

Appendix 1 - Place Based Investment Programme

Aberdeen City Council: Aberdeen Archives, Gallery & Museums - Sharing the Archives

The archive housed in Old Aberdeen House will be packed up and sent into deep storage for a number of years whilst a new permanent home is found.

Some of the collection will be temporarily re-located to the Town House alongside the current elements of the City's archive that reside there.

During the period where public access is reduced, the team will develop a series of small displays that will focus on the archives in locations such as the Art Gallery, city libraries, Aberdeen Airport and, if possible, empty units as part of the Our Union Street project.

Working closely with partners, the topics explored will change and could include reference to a past "tall ship" setting sail from Aberdeen to Newfoundland in the 1590s, stories exploring LGBTQIA+ histories using recent research undertaken by Four Pillars and GREC as part of the PATH project, the Polish diaspora and the community now in Aberdeen (a proposed project focus for Aberdeen City Heritage Trust in the next 3 years).

The use of purpose made cases designed to safeguard our important historic archive will enable public access to be maintained and will ensure the message of how important the archive is to the city to be shared.