

Questions and useful links

I presume many VCH compilers/authors were architects/architectural historians, not archaeologists. Is this much different now?

- **Adam Chapman:** Thank you for that question - Matt can deal with this in more detail later, but it is a mixture. We have input from both groups and the work of agencies such as Historic England including archaeological surveys of standing and demolished buildings.
- **Matt Bristow:** I'm not sure whether there were a huge number of architects. The role of architectural editor, guiding the contributors has remained through the years (I think I'm the 6th or 7th). Today, a number of our contributors have archaeological backgrounds but no former architects as far as I'm aware. I think the link between archaeology and local history - going back to the antiquarian tradition, is stronger than that with architects.

Link to Historic England Research Reports for some examples:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/research/research-results/research-reports/>

Is there a Buildings Record Group in all counties?

- **Matt Bristow:** I would tentatively say 'most'. Some, like Oxfordshire are very active, others are relatively newly formed, others have a semi-official role as part of the County Council offer - like the Wiltshire Buildings Record. Confusingly, they all have slightly different names, so a bit of hunting is necessary. Are you interested in a particular county?
- **Essex** (the Essex group contributed to the last VCH volume): <http://www.ehbg.co.uk>
- **Devon:** <http://www.devonbuildingsgroup.org.uk>
- **Chester:** <https://chesterarchaeolsoc.org.uk/fieldwork-group/>
- **Victoria County History of Essex: St Osyth to the Naze: North-East Essex Coastal Parishes, Part 1:**
<https://blog.history.ac.uk/2020/09/new-from-the-victoria-county-history-of-essex-volume-xii-st-osyth-to-the-naze-north-east-essex-coastal-parishes-part-1-st-osyth-great-and-little-clacton-frinton-great-holland-and-little-hollan/>
- **Vernacular Architecture Group**
<https://www.vag.org.uk/>
- **Bibliography of the Vernacular Architecture Group**
<https://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/vagbiblio/>
- **Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society- Historic Buildings Group**
<http://www.bucksas.org.uk/hbg.html>

- **Historic Farm Buildings Group**
<http://www.hfbg.org.uk>
- **Pillbox Study Group**
<http://www.pillbox-study-group.org.uk/>
- **The Association for Industrial Archaeology**
<https://industrial-archaeology.org/index.php>
- **Prison History- Local Lock-up**
<https://www.prisonhistory.org/local-lock-up/>
- **Burford Building Survey**
<https://www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk/explore/collection/burfords-buildings>

Books & Articles

- **The Wessex Project: Thomas Hardy, Architect**
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Wessex-Project-Thomas-Hardy-Architect/dp/1848222505>
- **Burford: Buildings and People in a Cotswold Town, by Antonia Catchpole, David Clark and Robert Peberdy**
<https://www.history.ac.uk/research/victoria-county-history/vch-publications/englands-past-for-everyone/burford>
- **English Shops and Shopping: An Architectural History- Kathryn A. Morrison**
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/English-Shops-Shopping-Architectural-History/dp/0300102194>
- **The Shop Within?: an Analysis of the Architectural Evidence for Medieval Shops- David Clark**
<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/architectural-history/article/shop-within-an-analysis-of-the-architectural-evidence-for-medieval-shops/870F1729B4647050A0643BFFE4F8C198>