This page: LGB&T heritage trail mosaic marker
Found across Manchester city centre

Cover image: Quentin Crisp street art
Canal Street, Manchester

Both photos: Precinct Galvez-Soto
Outside of London, Manchester is home to the UK’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGB&T) community and has long been renowned for its Gay Village centred on Canal Street. Over the years, Manchester has also been home to many important LGB&T figures such as Quentin Crisp and Alan Turing who have made vital contributions to British society and culture. The city has played host to numerous festivals which celebrate LGB&T culture including Pride, Queer up North, Get Bent and Sparkle, and every February LGB&T History Month is marked with a series of city-wide events which showcase the rich LGB&T heritage of the region and beyond.

The history of Manchester’s LGB&T community is an important part of the social and cultural fabric of both the city and the North West region. In 1964 Greater Manchester became the birthplace of the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, while in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Manchester City Council was hugely influential in the campaign against Section 28; something they celebrated in two major exhibitions: ‘Lesbian and Gay Campaigns in the Late 80’s Ten Years On’ (c.1998 and 2000) and ‘Repealed! - An exhibition of the history of local campaigns for the repeal of Section 28’ (Manchester Central Library, 2003). Furthermore, Manchester’s LGB&T history was formally recognised in 2005 when the City Council endorsed the city’s LGB&T heritage trail by installing permanent rainbow mosaic markers along the route.

For many reasons, however, it’s often hard to locate historical sources relating to the LGB&T past even though it has become increasingly acknowledged that more needs to be done to both capture the memories and experiences of LGB&T people and liberate historical materials relating to them. This guide provides an introduction to the archival and printed material deposited in locations across Manchester and the North West.

Whether you’re a seasoned historical researcher or a novice looking to develop your skills or knowledge, this resource will assist you in locating LGB&T sources, and provide you with helpful information and tips to get the most out of your experience unlocking Manchester’s LGB&T past.
Top Tips for searching archives

For many reasons it can be difficult to find references to LGB&T people in archives. This is in part because archivists often write summary descriptions rather than describing individual items in detail, but also because words used to describe identities and behaviours change over time. The following is a checklist of handy hints and tips to help you to find the material you want.

Think about the search terms you use

- Some terms that are common now, such as ‘gay’ and ‘queer’ have had different meanings over time which can affect search results.
- Useful ‘identity’ key words include: gay, gays, queer, queers, lesbian, lesbianism, lesbians, bisexual, homosexual, homosexuals, sexual minorities, sexuality, sexual orientation, trans, transvestism, transvestites, transsexual, transgender, and sapphism.
- Terms historically used to criminalise or stigmatise the LGB&T community can be useful in searches, including: drag, deviant, invert, buggery, sodomy, indecent, immoral, gross indecency, procurement, soliciting, immorality, and unmentionable.
- Subject indexes can be problematic because the major thesauri tend to use the terms ‘Gender minorities’ and ‘Sexual behaviour’. Using these subject index terms may uncover additional materials.
- Remember that a file with an indirectly related title may contain references to your area of interest.

TOP TIP!

Be creative and think of a range of different search terms.
Think about where you can access material

- Archives in which a large proportion of the population are found (such as newspapers, courts, hospitals, etc.) will include references to LGB&T people which you will need to decipher.
- As the State has historically played a major role in repressing, controlling and censoring the lives of LGB&T people you should think about the range of archive material that is available: parliamentary papers, prison records, educational records, civil service records, armed forces files, and media records.
- Police and court records are a good place to search as homosexuality wasn’t decriminalised until 1967, and homosexuality was often cited in divorce proceedings.

**TOP TIP!**

If you know the date of an event or occurrence of LGB&T significance, search for material either side of that date or look for materials produced to mark major anniversaries.

Think about if you can access material

- Under the Data Protection Act, files may be listed in archive catalogues but remain closed. There is an option to request a Freedom of Information review to see if the file can be opened.

