



The County Societies Symposium, Saturday 17th September 2016
**Organised by Victoria County History, British Association for Local History and the Royal
Historical Society**
Responding to 21st Century Challenges
Wolfson Conference Suite, IHR, Senate House, London

REGISTRATION 10.00 – 10.30 tea and coffee

Session 1 10:30 – 12:00 Publishing: Challenges and Opportunities

Chair: John Beckett (University of Nottingham)

Funding Historical Publishing in Times of Austerity: Can Crowd-Funding Fill the Gap?

- John Hudson (Head of Publishing, Historic England)

Local and National Funding of the Victoria County History - Professor Richard Hoyle

“No Further Work is Planned for Shropshire”: Rising to the Challenge of Funding the Shropshire

Victoria County History – James Bowen (University of Liverpool)

Session 2 12:00 – 13:15 Public History, Heritage, ‘Impact’ and Local History Societies

Chair: Claire Cross (BALH)

Dissolving Boundaries? Public History, Community Histories and the County Societies - Nicola Phillips (Royal Holloway, University of London)

England’s Immigrants 1330-1550 and Local History Societies: Lessons in Creating and Consuming History - Jessica Lutkin (Senior Researcher, England’s Immigrants Project)

LUNCH 13:15 – 14:00 sandwich lunch provided

Session 3 14:00 – 15:30 Local Responses to 21st Century Challenges

Chair: Vanessa Harding (Birkbeck)

The Modern Challenges Facing County Societies - Gillian Cookson (Yorkshire Archaeological and Historical Society)

Discussion groups to discuss the day’s themes and raise new issues

Rapporteurs: John Beckett, John Chandler, Adam Chapman

Session 4 15:30– 16:15 Challenges and Conclusions

Chair: Vanessa Harding (Birkbeck)

Reports from discussion groups.

In attendance: Paul A. Carter (Website Manager, BALH) to answer questions on websites and social media.

Chair’s summary