

Newspaper Collection at Oswestry Library

We hold a complete set of Oswestry & Border Counties Advertiser from 1849 to present day. This newspaper has changed its title fairly often, but tended to keep the basic word formula.

It is held in various formats; up to 1980 it is on micro-film, except for 1950 which is still the original hardcopy and has been bound as one year. From 1980 to the beginning of July 2012 the newspapers are in their original format, but from the latter date we have them on DVD which is making storage much easier.

We are hoping over the next few years to photograph the newspapers from 1980 to 2012. Their condition is deteriorating as they are handled often and there is no national budget for digitising these newspapers. We will keep the website updated as to our progress.

We also hold original newspapers of the Cambrian News for 1870, 1876 & 1877, Merionethshire Standard for 1865, 1866 & 1868, Merionethshire Herald for 1863 and Salopian & Montgomeryshire Post from 1881 to 1893.

There are copies of all the above newspapers, though not the full collection we hold, at National Newspaper Library in Colindale, Shropshire Archives and The National Library of Wales.

We have been given a very unusual newspaper – Border & Counties Advertiser Half-Penny War Special. This runs from 18 August 1914 to 18 January 1915. This is the only copy, as far as we are aware and we have produced our Roll Of Honour which is on this website from this source. We have also copied letters and articles from it concerning Oswestry and the surrounding villages, which we will be putting on this site soon, to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. Because of the rarity of this newspaper we have now donated it to the National Library of Wales and they are hoping to digitise it as soon as they are able, as part of their WW1 project.