



#CollectingBrent

As the Borough of Brent's Heritage Service, Brent Museum and Archives' mission is to ensure that residents can enjoy and learn about the history and diverse cultures of the Borough by collecting, recording and making accessible Brent's past and present.

We are here to care for and share the stories of the people of Brent, not only giving a voice to the experiences of those who have gone before such as social activist Jayaben Desai and pioneering footballer Cyrille Regis, but also of the current residents of Brent who are living through unprecedented times. We are keen to hear about your experiences during this extraordinary period and how you have been affected so that these stories can be preserved for future generations.

We want to ensure that our collections are representative of all residents of the borough, so we are keen to collect items from all of Brent's diverse communities, as well as from local organisations and businesses.

How can you contribute?

We are looking to collect first-hand experiences and objects of significance that reflect the lives of Brent's residents during this time. This might include:

- Journals or diaries, letters and scrapbooks
- Digital media e.g. photographs, videos, audio recordings
- Artwork e.g. rainbow pictures
- Physical ephemera including leaflets, posters, government directives, newspaper cuttings

We are keen to find out how you have been personally affected by the pandemic. How has the situation affected your relationships with others? What has been a source of hope for you during this difficult time? How have social restrictions affected interactions within your local community?

While we would like to collect as much material as possible relating to the pandemic, it may not be possible to accept every single item. We will make a decision on whether to accept your offer based on existing collections, our collecting priorities, legislation and council policy.

Contact us

If you would like to get involved, please send an email to museum.archives@brent.gov.uk

For more information about Brent Museum and Archives [explore our website](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#).