For further advice, including a useful glossary, suggested search terms and legislation timeline see The National Archive’s ‘Gay and Lesbian History at The National Archives: An Introduction’ resource available at: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/gay-lesbian.htm
LGB&T History Resources available in the North West

Manchester Central Library (Greater Manchester County Record Office and Manchester Archives) 📚⏰🐦

📍 Manchester Central Library, St Peter’s Sq, Manchester, M2 5PD (closed until spring 2014)
📞 0161 832 5284
✉️ archiveslocalstudies@manchester.gov.uk
🌐 www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries/arls

Drag ball, Hulme, c.1880 (Illustrated Police News) Image features in Steve Jones, Manchester: The Sinister Side, 1997
Manchester Local Studies Unit (364.1 Jo(099))
Manchester Central Library is home to a wide range of LGB&T archive materials relating to various aspects of LGB&T life in the area. Their holdings include posters for local LGB&T events, campaigns and groups, as well as Manchester City Council publications on topics such as LGB&T housing. Some of the key collections include:

**Records of Manchester City Council - LGBT Employee Group (GB 127.M744)**
Core group notes, full group notes, annual reports, conference pack, and promotional material 2002-2006 [restricted access].

**Papers of Margaret Roff, Manchester City Councillor and lesbian rights campaigner (GB 127.M746)**
- Papers relating to Manchester City Council’s Equal Opportunities Policy and Equal Opportunities 1985-1986
- Press Release issued by Rusholme Ward Labour Party regarding the withdrawal of Margaret Roff as a Ward Councillor 1986
- Letter from Margaret Roff to Larry Whitty regarding discrimination in the Labour Party n.d.
- Newspaper cuttings etc.

**Records of the Manchester City Council Chief Executive’s Department: Service Improvement and Inclusion Team (GB 127.M775)**
This collection includes the campaign records of the Service Improvement and Inclusion Team, exhibition material, and other collected material. A more detailed catalogue is available for this collection on request. Please note the campaign records are on restricted access.

Other material of interest to the LGB&T community has been collected by the unit. This includes material relating to Northwest Campaign for Lesbian & Gay Equality; The Albert Kennedy Trust; Rochdale Lesbian and Gay Action; North West Lesbian and Gay Coalition and miscellaneous publications / promotional material.

Includes records of Manchester Parents Group, correspondence, newspaper cuttings and leaflets.
LGB&T History Resources available in the North West

Papers of Stanley Rowe
Stanley Rowe was a youth worker in Manchester. His papers include booklets published by CHE and various youth work organisations on homosexuality, 1970s.

Papers of Allan Horsfall
Allan Horsfall was founder and secretary of the North Western Homosexual Law Reform Committee
This collection includes correspondence, minutes, newspaper cuttings, 1963-1987, and the transcript of a talk given at Manchester Town Hall in July 1987.

Quarter Sessions Court Records
Court files include brief details of cases. Deposition files include defendant and police statements taken in the course of investigating same-sex offences. Files survive for some years for Salford, Oldham and Manchester [Some items are restricted access].

City of Manchester Magistrates Court
Court registers from the 1940s to the 1960s record brief details, sometimes including places of same-sex offences.

Prison and Felony Registers
Prison registers for New Bailey and Strangeways prisons dating from mid-late nineteenth century contain details of same-sex offences.

Manchester City Council and Committees
The Watch Committee administered the city’s police service from 1839 onwards. Minutes (Council Minutes/Watch Committee 1839-1968) and reports (1838-date, indexed from 1838-1962) are available. Reports of the Policy and Resources Committee, and Gay Men and Lesbians Sub-committees, are also available (1984-date).

Queer Up North
Sources relating to Manchester’s international LGB&T arts festival, Queer Up North (1992-2010) have been catalogued, repackaged and made available at Manchester Archives. The collection as a whole includes promotional materials, artists’ files, photographs, and film, 1992-2006. In addition, an oral history project has recorded the memories and experiences of those involved with the festival. The catalogue to the archive can be viewed on the Access to Archives (A2A) website. Materials relating to the 2006-2010 period will be catalogued and made available from 2014. See the entry for The Lesbian & Gay Foundation for more materials relating to the Queer Up North festival.

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Manchester Central Library (Manchester Room)

Manchester Central Library, St Peter’s Sq, Manchester, M2 5PD (closed until spring 2014)
0161 234 1979 / 0161 234 1098 (for microfilm/microfiche bookings)
archiveslocalstudies@manchester.gov.uk

The library holds a wealth of sources relating to the history of LGB&T people in the north west. Material includes books and journal articles on a diverse range of topics including the mathematician Alan Turing, Channel 4 television series ‘Queer as Folk’, the development of Canal Street as a ‘gay space’, reminiscences and interviews with older LGB&T people within the north west, as well as moral reform in the nineteenth century. The library stocks numerous newspapers which are known to contain material of LGB&T interest including stories of a police raid on a drag ball in Chorlton-upon-Medlock in 1880, details of a Henry / Harriet Stoakes, a woman who dressed as a man for 25 years and lived in Manchester in 1838, and more recent articles about the Manchester gay scene. Publications held include: City Life (1984-2005), Manchester Evening Mail, Manchester Examiner, Manchester Guardian & Observer, Mancunian Gay (Jan 1984 - Nov 1985), The Manchester Lesbian Newsletter, (2002-2013), Scene Out, (1989-1992) and Manchester Evening News which is available on microfilm and has an information index by which you can search ‘Gay’ and ‘Lesbian’ for various articles.

