



Bristol Record Office Consulting on Opening Times & Family History Records

Opening Times

We are looking to increase our opening hours so that it is easier for everyone to use our service.

However we do not have sufficient resources to open six days a week for example. To do so would mean neglecting other essential work which would in turn damage the public service.

We are therefore faced with a number of options which we would value your opinion on.

We recognise that it would be impossible to satisfy everyone's requirements but we believe that by knowing the wishes of our users (and the wishes of those who would use us if our opening times allowed) we can come as close as resources will allow to an ideal solution.

**The current Bristol Record Office opening times are:
Monday - Thursday 9.30 am – 4.45 pm.**

1 Would you like Bristol Record Office to be open regularly on a Saturday (eg two per month)?

Yes No

2 If 'Yes' to the above would you wish our Saturday opening to be

Full day

Half day

3 Would you accept a day closed during the week in exchange for a Saturday opening?

Yes No

4 Would you like Bristol Record Office to be open later in the evening (eg until 7 pm) **one** day per week **as well as** a regular Saturday opening?

Yes No

Have you any other comments about Bristol Record Office opening times?

Family History Records

5 If the family history records currently kept at the Central Library (eg the national index of births, marriages and deaths up to, say, 1901, and books etc to do with family history) were to be moved to Bristol Record Office and added to the four floors of available records already there, so that as far as possible all family history records were housed under one roof, would this:

- improve your ability to carry out your research?
- reduce your ability to carry out your research?
- make no difference to your ability to carry out your research?

Please explain:

(In considering this please bear in mind that even with increased opening hours Bristol Record Office does not have the resources to match the opening hours of the Central Library, which is open 55 hours spread over 7 days per week.)

6 Would you like to be able to access copies of family history records from all over the UK and the world at Bristol Record Office to help you with your family history?

Yes No

There is of course no obligation to complete this questionnaire but it does offer you an opportunity to make your wishes known. If you would like to do so, please post your completed form back to us or drop it in to Bristol Record Office. If you are unable to do either but still wish to make your views known, please e-mail us at: **bro@bristol-city.gov.uk**

Please do not telephone us as regrettably this may disrupt our everyday public service.

**Closing date for consultation (ie all forms must be returned by):
Monday 7 July 2003**

We are very eager to know your views and will take them into account when decisions come to be made about the issues mentioned. Thank you for your help.

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