

## Information sources – researching the James Gray Collection

Here are some books and online resources which might assist your research into Brighton & Hove's architectural history. It is by no means exhaustive but hopefully a useful starting point. And remember, there is a wealth of material on the history of Brighton & Hove in our local public and university libraries as well as in the East Sussex archive collection at The Keep.

### BOOKS

- Antram, Nicholas and Richard Morrice. *Brighton and Hove*. Yale University Press, 2008. (Pevsner Architectural Guides)  
*Predominantly a series of walks highlighting streets and buildings of interest but also includes a brief history of Brighton & Hove and sections on eight major buildings such as the Royal Pavilion and the Jubilee Library. Also includes an annotated chapter of 'further reading'.*
- Antram, Nicholas and Nikolaus Pevsner. *Sussex: East with Brighton and Hove*. Yale University Press, 2013. (Pevsner Architectural Guides)  
*Another in the Buildings of England series guide, this covers East Sussex including outlying areas of Brighton & Hove not covered by the 2008 guide (see above).*
- Carder, Timothy. *The encyclopaedia of Brighton*. East Sussex County Libraries, 1990.  
*Incredibly useful book. Extracts appear on the My Brighton and Hove website (see online resources below).*
- Collis, Rose. *New encyclopaedia of Brighton*. Brighton & Hove Libraries, 2010.  
*An updated edition of Timothy Carder's earlier work. This edition includes both the bibliography of the original edition and an updated bibliography (including websites) for the 2010 edition.*
- *Guide to the buildings of Brighton* [written by students and staff of the School of Architecture and Interior Design, Brighton Polytechnic]. Published by McMillan Martin for the South East Region of the Royal Institute of British Architects, 1987.  
*A cross-section of interesting buildings stretching from Shoreham to Saltdean. Includes chapters on the Wilds, Charles Busby and the Wagners.*
- *The historic buildings of Hove*. Hove and Brighton Urban Conservation Board, 1994.  
*A well-illustrated and definitive guide to all the listed buildings in Hove, Hangleton and Portslade, together with notes on the listing process and the care and repair of listed buildings. Available from Hove Library, The Keep and the University of Sussex Library.*
- Middleton, Judy. *Encyclopaedia of Hove and Portslade*. Self-published in 15 A4 ring-bound volumes, 2001-2003.  
*An essential and endlessly fascinating set of reference books for anyone interested in the local history of the area. The entries are arranged in street order, with many other summaries of the buildings, people and events featured in the James Gray collection. Invaluable but rather elusive: the whole encyclopedia is only available at Hove Library and the Jubilee Library while Hangleton Library and The Keep have selected volumes. A full list of Judy's publications is shown on her blogspot (see below). However, David Sears and some other volunteers have complete sets which can be consulted by anyone researching images of Hove.*

- Middleton, Judy.  
See <http://hovehistory.blogspot.com/p/judy-middleton-local-history.html> for a list of this local historian's publications, especially strong on the history of Hove and Portslade.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://www.royalmail.com/find-a-postcode>

*Does what it says on the tin.*

<http://www.mybrightonandhove.org.uk/index.aspx>

*A mine of useful information about the city's streets, buildings, maps etc. Includes extracts from Tim Carder's Encyclopaedia of Brighton (see books above). Allows comments from the public but these should be read with some caution as memories are not always accurate!*

<http://hovehistory.blogspot.com>

*Articles by local historian, Judy Middleton, especially strong on Hove but also with entries for Brighton history.*

<http://www.brightonhistory.org.uk/index.html>

*Very useful for mini-histories of Brighton & Hove streets but also has indexes of architects, notable residents, and a collection of historic maps. Website maintained by Regency Society trustee, David Fisher.*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buildings\\_and\\_architecture\\_of\\_Brighton\\_and\\_Hove](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buildings_and_architecture_of_Brighton_and_Hove)

*A useful introduction to the architectural history of Brighton & Hove with links to lots of other relevant Wikipedia pages.*

<http://www.brightonsarchitecture.com/index.html>

*Website maintained by Duncan McNeill, photographer, architect, former Regency Society trustee, and sponsor of the digitisation of several volumes of the James Gray Collection. Especially strong on photographs, including a number of 360° panoramas.*

<http://myhousemystreet.org/>

*Includes searchable historic Brighton & Hove street directories and a number of North Laine street histories.*

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/conservation-areas>

*Virtually all of the city's 34 conservation areas have 'character statements' which describe the area's history and character. Find links to them here.*

<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>

*Searchable list of listed buildings, scheduled monuments, protected wrecks, registered parks and gardens, and battlefields.*

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/planning/heritage/local-list-heritage-assets>

*A Locally Listed Heritage Asset is a building, park or garden considered to be of special interest, because of its local historic, architectural, design or townscape value. On the Council website, this lists all the locally listed assets in the city. Not the same as listed buildings (see above).*

<https://planningapps.brighton-hove.gov.uk/online-applications/>

*Planning applications back to 1997. Can sometimes resolve questions about changes to specific properties. Often includes detailed OS maps with house numbers in the 'documents' section of individual entries.*

<https://sbpc.regencysociety.org>

*Images of Brighton & Hove and the surrounding area from the Regency and Victorian periods collected by The Society of Brighton Print Collectors. The images and text on the website, maintained by the Regency Society, can be searched in a variety of ways – by decade, street, building type, via the master map or via a word search. Includes information not only about the prints but also historical and architectural information about their subjects.*

<https://www.geograph.org.uk>

*A project to 'collect geographically representative photographs and information for every square kilometre of Great Britain & Ireland'. A bit hit-and-miss but can sometimes come up with interesting facts about a street, such as previous occupants of shops.*

<http://www.buildingopinions.com/>

*Robert Németh's columns on conservation and development in Brighton & Hove first published in the Latest Homes magazine.*

<http://history.nlcaonline.org.uk/category/street>

*North Laine street histories, many previously published in the North Laine Runner, the magazine of the North Laine Community Association.*

<http://www.northlainehistory.info/index.html>

*Information on the streets, buildings and people of North Laine.*

<http://www.kemptownstatehistories.com>

*'Who's been living in my house' is a fascinating part of the Kemp Town Society website, recording the history and former residents of the Kemp Town Estate.*

<http://www.publicsculpturesofsussex.co.uk/>

*Useful listing of public sculptures in Sussex, searchable by town. A book of the same name was published in 2014.*

<https://maps.nls.uk/index.html>

*Collection of historic maps, including OS maps, digitised by the National Library of Scotland.*

<http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/onlineex/firemaps/england/london/se/zoomify147985.html>

*Zoomable 1898 fire insurance map of Brighton, scale 1:480 (1 inch to 40 feet). Useful for locating lost streets.*