The library also hosts the Local Image Collection which contains over 80,000 images of Manchester and its suburbs including many of LGB&T interest. A selection of LGB&T archive images and old photos of Manchester’s Gay Village can also be viewed online at: www.flickr.com/photos/manchesterarchiveplus/sets

Mardi Gras, Canal Street, 1999
Manchester Archives (GB127.M775/1/3/11)
The Lesbian & Gay Foundation (LGF) 🌐 📷 ☕️

Address: Number 5, Richmond Street, Manchester M1 3HF
Phone: 0845 3 30 30 30
Email: history@lgf.org.uk
Website: www.lgf.org.uk

The LGF is a charity offering a wide range of services to LGB communities. They campaign for a fair and equal society where all lesbian, gay and bisexual people can achieve their full potential, and their mission is: ‘Ending Homophobia, Empowering People.’ The LGF produce outnorthwest, the north west’s only free LGB&T bi-monthly lifestyle, health and listings magazine which dates back to 2000. The LGF has a library and archive of materials relating to their organisational history as well as the history of the wider LGB&T community.

The LGF library stocks reference books relating to HIV, sexuality, sexual health and mental health and has a large collection of lesbian and gay fiction books and a well-stocked gender studies section.


Queer Up North

Some archive material relating to the now defunct Queer Up North international LGB&T arts festival is held in The LGF archive including: promotional posters and flyers, performance footage, newspaper clippings, performance reports and ephemera (1992-2010).
Selection of outnorthwest magazines
The Lesbian & Gay Foundation
Oldham Local Studies and Archives

- 84 Union Street, Oldham, Lancashire, OL1 1DN
- 0161 770 4654
- archives@oldham.gov.uk
- www.oldham.gov.uk and search for archive or local studies

Oldham Local Studies and Archives hold various local newspapers, military sources, census records, parish records and historical maps. They have been actively looking to collect archives and experiences of being LGB&T and living, studying or working in Oldham. Some of the key collections include:

RANG - Greater Manchester Asian Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans support group
The collection is principally made up of article, extracts from web sites and newspaper cuttings relating to Asian LGBT issues, c. 2000-2005. It also includes documents detailing the establishment of the group and associated papers, 2004-2005.

Papers relating to Oldham Pride Festival and Oldham LGBT Forum
Currently this is a small collection focusing on Oldham Pride event ephemera although accruals are expected, c. 2005-2008.

North West Film Archive (NWFA)

- The Manchester Metropolitan University, Minshull House,
  47-49 Chorlton Street, Manchester, M1 3EU
- 0161 247 3097
- n.w.filmlarchive@mmu.ac.uk
- www.nwfa.mmu.ac.uk

The NWFA holds moving and still images relating to LGB&T life in the North West and beyond. Holdings include coverage of Manchester Mardi Gras festival, documentaries featuring local LGB&T community groups, charitable organisations and individuals, and even an animated film about gay rights in the Isle of Man.
North West Sound Archive (NWSA) 

Clitheroe Museum, Clitheroe Castle, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 1BA
01200 427 897
www.nwsoundarchive.co.uk

The NWSA hold various sound recordings relating to the experiences of LGB&T people in the North West, as well as interviews with eminent LGB&T individuals in the arts, gay rights movement and political world. The recordings cover various themes and issues including the Campaign for Homosexual Equality and other political movements; the LGB&T arts; community groups and voluntary organisations; and LGB&T legal and social change in the North West.

The NWSA catalogue is searchable online at the LANCAT Archive website (http://archivecat.lancashire.gov.uk/CalmView/) where you will need to run an ‘Advanced Search’, input your search terms, and then select NWSA from the ‘Repository’ drop-down menu.

