

Chipping Norton Borough records

The borough was incorporated by a charter of 1606, under the terms of which it had its own seal, the power to buy lands and pass bye-laws, its own courts, weekly market and annual fair.

The Municipal Corporations Act of 1835 terminated the privileges of the charter and enabled the borough to appoint a mayor, four aldermen and twelve councillors.

In 1872 Chipping Norton Borough became the town's Urban Sanitary Authority. This authority was replaced under the Local Government Act of 1894 by the new Chipping Norton Urban District Council, which remained in effect until 1974.

The Borough archives include:

- **The Royal Charter of 1606:** remained in force until the Municipal Corporations Act of 1835
- **Quarter Sessions and Manorial Court records:** e.g., victuallers' (innkeepers) licence books and recognizances 1750-1821
- **Poor Law and rating papers:** assessment and rate books, overseers accounts, workhouse plans
- **Housing:** records of tenants 1851-1939, terrier of housing estates 1922-28, registers of houses for various purposes 1920-1970
- **Public health and sanitation:** sanitary committee books, 1896-1925, Inspectors of Nuisances journals, 1873-1883
- **Railway:** letter re extension of Northampton and Banbury Railway to Chipping Norton 1865
- **War and Civil Defence:** billeting forms and correspondence relating to evacuees in WW2

Where to find these records

Chipping Norton Borough archives are held at Oxfordshire History Centre.

Catalogue

The records themselves are not online, but a catalogue of the records is available on [Heritage Search](#). They have the prefix **BOR1**.

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