspaper archive for that area. For further details, please contact:

Keighley Reference Library
North Street
Keighley
BD21 3SX

Tel: 01535 618215