Never Going Underground, 1988
Manchester Archives (GB127.M775/5, M775.5, GB127.M775/5)

Labour History Archive and Study Centre

People’s History Museum, Left Bank, Spinningfields, Manchester, M3 3ER
0161 838 9190
archive@phm.org.uk
www.phm.org.uk/archive-study-centre

The People’s History Museum is the national centre for the collection, conservation, interpretation and study of material relating to the history of working people in Britain. The Labour History Archive and Study Centre is the only specialist repository for the political wing of the Labour movement. It holds records for working class political organisations from the Chartists to New Labour. Its collections include the papers of Peter Tatchell, (1971-1999) and records of Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners, (1984-1987).
After a concerted effort to collect materials relating to the local LGB&T community in Tameside, Tameside Local Studies and Archives now hold papers relating to LGBT History Month including information about events in Tameside and Manchester c.2009-2010; papers and publications connected with Tameside Third Sector Coalition (T3SC) and The LGF; and emails from Gaydio and LGBT Carers.

Proud Tameside papers

Proud Tameside was formed out of work done by Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition (T3SC) and The LGF during 2007-2008 with funding from ChangeUp Capacity Builders. The resulting report, ‘Supporting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities within Tameside’ created the framework within which the Proud Tameside LGBT Network took shape. Meetings took place every two months at T3SC offices in Ashton-under-Lyne.

This collection includes files of material produced or used by Proud Tameside (2008-2011) covering topics such as transport, crime, campaigns, and funding.

Lancashire Archives

Lancashire Archives is actively building a ‘pink collection’ of archives, oral histories and experiences of being Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender in Lancashire as part of the Outing the Past project.

www.flickr.com/photos/lancashirecc/5981347820/in/set-72157627292979550
Liverpool Record Office
Liverpool Central Library, William Brown Street, Manchester, L3 8EW
0151 233 5817
archives@liverpool.gov.uk
www.liverpool.gov.uk/archives

Liverpool Record Office houses some material of LGB&T interest including novels and books including: Mike Homfray, Provincial Queens: the Gay and Lesbian community in NW England (Lang, 2007) and Liverpool’s Gay Tourism Guide. They also hold copies of Outcome magazine c. 1970s as well as sources relating to Gay Pride Weekly. Much of Liverpool Record Office’s holdings comprise oral histories including: ‘Our Story Liverpool: Memories of Gay Liverpool’, 2009.

Manchester District Music Archive (MDMA)
info@mdmarchive.co.uk
www.mdmarchive.co.uk/queernoise

Established in 2003, this is an online archive which aims to ‘celebrate Greater Manchester music, protect its heritage and promote awareness of its cultural importance.’ The MDMA website hosts an online exhibition called ‘Queer Noise‘ which is dedicated to the hidden history of Manchester’s gay music culture. Sources include event flyers, photographs and music audio.

Working Class Movement Library
51 The Crescent, Salford, M5 4WX
0161 736 3601
www.wcml.org.uk

The Working Class Movement Library holds various sources of LGB&T interest including printed materials relating to LGB&T employment rights and community groups and activism, as well as ephemera such as badges. Within the Campaign for Press and Broadcasting Freedom Collection they hold papers relating to the Lesbian and Gay group, 1986-1989.
The National Archives

The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU
020 8876 3444
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk

The National Archives are the UK government’s official archive housing material ranging from the Doomsday Book to modern websites. They hold material of LGB&T interest dating between 1700s-1980s, some of which has been digitised and can be downloaded directly from their online catalogue for either a small fee or free of charge. Topics covered include:

- Homosexual law reform in UK and Ireland / Wolfenden Committee and Report
- Campaign for Homosexual Equality (UK-wide)
- Employment policy and equal opportunities
- Gay men and lesbian women in the armed forces
- Police records relating to male prostitution, treatment of homosexual prisoners and crimes against LGB&T people
- LGB&T themes in the arts including the censorship and banning of literature or plays
- Fertility and artificial insemination legislation
- AIDS
I hope the Civil Partnership Bill sails safely through Parliament so that those who want to take advantage of its provisions may do so as soon as possible. But I also hope it won’t be long before the Government and society at large recognise that true equality won’t be achieved until marriage is accepted as an institution that should be available to anyone who wants it (its responsibilities as well as its advantages).
Library of the London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE) 📚 🔗 ⚡️ 🌐

- Archives Division, Library of the London School of Economics & Political Science, 10 Portugal Street, London, WC2A 2HD
- 📞 020 7955 7223
- 🌐 document@lse.ac.uk
- 🌐 www2.lse.ac.uk/library/archive/Home.aspx

