

The Oxfordshire Buildings Record (OBR) works to:

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WHY NOT JOIN US?

Whether you are interested in the landscape of Oxfordshire, its traditional buildings, local history, or the history of your own house, you will enjoy and benefit from joining the OBR.

Our current members cover a wide spectrum, from total beginners with a general interest, through keen amateur recorders and documentary historians, to people working in a profession in which an understanding of buildings plays a part.

The experienced members help the beginners, and everyone can contribute to the discussions which play a vital part in building studies.

There is a joining fee of £5. The subscription is £5 per year for individuals and includes regular issues of our electronic newsletter, *The Oxon Recorder*.

If you would like to join the OBR please complete the application form attached to this leaflet, or download it from: www.obr.org.uk

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OXFORDSHIRE BUILDINGS RECORD

THE ORGANISATION FOR
EVERYONE INTERESTED IN
THE BUILDINGS
OF OXFORDSHIRE



WHAT WE DO

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RECORDING

Careful recording is key to understanding buildings, and this is our main activity. We are interested in:

- local and regional surveys
- buildings types of all sorts
- building materials
- building techniques, including carpentry and masonry
- documentary evidence.

On a recording project the team will aim to cater for all levels of skill and different member interests. The results include photographs, sketches, written descriptions and measured drawings. The OBR has its own surveying equipment, thanks to an Awards for All grant. We are always interested to hear of any building that may be worth recording.

RESEARCH

We use documentary evidence to research the history of buildings. Members who prefer to work in libraries and record offices are equally welcome. Sources used can be as diverse as old maps, census returns, trade directories, deeds of sale, inventories, sale brochures and planning applications.

TRAINING

We encourage experienced members to work with beginners on recording days, some of which are specifically aimed at new members. These are based in an historic building and adopt a 'hands-on' approach.

ARCHIVE

OBR building reports are available to members via our website, and we are working to make copies for study at the Oxfordshire History Centre.

VISITS AND EVENTS

Members share results of recording work and ideas at the annual Presentation Day, when we also explore the local area with a knowledgeable guide. This – like our AGM, which follows a similar format – is held at a different place each year. We also have an annual joint lecture with the Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society on an architectural theme.

PROJECTS

We try to give focus to our recording through specific projects. We have recently supported a major recording project in Chipping Norton funded by Historic England, which allowed tree-ring dating to be carried out on some of the buildings. We also work closely with the Victoria County History, and in Ewelme Hundred we recorded a number of key buildings and also carried out wider surveys for the linked South Oxfordshire Project. Earlier work for the Heritage Lottery funded England's Past for Everyone project resulted in the illustrated book, *Burford – Buildings and People in a Cotswold Town*.

NEWSLETTER

The OBR publishes a quarterly electronic newsletter, *The Oxon Recorder*, which contains articles on buildings visited or recorded by members, reports of conferences, and other items of specialist interest such as book reviews. It also gives details of forthcoming events.

WEBSITE

Our website www.obr.org.uk provides additional information on forthcoming events and activities, also access to past newsletters, a photo gallery and examples of completed project work.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

OBR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Title _____

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Tel _____

E-mail _____

Any special interest or experience, e.g. as owner of a historic building/historian/photographer/artist/building professional:

☐ I agree to the Oxfordshire Buildings Record holding this information for purposes of administration. It may not be disclosed to others without my prior consent.

I agree/do not agree (please delete as appropriate) to my contact details being given to other members.

I attach a cheque for £10.00, made out to: *Oxfordshire Buildings Record* for my joining fee of £5.00 and my subscription of £5.00 for this year.

Signature _____

Date _____

☐ Please send me a Banker's Order Form.

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(Through Gift Aid the OBR can benefit if you are a taxpayer.)

Please tell us where you obtained this leaflet:

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