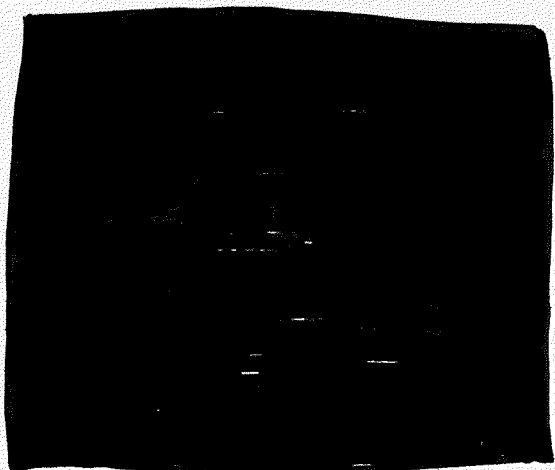


Saving the Lowestoft archive facility at Lowestoft
library Lowestoft Suffolk

Statement in its support



I am writing this statement in support of
Lowestoft archive at Lowestoft library.

I understand it is proposed that this archive office
will be moved to Ipswich archive.

This is an extremely foolish idea .and can't be
allowed to happen.

There is no other facility like this archive in the
east Suffolk district.

There are 60 or more thousand people living in
the borough of Lowestoft.

And there are very few public places for people to visit where they can do research or educational research which is what this facility caters for.

If you are a member of the public from Lowestoft

And you need to do some research for a project, such as I was doing this June 2023,

When I was commissioned to give a guided tour to a group of Japanese film makers from Tokyo TV about the Banksie murals in east Suffolk and Norfolk

Then there was (and is still) only one place I was adequately able to do the research at short notice for this day's tour and that was the Lowestoft archive at Lowestoft library.

I was able to do all the research I needed and gain access to the help offered from the Lowestoft archive staff and was able to make a presentation folder of my research which I gave to the Japanese film makers and was able to give this guided tour to them,

All because I was able to access the Lowestoft library archive collection database.

The day was a resounding success and the documentary was seen on Japanese TV this autumn.

Banksie 2

Now people in Japan are aware of the existence of Lowestoft and the history of Banksie murals in our town.

Thanks to the Lowestoft archive.

Now I am one adult, but there are many other people who can benefit from this archive Centre in the Centre of Lowestoft close to our bus station and the shops and facilities

There are no other public facilities for local people or indeed visitors to the borough

Like this archive,

Who may well want to do some research on a local topic of interest to them?

For instance, graduate students

Those who want to study, and need to do some research towards their aspirations.

People who want to build up a research portfolio for work and study career prospects,

Those who want to find out about the natural history of the area or the history of Lowestoft and those who want help finding out about their own town and the archive files that are held on line here,

And all these people have access to this in the town where they live or are visiting

Lowestoft the crown jewel seaside resort of Suffolk.

For those who support lifelong learning and who support being active participants in their community aspirations,

Then the Lowestoft archive facility is a brilliant place to do research towards this end.

Its warm dry has public toilets and the staff here are

Very supportive and helpful.

What alternative do people have to help keep their focus in a town of more than 60 thousand

people) with all the needs and hopes that Lowestoft has.

There is no other place like it and it serves the whole of the district.

There is no other facility north of Ipswich or east of Bury St Edmunds like it. (Bury archive is also under threat I hear)

The cost of a train to Ipswich is nearly twenty pounds.

It is very affordable to keep the archive here, considering the overall cost /benefit ratio of keeping a place like this open

For the general public.

For aspiring study groups,

For those engaged in research towards a project that could improve their career prospects or pay.

For those who want to improve their local community and need to do some research to this end.

For those who want to keep their brain active and spend time in a warm dry place with other

likeminded people and keep themselves safe from the dangers of their lives which may not be apparent but could be very real.

They may be in need of a safe place to study and cannot find another place that is safe as the Lowestoft library and archive is; maybe do to home safety issues for example.

Think about that statement please.

It's essential that it stays open and is there for the public of Lowestoft and for visitors to the borough too.

Please keep it in Lowestoft where it will be used by the people of Lowestoft and visitors alike.

Yours sincerely



Lowestoft resident and local activist to save Lowestoft facilities.

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