Hall-Carpenter Archive Collection

www2.lse.ac.uk/library/archive/holdings/hall_carpenter_archives.aspx

The Hall-Carpenter Archives (HCA) at LSE is Britain’s major resource for the study of lesbian and gay activism in the UK. Over thirty lesbian and gay organisations and activists have deposited records with HCA including:

- Albany Trust, including the records of the Homosexual Law Reform Society
- Campaign for Homosexual Equality
- Gay Activists Alliance
- Gay Liberation Front
- Antony Grey
- Joint Council for Gay Teenagers
- Michael James
- Kenric
- Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement
- Mary McIntosh
- Lisa Power
- Peter Tatchell
- Ian Townson

The HCA holds various UK and world LGB newspapers, magazines and journals which are searchable online, as well as LGB ephemera including badges which date from 1907 onwards.

The Women’s Library Collection

thewomenslibrary@lse.ac.uk

The Women’s Library at LSE is Europe’s largest collection of material relating to the lives of women and is a key part of British heritage. The Women’s Library has a wealth of resources relating to lesbian and bisexual women including books, reports, journals, periodicals, magazines and newspapers, and moving images. They hold a Civil Partnership Collection which includes various resources including photographs and footage of different civil partnerships that took place 2006-2009.
The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and it receives a copy of every publication produced in the UK. It holds some Manchester LGB&T publications, such as complete sets of Mancunian Gay (1981-1986), Gay Life (1986-current) and Scene Out (1989-current).

Hall-Carpenter Archives Oral History Project
The Hall-Carpenter Oral History archive is a major collection of interviews relating to gay and lesbian experience in Britain. The original oral history project was established in 1985 as part of the Hall Carpenter Archives, which had been set up in 1982.

The Millthorpe Project: Interviews with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Trade Unionists
This collection comprises 10 oral history interviews carried out by the Millthorpe Project in 2008 and 2009. The project sought to illustrate how LGB&T trade unionists have sought to integrate these two key aspects into their personal and political lives. The interviews were carried out with support from the University and College Union (UCU) and the Trades Union Congress (TUC).

Before Stonewall: a lesbian, gay and transgender oral history
A collection of VHS copies of interviews with members of the LGB&T communities recalling their experiences from the years before 1969 and the beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement.

The Rainbow Television Collection of Gay/Lesbian Videos
A collection of videos assembled by independent television company Rainbow Network with a view to re-broadcast, drawn from sources all over the world.
Sources held nationally

The Martyn Taylor collection
A collection of six oral history interviews conducted by the late Martyn Taylor relating to the history and experiences of older gay British men, mostly born in the second decade of the twentieth Century.

The Tony Dean Gay Commercial Scene interviews
A collection of interviews about London’s gay commercial club scene, in the 1960s to 1980s.

The Philip Cox ‘Gaywaves’ Collection
Mainly off-air recordings made between 1979 and 1990, including recordings made in 1982-1983 for use in production of ‘Gaywaves’, the first British radio programme produced by and for gay men, broadcast from the pirate radio station ‘Our Radio’. The collection includes many programmes relating to HIV and AIDS and gay and lesbian issues.

The All Out Production Collection
Recordings produced by All Out Productions for BBC Radio (1993-2000). The majority of the collection consists of the complete series of broadcasts ‘Out this Week’, a weekly, live programme that highlighted gay and lesbian issues and perspectives on the news. ‘Out this Week’ was broadcast on BBC Radio 5 Live from 1994-1999. Also donated is the two-part documentary ‘You can come out now’: which explored the history of gay rights in Britain and was broadcast on Radio 4 in May 1998. The collection includes uncut interviews recorded during the production of the documentary.
Sources held nationally

Lesbian and Gay News Media Archive (LAGNA)

- Lesbian and Gay Newsmedia Archive, Bishopsgate Institute, 230 Bishopsgate, London, EC2M 4QH
- 020 7392 9270
- enquiry@lagna.org.uk
- www.lagna.org.uk

LAGNA is an archive of an estimated 200,000 cuttings from the gay and mainstream press covering all aspects of gay life from the 1930s to the present. It’s the only collection of its kind in the UK. LAGNA also has a library of approximately 500 titles on LGB&T subjects.

King’s College Archive Centre

- Archive Centre, King’s College, Cambridge, CB2 1ST
- 01223 331444
- archivist@kings.cam.ac.uk
- www.kings.cam.ac.uk/archive-centre

King’s College, Cambridge holds various materials of LGB&T interest including:

- The papers of Alan Turing
- The personal papers of Cecil Beaton
- The Personal papers of politicians such as Enoch Powell, Barbara Wootton and Neil Kinnock whose files include correspondence on gay rights issues.
- Files of the Cambridge Women’s Liberation Group which include material relating to lesbian literature and lesbian child custody.
The Lesbian Archive and Information Centre (LAIC) Collection

LAIC was established in London in 1984 and its archives were transferred to Glasgow Women’s Library in 1995. Collections include lesbian periodicals such as Arena 3, The Ladder, and Sappho and newsletters of local groups from across the UK, records of the campaigner and journalist, Jackie Forster; oral histories; campaign materials; and collections from organisations such as the Camden Lesbian Centre and Black Lesbian Group.

London Metropolitan University

People’s History Museum (NMLH.2004.1.3)
## Online Sources

### The NHS North West’s LGB&T timeline & video resource

[www.help.northwest.nhs.uk/lgbt_timeline](http://www.help.northwest.nhs.uk/lgbt_timeline)

This timeline and accompanying video of personal stories of LGB&T individuals who have worked in the NHS, celebrates the history and achievements of LGB&T people and the development of a vibrant community in the north west. The timeline also documents the way in which the medical view of sexual orientation and gender identity has altered through the ages, showing the landmark points where changes occurred.

### Our Story Liverpool

[www.ourstoryliverpool.co.uk](http://www.ourstoryliverpool.co.uk)

Our Story Liverpool was a community history project managed by the Unity Theatre and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund across 2007-2008. As part of the project, interviews were collected with LGB&T people from the Liverpool area and reminiscences recorded. You can read some of the stories online at the project website, however, all interview recordings are held at the NWSA.

### Out in the Past

[www.outinthepast.org.uk](http://www.outinthepast.org.uk)

This is an online resource charting the LGB&T history of Greater Manchester. The site hosts a timeline of changes and developments in the region including historical images of Manchester’s Gay Village.

### The LGF Heritage Timeline

[www.lgf.org.uk/heritage-timeline](http://www.lgf.org.uk/heritage-timeline)

An interactive timeline of key events in LGB&T history c.1895-present. Reference is made to many influential Manchester LGB&T organisations.

### LGBT Hidden History

[www.lgbthiddenhistory.co.uk](http://www.lgbthiddenhistory.co.uk)

This is the project website for the Heritage Lottery funded ‘Hidden History: Discovering LGBT in East Lancashire’. It features a gallery of gay badges dating back to the 1970s as well as digitised newspaper articles relating to LGBT stories from this region and an LGBT timeline.
BBC Archive (Gay Rights Collection)

The ‘Gay Rights Collection’ charts the story so far for gay and lesbian equality in the UK through archived BBC programmes. Much of the footage reflects the language common at the time when they were first broadcast and illustrate the changing attitudes towards homosexuality in the last 50 years.

Genesis

A free online resource for women’s history comprising a dataset and a guide for researchers. A search of the dataset includes links to lesbian collections. The guide for researchers includes lots of suggested institutions which may help you track down lesbian collections.

Archives Hub

The Archives Hub provides a gateway to thousands of the UK’s archives held in higher education repositories and more. The subject index tool is particularly useful.
More Sources

Further Reading:

There are many books available which cover different aspects of LGB&T history. The below list is by no means exhaustive but provides a good starting point for the study of LGB&T history in Manchester and beyond, including the histories of individuals and groups.


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**Thanks for the Mammaries**

**Gay to Z leaflet, Manchester City Council, n.d.**

Manchester Archives (GB127.M775)

Thanks for the Mammaries, 2011

The Lesbian & Gay Foundation
Films / documentaries

www.bbc.co.uk/archive/gay_rights/12011.shtml
In June 1979, London played host to Gay Pride Week, which culminated in the Pride March through the capital. It was, at the time, the largest assembly of LGB people Europe had ever seen. This BBC2 documentary follows the stories of people who attended this march and features original footage from Gay Pride Week 1979.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=1v2qPdd9Tyl
New York City’s Stonewall Inn is considered by many as the site of gay and lesbian liberation. This documentary uses extensive archival film, movie clips and personal recollections to construct an audiovisual history of the gay community before the Stonewall riots of 1969.

‘After Stonewall’, USA, (1999)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=0osCx7aZxnQ
Documentary/historical retrospective of the Gay Rights movement from the 1969 Stonewall riots to the present.

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL54F4B26A37FE219B
A documentary that features interviews with LGB&T people who have served in the armed forces.
Selection of LGB&T badges
The Lesbian & Gay Foundation

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